

Mary Ann Baker
11-15-21 Handout at
Work Session

Rules of Procedure of the County Commission
(Resolution 2020-03-678) passed 02-24-2020

In reviewing the resolution I have found what appear to be violations made by Chairman Jewell regarding the committee assignments. I also have concerns that other rules are not being followed as well, My question tonight is what will be allowed and what will not.

Although we may not always agree I feel we all want what is right for ALL Trousdale County citizens. That being said I urge each and every one to look at the following and come to YOUR OWN decision.

Chairman Jewell stated in the October 25, 2021 County Commission meeting that he would discuss assignments with members but has not done so with me to date nor answered my Emails:

Mary Ann Baker <maryann.baker@trousdalecountyttn.gov>

Tue, Oct 26,
9:47 AM

to Dwight, Bill

Dwight,

As I requested in last night's meeting I would like to be put back on the Employee/Personnel committee and would ask why I was removed? As I have stated in previous employee/personnel meetings, I have reviewed the policy and have talked to employees and Department Heads regarding the proposed changes.

Had we (the commissioners) received the committee assignments before the meeting I would have spoken to you sooner.

I spoke with Bill after the meeting and asked if he had requested I be removed and he said no.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Baker

William Fergusson

Wed, Oct 27,
10:32 AM

to me, Dwight

I have reviewed the new committee membership and am satisfied and would like to leave as it presently is for this year.

Commissioner Buckmaster requested that the membership on committees be smaller. And he still voted no on the approval of the committees .

Maryann, if you want to speak with me more on this then we can individually .

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Ann Baker <maryann.baker@trousdalecountyttn.gov>

Oct 28, 2021, 1:17 PM
(13 days ago)

to William, Dwight

Isn't it the Chairman of the County Commissions duties to assign committee members? I will be glad to discuss this further in worksession with both of you and everyone else.

Sincerely,

William Fergusson

Oct 28, 2021, 2:03 PM
(13 days ago)

to me, Dwight

That is correct . Don't know why I was put in the first email chain . I said I didn't request you not be on the committee due to you asking me to extend the last meeting for 2 hours. That is what you asked me after the meeting last Monday night .
The chair of the commission assigns the committees and I voted in favor of the assignments as they were presented . And now more than ever believe it should stay as it is .

Sent from my iPhone

Mary Ann Baker <maryann.baker@trousdalecountytn.gov>

Oct 28, 2021, 4:05 PM
(13 days ago)

to William, Dwight

So, just to clarify you did ask that I be removed from the committee and when you said you didn't care who was on it that was not true? Again, I would like to know what the reasoning was for my removal?

William Fergusson

Oct 28, 2021, 6:22 PM
(13 days ago)

to me, Dwight

I answered your question on Monday. I never said I didn't care who is on that committee. I said I didn't care how long we went that evening . Your question was " did I ask that you be removed due to asking that we go 2 hours "and I said "no" "I didn't care how long we went .

A I do care who is on the committee and am not upset that you aren't on there this year . You questioned Mr. Jewell about how many questions he was asking in one of our meetings and later questioned me about allowing questions in general . In my opinion those comments were not consistent with how committees operate .

Lastly , I don't owe you any explanation on any of my discussions with any other commissioner pertaining to any subject .

At this point I will let you know that I prefer that the committee stays as it is . This has taken up enough of my time . I don't care to discuss this any further . Hope this clarifies my position .

Sent from my iPhone

Chairman Jewell also stated that he took members Committee Surveys into consideration when reassigning committees, as you can see my survey was completed and Chairman Jewell never contacted me to ask any questions and in fact put me on the Audit committee which I had not selected at all.

