

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher "Yes", , Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9- Present

0- Absent

Esq. Mickey Hatcher opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Dwight Bennett.

Agenda Item #4

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson that the minutes of August 22, 2011 (Regular Session), September 6, 2011 (Finance/Planning Session and Regular Session) be approved.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #5

Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Ms. Rebecca English director of the Unicoi County Health Department address the commission concerning reimbursement of mileage for state employees. As of August 1, 2011 the State of Tennessee passed an increase of .01 cents per mile for a total of .47 cents per mile for state employees. Ms. English stated that she has to ask the commission to increase the mileage to .47 cents per mile reimbursement for contract employees related to Unicoi County's policy as far as mileage reimbursement is still at .46 cents per mile. Ms. English also stated that the funds would not come out of the County Budget; the funds are reimbursed to the county from a grant. Esq. Mickey Hatcher asked how soon she would need the request approved. Ms. English stated that it could be put on next months agenda and then it could be retro acted back to October 1, 2011. Esq. Mickey Hatcher verified that there is no cost to the county.

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Sue Jean Wilson to waive the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes".

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved.

Motion made by Esq. Dwight Bennett, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the request from the Unicoi County Health Department for a .01 cent raise on travel effective September 1, 2011 for PGA contract employees with no cost to the county.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes".

9-Yes

0-No

Motion approved.

Road Superintendent Terry Haynes addressed the commission regarding grants received. A state grant was received to do paving from Flag Pond to the State line. Mr. Haynes also discussed the Speed Limit signs that are to be put in from the radio station on Temple Hill Road to the state line. There is a \$250,000.00 grant approved to put up guardrails, striping, and signs. Orsburne Construction sub-division is coming up to be looked at with the road committee to see if it will be approved. Mr. Haynes then stated that the bridge on McCurry Road has had work begun on it. Esq. Sue Jean Wilson asked Mr. Haynes if he could prepare a list of the roads that need to be paved from worst to newest, Mr. Haynes stated yes he could. Finally he mentioned Jones Branch Road which is on government land, needs to be resurfaced. Esq. Kenneth Garland asked if it was a forest service road to which Mr. Hayes replied that it was. Esq. Bill Hensley asked what had historically been done on Jones Branch Road. Mr. Haynes stated that the only thing that had been done was when Mr. Miller was in office and he got a \$7,000.00 grant to put concrete underneath the underpass; other than that nothing has been done in 16-17 years at all. It is a county road but the government maintains ownership over it; the county has the road by easement not by deed. County Attorney Doug Shults was asked if work was done on Jones Branch Road if the Unicoi County would be in any kind of violation. Mr. Shults stated that if it is on the road list it isn't a criminal offense, but is a situation that if the county got into a dispute with the Forest Service the county would lose.

Agenda Item #6

Elect a Chairperson for the Unicoi County Commission for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Esq. Doug Bowman nominated Esq. Mickey Hatcher for Chairperson for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Esq. James Howell nominated Esq. Sue Jean Wilson for Chairperson for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Wilson", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Hatcher", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Hatcher", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Hatcher", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Wilson", Esq. James Howell, "Wilson", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Wilson", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Hatcher", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Wilson".

4- Hatcher

5- Wilson

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson elected Chairperson for the Unicoi County Commission for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Agenda Item # 7

Elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Unicoi County Commission for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Esq. James Howell nominated Esq. Mickey Hatcher for Vice-Chairperson for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Esq. Bill Hensley asked for nominations to cease, seconded by Esq. Doug Bowman.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

9-Yes

0-No

Esq. Mickey Hatcher elected Vice-Chairperson for the Unicoi County Commission for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year.

Agenda Item #8

Consider Resolution fixing the tax levy in Unicoi County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett to approve the Resolution fixing the tax levy in Unicoi County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 at \$2.5537.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "No", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "No", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "No".

6-Yes

3-No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 9

Consider and act upon the adoption of the Estimated Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Motion made by Esq. Bill Hensley, said motion seconded by Esq. Loren Thomas approve the Estimated Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 as presented.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "No", Esq. Gene Wilson, "No", Esq. Loran Thomas, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, (read conflict statement) "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "No", Esq. Doug Bowman, (read conflict statement) "Yes", Esq. Dwight Bennett, (read conflict statement) "Yes".

6-Yes

3-No

Motion approved.

(Because I have family member who is an employee of (name of government) I have a possible conflict of interest on the proposal about to be voted on. However, I'm prepared that my argument and my vote answer to my conscience and obligation to my constituents and the citizens this body represents.)

Agenda Item #10

Consider Resolution to raise jail fees from \$10.00 to \$35.00

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Resolution to raise Jail Fees from \$10.00 to \$35.00.

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item # 11

Consider Resolution for a Capitol Outlay Note to purchase Sheriff's Department cruisers

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. James Howell to approve the Resolution for a Capitol Outlay Note to fund option #3 (copy in file) for three year finance, Sheriffs Department pays half of the payment and the county pays the other half of the payment.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Dwight Bennett, "Yes", Esq. Doug Bowman, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "No", Esq. Mickey Hatcher, "Yes", Esq. Bill Hensley, "Yes", Esq. James Howell, "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Sue Jean Wilson, "Yes".

8-Yes

1-No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #12

Recognize- Lester Orsburn

County Mayor Greg Lynch addressed the commission stating that Mr. Orsburn was unable to attend the meeting due to illness and would be put on a future agenda.

Addendum to Agenda Item #1

Quarterly Reports

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the County Quarterly Reports.

9- Aye

0- No

Motion approved.

(Copy in File)

Agenda Item #13

Committee Reports

Esq. Dwight Bennett reported on the Animal Shelter. For the month of August 2011: 27 cats adopted, 33 dogs adopted, 12 animals were returned to their owners, and 6 rescued. For the year a total of 40 cats adopted and 81 dogs adopted. Also, there have been a total of 5 dog bites for the year.

Esq. Sue Jean Wilson requested that Mr. Terry Haynes prepare a list of roads that need to be paved and schedule a road committee meeting at the earliest convenience.

Agenda Item #14

Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Doug Bowman, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Budget Amendment for Unicoi County School Board (\$ 6,000.00).

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved.

(Copy in file.)

Agenda Item #15
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Dwight Bennett that the following notaries be approved: Verna K. Bailey (Duncan Mechanical), Pam Banks (Erwin Motors), Steve Estes (Erwin Motors), and Todd Love (Erwin Motors).

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved.

Agenda Item #16
Motion for adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to adjourn the meeting of September 26, 2011.

9-Aye

0-No

Motion approved.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

SUE JEAN WILSON, CHAIRMAN