

# ***Steering Committee May 4, 2021***

Dwight Jewell called the Steering Committee to order at 1800

## **Attendance:**

The following attended Dwight Jewell, Landon Gulley, Gary Claridy, Richard Harsh, Jerry Ford, David Nollner, Beverly Atwood, Terry Gregory, Bill Fergusson, Lonnie Taylor, and Stephen Chambers.

## **Minutes from April 6, 2021:**

Motion made by Ford and seconded by Harsh to approve minutes from April 6, 2021 with the correction that the tables are lecture tables not election tables. All in favor.

## **Mayor's Report:**

### **A. Numbers from Johnson Control**

Mayor received a numbers from Johnson Control regarding lighting at the park and windows in the courthouse. \$293,000.00. This is just a preliminary quote. It is not itemized.

### **B. Tornado**

Tornado has hit from one end to the other, going straight thru the county. Thanks to the Highway Department and Water Department for helping clear the roads. No major injuries, lots of trees down and property damage.

Jewell – You can tell the direction of the winds by the lay of the trees.

The alarm is not working and did not go off. Mr. Batey has emailed them to let them know it is still not working. No one has come in to look at it. Phone notifications did work.

### **C. Budget Hearings**

They have begun and are underway.

### **D. Committees**

Nothing to send that is not already being reviewed.

### **E. 5<sup>th</sup> District Commissioner Seat**

No luck with filling this. I have been told that there are some interested but have not heard from anyone.

## **Other Discussion**

### **A. Meat Processing Resolution**

This has been sent to TCAT to add Meat Processing to the curriculum.

Nollner – Is the Meat Processing plant open? Yes, it is operating.

### **B. Sidewalks**

Reached out to Mid TN in Lafayette who the Water Dept. and Highway Dept. use. They have assisted us with the grant free of charge. The 111 funds has \$40,000.00 set aside to assist with this project in which should take care of a lot of them.

### **C. Roof Project**

JSMS roof project is complete. The grass has been taken care of. Possibly one sidewalk in the courtyard yet to be repaired.

### **D. Redistricting Project**

Jewell - Appointments are set just awaiting final numbers. Mr. Paxton and I have had discussions regarding this. Tennessee was close to gaining another representative.

### **E. Personnel Policy**

Waiting for the Wage Study. Few and minor changes that have been sent to Mr. Bellar for review.

### **F. Purchasing Policy**

Looking at this but will have more discussion down the road.

**G. Road Commission**

The Mayor, Bill Scruggs and Bobby Jo Lewis reviewed some incorrect items that were sent in by the engineer regarding the concrete wall on Gravelly Hill. Items will be corrected and resubmitted.

**H. Courthouse Windows**

Is this to be sent to the Building Committee? Not at this time as this will have to go out for bids and needs specs on these.

**I. Election Office**

Any more discussion regarding the election office moving to the courthouse? They were discussing that they were awaiting ADA improvements. Those were all completed in 2010. The Election Commission is totally different from the County Commission. They are controlled by the state although the county pays the bills. The vaults in the courthouse will help with the move of the Election office. The agriculture office will be receiving another agent in the late summer – fall that will need to use the space in that building.

**J. Administration Building**

This building is full although we are looking at moving some offices around if the Water Department leases another space.

**K. Courthouse**

Waiting for state approval – but hopefully will be able to teach DUI classes soon.

**Public Comments**

**Mr. King – Industrial Development Board**

Just an update on Retail Strategies out of Birmingham that look for business to come in. They generate a sales data on the community. This data can be seen by contacting me. This will take a year or so to see the results. We have set aside a pilot program with Rochelle McCullough Aulds to assist with the activity of the new business. We have received a letter of intent for properties at PowerCom, 3 American based businesses that will employ 25 or more employees each. This is hoped to help blue collar jobs and so the graduates can work directly into the community.

Harsh – May 18 is the Economic Development meeting, and we would like for you to come and discuss this with us.

Motion made by Ford and seconded by Gulley to adjourn.