

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
January 25, 2016

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Marie Rice, Chairman, the Honorable Greg Lynch, County Mayor, Margaret Seward, Deputy Clerk, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

ROLL CALL: Esq. Bridget Peters “Present”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Present”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Present”, Esq. Glenn White, “Present”, Esq. John Mosley, “Present”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Absent”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Present”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Present”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Present”.

8- Present
1- Absent (Walter Garland)

Esq. Gene Wilson opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Esq. Jason Harris.

Agenda Item #4
Approve the Minutes of Prior Session

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the Minutes from the Unicoi County Commission Meeting, December 28, 2015.

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Carter Powers, UCHS Student Council President addressed the commission to help fund the student council to go to the state on campaign fees, material etc. Carter stated that any contribution would be appreciated and would need this by mid-February.

County Mayor Greg Lynch stated that the commission has \$500.00 in the discretionary line item, which we have used this in the past for softball teams, agriculture teams and vocational students to go to state competition.

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve \$500.00 to fund the UCHS Student Council, which will come out of the County Commission budget, line item other charges.

Motion unanimously approved

Chris Tipton, resident of Unicoi County, I was born here and have spent most of my life here. I moved back home fifteen years ago and became active in trying to preserve the history of Unicoi

County. I have worked with the Unicoi County Historical Society, written many articles in the newspaper, given historical presentations, promoted events and local events, historical markers and written a book. I have done all of this in presenting Unicoi County in a very positive manner. As a concerned citizen and a resident I am very concerned about eight County Commissioners to draft a resolution, against federal law, and against marriage of quality base upon their biblical interpretations. I did not realize that the December 28 work session was a bible study to define justification on discrimination and vote for a resolution on the same nature. Clearly a violation of separation of church and state no matter what legal loop holes might be used. I do not support your resolution in any form because the proposal for a resolution has unleashed hateful speech into our county.

Terry Haynes stated some issues that are going to have to be addressed in the Highway Department, with equipment. As you may know the salt is rough on the equipment and I have been looking at some pricing and I'm not asking for any money, backhoe \$104,000.00, six new trucks \$95,000.00 to \$ 110,000.00. What I am looking at is half million dollars, I'm going to try to work it within my budget. But, I may have to come back and ask for a capitol out lay note or contract.

Heidi Davis, a resident of Unicoi County spoke on concerns about the resolution on same sex marriage. If Tennessee is not in compliance with federal law the cost is 8.5 million. Esq. Glenn White explained the bill at the state level was voted down.

Esq. Glenn White asked for the issue to be put on the ballot for election "Same Sex Marriage" and let the people decide.

Esq. Marie Rice stated that would be something we need to ask Mrs. Bailey (election commission).

Agenda Item #10

Discuss and Approve Resolution for CDBG Application (South End Waterline)

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to Approve the Resolution for CDBG Application (South End Waterline).

ROLL CALL: Esq. Bridget Peters "Yes", Esq. Marie Rice, "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland, "Yes", Esq. Glenn White, "Yes", Esq. John Mosley, "Yes", Esq. Walter Garland, "Absent", Esq. Loren Thomas, "Yes", Esq. Gene Wilson, "Yes", Esq. Jason Harris, "Yes".

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent (Walter Garland)

Motion Approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #6

Recognize Lemy Dao with Children's Advocacy Center

Ms. Lemy Dao from the Children Advocacy Center addressed the commissioners on a measure that would increase the criminal court fees to \$45 to assist in funding the Children's Advocacy Center, a service that works within the First Judicial District in Unicoi, Washington and Johnson counties. Ms. Lemy Dao stated that the increase in fees would apply to class A misdemeanors and above. The increased fee would pump \$3 back into the county with the remaining funds going into the center.

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to table agenda item 6 that would increase the criminal court fees to \$45 to assist in funding of the Children’s Advocacy and for County Attorney to correct the wording in the resolution to be more specific on the fees, how they are collected and our county.

Esq. Jason Harris stated for agenda item 6 to be put back on next month meeting.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda Item #7
Quarterly Reports

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, Said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve the following Quarterly Reports: Unicoi County Mayor, Unicoi County Highway Department, Unicoi County Trustee, Unicoi County Health Department

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #8
Approve Unicoi County Water District Commissioner Election

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve Mr. Kenneth Kisiel, nominated for this position for a 4 Year term.

Motion unanimously approved
Abstain- John Mosley
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Agenda Item #9
Approve the County Road List

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the County Road List for 2016.

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #11
Discuss and Vote of RHSC Contract for Inmate Healthcare

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve RHSC contract for inmate healthcare.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Bridget Peters “Yes”, Esq. Marie Rice, “Yes”, Esq. Kenneth Garland, “Yes”, Esq. Glenn White, “Yes”, Esq. John Mosley, “Yes”, Esq. Walter Garland, “Absent”, Esq. Loren Thomas, “Yes”, Esq. Gene Wilson, “Yes”, Esq. Jason Harris, “Yes”.

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent (Walter Garland)
Motion Approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #12
Budget Amendments

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the Resolution on the following budget amendment: County Mayor \$1,330.82, from fund balance 39000 to 51300-362, Sheriff Department \$43,551.66 and Health Department \$ 2,459.06

Motion unanimously approved
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Addendum Item #1
Adopt Resolution Establishing County Commission Meeting and Work Sessions

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve having the County Commission meeting at 6pm and a work session as needed.

County Attorney Doug Shults will correct the resolution reflecting the 5pm work sessions and bring to the County Clerk's office.

Motion unanimously approved

Agenda Item #13
Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Kenneth Garland to approve the following notaries: Caitlyn Edwards

Motion unanimously approved
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Agenda Item #12
Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to adjourn the meeting of January 25, 2016.

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN