

THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSION
OF
UNICOI COUNTY, TENNESSEE
March 23 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Unicoi County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at the Unicoi County Court House on Monday, March 23 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Present and Presiding, the Honorable Mitzi Bowen, County Clerk, Doug Shults, County Attorney, and the following Commissioners:

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

8- Present
1- Absent (Kenneth Garland)

Debbie Tittle opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Jason Harris.

Agenda Item #4
Approve Minutes

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015, County Commission Meeting.

Motion unanimously approved.
Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item #5
Recognize Visitors and Citizens

Michael Vance from Erwin, Tennessee spoke on behalf of Recover Appalachia and how it has helped him in his recovery and changed his life. Mr. Vance asked the commission for their help with funds for Recover Appalachia.

Lucy Hull, board member for Recover Appalachia and COSCA volunteer stated if you don't have a family member, neighbor or someone in your church that is not drug addicted than you are lucky. As a COSCA volunteer I'm here for court and the court docket is full of people that are on drugs or alcohol. We want this organization to become self efficient and not ask for a hand out. Ms. Hull feels that we need to help our people here. I am a traveling nurse but I choose to live here and help this community.

Agenda Item #6
Approve Resolution Honoring Dwight Bennett

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve the resolution honoring Dwight Bennett

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

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in file)

Agenda Item # 7
Approve Resolution Honoring Dwight Shelton

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve the resolution honoring Dwight Shelton

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

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #8
Consider Mayor’s Appointment of Jesse Hensley to Unicoi County Planning Commission

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Jesse Hensley to Unicoi County Planning Commission,

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

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #9
Re-appoint Marie Rice and Paul Berry to Unicoi County Ethics Committee

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve Marie Rice and Paul Berry to Unicoi County Ethic Committee

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

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion approved. (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #10

Accept Resignation of Unicoi County Property Assessor, Patsy Bennett as of April 2, 2015 and Discuss Procedure for Filing this Vacancy

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Glen White to accept the resignation letter from Patsy Bennett as of April 2, 2015, to advertize the position in the paper for 7days, begin taking resumes and appoint someone at the April 27, County Commission meeting.

Doug Shults, County Attorney advised the commission that after April 2, 2015, County Clerk, Mitzi Bowen would notify you within 10days of the vacancy left by Bennett's resignation. The position will also be advertized in the paper at least seven days prior to the April meeting. Anybody can appear and nominate anybody at the meeting and you don't really have a deadline to accept application at the meeting because anybody can also appear and apply for the job.

Commissioners discussed the procedures for filing the vacancy. Chairman Marie Rice stated the individuals interested in the position may submit resumes to Mayor Greg Lynch's office until the day of the meeting. The qualifications for the position will be the same as those required for someone seeking election to the office. Chairman Marie Rice also stated that nominations for the position can be taken from the floor during the April 27th meeting.

Chairman Marie Rice would like to thank Mrs. Bennett for her years of service to this county and our prayers go out to her.

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

8-Yes
0-No
1-Absent
Motion Approved (copy in file)

Agenda Item #11

Approval of Unicoi County Water Utilities Commission Election-Garland James

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Jason Harris to approve Unicoi County Water Utilities-Election-Garland James

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

7-Yes
1-Abstain
1-Absent
Motion Approved (copy in file)

Agenda Item #12

Recognize Glenn White and Rossanna Aldrich in Regard to Contribution to Recover Appalachia

Glen White address the commission, by saying that we are blessed to have Mountain States money and we are to use it to the best of our ability and before long it will be gone. I am asking the commission to award a one time donation of \$10,000.00 as soon as possible from the Mountain States money.

County Attorney Doug Shults advised the commissioners that you all cannot donate or spend money unless it has been appropriated. You do those appropriations through your budgetary process that you are getting ready to do. Non Profits are specifically provided for in that budgetary process. Only you may appropriate or authorize funds for financial aid for non profit charitable organizations. When a non profit organization request and submits financial reports you are suppose to put guidelines on those reports. Any time we appropriate or authorize money to a non profit organization we have to give a public notice of our intent to appropriate or authorize the expenditures of that money. This is something you need to think about in terms with this money from Mountain States, Doug stated. These funds were donated to be used for a specific purpose, if the funds are restricted we still put that money into the county general fund and we appropriate or authorize those expenditures of the funds during the normal budgetary process.

