

MARCH 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, Lonnie Taylor, Gary Walsh, Steve Whittaker, and Ethan Boles.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell
2. **Invocation** - T. Bubba Gregory
3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Richard Johnson
4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk / Electronic Check in - **20 PRESENT, 0 ABSENT, 1 STUDENT REP.**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Gary Claridy **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Announcements** - Steve Paxton, Election Administrator, updated the commission on the upcoming elections. The deadline for turning in petitions is April 7th at 12:00 noon. Currently, there are at least 2 candidates in each district. He suggested not waiting that late to turn them in due to the fact that they have to be verified.
7. **Amendments to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda**
Remove Resolution 2022-07-751 from the agenda.

Motion this court approve this agenda as amended.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Lonnie Taylor **MOTION CARRIED**
8. **Citizens' Response to Agenda Items** - None Presented.
9. **County Mayor Report** - Stephen Chambers
 - **Comm. Dev. Block Grant** - Mayor Chambers and Grant Consultant, Faye Leonard, held a Public Hearing via Zoom. Several topics were discussed, but they felt the most need was in home improvements in designated areas for lower income residents. There is a Res. on the agenda for approval to submit.
 - **GNRC Strategic Plan** - They met with some members of the commission, trying to get our strategic plan in place. They want to meet again at a later date with officials and Dept. Heads for more discussion possibly at Farmer's Restaurant.
 - **Traffic Signal Grant** - We did not receive this grant. Mayor Chambers said that he will continue to look for ways to improve this situation.
 - **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force** - Mayor Chambers has assembled a task for to work with the county on how to address those issues with not just the general public, but with the jails, schools and other areas. American Rescue Funds can possibly be used to fund this program. There will be a meeting Wed. @ 12:00, March 30th.
 - **2018 Home Grant** - This grant has been completed and will be closed out soon.
 - **CDBG-CV Grant** - Housing Authority Director, Maxwell Carter, has informed Mayor Chambers and members of the Housing Authority of this grant. The grant could help to install broadband at the housing projects.
 - **Tommy McFarland, Water & Sewer Superintendent** - Well wishes for a speedy recovery. He is in Centennial Hospital with pancreatitis and gall bladder surgery.

10. Committee Reports

- A. **Steering Committee** - March 10 - The committee discussed the PILOT program and voted to send it on to Budget and Finance. They discussed a Retroactive pay policy that needs approval from the commission so that it can be included in the personnel policy. Other discussion included a Resolution creating a committee for resale of land bought at Delinquent Tax Sales.
- B. **Parks & Recreation** - March 3 - Cliff Sallee updated the committee on the Ball Park lights. Tri-County doesn't stock the lights we need. It will be about 14 weeks before they are in. He stated that 17 lifeguard applicants and still need 1 assistant manager. One of the applicants will be a cook and cleaner in the concessions. Pool chemicals have doubled in price but we can get them. They discussed the park and the repairs needed there along with the rubber chips to be put down. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th @ 6:00 pm.
- C. **Veteran Services** - March 15 - No quorum. The committee plans to replace some members hoping to remedy this issue.
- D. **Budget & Finance** - March 17, March 21 - **03/17** - The committee met to discuss the compensation study. The committee decided to recommend the step-based compensation from the wage study without a dollar amount tied to the full commission. After some discussion on how to proceed, the committee voted to adjust the study data and to have 3 options for them to review as to the percentage to adjust the salaries. They also recommended a \$2.00 immediate increase for each employee with the Sheriff's Dept. effective April 7, 2022. These increased amounts will be reflected in the FY23 budget figures.

3/21 - The committee reviewed the Co. Trustee / Financial Summary from Feb. 2022. They also reviewed and recommended for approval by the full commission the Budget Amendments and the PILOT Program on the March Co. Commission meeting.
- E. **Audit** - March 28 - Elected to leave officers the same: Richard Harsh, Chairman; Steve Whittaker, Vice Chairman; Mary Ann Baker, Secretary. Mayor Chambers reviewed the Fund Balances from the FY2021 Audit. The Water Department had the only findings. They only had two and have already submitted corrective action plans to correct those findings.

