

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 16, 2015, 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 Roger Masingale.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Charles Slack.

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 February 23, 2015 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015.

*Note: Commissioner Simpson noticed that Commissioner Slack's votes on Resolution numbers 15-002 and 15-005 where he abstained was not noted in the minutes. This correction was made to the minutes.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Annual Thin Mix Paving Bid for Various County Roads.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-017, along with a copy of the letter of recommendation and bid summary sheet from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-017

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
ANNUAL THIN MIX PAVING BID FOR VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

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

Resolution No. 15-017 (con't)

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

WHEREAS, Dan Evans, McMinn County Highway Commissioner has recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Rogers Group, Inc. of Oak Ridge, TN, for the bid period of April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, 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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

*Note: Commissioner Slack Abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Annual Thin Mix Paving Bid for State Aid Roads.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-018, along with a copy of the letter of recommendation and bid summary sheet from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-018

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
ANNUAL THIN MIX PAVING BID FOR STATE AID ROADS

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

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

WHEREAS, Dan Evans, McMinn County Highway Commissioner has recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Rogers Group, Inc. of Oak Ridge, TN, for the bid period of April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, 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 King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve this resolution.

*Note: Commissioner Slack abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-019, along with a copy of the letter of recommendation and bid summary sheet from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-019

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
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, Dan Evans, McMinn County Highway Commissioner requests the purchase of liquid asphalt for the period of April 1, 2015 thru March 31, 2016, 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, Dan Evans, McMinn County Highway Commissioner recommends the bid be awarded to the vendor with the lowest bid price per item meeting specifications (see attached letter).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015 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 Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this resolution.

Note: Commissioner Slack abstained from this vote.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Bid of Motor Oil.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-020, along with a copy of the letters of recommendation and bid summary sheet from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer and John Gentry, County Mayor for the Landfill.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-020

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
SEMI-ANNUAL BID OF MOTOR OIL

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 Purchasing Department requests the purchase of Motor Oil, fluids and grease for April 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, 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

Resolution No. 15-020 (con't)

WHEREAS, county mayor, John Gentry, recommends the bid be awarded to the only bidder, Hunter Oil of Chattanooga, and

WHEREAS, due to the Highway Department's purchasing threshold not meeting the \$10,000 limit, Highway Commissioner Dan Evans recommends rejecting the bid for his department in an effort to obtain more competitive pricing on a case by case basis.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, 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 McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve this resolution.

*Note: Commissioner Slack abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve and Award the McMinn County Health Center Dental Cabinetry Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-021, along with letter of recommendation from Jeannie L. Bentley, Director of McMinn County Health Department and bid summary sheet.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE  
MCMINN COUNTY HEALTH CENTER DENTAL CABINETRY BID

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

WHEREAS, McMinn County requested the installation of dental cabinetry at the McMinn County Health Department 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, Jeannie Bentley recommends the bid be awarded to the only bidder Nashville Dental for \$24,989; and

WHEREAS, the State Dept. of Health allowed McMinn County to withhold \$26,570 from its annual appropriation to them to assist in this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the McMinn County Health Department Director, Jeannie Bentley, and further authorize the County Mayor to execute all documents essential to fulfilling said project.

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

Resolution No. 15-021 (con't)

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

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

Note: Commissioner Simpson wanted to know if this bid was sent out to more vendors. Jason Luallen, Finance Director said that it was sent out to 3 vendors.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve purchase over \$10,000.00 for Enhanced Records Management Software for Patrol Division of the McMinn Co. Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-022, along with letter of request and requisition from Joe Guy, McMinn County Sheriff.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 15-022

#### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OVER \$10,000 FOR ENHANCED RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR PATROL DIVISION OF THE MCMINN CO. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Sheriff, Joe Guy, requests to expand and enhanced its existing records management software; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced addition would include installing the system into the laptops of the patrol division; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this enhanced service is \$16,160 to be purchased from Eagle Advantage Solutions.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve the purchase of this additional service for the patrol units laptops for 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 McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

G. A Resolution to Approve Purchase from the Sevier County Bid to Address Final Phase of Camera/Intercom Portion of the Security Upgrades to McMinn County School System.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-023.

