

**MARCH 22, 2021 - HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

***Pursuant to Gov. Lee's Executive Orders No. 16 and subsequent orders, and the need to limit the community spread of COVID-19, the March 22, 2021 Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission will be held with a virtual meeting option.***

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Dwight Jewel, 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, Rachel Jones, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Lonnie Taylor, Gary Walsh(Virtual Attendance), Steve Whittaker(Virtual Attendance), and Ethan Boles.

1. **Open Court** - Court Security Officer Samuel Gibbs
2. **Invocation** - Jerry Ford
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Ken Buckmaster
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder - 18 Present (2 were Virtual), 1 Absent, 1 Vacancy
5. **Approval of Minutes** - February 22, 2021 and March 8, 2021 Called Meeting.  
Motion this court approve both sets of minutes as presented.  
Motion by Coy Dickey, Second by Jerry Ford

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **Announcements** -  
Comm. Linda Johnson has moved out of her District and will no longer be able to serve as Commissioner. Chairman Jewell thanked her for her service to the county and hopes that maybe we'll be able to work with her again in some capacity. She received a standing ovation. Linda thanked the commission and said that she had enjoyed working with them over this past seven years.

Chairman Jewell asked everyone to remember Comm. Richard Johnson in their prayers as he is still in the nursing home.

7. **Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda** - Add 2 Budget Amendments: 1 will replace the B/A 2021-101-22 for the Vol Fire Dept.; B/A 2021-101-26 Commission: Communication Equipment  
Motion this court approve this agenda as amended.  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy

**MOTION CARRIED**

8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** - No one signed in.

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

- Currently accepting applications for a new EMA Medical Director. There is a link on the County Website homepage pertaining to this.
- Parks & Recreations Grant - Working with TDEC to see what else is needed.
- Facade Grant - Reimbursement grant. This would include the area from Foxall to the creek and the jail to the Post Office. Reimbursement would be up to \$15,000.00.

10. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Steering Committee** - March 2 - Mayor Chambers discussed several grants and the status of some that are in progress. He also explained a couple of support resolutions that will be on the agenda.
- B. **Emergency Services** - March 9. Fire Chief James Woodard is working with 3 different vendors to purchase a brush truck for the Fire Dept. EMA Director Matt Batey estimates that a new ambulance will cost \$190,000.00 - \$200,000.00. Chief Woodard has scheduled training sessions for the Vol. Fire Fighters. They hope to have them completed by December.

- C. **Prison Relations** - March 11 - Met with Asst. Warden Brandon Watford. He gave an update on their current status. They currently have 2,177 inmates, with 3 positive cases of COVID-19 that are in isolation. Zero staff Covid-19 at this time. Out of the 2,177 population, almost 1,100 are minimum custody inmates. The inmate death is currently being reviewed by the TBI and the offender was transferred to a state facility the night of the attack. Visitation has not yet resumed.
- D. **Communications** - March 16 - follow up discussion on the AV system for the courthouse. Budget and Finance has approved.
- E. **Parks & Recreation** - March 18 - No updates on the lighting at the park yet. Mr. Sallee's group is draining the pool and getting it ready to open. Shelby Vaughn will be managing the pool this year still in need of lifeguards. Still in discussion with the Mayor's office concerning the Disc Golf proposal. Little League Fields should all be up and running as far as concessions, water and bathrooms. The mayor discussed the Parks & Recreations Grant.
- F. **Budget & Finance** - March 15 - Met and reviewed the Financial Summary for each of the Co. General Funds. Property taxes were higher than expected with the pandemic. Reviewed and recommended approval of budget amendments to be presented at court.
- G. **Audit** - March 16 - Met and voted to keep positions the same: Richard Harsh, Chairman; Steve Whittaker, Vice-Chairman; Mary Ann Baker, Secretary. Mayor Chambers went over fund balances for FY 2020. The Sheriff's office did have Audit Findings that already have corrective action in place to clear up these findings.

**11. Active Business**

A. **Appointments/Re-Appointments** – *None to present at this time.*

**B. Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2021-08-712** FY2022 Litter Grant Application  
 Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
 Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Bubba Gregory **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Resolution 2021-09-713** TCAT Meat Processing Training Consideration  
 Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
 Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Rachel Jones **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Resolution 2021-21-10-714** Support Certificate of Need Opposition  
 Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
 Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Shane Burton **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Ordinances**

**First Reading**

- 1) **Ordinance 211-2021-02** Amend Trousdale County Zoning Resolution - Sidewalks
- 2) **Ordinance 212-2021-03** Amend Hartsville Zoning Ordinance - Sidewalks
- 3) **Ordinance 213-2021-04** Amend Hartsville Zoning Ordinance - Cluster Mailbox Units

There was quite a bit of discussion concerning these Ordinances. Johnny Kerr, Chairman of the Planning Commission, spoke to these and explained that the sidewalks were for safety and safe access for communities. He also fielded questions from the commissioners. There were some concerns as to what the cost would be to the taxpayer. After much discussion and having too many questions concerning these Ordinances, Chairman Jewell said that he would like to see this sent the Codes & Zoning Committee for them to review along with the Planning Commission. It was also a recommendation from Co. Attorney Brandon Bellar that it would be best to handle it this way for now.

Motion this court send all three Ordinances to the Codes & Zoning Committee for review.  
 Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Jerry Ford **MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Budget Amendments**

**101 - General Fund**

<b>2021-101-22</b>	TNCAMS: Vol Fire Dept. Equipment	\$	52,900
Motion this court remove this Budget Amendment from the Agenda. Motion by Shane Burton, Second by Rachel Jones			
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			
<b>2021-101-27</b>	TNCAMS: Vol Fire Dept. Equipment		42,000
Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment. Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy			
<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>			
<b>2021-101-23</b>	Insurance Recovery: Sheriff	\$	14,257
<b>2021-101-24</b>	Workhouse - Other Revenue		300
<b>2021-101-25</b>	Emergency Management Performance Grant		5,000
<b>2021-101-26</b>	Commission: Communication Equipment		72,000

**116- Solid Waste Fund**

<b>2021-116-02</b>	Overtime / Short Staffed	\$	5,000
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**131 - Highway Fund**

<b>2021-131-01</b>	Clean Up Line Items	\$	7,500
<b>2021-131-02</b>	Recovered Damages		4,375

Motion this for this court to be able approve the remaining Budget Amendments at one time.  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Rachel Jones

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve all remaining Budget Amendments.  
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Shane Burton

**MOTION CARRIED**

**E. Notaries -**

- Mark D. Stevens - self-employed
- Zach Taylor - Donoho, Taylor and Taylor Law Firm
- Cassandra P. Foret - Mid-Cumberland Comm. Action Agency
- Denicia Williams - CoreCivic
- Christi Carter - CoreCivic
- Rev. Jon T. Shonebarger, Jr. - CoreCivic
- Yesenia Bermudez - CoreCivic
- Ashleigh VanDyke - CoreCivic
- Katie Tisdale - ITG Communications

Motion this court approve all Notary applicants.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Shane Burton

**MOTION CARRIED**

12. **Other Business** – None

13. **Public Comment** – None

14. **Adjourn**

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Rachel Jones

**MOTION CARRIED**