

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 - 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, Bill Fergusson, Jerry Ford, Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Harsh, Richard Johnson, Rachel Jones, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Amber Russell, Gary Walsh, Steve Whittaker, and Ethan Boles.

1. **Open Court** -Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - Gary Walsh
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Rick Davis
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 19 PRESENT, 1 ABSENT
5. **Approval of Minutes** -
Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Mary Ann Baker **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Announcements** - The court congratulated Beverly Atwood for her son, Rob Atwood's State Championship win in Wrestling for TCHS. Rob is a sophomore at TCHS. AOE Steven Paxton reminded everyone that planned to run in the upcoming election, the deadline for petitions is April 7th @ 12:00 noon. There are still several positions that have not had petitions pulled.
7. **Amendments to Agenda Items / Approval of Agenda** -
Everyone has received the revised Agenda. Add a request for approval for an Immediate Increase of EMS Medical Personnel Compensation of \$1.04 per hr. as 11. Item 2.
Motion this court approve this Agenda as Amended.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** - None presented.
9. **Director of Schools** - Dr. Clint Satterfield
Dr. Satterfield reviewed the school's Financial Summary thru 12/21/2021. Compared to the same time as last year, all areas showed an increase in funds. He's concerned with the changes that the State is proposing regarding BEP funding.
10. **County Mayor Report** - Stephen Chambers
 - GNRC Meeting - This meeting is scheduled for March 9th @ 6:00 pm. Approx. 9 commissioners plan to attend.
 - City Park - A portion of the park has been closed resulting from a walk-thru safety assessment. The estimated total to repair the equipment is 36,610.93.
 - Public Hearing on Block Grant March 3rd @ 12:00 noon for a Housing Rehabilitation Project.
 - Congratulations to Rob Atwood for winning the Class A Wrestling Championship for his weight range.
 - Streetscape sidewalk expansions. Mayor Chambers was wanting input from the commission.
11. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Steering Committee** - Feb 1 - Discussed the need to have this RFQ reviewed by Attorney Brandon Bellar and Bob Bass, which we now have. Announced a called Budget and Finance Meeting @ 6:00. Stop Light Grant will bid on March 25th. Discussed battery backups and signs that would be needed from TDOT. Construction will begin on the wall on Gravel Hill soon. The need for a caution or traffic light at the Hwy 25/231 intersection was discussed. TDOT will have to conduct a study on this. Downtown parking was also discussed.

- B. **Budget & Finance** - Feb 3 | Feb 22 - Discussed ARPA Funding and how it can be spent. Matt Batey has requested an increase in pay for his employees. Requested that the school get the number of non-certified employees by the 2/22 meeting. Feb 22 - Reviewed the Trustee's Report and Financial Summary. Reviewed the Budget Amendments to be placed on the agenda. Discussed bonuses for county employees and other proposed projects. Recommended for approval \$1.04 increase in pay across the board for the EMA service. Continued discussion on the wage study. Asked the Sheriff's Dept. to come up with an amount that it would take to retain his employees.
- C. **Veteran Services** - Feb 7 - Meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. Rescheduled for 3/16.
- D. **Parks and Recreations** - Meeting is scheduled for March 3 @ 7:00 pm.

12. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments**

1) **Agriculture Board**

- Dwight Jewell, Commissioner | 2 year term
- Van Thompson, Farm Man | 2 year term
- Katie Mae Harper, Farm Woman | 2 year term

Motion this court approve these appointments.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Rachel Jones

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAINED, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

B. **Resolutions**

1) **Resolution 2022-03-747** Authorizing the Transfer of Equipment Between Depts.

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Shane Burton, Second by Landon Gulley

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

2) **Resolution 2022-04-748** Easement to DTC Communications, Cedar Bluff Road

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Jerry Ford

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

3) **Resolution 2022-05-749** Acquire land for Water Dept.

Motion this court approve this Resolution.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Shane Burton

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT (Chairman Jewell did not register a vote)

MOTION CARRIED

C. **Ordinances**

FIRST READING

1) **Ordinance 235-2022-05** Rezoning R1 to R3 Main Street

Motion this court approve this Ord. - **1st Reading**

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Richard Harsh

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 ABSENT, 1 ABSTAINED

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING

2) **Ordinance 231-2022-01** Rezoning A1 to R1 Scruggs Lane

Motion this court close this Public Hearing.

