

**FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - BE IT REMEMBERED**, that the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Lonnie Taylor, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Atwood, Tommy Belcher, Alan Carman, Brian Crook, Will Dennis, Jerry Ford, Chris Gregory, Jeff Gregory, T. "Bubba" Gregory, Landon Gulley, Judy Kerr, David Nollner, Lesley Overman, Mark Presley, Amber Russell, David Thomas, and Steve Whittaker.

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

2. **Invocation** - Chris Gregory

3. **Pledge to the American Flag** - Judy Kerr

4. **Roll Call** - Rita Crowder, County Clerk - 18 Present, 1 Absent

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second Brian Crook

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

6. **Announcements** - None

7. **Set the Agenda** - Add Resolution 2025-03-821 to the agenda.

Motion this court approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Brian Crook, Second by Chris Gregory

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

James "Jimmy" Bowers, Linda Bruce, Chris Franklin, and John Scott all signed in to speak as candidates for the 3rd Dist. Commissioner position.

9. **County Mayor Report** - Jack McCall

**Trey Park** - Signed off on the completion this week. Will schedule a grand opening later this year.

**Ward School 8 acres** - EPA completed Phase II of their evaluation, waiting on their report.

**Broad Band Identification Grant** - Should have their completed report by the end of the week.

**Ward School** - an architect has been chosen for this project. This project should begin soon.

**Courthouse** - Still waiting on the replacement compressor for the HVAC.

10. **Committee/Board Reports** - *SEE ATTACHED MINUTES*

A. **Steering** - Feb 4

B. **Parks & Recreation** - Feb 11

C. **Public Works** - Feb 11

D. **Budget & Finance** - Feb 18

E. **Audit** - Feb 20

F. **Codes & Zoning** - Feb 20

G. **First Responders** - Feb 24

H. **Other Reports**

11. **Active Business**

A. **Appointments**

1) **Personnel Committee**

- Beverly Atwood

- Alan Carman

- Cliff Sallee

Motion this court approve these appointments to the Personnel Committee.

Motion by T. "Bubba" Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2025-02-820** Surplus Vehicles - Sheriff  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Beverly Atwood  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**
  
- 2) **Resolution 2025-03-21** Revising and Approving the Hartsville/Trousdale County Road List by adding Mockingbird Lane  
Comm. Gulley asked how many homes could be in a subdivision before the State would require a turning lane to be added. Road Supt. Bill Scruggs and Building Official Rosalie Myhan did not know the exact number. Comm. Thomas stated that the State would be the ones to make that decision. Comm. Gulley said that he remembered when they approved the Mockingbird subdivision they were told that if there was one more home added that a turning lane would be needed.  
  
Motion this court approve this Resolution.  
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Brian Crook  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Ordinances**

**PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND READING**

- 1) **Ordinance 314-2025-01** Blasting Permit
- 2) **Ordinance 315-2025-02** Rezoning A1 to R1 (Sleepy Hollow)  
Motion this court close these Public Hearings.  
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Amber Russell  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**
  
- Ordinance 314-2025-01** Blasting Permit  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Mark Presley  
**VOICE VOTE - 16 YES, 2 NO (Chris Gregory and Brian Crook), 1 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**
  
- Ordinance 315-2025-02** Rezoning A1 to R1 (Sleepy Hollow)  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**  
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Beverly Atwood  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**FIRST READING**

- 1) **Ordinance 316-2025-03** Jake Brake Regulations  
Motion this court approve this Ordinance - **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**  
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Jerry Ford  
**VOICE VOTE - 17 YES, 1 NO (Landon Gulley), 1 ABSENT** **MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Public Notary Applications Approval**

- Randall C. Kirby - Old Mac Kirby's Farm
- Cortney Q. Crawford - Core Civic
- Lisa K. Rodriguez - OES Equipment
- Courtney Dix - Self-employed
- Ann Dies - The Palace Health and Rehab

Motion this court approve these Notary Applicants.  
Motion by Chris Gregory, Second by Steve Whittaker  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**

E. **District 3 Commissioner Candidates**

James "Jimmy" Bowers, Linda Bruce, Chris Franklin, and John Scott were called on separately in alphabetical order to introduce themselves and express their reason for seeking this position.

**Linda Bruce** - former 5th Dist. Comm. stated that she had moved out of her district and could no longer serve at that point. She has been a care giver for aunt and didn't pursue the 3rd Dist. position during the last election. When the position became available, she decided to apply and try to help as much as she could being as several had contacted her about it.

**James "Jimmy" Bowers** - moved to Trousdale in October of 2020. He has three small children and loves watching the community grow. He thinks growth is good for the community as long as it's planned growth. He said he had been looking for ways to become a part of the community and this was brought to his attention by a few, so he thought he would throw his hat in the ring.

**Chris Franklin** - moved to Trousdale in 2018. He's been watching the commission meetings over the past few years and made the decision to apply so that he could help the community.

**John Scott** - He and his late wife moved here in 1978. All three of his children graduated school in Trousdale County. He's held different positions in several different states. One being a Superintendent of water and waste management, where he's been in charge of many subcontractors. He gave that work up in July of 2015 due to having a liver transplant. He went through the nursing school program here at TCAT and retired from nursing in Dec. of 2023. He still works part-time with drug addicts and alcoholics. He would like the opportunity to serve the county.

Attorney Bellar explained the process that would have to take place in order to appoint a new commissioner. The State Law says that you have 120 from the date of resignation of the previous Commissioner to appoint someone. We have approximately 60 days left. If you decide to appoint tonight, the candidates would have to be nominated in order to be considered.

Motion to vote on this tonight.

Motion by T. "Bubba" Gregory, Second by Chris Gregory

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The floor was opened for nominations. Davis Thomas nominated John Scott, Linda Bruce was nominated by Amber Russell, Chris Franklin was nominated by Chris Gregory, and Jimmy Bowers was nominated by Mark Presley.

Motion to cease nominations.

Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Chris Gregory

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion to have a run-off vote of the top two candidates.

Motion by T. "Bubba" Gregory, Second by Landon Gulley

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Linda Bruce - 12, John Scott - 3, Chris Franklin -2, Jimmy Bowers - 0  
1 Absent, 1 Abstained

**ROLL CALL VOTE** - Linda Bruce - 15, John Scott - 2, 1 Absent, 1 Abstained  
Linda Bruce was elected by majority vote.

12. **Other Business** - There will be more information on the jail at a future meeting. Chairman Taylor once again, encouraged the commission members to attend the sub-committee meetings.

13. **Public Comment** - Newly appointed 3rd Dist. Commissioner Linda Bruce, thanked the commission for their support.

14. **Adjourn**

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by Brian Crook, Second by Chris Gregory

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**