

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on December 15, 2014, 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 David Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Charles Slack.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Scott Curtis.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Scott Curtis - Present
Dale Holbrook - Present
Tim King - Present
Roger Masingale - Present
Jerry Millsaps - Present
J. W. McPhail - Present
Brent Carter - Present
Tad Simpson - Present
Charles Slack - Present
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on November 17, 2014 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award Semi-Annual Requirements Bid for Paper-Plastics Products.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-143, along with a copy of the bid summary sheet and letter of recommendations from Sheriff Joe Guy and Scott McDowell, Maintenance Supervisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-143

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD SEMI-ANNUAL
REQUIREMENTS BID FOR PAPER-PLASTICS PRODUCTS**

Resolution No. 14-143 (con't)

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

WHEREAS, the Courthouse Maintenance Department and Sheriff's Department requests the purchase of Paper and Plastic Products from January 1, 2015, to June 30, 2015, to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

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

WHEREAS, Scott McDowell, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, and Sheriff Joe Guy, both recommend the bid be awarded to the vendor with the lowest bid price per item meeting specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Maintenance Supervisor and the Sheriff.

(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 Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Purchase over \$10,000 from State of Tennessee Contract for Two Ford F-150 Trucks to be used at the McMinn County Highway Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-144, along with a copy of requisition signed by Dan Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-144

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OVER \$10,000 FROM STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACT FOR TWO FORD F-150 TRUCKS TO BE USED AT THE MCMINN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Dan Evans, requests to purchase two Ford F-150 trucks from the State of Tennessee contract; and

WHEREAS, the trucks to be purchased are a 2013 F-150 4x2 XL Super Cab valued at \$18,915 and a 2014 F-150 4x4 XL Super Cab valued at \$23,615 for a total of \$42,530; and

WHEREAS, according to Financial Management Committee Policies & Procedures, purchases over \$10,000 requires County Commission approval; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014, that this

Resolution No. 14-144 (con't)

Commission does hereby approve the purchase of two Ford F-150 trucks from the State of Tennessee contract for the McMinn County Highway 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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Discussion: Commissioner McPhail asks if these trucks were replacements. Dan Evans said that the trucks are replacements. He also said that the trucks he is replacing have already been sent to surplus.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Purchase over \$10,000 for used Vehicle.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-145, along with a copy of the requisition signed by County Mayor, John Gentry.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-145

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OVER \$10,000 FOR USED VEHICLE

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Mayor has requested to purchase a used vehicle from Don Ledford Auto Park in Athens in the total amount of \$25,596; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is a 2014 Chevrolet Impala with approximately 4,400 miles and comes with full warranty; and

WHEREAS, funds were budgeted in the 2014-15 budget; and

WHEREAS, according to TCA 12-3-1003 and McMinn County Financial Management Policy and Procedures, the purchase of used items or equipment valued at over \$10,000 may be purchased without public advertisement or competitive bidding provided the price falls within 5% of a documented price range from a nationally recognized publication or a licensed appraiser; and

WHEREAS, Kelley Blue Book values the vehicle in the price range from a low of \$23,926 to a high of \$26,315, not including fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014 that this Commission does approve this purchase.

(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 McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve Amendment to the DGA Grant Contract Between McMinn County and State of Tennessee Department of Health.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-146 along with a copy of the Amendment.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-146

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE DGA GRANT CONTRACT
BETWEEN MCMINN COUNTY AND
STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of McMinn County, that every individual in the County has good health care readily available; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has entered into a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Health to protect and improve the physical health of the county citizens through the prevention of conditions that may threaten good health; and

WHEREAS, the total amended appropriation for which the County shall receive is \$479,800; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Health Department does provide these services and both parties do hereby agree to these provisions in the contract for FY 2014-15.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, that this Commission does hereby approve this amended contract.

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to give authority to the County Mayor or his designee to execute and administer the duties of said contract.

(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 Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve the Contract Between McMinn County and the State of Tennessee Department of the Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, for Funding of Emergency Preparedness.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-147 along with a copy of the Contract.

