

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 18, 2011, 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 J. W. McPhail.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Roger Masingale.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Ann Falls, Deputy Clerk, representing the McMinn County Clerk, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Present
Dale Holbrook – Present
Tim King – Absent
Roger Masingale – Present
Gary Mason – Present
J. W. McPhail – Present
Bob Powers – Present
Tad Simpson – Present
Charles Slack – Present
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on March 21, 2011 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award Annual Bid for Installation of New or Used Guardrail.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the annual bid for installation of new or used guardrail, along with a copy of the bid summary sheet as well as a letter of recommendation from the Commissioner of Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-035

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD ANNUAL BID FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW OR USED GUARDRAIL

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, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner requests to bid installation of new or used guardrail for period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, in order to properly carry out the functions of each 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 only bidder, Highway Markings, Inc., of Knoxville, TN.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2011, 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 Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, 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 a copy of the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-036

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

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner, requests to bid road striping for the period of May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, in order to properly carry out the functions of this department; and

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Resolution No. 11-036 (Cont'd)

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, Highway Markings of Knoxville, TN; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL 2011, 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 Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. 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 a letter of recommendation from the Highway Commission and the Bid Summary Sheet.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-037

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, 2011 thru October 31, 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 recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Marathon Petroleum Company, Knoxville, TN.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL 2011, 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 Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. 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 a letter of recommendation from the Commissioner of Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-038

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, 2011 through April 30, 2012, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF APRIL 2011, 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 Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Semi-Annual Pharmacy Bid.

Mr. Luallen requested that the resolution regarding the semi-annual pharmacy bid be withheld to allow more information to be gathered.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve a Contract with Leads Online.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve a contract with Leads Online, along with a copy of a memorandum from Sheriff Joe Guy.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-039

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH LEADS ONLINE

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy recommends entering into a contract with Leads Online;
and

WHEREAS, Leads Online would provide the Sheriff's Office with real-time access to a nationwide database of pawned items including gold and jewelry exchanges; and

WHEREAS, the Leads Online service is used by several law enforcement agencies in the region to solve burglaries and thefts and return stolen property to victims of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the contract will be paid for out of the Drug Fund at a yearly cost of \$1758 and will pay for itself by freeing up personnel time and resources presently being used to research and track records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby approve the contract with Leads Online to allow the Sheriff's Department to track items that are pawned.

(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 Slack, to approve this contract.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented five budget amendments in two different funds, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. Mr. Luallen added that appropriate budget amendments had local school board of education approval.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Consolidated Administration, # 011 Date: March 14, 2011

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Other Sources	Transfers In	49800-011	3,260.00	
Support Services	Other Supplies & Materials	72210-499-011		3,260.00

EXPLANATION: To transfer from Title I A, ARRA, Title II A, Title II D, and Title II D, ARRA, to Consolidated Administration per Brenda Staggs, State Department of Education.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Consolidated Administration, # 019 Date: March 31, 2011

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Other Sources	Transfers In	49800-019	645.16	
Support Services	Other Equipment	72210-790-019		645.16

EXPLANATION: To budget carryover from Title I A to Consolidated Administration.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – First to the Top, # 581 Date: April 1, 2011

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Revenue	Race to the Top – ARRA	47311		278,622.00
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116	200,108.00	
“	Social Security	71100-201	12,407.00	
“	State Retirement	71100-204	18,110.00	
“	Life Insurance	71100-206	432.00	
“	Medical Insurance	71100-207	31,961.00	
“	Employer Medicare	71100-212	2,902.00	
“	Other Fringe Benefits	71100-299	80.00	
Regular Instruction Program Support	Travel	72210-355	6,311.00	
“	Staff Development	72210-524	6,311.00	

EXPLANATION: To correct BG # 21 for FY 2010-2011 First to the Top grant funds

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Title I, Part A, 11.01, # 101