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COMMITTEE SURVEY**

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**Select 4 Committees that you would like to be considered in being appointed to for the upcoming year.
 Rank your selections 1-4; 1 being top priority.
 State your reasoning on why you would like to be considered.**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steering	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Audit	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Budget, Purchasing & Finance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Codes & Zoning Enforcement	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Communications	
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Buildings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Services	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parks & Recreation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Personnel	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prison Relations	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Solid Waste / Landfill	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	

No Changes to current appointment(s)

Comments: I enjoy serving on all the committees I am currently serving. However, I feel I have a better understanding of Law Enforcement, EMS & Personnel as I deal with 4 hours shift work @ my regular job. I do feel that we need to look @ Solid Waste as it is so Requested by Commission Chair, Dwight Jewell (Committee great)

(Signature)

*Also attached are the attendance records for the Employee/Personnel committee

Personnel Committee 2018-2022

Attendance Record

		11/16/2021	10/19/2021	9/21/2021	9/14/2021	8/12/2021	1/7/2021	7/9/2020	3/1/2020	2/13/2020	1/28/2020	5/2/2019
Baker, Mary Ann	Assigned RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Burton, Shane	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Davis, Rick	June 2021 Appointments	X	X	X	X		-	-	-	-	-	-
Dickey, Coy	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	
Fergusson, Bill	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Jewell, Dwight (CHAIR)	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Johnson, Richard R.	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697							X	X	X	X	X
Jones, Rachel	RES 2018-26-643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Russell, Amber	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697						X		X	X	X	-
Walsh, Gary	RES 2018-26-643, RES 2019-26-673, RES 2020-22-697								X		X	X

X attended

- not assigned to committee

I realize it is Chairman Jewell's choice to assign committee members but feel I am targeted because I don't agree with him and question some of the decisions he makes. Below are the rules not being followed.

Rule # 8

A copy of the Agenda, attachments and the notice calling each Commission meeting shall be mailed (postmarked), or e-mailed, to each Commission member and the County Attorney seven (7) working days before the Commission is to meet. A copy of the Agenda and notice calling each Commission meeting shall be mailed, or emailed, to all licensed commercial radio stations in the county, and one (1) copy to all newspapers published for sale and distribution to the general public at the same time the aforementioned is mailed, or e-mailed, to the Commission members.

(To my knowledge, Committee Assignments were not provided until the night of the meeting to Commissioners. If in error please advise when it was presented.)

Rule # 18

All Ordinances, Resolutions and Amendments shall be filed with the Chairman, the Mayor, and the Clerk in writing before the same can be entertained by the Commission for action. Each appropriation resolution shall include a statement of the reason for and purpose of the appropriation. All simple motions must be reduced to writing by the clerk before voting ensues. The County Commission Chairman shall in all cases state clearly the motion under consideration before action is taken.

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Rule # 19

The County Mayor or Commission Chairman shall refer all proposed Resolutions and Ordinances to the Steering Committee. The Chairman of the Steering Committee shall convene the Committee prior to the next regular meeting of the Commission for the purpose of considering such resolutions and recommendations as have been referred to their Committee. They shall decide whether and to which committee or committees proposed legislation will be reviewed by and shall duly make their report to the Commission at the next regular meeting of the Commission. However, the failure of the Steering Committee to act upon said legislation shall not prevent the consideration by the Commission.

(No Steering Committee meeting was held in October and Committee assignments were not presented at the September 2021 meeting. I understand that no action taken by the Steering committee doesn't prevent the county commission from considering it but it has to be presented doesn't it?)

Rule # 36

Except as may be otherwise prohibited by the Charter or law, the County Commission Chairman shall appoint all committees of the Commission, shall fill all vacancies, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and sub-committees. The Mayor shall appoint members to all boards, committees, and commissions related to County Government subject to final approval of the County Commission and shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees as specified in the Charter. The Mayor shall have the responsibility for care, custody and control of all County owned property and buildings. Except that which has been designated to other Elected officials by Charter or Law, such as the Jail is the responsibility of the sheriff.

(Chairman Jewell stated that some members came off committees at the request of the Chairman (October 25, 2021 meeting recording 25:00). Is it not a violation by allowing the Chairmen to influence his decisions?)