

NOVEMBER 22, 2021 - HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Hartsville/Trousdale county Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Dwight Jewell, Commission Chairman, presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Atwood, Mary Ann Baker, Ken Buckmaster, Shane Burton, Gary Claridy, Rick Davis, Coy Dickey, Bill Fergusson, Jerry Ford, Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Harsh, Richard Johnson, Rachel Jones, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Lonnie Taylor, Gary Walsh, Steve Whittaker, and Ethan Boles.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - David Nollner
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Richard Harsh
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - **18 PRESENT, 2 ABSENT**

5. **Approval of Minutes** -

Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Jerry Ford. Second by Coy Dickey

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Announcements** - The Community Thanksgiving will be Tuesday, Nov. 23rd at the Trousdale Co. High School from 4:00 till 7:00. The Hartsville Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 11th @ 10:00 am.

As usual, the County Court does not convene in December, unless there is an urgent need.

Comm. Beverly Atwood announced that it was Chairman Dwight Jewell's birthday and asked that the commission sing happy birthday to him.

7. **Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of Agenda** - Add Resolution 2021-40-744 amending the Personnel Policy to extend COVID-19 Sick Leave Provisions; Withdraw B/A 2022-101-16FB Animal Shelter Director Compensation; and Mayor Chamber's request for authorization to apply for a Traffic Signal Grant. Add Robert Thurman and C.R. Watts for Notary approval.

Motion this court approve this Agenda as Amended. CARRIE

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Rachel Jones

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** -

The following people signed in to speak to different re-zoning issues on the agenda: Ed Royals - Hickory Ridge; Daniel and Elizabeth Soper - Dalton Hollow; Joe Alsup - Dalton Hollow

9. **Schools Quarterly Report** - Dr. Clint Satterfield

Dr. Satterfield went over the quarterly report for the school system. He also had last year's report for the same quarter so that he could compare the two. December 2ND the Board of Education will have a combined meeting with the Education Committee to go over the changes to the BEP program. This meeting will be @ 6:00 pm. Dr. Satterfield invited the members of the County Commission to their Christmas Breakfast on Dec. 16TH @ 8:00 am at the high school. He also announced that they would be having their steak dinner with the commission again this year. They will be notifying them with the date and time later on.

10. **County Mayor Report** - Stephen Chambers

- TDOT has found a discrepancy on the Streetscape Project payment. We will know more at a later date.

- Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Nov. 23RD @ the high school from 4:00 - 7:00pm.

- Christmas Parade will be Saturday, Dec. 11TH beginning @ 10:00am.

