

AUGUST 29, 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, 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, and Steve Whittaker.

1. **Open Court** - Sheriff Ray Russell

2. **Invocation** - Steve Whittaker

3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Richard Johnson

4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk / **Electronic Check in - 19 PRESENT, 1 ABSENT**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Jerry Ford

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Announcements**

Chairman Jewell acknowledged the nice crowd in the audience.

7. **Approval | Amendments to the Agenda**

Additions: BA 101-03FB \$435 UT Extension office salary and benefits; TDoT Right of Entry

Authorization; Acknowledgement of Elected Officials Bond through TNRMT/SEC; 3 Notaries

Motion this court approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Lonnie Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Citizens' Response to the Agenda Items**

John Oliver signed in to speak to Ord. 250-2022-20

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

- VSO Nathan Vaughn has resigned effective 8/19. The new commission will be in charge of finding his replacement. Our MOU with Sumner County is still in place, but they are also short of help. Veterans will be able to get #'s to access help if needed.

- TCI came and re-inspected our jail. We did not pass mainly due to overcrowding. Mayor Chamber introduced Mr. Bob Bass with TCI. He said there are numerous physical problems with our jail not to mention the overcrowding. He did commend the county for already working on a plan of action and that the new mayor would have to go before the Board of Control on Sept. 7 in Nashville to present our plan of action and hopefully get certification for the year.

Mayor Chambers asked Mr. Bass to come and explain to the commission what was going on and the importance of continuing to correct this issue. There is a Resolution on the agenda to hire an architectural firm to design a new Criminal Justice Facility.

- Mayor Stephen Chambers said that he had enjoyed working with everyone over the past four years and that he wished the new mayor and commission the best of luck.

Chairman Jewell requested that they give Mayor Chambers a round of applause.

10. **Committee Reports**

- A. **Parks & Recreation** - August 16 - Reviewed and approved the minutes from the July meeting. Reviewed the #'s from the Pool Season. Total cost was \$48,537.53; total Revenues were \$26,863.25; total loss of \$21,674.28. They did have to replace the pool pump and pay for lifeguard certifications. The pool will need lots of updates next season. We did receive the TDEC Playground Grant. Kimley Horn has been chosen to design the work. Still not enough funds for the Disc Golf to begin. The company is looking for other donations for this project.

- B. **Budget & Finance** - August 22 - Reviewed the financial report and found no anomalies. Expenditures were less than budgeted and we were able to pay off some of our debt earlier than expected. Sales tax collections were down in June due to an issue with the State that has since been corrected. Reviewed and recommended approval of Budget Amendments on tonight's agenda. There is also an ARPA spending approval that will be on the agenda as well.

C. **Other Reports**

11. **Active Business**

A. **Resolutions**

1) **Resolution 2022-21-765** Authorize Contract Signing

- **TDEC Local Parks & Recreation Grant Funding of \$600,000**
- **Kimley Horn Design Services for Trey Park**
- **Spirit Architecture Engineering Services for the Criminal Justice Center**

Commissioner Gulley asked to look at these separately. Chairman Jewell said they could be reviewed separately, but the Resolution would have to be amended if they were not all approved. Comm. Gulley felt that the Spirit Architecture Engineering Services for the Criminal Justice Center needed to be reviewed further. After more discussion, a motion was made to postpone this Resolution until next month.

Motion by Lesley Overman, Second by Landon Gulley

Before the vote was taken, Mayor Stephen Chambers informed the commission that these contracts were written to take effect on Sept. 15. If they are postponed, they will have to be re-written and that the pricing could possibly go up.

Being that a motion and second were in place, a vote was taken.

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 4 YES, 15 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION FAILED

Motion was then made to approve **Resolution 2022-21-765** as is.

Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Richard Harsh

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 15 YES, 4 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

B. **Ordinances**

FIRST READING

1) **Ordinance 254-2022-24** Rezoning A1 to R1 (Belcher Lane)

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 1st Reading

Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Steve Whittaker

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

2) **Ordinance 255-2022-25** Rezoning R1 to R3 (Western Ave)

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 1st Reading

Motion by Ken Buckmaster, Second by Rachel Jones

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 14 YES, 5 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

3) **Ordinance 256-2022-26** Rezoning A1 to R1 (Dalton Hollow)

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 1st Reading

Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Bill Fergusson

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 2 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

4) **Ordinance 257-2022-27** Rezoning A1/R1 to R1 for Correction (Hwy 141)

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 1st Reading

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Landon Gulley

ELECTRONIC VOTE - 17 YES, 2 NO, 1 ABSENT

MOTION CARRIED

- 5) **Ordinance 258-2022-28** Rezoning R3 to I1 (Harpers Ave)
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 1st Reading
Motion by Ken Buckmaster, Second by Jerry Ford
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING

- 6) **Ordinance 250-2022-20** Rezoning R2 to R3 (Stott street & Morrison Street)
John Oliver spoke to the commission concerning this Ordinance. He and his wife own property in this area and would like to see only single family dwellings built there. He would prefer that multi-family units not be allowed.

Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Landon Gulley **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve this Ordinance 250-2022-20 - 2nd Reading
Motion by Gary Claridy, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 7) **Ordinance 251-2022-21** Piedmont Gas Franchise Agreement Renewal
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 2nd Reading
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 8) **Ordinance 252-2022-22** Title 11 Municipal Offenses Amendments
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Beverly Atwood, Second by Bubba Gregory **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve this Ordinance - 2nd Reading
Motion by Rick Davis, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**
- 9) **Ordinance 253-2022-23** Personnel Policy Revision
Mayor Chambers Proposed an amendment to Section IV.D Vacation Leave to address a question in the original language.
Motion this court close this Public Hearing.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Lonnie Taylor **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to amend Ordinance 253-2022-23 with the proposed language for Section IV.D Vacation Leave proposed by Mayor Stephen Chambers and recommended by County Attorney, Brandon Bellar.
Motion by Lonnie Taylor, Second by Shane Burton
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion this court approve Ordinance 253-2022-23 as amended - 2nd Reading
Motion by Lonnie Taylor, Second by Shane Burton
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 18 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT **MOTION CARRIED**

C. **Budget Amendments**

- 2023-101-01R** Animal Shelter Reserves: Kennels \$ 9,500
Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 16 YES, 2 NO, 1 DID NOT VOTE, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED
- 2023-101-02FB** Inmate Medical Care 19,063.42
Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Lonnie Taylor, Second by Richard Harsh
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED
- 2023-101-03FB** UT - Ext Salaries and Benefits 435
Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Gary Walsh
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

D. **ARPA Spending Approval**

- ARPA 128-05** Mental Health Task Force Funding 80,000
Motion this court approve this ARPA Spending.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Gary Walsh
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED

E. **Notaries**

- Rita Crowder - County Clerk
Christina Ray - Farm Bureau Inc.
Rhianna Steele - Wheels and Deals Auto
Motion this court approve these Notary applicants.
Motion by Bubba Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley MOTION CARRIED

12. **Other Business**

- A. TDoT Right of Entry Authorization
Motion this court approve this authorization.
Motion by Richard Harsh, Second by Landon Gulley
ELECTRONIC VOTE - 19 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT MOTION CARRIED
- B. Acknowledgement of Elected Officials Bond through TNRMT/SEC
Motion this court acknowledge this Bond.
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Beverly Atwood MOTION CARRIED
*****THIS WILL BE SPREAD ACROSS THE OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES*****

13. **Public Comment**

Commissioner Bill Fergusson thanked District 8 for their support over the past sixteen years that he has been their commissioner. He has enjoyed serving them. He also gave special thanks to Commissioners David Nollner and Richard Johnson because they have both been on the commission the entire time he has. He also thanked Commissioner Steve Whittaker, the other District 8 Commissioner.

14. **Oath of Office: 2022-2026 Elected Officials**

The Honorable General Sessions Judge, Kenny Linville, commenced with the swearing in of the County Commissioners. All commissioners were sworn in and will be ready to begin their term beginning Sept. 1st.

15. **Adjourn**

- Motion this court adjourn.
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Beverly Atwood MOTION CARRIED