Resolution No. 14-147 (con't)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-147

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
McMINN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY AND
TENNESSEE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY,
FOR FUNDING OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County desires to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to acquire \$35,500.00 in grant funding applicable to the administrative duties of the McMinn County Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the period commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014 that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to receive grant funding of \$35,500.00 for Emergency Management Assistance.

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to grant authority to the County Mayor or his designee to carry out the duties of said contract.

(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 Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Grant Contract for Various County Road Safety Projects Between State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and McMinn County.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-148.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-148

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS COUNTY ROAD SAFETY
PROJECTS BETWEEN STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTAION AND
MCMINN COUNTY**

WHERAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter contracts with other entities: and

WHERAS, McMinn Count has received a grant from the State of Tennessee Department Transportation for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Program: and

Resolution No. 14-148 (con't)

WHEREAS, the HSIP grant can and will be used for various safety improvements on Old Federal Road and Duck Creek Road to State Route 33: and

WHEREAS, these improvements will include the installation of various signs, snowplowable markers, chevrons, reflectors, thermoplastic white and yellow lines, guardrails as well other safety improvements within the jurisdiction for the McMinn County Highway Department: and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no monetary match, only that the safety improvements installed by TDOT shall be maintained by the McMinn County Highway Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this grant contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and **FUTHERMORE RESOLVES**, to authorize the County Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(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.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement Between McMinn County and Congressman Chuck Fleischmann.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #14-149.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-149

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCMINN COUNTY AND CONGRESSMAN CHUCK FLEISCHMANN

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has entered into a lease agreement contract with Congressman Chuck Fleischmann for the rental of the Congressman's Office on the top floor of the Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the lease amount shall be set at a minimum of \$200 per month for a term of two years to last to the end of the constitutional term of the 114th Congress; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to enter into this lease so that McMinn County citizens will have a local accessible venue to the services of their United States Congressman and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, that this Commission does approve the lease agreement with United States Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and **FURTHERMORE** resolves to grant authority to the County Mayor to execute the documents and duties stated therein to satisfy the intent of this resolution.

Resolution No. 14-149 (con't)

(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 McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner and did have County Commission approval on November 17th, 2014.

Fund: General Fund #101,

Date: December 11, 2014

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Other Public Safety Grants	46290	41,338.00	
Sheriff's Dept.	Overtime	54100-187		21,738.00
Sheriff's Dept.	Other Equipment (GHSO)	54110-790		19,600.00
Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to State of Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office Grant for alcohol countermeasures.				

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Curtis to approve these budget amendments.

- Scott Curtis - Aye
- Dale Holbrook - Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack - Aye
- Chairman David Crews - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

(con't)

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner and did have School Board Approval on December 11, 2014.

Fund: General Purpose School #141,

Date: December 4, 2014

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Other State Education Funds	46590	40,999.53	
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Teachers	71400-116		31,308.94
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Social Security	71400-201		1,941.16
LEAPS-Mt. View School	State Retirement	71400-204		1,565.45
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Employer Medicare	71400-212		453.98
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Other Contracted Services	71400-399		3,281.00
LEAPS-Mt. View School	Instructional Supplies	72210-499		2,249.00
LEAPS-Mt. View School	In-Service/Staff Development	71400-524		200.00
Explanation: To enter the approved budget for the Lottery for Education Afterschool Program (LEAPS) Grant award to Mt. View School for FY 2014-2015.				

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
LEAPS-Riceville School	Other State Education Funds	46590	43,000.00	
LEAPS-Riceville School	Teachers	71410-116		33,288.95
LEAPS-Riceville School	Social Security	71410-201		2,063.91
LEAPS-Riceville School	State Retirement	71410-204		1,664.45
LEAPS-Riceville School	Employer Medicare	71400-212		482.69
LEAPS-Riceville School	Other Contracted Services	71410-399		3,000.00
LEAPS-Riceville School	Instructional Supplies	71410-429		500.00
LEAPS-Riceville School	Other Equipment	71410-524		2,000.00
Explanation: To enter the approved budget for the Lottery for Education Afterschool Program (LEAPS) Grant award to Riceville School for FY 2014-2015.				