11. Committee Reports

- A. **Steering Committee** - Nov. 9 - Met and elected Dwight Jewell, Chairman; Jerry Ford, Vice-Chairman; and Beverly Atwood, Secretary. The committee discussed changing the property assessment plan from six years to five years. They also discussed the Opioid Settlement Resolution on tonight's agenda; Expansion at the Health Department facility; Veteran Services Office MOU with Sumner Co.'s Veteran Service Office; and forming a study committee to research what would be needed to keep this position in our county. Animal Shelter Director Compensation was discussed and Program TN Grant to improve traffic signal to update control box. This would improve lights to McMurry and Andrews to program morning and night hours to improve to traffic flow. Dwight Jewell updated the committee on his trip to the TCSA Conference. They discussed the payments for the EMS that did not include overtime pay that they receive, only payment for a regular 40 hour week. They will send this adjustment to the Budget and Finance Dept.
- B. **Solid Waste** - Nov. 4 - Met and elected Richard Johnson, Chairman; David Nollner, Vice-Chairman; and Mary Ann Baker, Secretary. Sanitation Director, Cliff Sallee updated the committee on a list of surplus vehicles and equipment that need to be sold or scrapped. Mayor Chambers stated that the Title 17 Refuse needs to be updated since not much has been done since 2001. Cliff Sallee, Mayor Chambers, and Co. Attorney, Brandon Bellar will review the policy and recommend the changes.
- C. **Emergency Services** - Nov. 4 - Met and elected David Nollner, Chairman; Gary Walsh, Vice-Chairman; and Amber Russell, Secretary. Chief Jay Woodard gave his report on current Fire Dept. business. They are still waiting on the brush truck. Mark Carman updated the committee on the EMA Dept. They currently have a shortage of EMTs. Most have left for better paying positions in other counties. He talked about the shortages on their paychecks during the change to direct deposit.
- D. **Purchasing** - Nov. 15 - Met and elected Jerry Ford, Chairman; Shane Burton, Vice-Chairman; and Rachel Jones, Secretary. They reviewed purchases from the different departments. No anomalies were found.
- E. **Budget & Finance** - Nov. 15 - Met and elected Dwight Jewell, Chairman; Jerry Ford, Vice-Chairman; and Amy Thomas, Secretary. The committee reviewed the Trustee Report and the Financial Summary. Property tax percentages were up for FY21. They reviewed a Budget Amendment that would increase the pay for the Animal Shelter Director position. They did not approve this so it will be sent to Co. Comm. without a recommendation. Budget Amendments for Veteran Services MOU; General Sessions Judge Compensation; May 2022 Judicial Primaries; Archives Grant; Sr. Center GNRC Grant; and EMS Bonus Pay were all recommended for approval.
- F. **Building** - Nov. 16 - Met and elected Richard Harsh, Chairman; Steve Whittaker, Vice-Chairman; and John Oliver, Secretary. Mayor Chambers gave an update on the renovations at the Courthouse. A lot of the work can be done by Mr. Sallee's staff. The courthouse will need a new heating and cooling system. Mayor Chambers has given blueprints to several companies to help them prepare bids. Still waiting to hear back from them.
- G. **Economic Development** - Nov. 16 - Met and elected Richard Harsh, Chairman; Amber Russell, Vice-Chairman; and Lonnie Taylor, Secretary. Bryan King gave an update on the Retail Strategies progress. Mayor Chambers explained the TN Placemakers Entrepreneurship Fund. Bryan King then gave an update on the proposed PILOT program.
- H. **Personnel Comm.** - Nov. 18 - Met and elected Bill Ferguson, Chairman; Amber Russell, Vice-Chairman; and Amber Russell, Secretary. Continued review of the Employee Personnel Handbook. Mayor Chambers asked that the committee send the extension of the COVID-19 policy be forwarded to the full body for approval. They plan to send the Wage Study pay findings and COLA pay along with the handbook changes to Budget and Finance for review.

12. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments**

1) **Committee Adjustments**

These are the same committee appointments that were approved last month, re-typed for clarity.

B. **Resolutions**

1) **Resolution 2021-31-735** Charter Amendment Section 4.06(c)

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Rachel Jones, Second by Mary Ann Baker

Electronic Vote - 17 YES, 1 NO, 2 Absent

MOTION CARRIED

2) **Resolution 2021-35-739** Public Works Surplus Vehicle

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Richard Harsh

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

3) **Resolution 2021-36-740** Highway Surplus Vehicle

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Coy Dickey

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

4) **Resolution 2021-37-741** TN Opioid settlement

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Amber Russell

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

5) **Resolution 2021-38-742** County Assessment Plan - 5 year Cycle

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Lonnie Taylor

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

6) **Resolution 2021-39-743** Veteran Services Committee

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Rachel Jones, Second by Beverly Atwood

Electronic Vote - 17 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

7) **Resolution 2021-40-744** Amending HTC Government Personnel Policy to Extend COVID-19

Sick Leave Provisions

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Rachel Jones

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

* **Resolution # 2021-34-738 was not used.**

C. **Ordinances**

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING

1) **Ordinance 226-2021-17** Water & Sewer Dept. | Repeal Title 18

Motion this court close this **Public Hearing**.

