

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 19, 2010, at 7:30 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Gary Mason.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Tad Simpson.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Evonne Hoback, McMinn County Clerk, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Present  
Dale Holbrook – Present  
Jeannie King – Present  
Roger Masingale – Present  
Gary Mason – Present  
Jerry Millsaps – Present  
Bob Powers – Present  
Jack Powers – Present  
Tad Simpson – Present  
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on March 15, 2010 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2010.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Liquid Asphalt Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual liquid asphalt bid, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Commissioner of Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-038

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
SEMI-ANNUAL LIQUID ASPHALT BID

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner requests the purchase of liquid asphalt for the period of May 1, 2010 thru October 31, 2010, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner recommends the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder per item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Annual Road Striping Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the annual road striping bid, along with the letter of recommendation and the bid summary sheet.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-039

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
ANNUAL ROAD STRIPING BID

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

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Resolution No. 10-039 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner, requests to bid road striping for the period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, in order to properly carry out the functions of this department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss Commissioner of Highways has recommended the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder meeting all specifications, Volunteer Highway Supply Co. Inc. of Knoxville, TN; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the McMinn County Highway Commissioner.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Annual Bid of Hot Mix.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the annual bid of hot mix, along with the bid summary sheet and the letter of recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-040

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
ANNUAL BID OF HOT MIX

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Department requested to purchase hot mix for the period of May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner has recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder who will be determined by availability at the plant and haul bill of McMinn County trucks at time of purchase.

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Resolution No. 10-040 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Resolution to Approve and Award Bid for Uniform Rental Services for McMinn County Employees.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award bid for uniform rental services for McMinn County employees, along with letters of recommendation from the various department heads as well as the bid summary sheet.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-041

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD BID FOR UNIFORM RENTAL SERVICES FOR  
MCMINN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Departments utilizing uniform services requests the uniform rental be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, the Department Heads from the departments involved recommends the bid be awarded to UniFirst Corporation, the low bidder meeting specifications as indicated on the letters of recommendation (see attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the McMinn County Supervisors and Department Heads.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Pharmacy Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual pharmacy bid, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from Sheriff Frisbie.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-042

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SEMI-ANNUAL PHARMACY BID

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department requests purchase of medical supplies, non prescription items, and prescription drugs from I.H.S. Pharmacy for the period of June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Tim Smith, McMinn County Chief Deputy has recommended the bid be awarded to I.H.S. Pharmacy, the lowest bidder on items used at the McMinn County Justice Center.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Chief Tim Smith.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Simpson, Mr. Luallen said he failed to provide a copy of the list of drugs and their actual cost but said he had it available for review.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of two Federal Projects budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. Mr. Luallen added that both were approved by the School Board on April 8, 2010.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Title I, Part A, ARRA # 10.01 # 10S Date: April 5, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Support Services	Travel	72210-355-RCVL	2,221.73	
“	Staff Development	72210-524-RCVL	1,855.09	
Regular Instruction Program	Equipment	71100-722-RCVL		4,076.82

EXPLANATION: To transfer money from Riceville’s Staff Development to Equipment in ARRA.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Title II, Part D ARRA # 10.01 #21S Date: March 23, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Revenue	Other Federal Grants Through State	47590-21S	10,000.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Equipment	71100-722-21S		10,000.00

EXPLANATION: To budget new grant for secondary lab equipment.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve these budget amendments.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook – Aye
- Jeannie King – Aye
- Roger Masingale – Aye
- Gary Mason – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps – Aye
- Bob Powers – Aye
- Jack Powers – Aye
- Tad Simpson – Aye
- Chairman David Crews – Aye

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

10. SE TENN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY – BETH JONES

Mr. Gentry said that Beth Jones could not attend this evening because her mother is very ill and she had to travel to Pennsylvania. In her absence, Mr. Chuck Hammonds with the SE TN Development District discussed two grant opportunities which will be presented to the Commission in the form of resolutions later in this meeting. Mr. Hammonds said that one is to develop an economic development strategic plan, and explained that the United States Economic Development Administration has funding available through the Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program to

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create and retain jobs by providing grants to cities and counties that have experienced job losses from international trade impacts. Mr. Gentry added that when a county has a comprehensive strategic plan, it helps when applying for grants such as fasttrack dollars. Mr. Gentry hopes also to roll their recreation plan into this grant as well; we will be money ahead because McMinn County's part of the match will only be \$12,500 because the Development District and Sequatchie Valley Electric Cooperative have agreed to provide part of the match. The second resolution which will be presented later in the meeting concerns providing broadband service and other critical infrastructure to county industrial parks which should put us in a better position to compete globally.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution – Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Capital Improvement Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution, discussed earlier, concerning a grant to provide broad band service and other critical infrastructure such as sewer/water service to county industrial parks.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-043