Date: April 8, 2011

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Regular Instruction Program	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-CALH		6,099.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-EKBA		1,000.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-MTVW		7,961.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-NITA		2,843.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-RCVL		1,374.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429-RGCK		2,528.00
“	Instructional Supplies	71100-429	67,433.00	
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722	35,833.00	
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-CALH		6,788.00
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-EKBA		11,946.00
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-EGWD		23,658.00
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-MTVW		4,294.00
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-NITA		14,332.00
“	Regular Instruction Equipment	71100-722-RGCK		2,000.00
Other Student Support	Other Charges	72130-599	9,409.00	
“	Other Charges	72130-599-CALH		1,296.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-EKBA		1,234.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-EGWD		1,854.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-MTVW		1,958.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-NITA		1,913.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-RCVL		1,772.00
“	Other Charges	72130-599-RGCK		1,333.00

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Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Title I, Part A, 11.01, # 101 (Cont'd)

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Support Services	Travel	72210-355-CALH		3,882.00
“	Travel	72210-355-EKBA		1,000.00
“	Travel	72210-355-NITA		2,569.00
“	Travel	72210-355-RCVL		2,090.00
“	Staff Development	72210-524	2,589.00	
“	Staff Development	72210-524-CALH		3,882.00
“	Staff Development	72210-524-EKBA		1,000.00
“	Staff Development	72210-524-NITA		2,569.00
“	Staff Development	72210-524-RCVL		2,089.00

EXPLANATION: To change Title I-A budget from estimated to actual for FY 2010-2011.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook – Aye
- Tim King – Absent
- Roger Masingale – Aye
- Gary Mason – Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Bob Powers – Aye
- Tad Simpson – Aye
- Charles Slack – Aye
- Chairman David Crews – Aye

Fund: Central Cafeteria – Fund # 143

Date: March 29, 2011

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Federal Funds Rec'd Through State	USDA Food Service	47115ARRA	10,000.00	
Food Services	Food Services Equipment	73100-710-EGWD- ARRA		10,000.00

EXPLANATION: To enter the budget for the USDA Food Service Equipment Grant for FY 2010-2011.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve this budget amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye
Dale Holbrook – Aye
Tim King – Absent
Roger Masingale – Aye
Gary Mason – Aye
J. W. McPhail – Aye
Bob Powers – Aye
Tad Simpson – Aye
Charles Slack – Aye
Chairman David Crews – Aye

9. ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2009-2010 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT – REZNICK GROUP

Mr. James Taylor, with The Reznick Group, the auditors for the county for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, referred to this year's audit report which the Commission was provided earlier. Mr. Taylor presented highlights from the report and said that there were no significant difficulties and added that they had the full cooperation of management to make a few corrections. He thanked the Commission and the various offices for their cooperation during the audit and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to provide this service to the County. Mr. Taylor offered to answer any questions, but there were none.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to accept the audit report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION LINE UPDATE – IRA PEARL, PRESIDENT, RENEWCO INC.

Mr. Ira Pearl, President, Renewco Inc., a subsidiary of AGL Resources, a large company that owns and operates Chattanooga Gas Co., Atlanta Gas Light and other large gas distribution companies throughout the east coast of the US, said he was here tonight to introduce the Commission to a project that they are doing in our county. They are taking the gas that is generated from the waste in the Meadow Branch Landfill, cleaning it up to the same specifications that the natural gas that is in the pipelines that run through Athens and all over the country, and running a pipeline to interconnect that with the East Tennessee natural gas pipeline in Riceville, TN. Mr. Pearl said that this is a great project and the first of its kind for renewable energy in East Tennessee. Mr. Pearl said that they will be creating permanent green jobs as well as dozens of construction jobs while the project is being built. Mr. Pearl reviewed in detail how the process works and explained the various components of the project. He also answered several technical questions from Commissioner Simpson and in response to a question from Commissioner Masingale regarding the timeline, Mr. Pearl said that barring unforeseen circumstances, the pipeline project should be done by the end of June and the plant will be completed by August 2011. Mr. Pearl he recognizes that anytime you put in a pipeline or underground infrastructure, there may be some inconvenience, but he said that their commitment to the citizens of McMinn County is that they will leave things as good as or better than they found them. In response to a question from Commissioner McPhail, Mr. Pearl said that the capital costs for this type of project are fairly intensive so they have some rules of thumb they use for selecting a landfill. Chairman Crews asked if they would be looking at our County's landfill and Mr. Pearl suggested that the County contact TVA, but added that he told the Mayor that he would be glad to look at this if he was provided historical data on our County's landfill.