Resolution No. 15-023 (con't)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-023

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE FROM THE SEVIER COUNTY BID  
TO ADDRESS FINAL PHASE OF CAMERA/INTERCOM PORTION OF THE SECURITY  
UPGRADES TO MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, McMinn County Board of Education has requested security upgrades at McMinn County Schools in order to properly carry out the functions of the school; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the McMinn County Board of Education to invest in capital safety improvements for its schools; and

WHEREAS, the final phase includes upgrades to the camera and intercom system at the central office, bus barn, and the alternative school for in-school suspension; and

WHEREAS, the camera and intercom system will be purchased from an existing Sevier County bid in the amount of \$141,002 from Central Knox dba Central Technologies Inc., low bidder meeting specifications; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve the purchase from the bid to address security upgrades at the central office, bus barn, and alternative school, and further authorize the County Mayor to execute all documents essential to fulfilling said project.

(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 Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

H. A Resolution to Approve an Architectural Contract with Michael Brady for Design Services Related to the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Business Innovation (CAMBI).

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-024.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT WITH MICHAEL BRADY FOR  
DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND  
BUSINESS INNOVATION (CAMBI)

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission recognizes the value of a skilled workforce and has voted to make the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Business Innovation one of its top capital fund priorities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County was awarded an Appalachian Regional Commission grant to provide funds to secure architectural and engineering services for the proposed CAMBI; and

Resolution No. 15-024 (con't)

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed proper procedures by requesting qualifications from interested architectural firms; and

WHEREAS, a local committee comprised graded thirteen interested architectural and engineering firms and has recommended Michael Brady, Inc., to perform the architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, the grant covers the cost of the services in the amount of \$188,000 with the match being provided by a donation of property from the McMinn County Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County Mayor is authorized to execute all documents related to the grant and design contract in order to meet the intent of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015 that this Commission does hereby approve the selection of Michael Brady, Inc., and the acceptance of ARC funds.

(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 Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

I. A Resolution to Approve Payment for Emergency Purchase-Landfill.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-025 along with a letter from East Tennessee Scale Works. This did have Landfill Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR  
EMERGENCY PURCHASE – LANDFILL

WHEREAS, McMinn County Landfill has had a need for emergency replacement of scales the amount of \$55,500.00 to be purchased from East Tennessee Scale Works; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures expenses over \$10,000 require 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 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve payment for this emergency purchase at the McMinn County Landfill in the amount of \$55,500.00.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

Resolution No. 15-025 (con't)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

J. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-026 along with a listing from Dan P. Evans, Chief Administrative Officer of McMinn County Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-026

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 it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, 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

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

*Note: Commissioner Slack abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

K. A Resolution to Declare Vehicle as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-027 along with a list from John Gentry, McMinn County Mayor.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-027

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE VEHICLE 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, McMinn County Mayor, John Gentry desires to declare as surplus a 1994 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FMDU34X0RUE77270; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby declare the 1994Ford Explorer as surplus property.

Resolution No. 15-027 (con't)

(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.

*Note: Commissioner Slack abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

## 7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve Contract Between McMinn County Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-028 along with a copy of the contract.

### RESOLUTION NO. 15-028

#### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

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 Juvenile Services has agreed to provide for the school year of 2015-16 one youth services officer stationed at McMinn County High School five days a week and McMinn Central High School four days a week and available on an as needed basis to all other county schools. Referrals will be seen that are of high risk with the court system; and

WHEREAS, individual and group counseling will be provided by professional mental health agencies and paid for by McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services; and

WHEREAS, the charge to the McMinn County School System is \$15,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this contract with the McMinn County School System and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services for the 2015-16 school year.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve a Contract Between Athens City Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-029 along with a copy of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-029

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT BETWEEN  
ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS AND  
MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

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 Juvenile Services has agreed to provide for the school year of 2015-16 one youth services officer at Athens Middle School two days a week and available on an as needed basis to all other city schools. Referrals will be seen that are of high risk with the court system; and

WHEREAS, individual and group counseling will be provided by professional mental health agencies and paid for by McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services; and

WHEREAS, the charge to Athens City School System is \$5,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this contract with the Athens City School System and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services for the 2015-16 school year.

(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.

C. A Resolution to Approve Change Order with Wright Brothers Contracting for Phase III Section IV Cell Expansion.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-030 along with a copy of the change order. This did have Landfill Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-030

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER WITH  
WRIGHT BROTHERS CONTRACTING FOR  
PHASE III SECTION IV CELL EXPANSION

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 Landfill requested to bid for Phase III cell expansion, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

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

Resolution No. 15-030 (con't)

WHEREAS, modifications to the scope of work were necessary when Wright Brothers discovered additional rock removal would be required; and

WHEREAS, Wright Brothers Contracting has submitted a change order in the amount of \$114,375.76; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that this change order be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve this change order in the amount of \$114,375.76.

