

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Jack McCall, Chair*  
*Lonnie Taylor, Pro Temp*  
*Beverly Atwood, Secretary*

*Shane Burton*  
*T. Bubba Gregory*  
*Landon Gulley*

*Mark Presley*  
*Amber Russell*  
*David Thomas*

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM | TC MAYOR'S OFFICE

**AGENDA**

1. Open Meeting
2. Review minutes from January 3, 2024
3. Reports from Committees
  - A. Audit – *Beverly Atwood*
  - B. Building – *Lonnie Taylor*
  - C. Codes & Zoning – *David Thomas*
  - D. Emergency Services – *Amber Russell*
  - E. Finance – *Landon Gulley*
  - F. Law Enforcement – *Shane Burton*
  - G. Personnel – *Mark Presley*
  - H. Public Works – *T. Bubba Gregory*
4. Other Discussion
  - A. RES – Support BOE opposition to Freedom of Education Act
  - B. Called meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 28
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

# Hartsville/Trousdale Executive Committee Regular Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

**January 3, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. – Trousdale County Mayor's Office**

**Present:** Jack McCall, Lonnie Taylor, T. Bubba Gregory, Beverly Atwood, David Thomas, Landon Gulley, Shane Burton, Mark Presley, and Amber Russell

**Absent:** None

1. **Meeting Called to order:** Mayor Jack McCall

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Gulley and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor to approve October 3, 2023, minutes striking statement Core Civic pays 40% of the property value. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

3. **Reports from Committees:**

**A. Audit - Atwood** – Met December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Elected officers: Chair – Beverly Atwood, Vice Chair Will Dennis, Secretary Jerry Ford. Discussed Telecommuting/Work from Home that appears to be an isolated incident with no further discussion.

**B. Building – Taylor** - Met October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Elected officers: Chair – Lonnie Taylor, Vice Chair – Alan Carman, Secretary – Beverly Atwood.

Discussed the following:

- Courthouse – No update.
- Thigpen property – scheduled for demolition for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Health Department – discussed some changes to the floor plans based on their needs.
- Community Center fees increase with no deposit and rules posted.

Next meeting Scheduled January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**C. Codes and Zoning – Thomas** - No meeting, next meeting scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm. Election of officers.

**D. Emergency Services - Russell** –

Elected officers: Chair – Amber Russell, Vice Chair – David Nollner, Secretary – David Thomas.

- Some discussion on merging Fire/Rescue due to needs to be underneath the county by resolution. This takes fire away from the exemption of training. Training is currently free at no cost to the county.
- EMS – new ambulance to arrive in 2024.
- Medical examiner retiring in January 2024. Currently have 3 prospects.
- Sallee – looking at a contractor to review the EMS building needs.
- As Chair, Russell would like to look at the training, readiness, P.O.'s , past overtime. Maybe even look at money toward insurance benefits. Look at wage study to compete to near by counties maybe even go up a step.
- Sutherland is collecting information in his area to evaluate. Maybe even a designate a Compliance Training Officer to concentrate specifically on training.
  - Gulley – The resolution questions regarding for training from Fire elimination?
  - If Fire 1 training is 64 hours and Fire 2 Training is 16 hours, it would be difficult for the volunteer fire to be away from their regular jobs. \$600 training reimbursement would not be equivalent to being off work for 1-1/2 weeks.
  - Thomas – What is the benefit of merging the 2?
  - Russell – Good and bad to both, in the past I was not a fan. Although it could merge equipment and be cost efficient. I would prefer school training to on-the-job training.
  - Mr. Beeler is awaiting instructions from Kevin Lowers.

- Looking for someone in Rescue that may have good leadership skills.

E. **Finance – Gulley** – Met November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No meeting in December.

- Next meeting January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- In November – elected officers: Chair – Landon Gulley, Vice Chair – Terry Gregory, Secretary – Amy Thomas.
- Purchasing Sub-Committee consists of: Landon Gulley, Terry Gregory, Beverly Atwood, Will Dennis, Jerry Ford. This committee will meet quarterly.
- We are at 33% of the budget at this time by next meeting we will close to 50%
- Trustee Carman was able to move some money that we had available to draw a better interest rate.