Mr. Gentry thanked Mr. Pearl for coming this evening to explain this.

11. TN OVERHILL TOURISM UPDATE – LINDA CALDWELL

Ms. Linda Caldwell, President of the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association, said that she had been asked by Mr. Gentry and Chairman Crews to give a report on tourism in McMinn County. Ms. Caldwell provided each Commissioner with a packet containing a list of 2010 results and accomplishments as well as several brochures produced by TN Overhill. She said that one of the things they do is they use an asset based approach to tourism development, i.e., they look at the assets we already have on the ground and they figure out how to take those assets and link them to the emerging tourism markets. Since we certainly have assets in McMinn County – everything from history to an agriculture heritage, as well as arts and entertainment attractions. We are also fortunate that we have the business infrastructure to support tourists once they get here, i.e., lodging, dining, and other places to spend money. She also said that TN Overhill works as a region and this allows us to be a destination for more than one day, and she added that the entire southern half of the Cherokee National Forest is in the TN Overhill and it is a huge driver visitation destination – about a million people a year. She also said that they are continually building things on the forest such as biking trails that are bringing people to the area. There are also more attractions in the two counties that touch McMinn County which allow us to spread out the visitation. Ms. Caldwell said that they look at their geographic market as being 250 to 300 mile radius of the TN Overhill region which include some fairly large metropolitan areas and added that Atlanta and Birmingham are currently our biggest market. Within that geographic market, Ms. Caldwell explained that they utilize a niche marketing strategy – they look at what the niche markets are that we have the assets for to be successful, e.g., cultural tourists, outdoor enthusiasts, motorcyclists. Other niche markets mentioned were train buffs, agriculture, culinary tourists, scenic byway travelers and groups, and she said she is getting more and more calls from group tour operators, and added that these group tour operators use five or six counties to build a day trip. Ms. Caldwell said they reach people through advertising in many different magazines and are able to stretch their money through marketing partnerships, providing in-kind services, and she expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their support of the Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association. Ms. Caldwell reviewed in depth their tourism promotion efforts and their strategy and their plans for the future, including a more on-line presence, as well as their goal to increase wealth and well-being for the communities they serve.

12. COURT FEE PROPOSAL – TIM HYDE, EXEC DIR, FAMILY COURT SERVICES ET AL

Ms. Frances Witt McMahan, Director of Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA) Program, referred to Senate Bill 1764 (a copy of which was provided to the Commissioners), passed in 2006, to help victims of violent crimes by providing services to them, paid for with monies collected in the form of a \$45.00 fee/fine imposed by the court, if approved by the County Commission. Ms. McMahan said that she was here with Tim Hyde, Executive Director, Family Court Services, and Teresa Grant with the Hope Center and the 10th Judicial District's Childrens Advocacy Center, united in their request that this fine be imposed. Ms. Sarah Armstrong, a volunteer for CASA, a relatively new organization in McMinn County, but that began in Washington State in 1977. Ms. Armstrong explained the history and the process of the work of CASA. Volunteers are trained and sworn in by local judges to act as advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system. CASA is a non-profit organization and this fine would provide much needed funds. Ms. Teresa Grant, Executive Director of the Hope Center and 10th Judicial District's Childrens Advocacy Center, provided the Commission with a written summary of what their organization does. Over the past ten years, we have seen over 12,000 victims in McMinn County, either domestic violence victims, adult sexual assault victims or child sex abuse victims. She asked the Commission to consider this fine to help support these agencies and promised to use the money as wisely as we can and stretch it as far as possible. She thanked the Commission for their consideration of this issue. Mr. Tim Hyde, Executive Director of Family Court Services, provided the Commission with a packet of information regarding Family Court Services. Mr. Hyde explained how the system works to help children be reunited with their families.