(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.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Lease Agreement Between McMinn County and the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #15-031 along with a copy of the lease agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-031

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCMINN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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, the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections had previously utilized space in the McMinn County Courthouse as a local office; and

WHEREAS, the lease amount shall be set at a minimum of \$600 per month for a term of one year and to automatically renew after said term if neither party objects; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to enter into this lease so to provide a local, accessible venue to the services of the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does approve the lease agreement with the State of Tennessee Department of Correction 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. 15-031 (con't)

(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.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner and did have School Board Approval on March 12, 2015.

Fund: General Purpose School #141,

Date: March 3, 2015

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
L.E.A.P.S Niota	Other Equipment	71600-790	1,000.00	
L.E.A.P.S Niota	Instructional Supplies	71600-429		1,000.00
Explanation: To move funds from other Equipment to Instructional supplies.				
Federal Revenue Received Thru State	Community Development	47180	149,852.00	
Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707	5,688.00	
Capital Outlay	Other Capital Outlay	76100-799		155,540.00
Explanation: To enter the FY 2014-2015 budget for the EK Baker Elementary School sewer line project. This project was approved by the School Board on 2/9/2012				
Pre-School	Other Supplies & Materials	73400-499	6,000.00	
Pre-School	Other Equipment	73400-790		6,000.00
Explanation: To move funds from Other Supplies & Materials to Other Equipment per the Director's request.				

MOTION made by Commissioner King, 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. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- Dr. Mike Womack, Executive Director, MADCAT—Dr. Womack handed out reference materials to all the County Commission describing the history, funding and strategies of MADCAT. Dr. Womack wanted to raise awareness of what MADCAT does. Dr. Womack wanted to make everyone aware of two bills that are currently in the State Legislator and Senate in committee that are called Sustainability Bills which would be a source of new funding for MADCAT.

10. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Amend the Allocation of Funds Generated from the Waste Connections Tipping Fee.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-032. This resolution had Budget and Landfill Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-032

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ALLOCATN OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE WASTE CONNECTIONS TIPPING FEE

WHEREAS, a tipping fee of \$1.50 per ton was established regarding waste disposal at Waste Connection's Meadow Branch Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission approve3d that these funds be allocated beginning in the FY 2007-2008 budget in the following manner:

Solid Waste Issues	35 %
Economic Development	20 %
Public Health and Safety	35 %
Mine Road Landfill Impact Issues	10 %

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that 100% of these funds be allocated for Solid Waste issues until a final resolution is reached to the landfill revenue and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of both the Solid Waste and Budget Committees to re-allocate 100% of these funds to Solid Waste Fund #207.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016, that this commission does approve these allocations of the funds generated by the Meadow Branch Landfill tipping, the public welfare demanding it.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

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

B. A Resolution to Approve the Request of Funds by the Etowah Historical Commission to Assist in Funding the Old Line Railroad Anniversary Project.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-033. This resolution was approved by the Budget Committee.

RESOLUTION NO.15-033

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF FUNDS BY THE ETOWAH HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN FUNDING THE OLD LINE RAILROAD ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Old Line Railroad will turn 125 years old in June 2015; and

Resolution No. 15-033 (con't)

WHEREAS, the anniversary provide an opportunity to promote the Etowah Depot as well as the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure which currently operates on the Old Line; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Historical Commission will commemorate this milestone by placing a permanent Old Line Railroad exhibit in the Etowah Depot, running a special passenger train on June 27, 2015, restoring the caboose located at the depot and by improving the depot's archives and interior exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the expected cost for these improvements is estimated at \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Historical Commission will seek donations from private donors and will also use revenue generated from the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure to fund the project; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Historical Commission requests that the project be partially funded from Tourism/Hotel-Motel Tax funds; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County will provide \$20,000 for the project and will appropriately advertise this donation to a non-profit as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, any unused funds shall be kept by the Etowah Historical Commission to be used for the sole purpose of maintaining the L&N Depot Museum artifacts and displays.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of Tourism funds to the Etowah Historical Commission.