Motion by Ken Buckmaster, Second by David Nollner

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 226-2021-17 Water & Sewer | Repeal Title 18 - 2ND Reading

Motion this court approve Ord. 226-2021-17 - **2ND Reading**

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Coy Dickey

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

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- 2) **Ordinance 227-2021-18** Rezoning R1 to C2 - McMurry Blvd. (Hickory Ridge)
Mr. Ed Royals spoke to this Ordinance. He noted that approval for this was turned down a few years ago. His concerns were the increase in traffic, no limits as to what type of commercial business might be built there, and lowered property values. Comm. Gary Walsh asked why the zoning was originally changed from commercial to residential and which zone had the lower taxes. Comm. Mary Ann Baker stated that the property was taxed on use, not zone.

Motion this court close this **Public Hearing**.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Coy Dickey

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 227-2021-18 Rezoning R1 to C2 - McMurry Blvd. (Hickory Ridge) - **2ND Reading**
Motion this court approve Ord. 226-2021-17 - **2ND Reading**

Motion by Gary Claridy, Beverly Atwood

Electronic Vote - 11 YES, 5 NO, 2 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 3) **Ordinance 228-2021-19** Rezoning A1 to R1 - Hwy 141 N

Motion this court close this **Public Hearing**.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Jerry Ford

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 228-2021-19 Rezoning A1 to R1 - Hwy 141 N - **2ND Reading**

Motion this court approve Ord. 228-2021-19 - **2ND Reading**

Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Amber Russell

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 4) **Ordinance 229-2021-20** Rezoning A1 to R1 - Hwy 10

Motion this court close this **Public Hearing**.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Mary Ann Baker

MOTION CARRIED

Ordinance 229-2021-20 Rezoning A1 to R1 - Hwy 10 - **2ND Reading**

Motion this court approve Ord. 228-2021-19 - **2ND Reading**

Motion by Shane Burton, Second by Richard Harsh

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING

- 5) **Ordinance 230-2021-21** Rezoning R1 to C1/C2 - Dalton Hollow

Daniel Soper, Elizabeth Soper, and Joe Alsup, all residents on Dalton Hollow Rd., spoke to this rezoning request. They were not in favor of making this area commercial, mainly because the road is too narrow as it is. All were concerned with safety for their children and animals due to the fact that many vehicles already speed on this road. They asked that the commission take these concerns in to consideration before voting to approve. Sam Holder, property owner requesting this change, said that he understands the concerns of the citizens. He also noted that some of the adjoining property, owned by Matthew Carman, is currently zoned C-2. He said that he would like to sale the property, but had been told by potential buyers that they would like the property zoned as commercial if they were going to purchase. He asked the commission to consider rezoning this property to C-2.

Motion this court **disapprove** Ord. 230-2021-21 - **1ST Reading**

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Mary Ann Baker

Electronic Vote - 11 YES, 4 NO, 3 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

D. Budget Amendments

101 - COUNTY GENERAL

FUND BALANCE DRAWS

2022-101-18FB General Sessions Judge Compensation \$ **54,753**

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Ken Buckmaster, Second by Richard Harsh

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

2022-101-19FB Election - May 2022 Judicial Primary \$ **17,984**

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by David Nollner

Electronic Vote - 17 YES, 1 ABSTAINED, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

APPROPRIATIONS

2022-101-17 Veteran Services MOU \$ **5,000**

2022-101-20G Archives Grants **8,070**

2022-101-21G Senior Center Grant **7,800**

118 - AMBULANCE SERVICES

APPROPRIATIONS

2022-118-01 EMS OT Bonus Amount \$ **9,120**

Motion this court approve these 4 Budget Amendments.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Walsh

Electronic Vote - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

E. Notaries

Robert B. Thurman - First National Bank

C.R. Watts - Core Civic

Motion this court approve the Notary Applicants.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Lonnie Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

13. Other Business

Mayor Stephen Chambers would like to apply for a Traffic Signal Grant.

Motion this court give Mayor Chambers permission to apply for this Traffic Signal Grant.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy

MOTION CARRIED

14. Public Comment

Bryan King scheduled an Industrial Development Board meeting for Dec. 7th at 7:00 pm at the courthouse.

15. Adjourn

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Coy Dickey

MOTION CARRIED