

APRIL 23.2012 – HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Honorable Hartsville/Trousdale County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Mark Beeler Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Freddie Banks, Wayne Brown, Steve Burrow, James Chambers, Don Coker, Bill Fergusson, Tammy Jackson, Richard Johnson, Mike Keisling, Clyde Mansfield, James McDonald, David Nollner, John Oliver, Mark Presley, Phillip Taylor, Robert Thurman and Mark White.

1. Open Court – Sheriff Ray Russell
2. Invocation – John Oliver
3. Pledge to the American Flag – Bill Fergusson
4. Roll Call – Rita Crowder
5. Approval of Minutes – No corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved as distributed.
6. Announcements – The May County Commission Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, May 29, 2012 due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday May 28, 2012.

During this time, Sheriff Ray Russell and Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron, in association with the American Police Hall of Fame, awarded the Law Enforcement Purple Heart to Sergeant Harold Lawrence Cooley, a 10 yr. Veteran of the Sheriff's Dept.. Deputy Dustin Joseph Cato, a first year Sheriff's Deputy, was given an Outstanding Commendation Award. These awards were given due to their extraordinary bravery and action that they displayed during a call on December 5, 2011, where Sgt. Cooley received a critical, near fatal injury.

7. Amendments to Agenda/Approval of Agenda –
Add a Notary application for Petra McDermott and a Budget Amendment for the Funding of the EMS Director Position.

Motion to approve this Agenda as amended.
Motion by Steve Burrow, Second David Nollner

MOTION CARRIED

8. Citizen's Response to Agenda Items –
Ken Buckmaster and Harry McCarl signed in to speak.

9. County Mayor Report – Jakie West

Mr. West first addressed a concern that Commissioner Mark White had concerning the FEMA money that we have not yet received. Mr. West said that he had checked on the status of it and was assured that we would not lose this money. As for the \$750,000.00 Disaster Grant, what we first thought we could purchase with this money has been changed. Mr. West has resubmitted what is needed through this grant and it is now in Environmental Review. Hopefully within the next two to three weeks we will be able to receive bids on equipment needed. We will be able to purchase sirens, a brush grinder, generators for the Water Dept. and the Hwy. Dept. will be getting a fixed generator.

10. Committee Action & Reports...

A. Budget/Finance Committee – Mark Beeler

The committee had viewed the county financial statement and learned that 99% of the budgeted property taxes have been collected. 75% of Business taxes have been collected, we are ahead in delinquent tax collections, 10% ahead on patient revenues regarding the Ambulance Budget. The committee reviewed budgets for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 for the purpose of comparing fund balances, estimated revenues and expenditures and estimated fund balances. The committee also recommends that the Special Revenue fund for the Ambulance Service will initially need to be funded with a Tax Anticipation Note because the patient revenues alone will not be enough to cover the operational costs for the first 5 to 6 months. They also reviewed some Budget Amendments that would be brought up later in the meeting. The committee had approved these.

B. Charter Review Committee – Robert Thurman

The committee had their 2nd meeting earlier on this night and had listed areas of the Charter to review. The committee will meet on May 1 and May 8 to work on these items.

C. County Buildings Committee – John Oliver

The committee met and discussed the Co-Op Building and the Cato school but had made no decisions.

D. Emergency Services Committee – David Nollner

Money brought in is at 85.6% at this time.

E. Insurance Committee – Robert Thurman

The committee recommended staying with our current insurance provider after weighing all of the pros and cons.

F. Local Emergency Planning Committee – Ken Buckmaster

The committee has not met since the previous commission meeting but, they will meet on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.

G. Metro Communications Committee –

They are waiting on proposals to come in so that a decision can be made on finalizing a Website provider.

H. Other Committee Reports...

Mark White reported that the Economic Development Committee along with Steven Chambers has gotten TVA to hold an Economic 101 class on May 15, 2012 at the Creekbank Restaurant. The class will start at 10:00 a.m.

Richard Johnson reported that on Tuesday, April 17th the Solid Waste Committee along with Woody Badger and other Sanitation employees had watched a demonstration from Municipal Equipment, Inc. They demonstrated an automated trash truck that the committee is recommending be purchased for the Sanitation Dept.

11. Old Business... None

12. New Business –

A. Committee/Board/Commission Appointments

Economic Development: Add Wendy Holder and Seth Thurman

Planning Commission: Reappoint David Nollner

Motion this court approve all three.

Motion by Phillip Taylor, Second Wayne Brown

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B. Ambulance Service Director Job Description Revision & Reposting

Ken Buckmaster stated that he didn't believe that anyone with 7 years of experience would accept the job as EMS director for \$32,000.00, \$33,000.00 or even \$35,000.00. He would like the committee to review the salaries of surrounding counties before they set the salary. He would like for the committee to stop beating around the bush and set a time for this position to be filled and hire a Director.

Mr. Harry McCarl stated that he had just retired from 42 years of servicing medical equipment. He has worked on Equipment in several EMS departments. He said that he was not there to support any certain candidate but that he felt that the citizens of Trousdale County and the employees of the EMS service deserved to have a director. He asked that

the committee review their requirements and hurry up and fill this position.

Chairman Beeler stated that there had been two candidates that had applied and that neither had met all of the requirements. The committee then decided to alter their description to accept 7 yrs. experience and to post the job an additional week. Commissioner David Nollner stated that the committee had met before this meeting. Mr. Oliver had made a motion to appoint Mr. Matt Batey to the Director position but that it had been voted down 5 –3 not to accept at this time.

C. Ambulance Service Director Appointment

Mayor Jakie West stated that we really need the position of EMS Director to filled and with that being said, it was his recommendation to appoint Matt Batey as EMS Director.

Motion this court table this recommendation.
Motion by Bill Fergusson, Second by Mark White

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D. Resolutions – None

E. Public Hearing –

1. Ordinance #71-2012-07 – An Ordinance to create a special revenue fund for the Ambulance Service Operations.

Motion to close this Public Hearing.
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Steve Burrow

MOTION CARRIED

F. Ordinances – Second Reading:

1. Ordinance #71-2012-07 – An Ordinance to create a special revenue fund for the Ambulance Service Operations.

Motion this court approve this Ordinance #71-2012-07 – 2nd Rdg.
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Richard Johnson

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G. Budget Amendments:

1. Highway Dept. – Fund 131 – In-house transfers \$217,779.00

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Wayne Brown, Second by Mark Presley

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2. Election Commission – General Services Fund \$2,958.00

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Robert Thurman, Second by Mark Presley

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 77 – 18 AYE, 0 NAY, 2 ABSENT

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3. EMS Director Salary - \$8,035.00
General Services Fund – through 6/30/2012

Motion this court approve this Budget Amendment.

Motion by Freddie Banks, Second by Richard Johnson

ROLL CALL, BOOK PAGE 77 – 16 AYE, 2 NAY, 0 ABSENT

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- H. Notaries –

Petra McDermott applied for a Notary commission.

Motion this court approve this Notary application.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Bill Fergusson

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- I. Adjournment –

Motion this court adjourn.

Motion by David Nollner, Second by Phillip Taylor

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