(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 Carter, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve the Request for Hotel-Motel Funds by the Athens Parks Foundation to Fund the Opening Night of Sounds of Summer.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-034. This resolution did have Budget Committee approval.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 15-034

#### A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR HOTEL-MOTEL FUNDS BY THE ATHENS PARK FOUNDATION TO FUND THE OPENING NIGHT OF SOUNDS OF SUMMMER

WHEREAS, Sounds of Summer is an annual concert series that brings that brings talented musicians to Athens; and

WHEREAS, the concert series has been very successful and is growing in attendance each year; and

WHEREAS, Sounds of Summer is not only popular with locals but also attracts people from around the region; and

Resolution No. 15-034 (con't)

WHEREAS, to assist in the funding the opening night of the series, the McMinn County Commission agrees to provide \$1,000 from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015 that this Commission does hereby approve \$1,000 for the Athens Parks Foundation to produce Sounds of Summer and advertise appropriately as a donation to a not-for-profit agency.

(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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Contribute Tourism Funds to the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-035. This resolution did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-035

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRIBUTE TOURISM FUNDS TO THE  
McMINN COUNTY LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM

WHEREAS, McMinn County levies a five percent hotel/motel occupancy tax to fund tourism and economic development initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum requests funds totaling \$6,500 from the McMinn County Tourism budget to purchase various acid free products that will help preserve artifacts as well as other items that will enhance the museum's presentation; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a non-profit organization and is not funded by an annual appropriation from McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County supports the mission of the Living Heritage Museum and appreciates its efforts to bring new and returning tourists to McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County approves the request of the Living Heritage Museum in the amount \$6,500; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015, that this Commission approves the donation to the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum subject to its proper advertisement in a newspaper of local circulation.

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

Resolution No. 15-035 (con't)

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve Funding for the Expansion of the Etowah Senior Citizens Center.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-036. This resolution did have Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-036

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE  
ETOWAH SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

WHEREAS, at the time the McMinn County Senior Citizens Center was constructed, McMinn County set aside \$100,000 for future expansion or construction at the Etowah Senior Citizens Center; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Senior Citizens Center is now prepared to expand their current facility; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Senior Citizens Center's current facility is owned by the Etowah Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Housing Authority has agreed to an extended lease of 50 years with the Etowah Senior Center with an option to renew for an additional 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Etowah Senior Citizens Center is now requesting the \$100,000 to be used for their upcoming expansion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby approve the Etowah Senior Citizens Center's request of \$100,000.00 to be used solely for the expansion of their facilities.

(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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

*Note: Commissioner Holbrook abstained from this vote.*

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve McMinn County Water Project Matching Funds for Athens Utilities Board Water Line on County Road 677.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-037.

Resolution No. 15-037 (con't)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-037

TO APPROVE MCMINN COUNTY WATER PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS  
FOR ATHENS UTILITIES BOARD WATER LINE ON COUNTY ROAD 677

WHEREAS, there are many residents of McMinn County who are experiencing problems with unsafe and inadequate wells and have requested assistance with public water service; and

WHEREAS, the Athens Utilities Board is extending 6" water lines along County Road 677 and citizens in this area have complied with AUB's extension policy in conjunction with McMinn County's twenty percent match; and

WHEREAS, project engineers have estimated the construction cost of lines in McMinn County to be \$6,000; and

WHEREAS, the Athens Utilities Board is requesting a financial commitment from the McMinn County Water Fund to provide the twenty percent matching funds; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County encourages these utility district partnerships that provide public water service to unserved homes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that the McMinn County Commission agrees to provide the necessary twenty percent matching funds for construction expenses ( $\$6,000 \times 20\% = \$1,200$ ) in the amount of \$1,200, AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Mayor has authority to enter into agreements and execute documents necessary to carry out 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 Curtis, to approve this resolution.

Note: Commissioner Simpson abstained from this vote.

Motion carried by voice vote.

G. A Resolution Honoring and Commending the 2014-15 Central High School of McMinn County Chargerettes Basketball Team as the TSSAA Class AA District 5 Regular Season Champions, Region 3 Champions, Sub State Champions, and State Runner-ups.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-038.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-038

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING THE 2014-15 CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL OF  
MCMINN COUNTY CHARGERETTES BASKETBALL TEAM AS THE TSSAA CLASS AA DISTRICT 5  
REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS, REGION 3 CHAMPIONS, SUB-STATE CHAMPIONS, AND STATE  
RUNNER-UPS

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes of Central High School of McMinn County appeared in the TSSAA Class AA State Basketball Tournament for the twelfth time since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes are the 2014-15 Region 3 AA Champions, TSSAA Sub-state Champions, and ended season with an exceptional record of 30 wins and 6 losses; and