COMMUNITY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has funding available through the Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program to implement projects in counties that were significantly impacted by changing trade patterns; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of McMinn County's industrial capacity is oriented toward the automotive manufacturing and the current recession resulted in major dislocations in that industry, which caused economic hardships and job losses to large numbers of county residents, and

WHEREAS, due to these job losses, McMinn County has been identified as a jurisdiction that is eligible for funding under the Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, providing broadband service and other critical infrastructure such as sewer/water service to county industrial parks is a vital part of the economic development strategy for McMinn County and its municipalities, and the lack of this service reduces the county's capacity to compete in a global market; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County's industrial parks have inadequate access to broadband service and Mt. Verd Industrial Park needs sewer service to market the site; and

WHEREAS, project engineers have estimated that broadband service could be provided to all industrial parks and sewer service at Mt. Verd Industrial Park at a cost of approximately \$789,500; and

WHEREAS, the federal share of eligible costs for the project may not exceed 95 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the McMinn County Commission authorizes the expenditure of matching funds not to exceed five (5) percent of the project cost or \$39,500, contingent on the approval of the grant, and further authorizes the County Mayor to prepare and sign all the necessary project documents, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

Mr. Gentry said that this has the unanimous support of the EDA Board and he asked Mr. Jack Hammontree to speak to this. Mr. Hammontree said that EDA endorses both of the resolutions and what they would accomplish. Mr. Hammontree said they have seen a real surge, after a long period of almost no prospect activity, in requests for information and actual prospect visits. Almost every company asks if we have fiber optic in our industrial park and Mr. Hammontree said that this is a wonderful opportunity to get it into all the industrial parks for a lot less money than they ever anticipated.

Mr. Gentry said that this is a competitive grant and we are not guaranteed to get it, but he highly recommends approval. Mr. Gentry added that although the resolution says that McMinn County's portion of the match is \$39,500, EDA and others will be helping with the match. For grant application purposes, McMinn County has to be listed as providing the match dollars.

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. RESOLUTION – COMMUNITY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution, which was discussed earlier, to develop a comprehensive strategic plan. Mr. Gentry said that although this is not as tangible as the grant to provide broadband and sewage lines, but he said that they have found that the plans do pay. If we can help identify something we're missing or develop a new pilot program that is more competitive, it is money well spent. Mr. Gentry added that this is an eligible cost for the industrial development portion of hotel motel tax.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-044

COMMUNITY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
STRATEGIC PLANNING GRANT

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has funding available through the Community Trade Adjustment Assistance Program to create and retain jobs by providing grants to cities and counties that have experienced job losses from international trade impacts; and

WHEREAS, Bledsoe, McMinn, and Sequatchie Counties have been identified by EDA as jurisdictions that have suffered severe job losses as the result of international trade impacts; and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of McMinn County's industrial capacity is oriented toward the automotive manufacturing and the current recession resulted in major dislocations in that industry, which caused economic hardship to large numbers of county residents, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Tennessee Development District (SETDD) is applying for Community Trade Adjustment planning funds of up to \$112,500 on behalf of impacted counties in the region to develop a plan that will improve local capacity to attract new jobs to the area and mitigate previous job losses; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the plan is estimated at \$150,000, and match requirements for the grant are 25 percent or \$37,500; and

WHEREAS, SETDD has agreed to provide \$15,000 as in-kind matching funds, and the Sequatchie Valley Electric Cooperative has agreed to provide \$10,000 in cash matching funds for a part of the region that is within its service area.

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Resolution No. 10-044 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010, that this Commission hereby approves the expenditure of \$12,500 in matching funds to support the Community Trade Adjustment project, contingent on approval of the grant, and authorizes the County Mayor to sign documents authorizing McMinn County's participation in the project, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Institute Special Rates for the Disposal of Residential Cleanup Materials at the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill, Effective April 19-24, 2010, and to Designate that Week as "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week" in McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented the following annual resolution to institute special rates for the disposal of residential cleanup materials during "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week" which begins today in McMinn County.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-045