F. **Law Enforcement – Burton** Met November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

- Elected officers: Chair- Shane Burton, Vice Chair – Amber Russell and Secretary – Chris Gregory.
- Awaiting information from the architect and Mayor for the next steps regarding the jail.

G. **Personnel - Presley**– Met November 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Elected Officers – Chair – Mark Presley, Vice Chair – Gary Whittaker, Secretary – Will Dennis.

H. **Public Works - T. Gregory** – Met October 25, 2023.

- Elected officers: Chair – Terry Gregory, Vice Chair- Lonnie Taylor, Secretary – Chris Gregory.
- Next meeting is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- The RFP submissions for the concrete/asphalt contractor is to be reviewed on January 18, 2024.

4. **Other Discussion:**

A. Jail Discussion

- Phase 1 Environmental Study complete with no need of a phase 2.
- Architect to be here next week to do a walk through to discuss project plans. Project bid point tentative December 2024. Suggest a P.O. for the jail property.
- Gulley – The P.O. for the Holder Property 5.5 million is rough to look at with financing paying that payment?
- \$500,000 ARPA with no other excess funds.
- Mayor – timetable not in 2024.
- Gulley – You would still have a property payment.
- Where do we stand on the wheel tax?
- Maybe do a short-term wheel tax to get the money moving forward.
- We have some large money projects coming our way and we need to start looking at this.
- I understand this would make the property part next to the park. May even save quite a bit due to the level of the land, water, sewer, etc..
- When the high school was built it was designed so it could be expanded on each end.

B. Thigpen property is scheduled to be demolished January 8, 2024.

C. The Streetscape project didn't get signed by December 2023. Due to \$70,000 still not turned back over to us.

D. Ward School – Grant 2.2 million with a 10% match with a favorable recommendation from GNRC. Phase 1 study coming up.

E. Multi modal grant is still in the process for sidewalks on Broadway.

- F. Downtown revitalization purchased the new Christmas tree and raised over \$48,000.00 at the Gala.
- G. GNRC went up on fees of \$18,000 a year; with only 2 visits a month, (one Planning – monthly and one to BZA - which they do not meet once a month.)
- H. Mayor – still looking for a Grant Writer.
- I. Russell – Will Insurance Committee be coming back? BLS and ALS may be losing certifications when we are audited as a lot of counties will be.  
Mayor – Stay in close contact with Mr. Batey.

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Adjourn**

Motion made by Gulley and 2nd by T. Gregory. All in favor.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes Submitted by  
Committee Secretary  
Beverly Atwood

HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**RESOLUTION #2024-04-801**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TROUSDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION’S  
OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR LEE’S FREEDOM OF EDUCATION ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the Trousdale County Board of Education approved a resolution on January 25, 2024 opposing Governor Bill Lee’s Education Freedom Act as well as any other voucher or Education Savings Account legislation due to the detrimental impacts these programs will have on the students, schools, and community of Trousdale County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trousdale County Board of Education is charged with governing the school district so that all students, regardless of background, needs, or ability receive the best possible education opportunities in order to graduate, prepared to enter a postsecondary institution, or the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Trousdale County Schools is an educational community that serves a student population of over 1,300, with 36% of those coming from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

**WHEREAS**, Trousdale County Schools is committed to maintaining local control over its schools, ensuring that they are reflective of the community’s needs and values.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION** to support the Trousdale County Board of Education’s opposition of the Freedom of Education Act as well as any other voucher or Education Savings Account legislation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission urges the Tennessee General Assembly to consider the effects that education savings accounts will have on local school districts and to instead seek out ways to support and strengthen public schools throughout the state.

*Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Chris Gregory*

Motion \_\_\_\_\_  
Motion to approve: \_\_\_\_\_ **Voice Vote**  
Second motion: \_\_\_\_\_ *Absent* \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Jack McCall**  
Commission Chair

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**Rita Crowder**  
County Clerk