In response to a question from the County Attorney, Mr. Hyde said that this proposed \$45.00 fee is a fine that would be paid by the guilty party and not an additional court cost. In response to a question from Commission Simpson, the allocation of this fee would include all of these organizations. Ms. McMahan said that there are many counties who have already imposed this fine. In response to another question from the County Attorney, the various representatives here tonight said that they all collaborate with the Department of Childrens' Services.

Commissioner Mason asked the County Attorney to look into this and give the Commission his recommendation. Mr. Gentry said he will also discuss this with the Court Clerks as well as CTAS, and it will be brought to the Budget Committee.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Declare Two Ambulances as Surplus Property.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to declare two ambulances as surplus property and added that this was addressed by the Emergency Services Committee. McMinn County's EMS contract no longer requires the County to provide and equip ambulances and he requested that two ambulances be declared surplus before they are donated to other departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-040

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE TWO AMBULANCES AS
SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, when it is in the best interest of the County, property may be declared surplus in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County's current EMS contract no longer requires the County to provide and equip ambulances; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County wishes to declare surplus the following two ambulances:

2005 FORD E350, 1FDWF36P05EA02111
2005 FORD E350, 1FDWF36P75EA02106

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby declare the referenced ambulances as surplus and may dispose of them in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve the Donation of a Surplus Ambulance to the McMinn County Sheriff's Department

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the donation of a surplus ambulance to the McMinn County Sheriff's Department for the purpose of serving the Drug Arrest Response Team. Mr. Gentry said that this has the recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee.

Resolution No. 11-041

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF A SURPLUS AMBULANCE TO THE McMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn County declared two ambulances as surplus property during the regularly scheduled April 2011 meeting of the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department has requested one of the ambulances be donated to them for the purpose of serving the Drug Arrest Response Team; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has stated it will be responsible for maintenance, fuel and insurance on the unit; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission has selected the following ambulance to donate:

2005 FORD E350, 1FDWF36P05EA02111

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of McMinn County to donate the surplus ambulance to the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve the Donation of a Surplus Ambulance to the Etowah Rescue Squad.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the donation of a surplus ambulance to the Etowah Rescue Squad. Mr. Gentry said Deputy Chief David Frost was in the audience if there were any questions.

Resolution No. 11-042

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF A SURPLUS AMBULANCE TO THE ETOWAH RESCUE SQUAD

WHEREAS, McMinn County declared two ambulances as surplus property during the regularly scheduled April 2011 meeting of the County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Rescue Squad has requested one of the ambulances be donated to them for the purpose of serving as a “re-hab” unit; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Rescue Squad has stated it will be responsible for maintenance, fuel and insurance on the unit; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission has selected the following ambulance to donate:

2005 FORD E350, 1FDWF36P75EA02106

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission believes it is in the best interest of the citizens of McMinn County to donate the surplus ambulance to the Etowah Rescue Squad.

(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.

Mr. Gentry thanked the Commission for their action to keep these two ambulances in the County.

D. A Resolution to Honor Melva Green on Her Retirement from the McMinn County Health Department.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to honor Melva Green for her 47 years of service at the McMinn County Health Department. Mr. Gentry said that McMinn County will miss Ms. Melva’s kind and devoted leadership.

Resolution No. 11-043

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR MELVA GREEN ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE McMINN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Melva Green began her employment for the McMinn County Health Department in 1964 as a nurse and has served as the Health Department’s Nursing Supervisor since 1984; and

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Resolution No. 11-043 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, Melva Green has been a faithful employee during her tenure with McMinn County, often going above and beyond what was asked of her and always completing her tasks with a smile; and

WHEREAS, Melva Green has been a dedicated nurse who not only improved the physical health of the patients she treated but also enhanced their overall well being by caring for them with kindness and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Melva Green's life-long calling to provide care to others has been made evident on a daily basis by her enthusiasm when helping those in need; and

WHEREAS, Melva Green is known throughout the community for her devotion to her job and her passion for serving the citizens of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, following 47 years of service, Melva has decided to retire from the McMinn County Health Department where her kind demeanor and leadership will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby honor and commend Melva Green on her retirement from the McMinn County Health Department and wishes her many years of good health and prosperity in her retirement years.

(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.

15. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. Resolutions to Confirm Appointments to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolutions to confirm the last three appointments to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board, as nominated by the Woods Board of Trustees:

(1) Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Ron Banks to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-044

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF RON BANKS TO THE WOODS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan, that resulted from the sale of Woods Memorial Hospital District, created a foundation to oversee the proceeds realized from the sale of the hospital district; and

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Resolution No. 11-044 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan calls for the Woods Memorial Hospital Board to nominate three appointments to this foundation board; and

WHEREAS, each appointment to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board is subject to confirmation by the full McMinn County Commission for a six year term; and

WHEREAS, the Woods Memorial Hospital Board wishes to nominate Ron Banks as one of its appointments to the Woods Foundation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Ron Banks to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

(2) A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Paul Willson to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-045

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL WILLSON TO THE WOODS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan, that resulted from the sale of Woods Memorial Hospital District, created a foundation to oversee the proceeds realized from the sale of the hospital district; and

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan calls for the Woods Memorial Hospital Board to nominate three appointments to this foundation board; and

WHEREAS, each appointment to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board is subject to confirmation by the full McMinn County Commission for a six year term; and

WHEREAS, the Woods Memorial Hospital Board wishes to nominate Paul Willson as one of its appointments to the Woods Foundation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Paul Willson to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

(3) A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Lee Montgomery to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-046

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF
LEE MONTGOMERY TO THE WOODS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan, that resulted from the sale of Woods Memorial Hospital District, created a foundation to oversee the proceeds realized from the sale of the hospital district; and

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan calls for the Woods Memorial Hospital Board to nominate three appointments to this foundation board; and

WHEREAS, each appointment to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board is subject to confirmation by the full McMinn County Commission for a six year term; and

WHEREAS, the Woods Memorial Hospital Board wishes to nominate Lee Montgomery as one of its appointments to the Woods Foundation Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2011, that this Commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Lee Montgomery to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve these three resolutions.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Agricultural Extension Committee – Commissioner Mason.

Commissioner Mason invited the Commission to attend the Ag Extension Committee meeting on Wednesday evening, April 20, 2011, at 6:00 pm, at the Ag Building, to review the 4H Budget.

B. Emergency Services Committee – Commissioner Simpson.

Commissioner Simpson said that the Emergency Services Committee met earlier this evening and approved the action on the surplus ambulances, as voted on by the Commission in this meeting.

17. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Retirement of Veterans Service Officer, Tom Green.

Mr. Gentry announced the retirement of Veterans Service Officer, Tom Green. His replacement is Deborah Cox, who has been his assistant for the past nine years, and is a certified Veterans Service Officer and well as an Army veteran. Mr. Gentry said that Mr. Green did not want a retirement celebration, but Mr. Gentry wanted it spread in the minutes that Tom's outstanding service is appreciated and added that McMinn County is the 7th highest rated county for Veteran Benefits. Mr. Gentry added there are many larger counties with a lower rating.

B. Airport Security Fence.

Mr. Gentry said that we received a grant several years ago for a security fence at the airport. That project is completed and the new gates/card systems will be operational May 1, 2011.

C. SAFETEA-LU Grant.

Mr. Gentry said that there is a sizeable balance left on the SAFETEA-LU grant that we received and the Highway Commissioner recommended that we use this to pave another road and for signage. Mayor Gentry also commented that a portion of the funds has been requested for tourism directional signs and gateway signage.

18. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for April 2011

Billie M. Anderson
Diane C. Frank
Johnna Hampton
David W. McKenzie
Sarah Paul
Evan A. Walden
Yuliya Webb

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Question Regarding Proposed VA Clinic.

In response to a question from Commissioner Masingale, Mr. Gentry said he has heard nothing further on the proposed VA Clinic. Mr. Gentry has asked them to let us know as soon as they are ready so we can help them get the word out to local providers.

20. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)