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Shane Burton

MOTION CARRIED

Motion this court approve this Ordinance 231-2022-01 - **2nd Reading**

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Shane Burton

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 3) **Ordinance 232-2022-02** Rezoning A1 to R1 Temprow Road
 Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
 Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Bubba Gregory **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion this court approve this Ordinance 231-2022-02 - **2nd Reading**
 Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 4) **Ordinance 233-2022-03** Rezoning A1 to R1 Pike Lane
 Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
 Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Beverly Atwood **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion this court approve this Ordinance 231-2022-02 - **2nd Reading**
 Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Bubba Gregory
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 5) **Ordinance 234-2022-04** Rezoning Title 17 Trash Services
 Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Mary Ann Baker **MOTION CARRIED**
- Motion this court approve this Ordinance 234-2022-04 - **2nd Reading**
 Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Landon Gulley
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Budget Amendments

101 - County General

FUND BALANCE DRAWS

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| 2022-101-28FB | Beer Board funding | \$ | 1,518 |
| Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Bubba Gregory, Second by Rachel Jones
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED | | | |
| 2022-101-32FB | Elections: Redistricting Costs | | 610 |
| Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Rachel Jones
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED | | | |
| 2022-101-29R | LGSF: Little League Lights and Poles | | 116,287 |
| Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Shane Burton
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED | | | |
| 2022-101-30R | TNCAMS: Sheriff iSOMS Software | | 63,000 |
| Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Rick Davis
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED | | | |
| 2022-101-31 | Rescue Squad - Other Equipment | | 15,480 |
| Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Rachel Jones, Second by Amber Russell
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED | | | |

111 - URBAN SERVICES

2022-111-03R LGSF: Little League Lights and Poles \$ 232,645

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Shane Burton, Second by Gary Claridy

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

116 - SOLID WASTE

2022-116-01FB Vehicle Purchase \$ 34,000

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Steve Whittaker

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

141 - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS

2022-141-07 uTrust Donation \$ 11,800

2022-141-08 Baseball/Softball Bleachers 111,405

Motion this court approve both Budget Amendments.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Jerry Ford

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

E. American Rescue Plan Funds Spending Approval

ARPA-127-02 COVID Bonus Pay \$ 534,000

Questions arose as to why the county should pay for bonuses to the school when they had already received funds but had not included bonuses for the non-certified employees. Dr. Satterfield stated that he could not tie those positions to education, so he could not approve bonuses for them from the ESSER funds. Comm. Baker stated that the cooks, bus drivers, and janitors should be tied to the COVID funds as they all play a very important part. Comm. Overman suggested that he use his Revenue surplus of \$167,000 to cover this if couldn't justify using the ESSER funds. Dr. Satterfield commented, if you don't want to pay them, then don't but stop trying find an alibi for not. Chairman Jewell spoke and said that the commission does provide funding where they are obligated, but that the county has employees they are responsible for and the school has employees that they are responsible for. He said he thought the majority felt that the school should take care their employees with the funding they received, and the county would use their funds to compensate ours. He also stated that once the funds are given to the school system, the Commission can't tell them how to spend it. Comm. Gulley clarified that the school board had agreed to use the funds for bonuses for the non-certified employees.

Dr. Satterfield had not gotten the figures together and sent to the Budget Director, so we did not have a firm total for the bonuses. Suggested amount is \$534,000 based on most recent data for County funds, Water, Highway, and Schools.

After the lengthy discussion, Mary Ann Baker made a motion to approve the bonuses for all employees, minus the non-certified school employees. Let the school board meet and if all the ESSER money had been spent, that they could come back and be added. If not, the school should use their funds to cover it. Motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Motion was made to approve the \$3,000 FT /\$1,500 PT bonuses for the non salaried employees that have been employed for the full 2 years since March 20, 2020 and pro-rate, based on their most recent hire date, this amount for the ones that haven't worked the full 2 years for county employees and non-certified school employees.

Employee must be employed on the March 9, 2022 Pay Period to be considered.

Motion by Ken Buckmaster, Second by Gary Walsh

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 204 - 13 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT, 5 ABSTAINED w/cause (self or family)

MOTION CARRIED

