

**OCTOBER 28, 2019 – HARTSVILLE/TROUSDALE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** That the Hartsville/Trousdale County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with the Honorable Dwight Jewell, Commission Chairman presiding and the following commissioners present to wit: Beverly Atwood, Mary Ann Baker, Ken Buckmaster, Shane Burton, Gary Claridy, Coy Dickey, Bill Fergusson, Jerry Ford, Bubba Gregory, Landon Gulley, Richard Harsh, Linda Johnson, Richard Johnson, Rachel Jones, David Nollner, Amber Russell, Grace Thomas, Gary Walsh, Steve Whittaker, Cameron Carr.

**1. Open Court** – Sheriff Ray Russell

**2. Invocation** – Jerry Ford

**3. Pledge to the American Flag** – Linda Sue Johnson

**4. Roll Call** – Rita Crowder, County Clerk    **20 PRESENT    0 ABSENT**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Motion this court approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Richard Johnson

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Announcements**

**Oct. 29-31:** TCSA Fall Conference – Knoxville, TN

**Nov. 4:** Commission dinner hosted by the Board of Education. Please RSVP to Amanda Carman.

**Nov. 12:** Kimley Horn will be at the Community Center to present draft Concepts to the Public and to the Parks & Rec. Committee

Chairman Jewell asked that everyone complete and return the survey they were given as soon as possible.

**7. Amendments to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda** – Updated Agenda: Remove Ambulance Service B/A; Charter Review Committee Appointment; County Schools Report.

Motion this court approve this Updated Agenda

Motion by Linda Johnson, Second by Bill Fergusson

**MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Citizens’ Response to Agenda Items** – None Presented.

**9. County Mayor Report** – Stephen Chambers

**Landfill Update** – Construction has begun. They hope to be finished by mid- November.

**Streetscape Update** – There was a pre-construction meeting at the Mayor’s office on Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Notices will be given for street closures. The bricks in front of the courthouse will be removed and stored until a decision is made on what to do with them.

**Homeless Forum** – There was a really good turnout for this meeting. It was a good opportunity to gather info and feedback from the community and other organizations in attendance that have offered their input. Hopefully, we can move forward with a plan to deal with some of these issues.

The Mayor also reminded everyone about the Co. Website Training scheduled for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00.

Confirmation from the Comptroller’s Office that our 2019-2020 Budget was accepted. He was impressed with how well it was put together. The Mayor thanked Amy Thomas for all of her hard work in compiling this information.

A Thank You card was received from the family of Betty Lou Taylor for the flowers sent during her passing.

## 10. Committee Reports

- A. **Audit** – No meeting.
- B. **Budget and Finance** – Met Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussed the items on the agenda and moved to recommend approval of all budget amendment, except for the Ambulance Service. The committee would like more clarification from Matt Batey on this.
- C. **Communications** – No meeting.
- D. **County Buildings / Codes & Zoning Enforcement** – Met Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Ginny Hunter, Sr. Center Director, had concerns about liability issues when she and Chante' are not at the center and other organizations are.  
No action was taken at this time. Will revisit this issue at the next meeting.  
Property owners Dwight Hoffman and Eric Wallace are interested in purchasing an old county road behind their building on Church St. Ronnie Earps is interested in purchasing a part of the road behind his property on Church St. as well. John Oliver asked that the Mayor speak to all parties about the possibility of leasing the property. They also discussed moving the county museum and the county election offices to the courthouse.
- E. **Economic Development** – No meeting.
- F. **Education Oversight (quarterly)** – Met Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed the status of the school system up until now. They are still in need of bus drivers. The next meeting will be in January.
- G. **Emergency Services** – No meeting.
- H. **Employee/Personnel** – No meeting.
- I. **Executive Committee** – Met Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussed the wheel tax. They decided it should be voted on by referendum if one is needed after the current one ends. Discussed possibly increasing the sales tax by a ½ cent. Decided to send this to the Budget and Finance Committee for discussion. They continued discussions on rezoning and appointment of Fire Chief.
- J. **Insurance** – No meeting.
- K. **Law Enforcement** – Met Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Met and reviewed the county Noise Ord. due to complaints brought about Keller's Outside Patio. It was decided that the current Ord. is vague and hard to enforce not knowing what level is disruptive. Our Ord. does not address this type of events. They decided to research this and see what other counties do. They will compile their findings so that these types of events can be addressed.  
A communication problem between the Sheriff's Dept. and the Director of Schools was brought up for discussion. The committee decided that this did not involve them and should be worked out between the two parties.
- L. **Parks & Recreations** – No Meeting. Will meet Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Architects with Kimley Horn will be there with some ideas for the park.
- M. **Prison Oversight (quarterly)** – Met Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. The committee met with Warden Washburn for an update on the prison. He introduced Denise Davidson. She is a new Assistant Warden. She had worked for the Nebraska Prison system for 31 years. They have introduced a new program called persevere at the Trousdale Turner facility. This program trains inmates on computer coding which is a marketable trade right now. He spoke about the incident that had seriously injured a staff member a couple of months ago. The inmate involved, had no history of this type of behavior. The staff member is at home recovering but, she will have permanent vision loss in one eye. Adequate staffing is still an issue. The current population at the facility, as of that meeting, was 2,475.
- N. **Purchasing Oversight (quarterly)** – Met Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. There were no significant findings. Combining this committee with the Budget and Finance Committee is being considered.
- O. **Solid Waste** – No meeting.
- P. **Other Reports** ...

**12. Active Business**

**A. Appointments**

- 1) Emergency Communications District Board (911 Board)  
Re-appointment of Tamara Wright, Postmaster and Jerry Helm, Urban Services District  
This is a four year term beginning on 01-01-2020 thru 12-31-2023.

Motion this court approve these appointments  
Motion by Bubba Gregory, Second by Richard Harsh

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. Resolutions**

- 1) **Resolution 2019-24-671** Chair Pro Tempore Signatory Authority

Motion this court approve this Resolution  
Motion by David Nollner, Second by Rachel Jones

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2) **Resolution 2019-25-672** Support of Tri-County Broadband Grant Application

Motion this court approve this Resolution  
Motion by Landon Gulley, Second by Jerry Ford

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C. Budget Amendments**

**INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

**101 – GENERAL FUND**

2020-101-01	County Clerk – Computers	\$	3,050.00
2020-101-02	Sheriff – Insurance Recovery		2,281.12
2020-101-03	Archives Grant		2,000.00
2020-101-04	Animal Shelter Improvements		3,000.00

Motion this court approve all of the **101 – GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS**  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Rachel Jones

**MOTION CARRIED**

**141 – GENERAL SCHOOL FUND**

2020-141-01 (01)	Health Services	\$	755.00
2020-141-02 (03)	Afterschool Program Grants: LEAPS/WAL-MART		5,000.00
2020-141-03 (04)	TN Arts Commission Ticket Subsidy		2,685.00
2020-141-04 (19)	Food Services Transfer In		725.00
2020-141-05 (20)	Walmart Donation		700.00
2020-141-06 (21)	Safe Schools Grant		30,350.00

Motion this court approve all of the **141 – GENERAL SCHOOL FUND TRANSFERS**  
Motion by Jerry Ford, Second by Coy Dickey

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D. Notaries**

- 1) Deborah Sue Smith (self-employed)

Motion this court approve this Notary applicant  
Motion by Gary Walsh, Second by Linda Johnson

**MOTION CARRIED**

**13. Other Business – None Presented.**

**14. Adjourn**

Motion this court adjourn  
Motion by Coy Dickey, Second by Linda Johnson

**MOTION CARRIED**