

JANUARY 25, 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, Coy Dickey, Bill Fergusson, Jerry Ford, Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Harsh, Linda Johnson, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Gary Walsh, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - Ken Buckmaster
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Beverly Atwood
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 17 Present, 3 Absent
5. **Approval of Minutes** - November 23, 2020
Motion this court approve the Minutes as presented.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Walsh MOTION CARRIED
6. **Announcements** - Timesheets need to be turned in to Amy Thomas. Conflict of Interest forms are due by Jan. 31, 2021. New committee sheets have been distributed. Please check for any errors. Please remember commissioners Richard Johnson, Rachel Jones, and Lonnie Taylor in your prayers. Two are sick and one has lost a family member.
7. **Amendments to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda** - Adding 3 Notaries to the agenda.
8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** - None presented.
9. **County Mayor Report** - Mayor Stephen Chambers
Admin. Building - The building is open to the public as of Jan. 21st. Our current # of active cases are 34. Vaccines are currently being dispensed by the Health Dept.
All other topics are already on the agenda for approval of the commission.
10. **Committee Reports** -
 - A. **Steering Committee** - Jan 5. Members attended via **ZOOM** and/or in person. Still working with the Historical Planner from GNRC on replacement windows for the courthouse. Discussed changes to the personnel policy pertaining to COVID-19. Reviewed quotes for a Wage Study and have been forwarded to the Personnel Committee. Reviewed Budget Amendments and Appointments for the Jan. 25th Agenda.
 - B. **Economic Development** - Jan 7. Members attended via **ZOOM** and/or in person. Mayor Chambers gave an update on the TN Downtown Grant funding thru TN ECD that would help downtown businesses thru a grant/reimbursement program. The Grant requires a 501(c)(3) to serve as the bookkeeping entity for the project. Since one could not be found, the County will step in and take care of that function. Bryan King stated that Retail Strategies out of Birmingham, AL, have been retained for the next 3 years to help bring in retail operations to help keep money in the county. Also, DTC has been in discussions to bring broadband to the Providence Community. This area is not covered by Tri-County Electric's broadband service.
 - C. **Personnel** - Jan 7. Also held via **ZOOM** and/or in person. Elected officers: Bill Fergusson - Chairman; Richard Johnson - Vice-Chairman; Mary Ann Baker - Secretary. Discussed the upcoming possible changes to the Personnel Policy regarding COVID-19. Discussed the possibility of a Wage Study. The Mayor said they have received 3 bids. Steven Thompson - BTA (Burriss, Thompson & Associates) will be the firm chosen to conduct this study. More discussion on implementing Direct Deposit. Still several details need to be worked out before July 1, 2021, which would be the earliest date for it to begin.

- D. **Purchasing** - Jan 19. Quarterly meeting was held via **ZOOM** and/or in person. The committee reviewed the Purchasing Summary for FY2021 2nd Quarter for purchases over \$5,000 to one vendor. Everything looked as it should, no anomalies.
- E. **Budget & Finance** - Jan 19. This meeting was held via **ZOOM** and/or in person. They reviewed the Financial Summary and the Trustee's report. They found no anomalies or concerns. They reviewed the Budget Amendments on the agenda and recommended sending to the full Commission for approval. They also asked Co. Attorney, Brandon Bellar, to clarify when an abstention vote actually count as an abstention.
Mr. Bellar stated that if you abstain without a valid, stated cause, an abstention is to be considered a no vote.
- F. **Emergency Services** - Meeting is scheduled for 2/09/21 @ 6:00 pm at the Courthouse.
- G. **Parks & Recreations** - Meeting is scheduled for 2/11/21 @ 6:00 pm at the Courthouse.

11. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments / Re-Appointments**

- 1. **Beer Board, 4YR TERM**
Bobby Joe Lewis
- 2. **Board of Agriculture, 2YR TERM, Re-appointment**
Freida Cornwell (Farm Rep)
Jerry Ford (Co. Commissioner)
Landon Gulley (County Commissioner)
William Beasley (Farm Rep.)
- 3. **Board of Zoning and Appeals, 4YR TERM**
Mark D. Harper, Re-appointment
Dwight Jewell, Appointment
- 4. **Health Officer, 4YR TERM**
Kathy Atwood, Re-appointment
- 5. **Highway Commission, 2YR TERM**
Bobby Joe Lewis, Re-appointment
- 6. **Planning Commission, 4YR TERM**
David Nollner, Re-appointment
- 7. **Water Utility Board, 4YR TERM**
Craig Moreland, Re-appointment
- 8. **TN Downtown Scoring Committee**
Jerry Ford
John Oliver
Mark Presley
- 9. **TCHS Student Representative**
Ethan Boles - Ethan is a Jr. @ TCHS.

Motion to approve appointments as presented.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Coy Dickey

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolutions

- 1) **Resolution 2021-01-705** Extension of Vacation Benefit to the Jail Guards due to C19
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Linda Johnson **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Resolution 2021-02-706** Amend Personnel Policy for C19 Sick Leave
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Landon Gulley **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Resolution 2021-03-707** Lecornu Lane
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Bubba Gregory, Second by Beverly Atwood **MOTION CARRIED**
- 4) **Resolution 2021-04-708** Official Tourism Organization
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Richard Harsh **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) **Resolution 2021-05-709** Application for the 2021 CDBG
Motion this court approve this Resolution.
Motion by Coy Dickey, Second by Jerry Ford **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Ordinances

Public Hearing & Second Reading

- 1) **Ordinance 207-2020-22** Rezoning R1 to R2 Halltown Road
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Linda Johnson **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance 207-2020-22 Rezoning R1 to R2 Halltown Road
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Reading**
Motion Landon Gulley, Second by Linda Johnson **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Ordinance 208-2020-23** Rezoning A1 to R1 Hwy 231 S
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Jerry Ford **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance 208-2020-23 Rezoning A1 to R1 Hwy 231 S
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Reading**
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Shane Burton **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Ordinance 209-2020-24** Rezoning C2 to R3 Hayes Avenue
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Amber Russell **MOTION CARRIED**

Ordinance 209-2020-24 Rezoning C2 to R3 Hayes Avenue
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Reading**
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Mary Ann Baker **MOTION CARRIED**

First Reading

- 1) **Ordinance 210-2021-01** Rezoning R1 to R2 Andrews Avenue
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1st Reading**
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Jerry Ford
Show of hands vote - **14 YES, 3 NO, 3 Absent** **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Budget Amendments

101 - GENERAL FUND

2021-101-11R	Animal Shelter HVAC (Reserves)	\$	4,500
2021-101-12	Coroner / Med Examiner -Autopsy Exp		5,925
2021-101-13	CARES: Election Office - Grant Funding		7,132
2021-101-14	Insurance Recovery - Sheriff Dept.		7,421
2021-101-15	Econ Dev - TN Downtown Grant Funding		5,000
2021-101-16	Rescue Squad Equipment		22,030
2021-101-17	LGSF EMA Radio Equipment		45,005
2021-101-18	Fire Dept. Equipment		43,170

151 - DEBT SERVICE FUND

2021-151-01	JSMS Roof Project Appropriation	\$	117,196
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Motion this court approve all Budget Amendments, with the exclusion of 2021-151-01 Wage Study \$20,000.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Coy Dickey **MOTION CARRIED**

101- GENERAL FUND

2021-101-19	LGSF - Wage Study	\$	20,000
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Motion this approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Shane Burton
ROLL CALL, BOOK 3 PAGE 190 - 13 YES, 4 NO(*1 ABSTENTION w/o CAUSE), 3 ABSENT
MOTION CARRIED

E. Notaries

Cecelia Stricker - TCHS
Pamela R. Scott - D & S Community Services
Ryan Chasse - TN Army National Guard

Motion this court approve these Notary Applicants.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Bubba Gregory **MOTION CARRIED**

- 12. **Other Business**
- 13. **Public Comment**
- 14. **Adjourn**