

**July 19, 2021 - SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met in in a Special Called meeting with the Honorable Dwight Jewell, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Murray, Mary Ann Baker, Ken Buckmaster, Shane Burton, Gary Claridy, Richard Davis, Coy Dickey, Bill Fergusson, Jerry Ford, Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Harsh, Richard Johnson, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Lonnie Taylor, Gary Walsh, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - Amber Russell
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Bill Fergusson
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - **19 PRESENT, 1 ABSENT**
5. **Active Business**

A. **Resolution 2021-18-722** Water & Sewer Dept. Construction

Motion to amend original motion to hear and/or vote on this Resolution tonight.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Gary Walsh

**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 197 - 19 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Before discussions began, Mayor Chambers brought up a meeting, with approx. 5 Co. Commissioners, that took place before the July 8th Education Committee meeting that lasted 7 minutes and 7 seconds. This is a violation of the Open Records Act. He had forwarded this to Co. Attorney, Brandon Bellar, who also agreed this was a violation. Mr. Bellar said that the curative approach for this violation would be to discuss each topic that was discussed with the full commission, so that everything is out in the open. This needed to be done before the actual discussion on the agenda item takes place. Topics of discussion included the sewer line that has been installed behind the Admin. Bldg. for the Water Dept. Bldg. It was noted that it will also service other businesses and residents. Mayor Chambers named off other topics that had been discussed during that time were the size of the proposed Water Dept. Building and whether or not that it would be large enough and would there be enough room should they need to expand; would there be enough parking space; what if the Admin Bldg. needed to be expanded; were any other locations discussed for this building; possibility of moving the Water Dept. in to the City Hall building, if and when a new jail is built.

All of the topics that had been discussed during the time in question, were discussed tonight during this meeting. Attorney Bellar had said that if these had not been brought about and discussed, that any action on this Resolution could become null and void and could possibly be grounds for a lawsuit. After much discussion on these topics, Comm. Richard Harsh said that he thought the best thing to do first, would be for the Co. Commission to approve this land purchase as county property since it had not been brought before them for approval.

Motion was then made to accept the sale of this property purchased by the Water Dept. as a legal transfer to the county.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Walsh

**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 197 - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion was made for this court to adjourn.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Amber Russell

**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 197 - 4 YES, 15 NO, 1 ABSENT**

**MOTION FAILED**

Motion was then made to that this court disapprove Resolution 2021-18-722.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Jerry Ford

**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 197 - 9 YES, 10 NO, 1 ABSENT**

**MOTION FAILED**

Motion this court approve Resolution 2021-18-722.

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Bubba Gregory

**ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 197 - 10 YES, 9 NO, 1 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **Adjourn**

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Gary Walsh

**MOTION CARRIED**