Esq. Glen White stated that he would withdrawal his request at this time and for the commission to consider the donation during the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year budgetary process.

Rosanna Aldrich stated I'm worried, if we wait until the budget in July or August or whenever you vote on it, we won't be able to sustain it that long. It would be very unfortunate for the children of this county if we have to shut our doors.

Agenda Item #13

Approve Amendment from Ambulance Service RFP to Contract to Allow Temporary Location of Ambulance Service Base to Within 1.5 Miles of Harris Hollow Exit (1-26)

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to leave the Ambulance Service RFP as is, within a mile, until we receive more information.

ROLL CALL: Esq. Marie Rice "Yes", Esq. Walter Garland "Yes", Esq. Jason Harris "Yes", Esq. John Mosley "No", Esq. Bridget Peters "Yes", Esq. Kenneth Garland "Absent", Esq. Gene Wilson "Yes", Esq. Loren Thomas "No", Esq. Glen White "No"

5-Yes

3-No

1-Absent

Motion approved

Agenda Item #14

Assign Terms for Unicoi County Audit Committee, Appointees: John Harris 2 Years, Expires February 2016, James (Mickey) Hatcher 2 Years, expires February 2016 and Rob Stromberg and Ken Kiesel 4 year term, expires February 2018

Motion made by Esq. Loren Thomas, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve John Harris and James (Mickey) Hatcher, 2 Year term which expires February 2016 for the Unicoi County Audit Committee and Rob Stromberg and Ken Kiesel, 4 year term which expires February 2018 to the Unicoi County Audit Committee.

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

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #15

Assign Terms for Unicoi County Industrial Development Board (Bond Board)

Appointees: Joann Cook, Jerry Ramsey and Paul Monk 2 years, expires February 2016, Pascal Bailey, Robert Kegley 4 years, expires February 2018, and Garland Evely , Ted Hopson 6 years, expires February 2020.

Motion made by Esq. Glenn White, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve assigned terms for Unicoi County Industrial Development Board (Bond Board) Appointees: Joann Cook, Jerry Ramsey and Paul Monk 2 years, expires February 2016, Pascal Bailey, Robert Kegley 4 years, expires February 2018, and Garland Evely , Ted Hopson 6 years, expires February 2020.

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

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #16

Approve Bonds: Constable Timothy Lewis \$6,000.00, Constable Howard Riddle \$5,000.00 and County Coroner Ed Herndon \$2,500.00

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to waive the agenda to approve Tommy Clouse bond for Interim Director of Schools \$50,000.00.

Motion unanimously approved.

Motion made by Esq. Jason Harris, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to approve bonds for Constable Timothy Lewis \$6,000.00, Constable Howard Riddle, County Corner Ed Herndon \$2,500.00 and Interim Director of Schools Tommy Clouse \$50,000.00

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

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved (copy in file)

Agenda Item #17

Budget Amendments: Register of Deeds \$3,722.00, Sheriff's Department \$32,750.00, Chancery Court \$600.00 and Unicoi County Schools \$110,814.00

Motion made by Esq. Kenneth Garland, said motion seconded by Esq. Gene Wilson to approve resolution for the following budget amendments: Register of Deeds \$3,722.00, Sheriff's Department \$32, 750.00, Chancery Court \$600.00 and Unicoi County Schools \$110,814.00

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

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent

Motion approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #20

Elect Notaries

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. John Mosley to approve the following notaries Jason Arthur, Patsy S Bennett, Lori Ann Ledford and Jacob T Wahl.

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

8-Yes

0-No

1-Absent

Motion Approved (Copy in File)

Agenda Item #19

Motion for Adjournment

Motion made by Esq. Gene Wilson, said motion seconded by Esq. Glen White to adjourn the March 23rd 2015 County Commission meeting.

(Motion unanimously approved)

GREG LYNCH, COUNTY MAYOR

MITZI BOWEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARIE RICE, CHAIRMAN