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
LEAPS-Niota School	Other State Education Funds	46590	43,000.00	
LEAPS-Niota School	Teachers	71600-116		47,913.43
LEAPS-Niota School	Social Security	71600-201		2970.63
LEAPS-Niota School	State Retirement	71600-204		2,395.67
LEAPS-Niota School	Employer Medicare	71600-212		694.74
LEAPS-Niota School	Other Contracted Services	71600-399		8,034.45
LEAPS-Niota School	Instructional Supplies	71600-429		491.55
LEAPS-Niota School	Other Equipment	71600-790		3,500.00
Explanation: To enter the approved budget for the Lottery for Education Afterschool Program (LEAPS) Grant award to -Niota School for FY 2014-2015.				

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Curtis to approve these budget amendments.

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook - Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail - Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack - Aye
- Chairman David Crews - Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

9. FY 13-14 INDEPENDENT AUDIT PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE

- Copies of the Audit were provided to each Commissioner. Jason Martin, CPA from Henderson Hutcherson & McCullough, PLLC came to present the audit findings and answered any questions anyone had.

(con't)

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Sheree Calloway—addressed resolution #5 that was approved at the meeting tonight regarding the contract between McMinn County and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.
- Kathy Price—handed out the annual report from the Economics Development Authority for FY 2014.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Audit.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-150.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-150

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Audit Committee met in regular session on December 12, 2014, in the McMinn County Courthouse Blue Room; and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Henderson, Hutcherson and McCullough presented the 2013-14 Audit to the Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, the audit for FY 13-14 contained a clean report and no material findings; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Audit Committee approved and voted to send the report to the McMinn County Commission for approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014, that this Commission does approve the audit for FY 2013-14.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

B. A Resolution to Approve Application by McMinn County Ag Extension for a Farmers Market Promotion and Retail Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-151 with a copy of the grant attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-151

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION BY MCMINN COUNTY AG EXTENSION FOR A FARMERS MARKET PROMOTION AND RETAIL GRANT

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program has offered up to \$1,000 in individual grant funds to qualified Farmers Market Programs for promotion and development; and

Resolution No. 14-151 (con't)

WHEREAS, such funds may be used in the promotion, advertising, and retail improvements; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Ag-Extension requests approval to apply for said grant funds for the McMinn County Farmers Market; and

WHEREAS, grants are available in amounts up to \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, such grants are non-matching and require no funding responsibility on the part of McMinn County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, THAT THIS COMMISSION APPROVES the application for farmers market promotion grant by McMinn County Ag-Extension and **FUTHERMORE RESOLVES**, to authorize the County Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(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 Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-152 with a copy of items from Dan Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION 14-152

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Department requests approval to have the equipment listed on the attached letter declared as surplus property and sell them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSE, MEETING INREGUALR SESSION THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2014, that this Commission does hereby declare these items as surplus property.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

Resolution No. 14-152 (con't)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Revision in Short-Term Disability Policy

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-153 with a copy of items from Dan Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-153

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION IN SHORT-TERM DISABILITY POLICY

WHEREAS, McMinn County provides a short term disability benefit to county employees; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Management Committee recommends to set the length of this benefit to twelve (12) weeks per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Management Committee recommends to require that all sick leave an employee has accumulated be exhausted before benefits begin; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Management Committee recommends to revise this policy to require a physician's statement no longer than every thirty (30) days during the disability period; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Management Committee recommends these revisions be effective January 1, 2015.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014, TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(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 Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve Adding Kincaid Road to the McMinn County Highway Maintenance System as County Road 637

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-154 with a copy of items from Dan Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

Resolution No. 14-154 (con't)

RESOLUTION NO. 14-154

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADDING KINCAID ROAD TO THE MCMINN COUNTY HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SYSTEM AS COUNTY ROAD 637

WHEREAS, the residents of Kincaid Road desire their road to be included on the McMinn County Highway Maintenance System; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Department has a policy of bringing unapproved roads up to county standards with County Commission approval; and

WHEREAS, a cashier's check in the amount of \$4,067.77 will be deposited with the McMinn County Finance Office to hold in escrow until the project is completed; and

WHEREAS, this road will be designated on the maintenance list as County Road 637 with a length of .20 miles and width of 14 feet; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner recommends County Road 637 be accepted in the maintenance system as a Class 3 road; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2014 that this Commission does hereby approve the addition of County Road 637 to the McMinn County Highway Department maintenance list.

(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 resolution.

Discussion: Commissioner Simpson asks Dan Evans what the right of way on a road is. He also wanted to know what a class 3 road is and how many is in the county. Mr. Evans said that the right of way is 50 feet and a class 3 road is a minimum of 14 feet and road bed width. Anything under that would be a class 4 road.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution Requesting the Tennessee General Assembly to Consider Legislation to Rename the Foeman Creek Bridge for Specialist Charles Owen

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #14-155.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-155

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO RENAME THE FOEMAN CREEK BRIDGE FOR SPECIALIST CHARLES THOMAS OWEN

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Owen of Athens, Tennessee, was a heroic patriot who willingly and honorably served his nation in the Vietnam War; and

Resolution No. 14-155 (con't)

WHEREAS, Specialist Four Owen was serving as a radio-telephone operator on a reconnaissance patrol when his patrol was attacked by a large enemy force that mortally wounded the patrol's commanding officer; and

WHEREAS, Charles Owen assumed control of the patrol and showed great courage in battle by twice leading his patrol against Viet Cong forces that greatly outnumbered his own; and

WHEREAS, according to "The American Traveler," the newspaper of the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, "Owen's inspiration to his fellow soldiers to fight with renewed effort was directly responsible for saving many lives,"; and

WHEREAS, Charles Owen was awarded the Bronze and Silver Stars for his "meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces" and for "gallantry in action"; and

WHEREAS, Charles Owen tragically died in Vietnam in November 1966 after contracting malaria; and

WHEREAS, Charles Owen was the first McMinn County citizen to perish in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County is proud to call Charles Owen one of its brave sons and would like to properly honor his courageous service; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission would like to request State Senator Mike Bell and State Representative John Forgety introduce legislation to change the name of the Foeman Creek Bridge located on State Highway 30 in McMinn County to the Charles Owen Bridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014, that this Commission does hereby approve this resolution to request the renaming of the Foeman Creek Bridge for Charles Owen to honor his distinguished service to the United States of America.

(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 resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

- Commissioner Millsaps—Recreation Committee met tonight to discuss the renovations of the Cooke Park.
- Chairman Crews—Beer Board will start meeting at 7:15 effective January 1, 2015.
- Commissioner McPhail—Ag Committee met on Friday December 12, 2014.
- Commissioner Curtis—Audit Committee met on Friday December 12, 2014 and recommended the audit for approval.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Old Federal Building—sold for 91,000.00
- EMS report—Mayor Gentry reminded everyone that the EMS report was in their packets and if anyone had questions that Mr. Nicholson with AMR was in the audience and available for questions.
- Niota Rural Fire Department—Mayor Gentry said that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) has dropped its public protection classification from a Class 9 to a Class 4/4x for the Niota fire district.
- Environment of Conservation—MS₄s is storm water management for rural areas. The City of Athens is already a MS₄s community. Mayor Gentry said that the county sent in maps to the Environment of Conservation to show that McMinn County should not be in the Storm Water Program. Mayor Gentry said the county received a letter stating that McMinn County is not in the Storm Water designation.
- Ag Committee—Mayor Gentry said that poultry is McMinn County's #1 Agriculture Industry.
- Mayor Gentry thanked the Finance Director, Jason Luallen, his staff, and the Constitutional Offices for the clean audits.
- Mayor Gentry invited everyone to the annual employee Christmas lunch on Friday December 19, 2014.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for December 2014

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| 1. Brandy Arp | 7. Brandi Michelle Shanks |
| 2. James C. Dake | 8. Haley Renee Guidry |
| 3. Jennifer Christine Bright | 9. Angela Megan Napier |
| 4. William R. Ingram Jr. | 10. Christina A. Marcereau |
| 5. Sarah J. Mizer | 11. Kathy S. Sherlin |
| 6. Regena Martin | |

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, 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 business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy (date)