

## MAY 24, 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, Richard Harsh, Richard Johnson, Rachel Jones, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Lonnie Taylor, Gary Walsh, Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - Richard Harsh
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - David Nollner
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 17 Present, 2 Absent, 1 Vacancy
5. **Approval of Minutes** -  
Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Rachel Jones **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Announcements** - Conflict of Interest forms for employees and/or their immediate family members that might work for the county or school system, are before you and will need to be read when voting on the Budget Ordinances. Dwight Jewell, Mayor Stephen Chambers, Rachel Jones, and Lonnie Taylor will be attending TN County Services Administration meeting Tuesday thru Thursday. Comm. Jones announced that Mr. Braden Stover, with Sen. Hagerty's office, was present.
7. **Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of Agenda** - Several appointments to be added; 4 Notaries; a Resolution for CoreCivic/TN Dept. of Corrections for approval.  
Motion this court approve this Agenda as amended.  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Jerry Ford **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** - Jerry Thigpen signed in to speak. Being as he wasn't addressing and Agenda Item, he was given a chance to speak during Public Comment.
9. **County Mayor Report** - Stephen Chambers
  - **Co. Pool** - due to a staffing shortage and a shortage of chlorine, we are unable to open the pool this year.
  - **American Rescue Funds** - Should have guidelines by June 1st. We will have to appoint a task force/special committee to oversee the spending of these funds.
  - **Redistricting** - The Comptroller's office has released an updated guide to help with redistricting.
  - **Census** - We should have the local Census totals by Sept. 30th.
  - **Multi-Modal Grant/Local Parks & Rec. Grant** - The mayor has not had any updates on either of these. We were the only county in our district to apply for the Multi-Modal Grant. Hopefully, that will work in our favor.
10. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Steering Committee** - May 4th - Approved minutes from the previous meeting. Mayor Chambers gave an update from Johnson Controls on the lighting at the park. Update on storm damage repairs and looking into why the tornado alert was not working properly. Discussed the budget hearings, the 5th Dist. Comm. Vacancy, and ongoing projects. Still waiting on the Wage Study to complete the Personnel Policy. They also discussed moving the Election Office to the Courthouse. Mr. Bryan King gave an update from the Industrial Dev. Board.
  - B. **Parks & Recreation** - May 4th - Met and discussed opening the co. pool and qualifications for the sign-on bonus they plan to implement. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14th.
  - C. **Budget & Finance** - May 17 - Reviewed the Budget Hearing minutes and the Trustee's Financial Report. Reviewed and recommended approval of the Budget Amendments on this Agenda. They also approved the Appropriations Ordinances for the budget.

- D. **Economic Development** - May 18 - Continued talks on the Retail Strategy Plan. The Industrial Dev. Board plans to meet on May 25th to put together a retail plan for the county. Mayor Chambers discussed the Entrepreneurial Development program. He talked about the American Rescue Plan and what the money could actually be used for. An Oversight Committee will be assembled to oversee these funds and how they are spent. Other announcements, the Governor's ECD Conference will be Aug. 5th. Mayor Chambers plans to attend. Natalie Knudsen brought the revamped 17-Stop Civil War Driving Tour brochures. She will need funding to print more for the rest areas. She will need 500 per area. She will get an estimate for the extra brochures and meet with the mayor. Backpack Program Car Show will be August 7th @ the High School. Bryan King present the awards dressed as a donkey if they get more than 300 entries.
- E. **Urban Service Council** - May 20 - Met and Reviewed the 111 Budget. Approved and set the Tax Rate for Urban Services to the same rate as last year, \$0.8753.

11. **Commissioner Selection - District 5**

**5th District Commissioner Appointment**

Three people had applied for this appointment: Kayla Moore, Sarah Murray, and Richard Davis  
Motion this court approve the applicants for consideration.

Motion by Rachel Jones, Second by Gary Claridy

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Kayla Moore** - Did not show up.

**Sarah Murray** - Has lived in Trousdale Co. for the past 20 years. She owns a small business and realizes that decisions made by the county are very important. She feels like she would be a good candidate and thanked the commission for their consideration.