A RESOLUTION TO INSTITUTE SPECIAL RATES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP MATERIALS AT THE MCMINN COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL, EFFECTIVE APRIL 19-24, 2010, AND TO DESIGNATE THAT WEEK AS "CLEANUP, FIX-UP, SPARKLE WEEK" IN MCMINN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission is authorized to set disposal rates for various materials at the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill; and

WHEREAS, this Commission wishes to charge no tipping fees for the disposal of residential cleanup materials at the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill during "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week," as a promotion for this annual activity; and

WHEREAS, the Keep McMinn Beautiful, and other municipal and commercial entities in McMinn County wish to schedule their annual beautification promotions during the week of April 19-24, and this Commission wishes to designate that week as "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week" in 2009; and

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Resolution No. 10-045 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the County Mayor and Landfill Supervisor will provide suitable public notice, supervision, and monitoring for this activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMISSION OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF April 2010, that this Commission authorizes the disposal of residential cleanup materials at no charge at the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill during April 19-24, 2010, and formally designates that week as "Cleanup, Fix-up, Sparkle Week" in McMinn County, and calls upon all its citizens to join in this worthy observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission directs the County Mayor to promote, monitor, and supervise this activity in accordance with established operational and regulatory guidelines.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Donate Used Plotter to the City of Etowah.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to donate used plotter to the City of Etowah, along with the request from the City of Etowah and a letter of recommendation from the Property Assessor.

Resolution No. 10-046

A RESOLUTION TO DONATE USED PLOTTER TO THE CITY OF ETOWAH

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Assessor of Property has an older surplus plotter no longer being used by his department; and

WHEREAS, the City of Etowah believes they could make some use of said plotter and requests McMinn County consider donating this equipment to them; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, electronic equipment is auctioned in bundles at the annual County surplus sale due to the low value they command individually.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve donating the used plotter from the McMinn County Assessor of Property to the City of Etowah.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Resolution Opposing Unfunded Local Government Mandates and Additions to Local Government Maintenance of Effort Requirements.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution which was prepared by the Association of County Mayors, requesting the State not to cut funding to programs and pass the cost of funding those programs to counties and that their maintenance of efforts requirements we have for different funds not be increased.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-047

RESOLUTION OPPOSING UNFUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATES  
AND ADDITIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, counties have been hard hit by the economic downturn and are struggling to fund their budgets in the face of drastically diminishing revenue collections, just as the state is doing; and

WHEREAS, county governments in Tennessee are fundamental political subdivisions of our State and already are the primary providers of numerous essential government services including, but not limited to, public K-12 education, jails and law enforcement, road building and maintenance, election administration and voter registration, property assessment, solid waste disposal, record keeping and administration for the various state courts, and the many services provided by the offices of County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk and Master, Register of Deeds, Property Assessor, Elections Administrator, Trustee, Sheriff and Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, counties are required under existing laws to maintain certain levels of funding for numerous services they provide, including but not limited to education, law enforcement, highways and roads and libraries; and

WHEREAS, county governments have limited taxing powers under state law and have limited sources of revenue available to them to fund the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, property values and income levels are declining, and increases in property taxes will be especially difficult in the current economic environment; and

WHEREAS, even before the current economic downturn, counties were struggling to find sufficient revenue sources to meet the growing demands of their citizens for services which are vital to the health, welfare and safety of the people of this state, to provide improvements to infrastructure required by population and economic growth, and to meet constitutional responsibilities and state legislative mandates such as those required by the State's Basic Education Program; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Constitution, in Article II, Section 24, provides that no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the costs; and

WHEREAS, in dealing with the State's budget crisis it must be remembered that county governments are facing the same budget crisis coupled with an inability to secure alternate sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, in balancing the state's budget, the General Assembly should not cut state funding to programs and pass the cost of funding those programs to counties; and

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Resolution No. 10-047 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2010, that

1. The Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to pass no new laws imposing increased expenditure requirements on counties unless the General Assembly provides additional funding to cover the increased expenditures; and
2. The Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged either to eliminate programs or continue to fund them at the state level, rather than passing these responsibilities to county governments; and
3. The Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to pass no laws that would increase above current levels any maintenance of local funding requirements (“maintenance of effort”), including but not limited to education funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor, and the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of McMinn County.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve the Application Regarding Funding and Placement of a Rural Fire Hydrant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the application regarding funding and placement of a rural fire hydrant at the intersection of County Road 750 and 655 near Piney Grove Methodist Church parking area. Mr. Gentry added that this was approved by the Emergency Services Committee earlier this evening.