Resolution No. 15-038 (con't)

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes' season was built upon sound coaching by Head Coach Johnny Morgan, Assistant Coach Katie Morgan, and Assistant Coach Ashley Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Chargerettes' success was based on an unrelenting pursuit of victory and outstanding individual and team play by teammates Codi Tillman, Jacobi Lynn, Bailey Martin, Katie Wampler, Jessie Truelove, Jordan Wright, Hannah Cherry, Emily Plaster, Ally Coleman, Elizabeth Trentham, Savana Casteel, Kelsey Myers, Savannah Atkins, and Kelby Stillwell; and

WHEREAS, the Central High School of McMinn County coaches, cheerleaders, band members, students and fans represented their school and county with class in both victory and defeat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015, that this Commission does hereby congratulate and commend the Chargerettes of Central High School of McMinn County on a terrific season and wishes them continued success both on and off the court.

(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.

H. A Resolution to Name March as UT Extension Month in McMinn County

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-039.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-039

A RESOLUTION TO NAME MARCH AS UT EXTENSION MONTH IN MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, The University of Tennessee is Tennessee's land-grant university, and has a three-part mission of teaching, research, and Extension; and

WHEREAS, Extension is the outreach arm of the University and an integral part of the land-grant mission extending the knowledge and expertise of the University to the people of Tennessee through education delivered by agents, specialists, and volunteers in all 95 counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, Extension is a valuable resource for helping citizens to solve problems providing real life solutions in the places they live, work, and play through hundreds of programs; and

WHEREAS, Extension's efforts are based on local needs, research and a commitment to improve the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Extension's educational programs in 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, and community economic development produce substantial returns to the state; and

WHEREAS, using research, questionnaires, observations, and sales records, an economic impact was estimated at more than \$493 million from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 for statewide educational programs; and

Resolution No. 15-039 (con't)

WHEREAS, a recent assessment indicates that every \$1 in public funds invested in Extension programs returns an estimated \$8.13 to the people of Tennessee; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING ON THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2015 THAT this Commission does proclaim the month of March as UT Extension Month in McMinn County and would like to thank UT Agricultural Extension for its hard work and positive impact.

(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.

#### 11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Myron McCreery to the Board of Directors of Keep McMinn Beautiful.

Mr. Gentry presented Resolution #15-040.

#### A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MYRON McCREERY TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KEEP MCMINN BEAUTIFUL

WHEREAS, McMinn County has a Keep McMinn Beautiful board to provide educational and civic programs that promote litter cleanup and recycling in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, as part of its duties and services, Keep McMinn Beautiful plays an important role in the Litter Grant program as required by the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, Myron McCreery has volunteered for appointment as a member of the Keep McMinn Beautiful Board of Directors for a term of four years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016, that this commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Myron McCreery to the Keep McMinn Beautiful Board of Directors.

(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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

- Commissioner McPhail—Solid Waste Committee met at the Landfill last week to discuss replacing the scales and sent a resolution to the Count Commission tonight for approval.
- Commissioner Curtis—Budget Committee met prior to County Commission meeting and sent five resolutions to the County Commission. Also approved budget forms for the upcoming budget.
- County Attorney—Mr. Baker updated the County Commission on the Election Commission lawsuit.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

- Mayor Gentry said the work has begun at the Landfill on the new scales.
- Mayor Gentry said he spoke to the new Fire Chief at the new North McMinn Rescue. They have received their new FBID # from the state that allows them to start collecting funds. They have invited everyone to their open house which will be on March 28, 2015 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. They are located on County Road 285. Mayor Gentry said they had 51 new members to sign up.
- Mayor Gentry reminded all the County Commissioners that they have the monthly EMS Evaluation in their packets. EMS director Jamie Nickelson introduced Bill Sanderson, General Manager for AMR. Mr. Sanders spoke a few minutes on what he liked about McMinn County and about how compassionate the AMR team is in McMinn County.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for March 2015

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| 1. Shelia D. Bowers     | 8. Sara A. Milton      |
| 2. Mycah Banks          | 9. Tammy L. Murray     |
| 3. Billie M. Anderson   | 10. Dana Jaquish       |
| 4. Terry Moore Brown    | 11. Angela Y. Rankin   |
| 5. Sarah Gray           | 12. Laura Denise Smith |
| 6. Princess Machel Hyde | 13. Christina E. South |
| 7. Nancy L. Miller      |                        |

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

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EVONNE HOBACK  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy

(date)