**Richard (Rick) Davis** - Has lived in Trousdale Co. for the past 14 years. He's been married to his wife Christine for the past 30 years. They have 2 sons, both graduates of TCHS. Mr. Davis has worked with Rich Foods for 20 years, he has been plant manager for the last 16 years. He has lots of managerial and budgeting experience. He and his family love living in Trousdale and hopes that if he is elected, that his experience could be of service to the county.

Roll call vote was taken. Mr. Davis received 17 votes and Sarah Murray received 0.  
Mr. Davis was sworn in and began the duties of Co. Commissioner for the 5th Dist.

12. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments / Re-Appointments**

**ETHICS REVIEW BOARD**

- Mary Ann Baker

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

- David Thomas, Reappointment, 4yr term  
- Mark Swaffer, Reappointment, 4yr term

**PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION**

- Jerry Ford, term corresponds with Commissioner term (Aug 2022)

**RESALE OF LAND COMMITTEE**

- Lonnie Taylor

Motion this court approve appointments as presented.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2021-13-717** Highway Dept: 2021 County Road List  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Rachel Jones **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Resolution 2021-14-718** CoreCivic and Tennessee Dept. of Corrections Contract Approval  
Motion this court approve this Resolution and authorize Mayor Chambers to negotiate and enter into contracts with CoreCivic and Tennessee Department of Corrections on behalf of Trousdale County.  
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Lonnie Taylor **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Ordinances**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) **Ordinance 214-2021-05** Rezoning C2 to C2/R2 (McMurry Blvd)  
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Richard Harsh **MOTION CARRIED**
- 2) **Ordinance 215-2021-06** Rezoning R2 to C1 (West Main)  
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Amber Russell **MOTION CARRIED**
- 3) **Ordinance 216-2021-07** Rezoning A1 to C1 (Hwy 231S)  
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Amber Russell **MOTION CARRIED**

**SECOND READING**

- 4) **Ordinance 214-2021-05** Rezoning C2 to C2/R2 (McMurry Blvd)  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Rdg**  
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Lonnie Taylor **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) **Ordinance 215-2021-06** Rezoning R2 to C1 (West Main)  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Rdg**  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Mary Ann Baker **MOTION CARRIED**
- 6) **Ordinance 216-2021-07** Rezoning A1 to C1 (Hwy 231 S)  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2nd Rdg**  
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Jerry Ford **MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRST READING**

- 7) **Ordinance 217-2021-08** FY2022 Budget Appropriations - General Services  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1st Rdg**  
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Coy Dickey  
**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 195 - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8) **Ordinance 218-2021-09** FY2022 Tax Levy - General Services  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1st Rdg**  
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Richard Harsh  
**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 195 - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9) **Ordinance 219-2021-10** FY2022 Budget Appropriations - Urban Services  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1st Rdg**  
Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Gary Walsh  
**ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 195 - 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
- 10) **Ordinance 220-2021-11** FY2022 Tax Levy - Urban Services  
Motion this council approve this Ordinance - **1st Rdg**  
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Richard Johnson  
**ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 195 - 2 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Budget Amendments**

**111 -URBAN SERVICES FUND**

**2021-111-02** Trash Bins \$ 8,000

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Lonnie Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED**

**116 - SOLID WASTE FUND**

**2021-116-03** Disposal Fees \$ 25,000

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Coy Dickey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**131 - HIGHWAY FUND**

**2021-131-03** Insurance Recovery \$ 12,162

**2021-131-04** Correct Line Items 14,332

Motion this court approve both Budget Amendments.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Rachel Jones

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Notaries**

- Robert A. Charles - CoreCivic
- Michele Key - Trousdale Co. Veterinary Service
- Theresa Creasy - CoreCivic
- Jenesia Ellis - WB&T

Motion this court approve these Notary Applications.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Amber Russell

**MOTION CARRIED**

**13. Other Business - None**

**14. Public Comment** - Jerry Thigpen was given 3 minutes to speak. He said that he had some commercial property that he would give away by signing a quit claim deed. He says it's valued at \$32 dollars a sq. ft. He also stated that he appreciated the millions of dollars that the county had spent on prosecuting him. He was impressed.

**15. Adjourn**

Motion this court Adjourn.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood

**MOTION CARRIED**