Resolution No. 10-048

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION REGARDING  
FUNDING AND PLACEMENT OF A RURAL FIRE HYDRANT

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential means of fighting fires in McMinn County, it is necessary to provide fire hydrants to rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of McMinn County to aid in the funding of the placement of 1 rural fire hydrant per year in each civil district; and

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Resolution No. 10-048 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the following application has been recommended for approval by the Rural Fire Committee:

**As a service to the citizens of McMinn County, the McMinn County Commission approves a grant for payment toward the installation of ONE fire hydrants per civil district per fiscal year. The grant amount is \$3000 per hydrant, based on available funds and approval of the Budget Committee.**

I, Alan Dyke, as the Chief of Claxton Fire District, wish to request the placement of 1 fire hydrant(s) at the following location:

The intersection of County Road 750 & 655 near Piney Grove Methodist Church parking  
area \_\_\_\_\_

(provide map)

**This form stands as a Hold Harmless agreement whereas McMinn County is not responsible for any fees relating to maintenance of said fire hydrant. The undersigned applicant understands that this hydrant, should its funding be approved by the McMinn County Commission, will be installed by the local utility provider, and may or may not be maintained by the utility. The person/group making this request accepts the responsibility of maintaining this hydrant, which could include, but not be limited to: painting, mowing, arranging hydrant testing, keeping maintenance records, etc.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: P.O. Box 1024 Athens, TN 37303

Telephone: 423.506.4952 (cell)

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

As Rural Fire District Chief, I approve this recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Utility Provider Agreement:

**As Utility Provider, it is agreed that the installation of this hydrant must be completed and billed to McMinn County within the fiscal year following the year in which the application is approved. If the installation is not completed and billed to McMinn County within that time, this utility provider will assume all costs incurred for the installation of the approved hydrant, including costs involving installation, materials, etc.**

Utility Provider Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**This hydrant was approved by the McMinn County Commission on April 19, 2010.**

Commissioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF April 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve this Fire Hydrant Requests.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Emergency Services Committee – Commissioner Curtis.

Commissioner Curtis said that the Emergency Services Committee met earlier this evening and approved the fire hydrant resolution that was just approved by the Commission.

B. Budget Committee – Commissioner Jack Powers.

Commissioner Jack Powers said that the Budget Committee is scheduled to meet with the School Board Budget Committee tomorrow at 6:00 pm, in the Blue Room, and he invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Luallen said that these are challenging times financially, and we need to make sure both the Commission and the School Board are aware of the issues with which we are faced in our budget.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Update on VA Clinic.

Mr. Gentry referred to the discouraging news he gave the Commission last month regarding the bid solicitation process, but added that Commission Holbrook had called him about some news he heard about Roane County getting a VA Clinic. Mr. Gentry said he had an audience with Congressman Duncan's Chief of Staff in the Knoxville office and he said that they hope to open a VA Clinic in McMinn County in October 2010. Mr. Gentry tried to reach the Veterans Administration today to verify but his phone call was not returned at this time.

B. Emergency Services Committee.

Mr. Gentry said they had an update at the Emergency Services Committee concerning leads for possible tower sites, because the current site on Oxnard Road keeps changing ownership and the rent keeps increasing with each change in ownership. The Athens Utilities Board has been very accommodating allowing us to consider sites they currently own for water tank locations.

C. North Ambulance Station.

Mr. Gentry said that this ambulance station is moving ahead and has asked for permission to ask one of the engineers to make sure plumbing and HVAC is done correctly.

D. Security Consultants for the Jail.

Mr. Gentry said he met with the Sheriff's Department and Security Consultants earlier this month and they are working on their bid package to put in the security control system for the jail. Mr. Gentry added that they did run into an issue because the existing system combines the fire system as well as the locks. Security Consultants recommends that these systems be separated and they will need to get specs for the fire alarm system to go with the door locks.

E. Health Department Renovations.

Mr. Gentry said they are moving forward with about \$100,000 worth of improvements using "State's Savings" money. The building is well over thirty years old and is needing additional work beyond routine maintenance.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

The following notary applications were submitted to the County Clerk's Office:

Notary Applications for April 2010

Carolyn D. Burris  
Mary M. Coffman  
Daniel A. Eaton  
John F. Hassell Jr.  
Carl J. Helwig  
Judith C. Ketchersid  
Sandra D. Malone  
Christy McCosh  
Joy C. Muir  
William Dwight Peeler  
Tracy L. Plank  
Arlena Shell  
Patricia L. Stephens  
Shannon D. Willis  
John Paul Wilson

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other regular business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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EVONNE HOBACK  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk

(date)