F. Other Reports

11. Active Business

A. Appointments

1) Board of Equalization

- David Baldwin

2) Resale of Land Committee

- Gary Claridy

3) Veteran Services Committee

Remove: Bill Painter, David Chambers, Dave Traini

Appoint the following:

- Jeff Baxley

- Dan Belcher

- Tom Shea

4) Board of Zoning Appeals

- Coreen Linville

Motion this court approve all appointments.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Bubba Gregory

MOTION CARRIED

B. Resolutions

- 1) **Resolution 2022-06-750** 2022 CDBG Program
Motion this court approve Resolution #2022-06-750.
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Rachel Jones
ELECTRONIC VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

- 2) **Resolution 2022-08-752** PILOT Program
Motion this court approve Resolution #2022-08-752.
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Shane Burton
ELECTRONIC VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

- 3) **Resolution 2022-09-753** Accept Donation of Little League Ballfield signage
Motion this court approve Resolution #2022-09-753.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Bubba Gregory
ELECTRONIC VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Ordinances

FIRST READING

- 1) **Ordinance 236-2022-06** Rezoning A1 to R1 Templow
Motion this court approve this Ordinance 236-2022-06 - 1st Reading
ELECTRONIC VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING

- 2) **Ordinance 235-2022-05** Rezoning R1 to R3 Main Street
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Claridy **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve Ordinance 235-2022-05 - 2nd Reading
Motion by Shane Burton, Second by Gary Claridy
ELECTRONIC VOTE: 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION **MOTION CARRIED**

D. Budget Amendments

101 - COUNTY GENERAL

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| 2022-101-33 | ARPA Bonus Appropriation | \$ | 240,526 |
| 2022-101-34 | LGSF: Playground Equipment | | 36,611 |

Motion this court combine and approve both Budget Amendments.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Jerry Ford

ELECTRONIC VOTE: 18 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSTAINED W/CAUSE **MOTION CARRIED**

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| 2022-101-35FB | Sheriff Compensation Increase | | 49,571 |
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Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Rachel Jones

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 205 - 15 YES, 1 NO, 4 ABSTAINED W/CAUSE (SELF/FAMILY)
MOTION CARRIED

111 - URBAN SERVICES

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| 2022-111-04FB | Sheriff Compensation Increase | \$ | 6,898 |
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Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Lonnie Taylor

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 205 - 15 YES, 1 NO, 4 ABSTAINED W/CAUSE (SELF/FAMILY)
MOTION CARRIED

118 - AMBULANCE SERVICES

2022-118-02FB EMS Pay Increase \$ 32,690

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Rachel Jones

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 205 - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION CARRIED

131 - HIGHWAY

2022-131-01FB ARPA Bonus Appropriation \$ 52,197.88

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Lonnie Taylor

ROLL CALL, BOOK 3, PAGE 205 - 19 YES, 1 NO

MOTION CARRIED

141 - GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOLS

2022-141-09 (38) Strategic Compensation Bonuses \$ 138,207

2022-141-10 (39) ARPA Bonus Appropriation 190,473.22

2022-141-11 (40) ARPA Bonus TCRS coverage 9,316

Motion this court approve all 3 Budget Amendments.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood

ELECTRONIC VOTE: 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTENTION

MOTION CARRIED

E. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS SPENDING APPROVAL

ARPA 128-02 Ambulance Purchase \$ 360,000

Motion this court approve this purchase.

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Richard Harsh

ELECTRONIC VOTE: 20 YES, 0 NO

MOTION CARRIED

F. Notaries

- Angie White - First National Bank
- Mandy Dixon - First National Bank
- Betty Anderson - Self-employed
- Melanie Link - Security Fire Protection

Motion this court approve these Notary applicants.

Motion by Mary Ann Baker, Second by Gary Walsh

MOTION CARRIED

12. Other Business

Commission acknowledges the Debt Management Policy and was informed that it is available on the County website and the current policy is filed with the Comptroller of the Treasury.

13. Public Comment

- **Bryan King** thanked the commission on the passage of Res. 2022-08-752 for the PILOT Program. Mr. King said this project started 10 years ago when Mayor Chambers was on the Industrial Dev. Board and he had worked tirelessly on getting this together. The board has worked diligently with TN Central, Rochelle, McCulloch & Aulds, PLLC, Chairman Jewell and everyone who had sat in on focus groups to help make this project possible. Mr. King said this program is a huge step for Trousdale County. Thanks to all that helped to make this happen.
- **Brad Anderson**, President of the Hartsville Little League, informed the commission of the total price of the score boards donated by Wilson Bank & Trust. That total is \$15,217.00. The Hartsville Little League will pay for the shipping and installation. That total will be \$4,950.00. These boards will be made by MT Score and they have a 5yr. Warranty. Mayor Chambers asked that when the Little League gets the receipts for these items to please bring them in to the Mayor's Office.

14. Adjourn

Motion this court Adjourn.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Rachel Jones

MOTION CARRIED