

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION**

**February 23, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission met in regular session on Thursday February 23, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Present and presiding, Chairman Greg Matherly, County Clerk Cheryl Storey, County Attorney Allyson Wilkinson and Commissioners to wit.

Commissioners present:

Richard Tucker, Marty Johnson, Jerome Fitzgerald, Josh Edens, Bryan Davenport, Greg Matherly, Larry England, Freddie Malone, Suzy Williams, Jodi Jones, Lewis Wexler, Kenneth Huffine, Jim Wheeler, Ben Carder

Commissioner Absent:

David Tomita

After the Call to Order, the Invocation was led by Carder and the pledge to the flag was lead by Malone.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion was made Fitzgerald and seconded by Jones to approve the agenda. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Valerie Flora 112 Barnes St Fall Branch TN 37656

**PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-05**

**RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 021, PARCEL 048.00 IN THE 8TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY 567 PROPERTIES, LLC**

Motion was made by Malone and seconded by England to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone, Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District 2022 Annual Report  
(provided separately)

4-H Washington County 2023 Public Speaking Contest  
2022 UT Extension Washington County Report to the People

Mayor Grandy presented a Proclamation Recognizing March 2023 as Brain-Injury Awareness Month. Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Jones to accept the proclamation. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

## **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Jones to approve the January 23, 2023 minutes. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

## **ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 23-02-01**

### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

## **REPORT OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES**

### **COUNTY MAYOR**

No written report

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

No written report

Mayor Grandy spoke in consideration of Northeast Tennessee Regional Recovery Center 2023 Opioid Funding Allocations. Copy of invoice attached for record.

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Jones to suspend the rule to consider the item. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

In reference to previously approved Resolution No. 22-08-10 motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Fitzgerald to clarify and amend who the check is made payable to (FTDD Foundation Inc., FBO Northeast Tennessee Regional Recovery Center). Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone, Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

No written report

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

Monthly Update Memorandum from Jerry Boyd, Superintendent Washington County Schools.

**ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS**

January Administrator Report

**ARPA**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-02**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE: WATER  
LINE PROJECT MATERIALS REIMBURSEMENT**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone, Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita



# FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

**CARTER**  
Elizabethton  
Watauga

*22nd*  
February 1, 2023

**GREENE**  
Baileyton  
Greeneville  
Mosheim  
Tusculum

## INVOICE

**HANCOCK**  
Sneedville

TO: Mayor Joe Grandy  
Washington County Courthouse  
P.O. Box 219  
Jonesborough, TN 37659

**HAWKINS**  
Bulls Gap  
Church Hill  
Mount Carmel  
Rogersville  
Surgoinsville

Northeast Tennessee Regional Recovery Center  
2023 Opioid Funding Allocations: \$1,900,000.00

**JOHNSON**  
Mountain City

TOTAL DUE: \$1,900,000.00

**SULLIVAN**  
Bluff City  
Bristol  
Kingsport

Thank you.

**UNICOI**  
Erwin  
Unicoi

**WASHINGTON**  
Johnson City  
Jonesborough

\*Please make check payable to FTDD Foundation Inc., FBO Northeast Tennessee  
Regional Recovery Center

follow us:



3211 N. ROAN STREET · JOHNSON CITY, TN · 37601  
PHONE: 423.928.0224 · FAX: 423.928.5209  
WWW.FTDD.ORG

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

No meeting

**BEER BOARD**

No meeting

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE**

No meeting

**COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-03**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL AND EXTENSION OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO A PILOT PROJECT THAT DEVELOPS AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY**

Motion was made by Huffine and seconded by Malone to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Matherly, England, Malone, Williams, Jones,  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

Davenport, Wexler

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY**

Minutes in the packet

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

Minutes in the packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-04**

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE WELLNESS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN**

Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

No meeting

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-06**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE: THE SALE OF THE OLD BOONES CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-07**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND EXPENDITURES FOR HVAC CONTROL UPGRADES**

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-08**

**RESOLUTION REVISING ZONING OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE**

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes in the packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-18**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THREE+ONE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AND AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023**

Motion was made by Malone and seconded by Wheeler to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**PUBIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-09**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE HEALTH SERVICE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SOUTHERN  
HEALTH PARTNERS, INC FOR INMATE HEALTH CARE IN THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-10**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE: SHERIFFS  
DEPARTMENT-CRUISER REPAIRS**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Edens to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-11**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT-INMATE MEDICAL & FOOD EXPENSE**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Johnson to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:



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**RESOLUTION 23-02-12**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN CAPITAL  
PROJECTS FUND SPENDING FOR FY22-FY23 FOR THE WASHINGTON  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-MULTIPURPOSE MEETING ROOM**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-13**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CLINICAL  
AFFILIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND  
EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AN EXTERNSHIP RELATED  
TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Edens to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner abstaining  
Jones

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION 23-02-14**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY  
ROAD LIST**

Motion was made by Davenport and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone, Williams,  
Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner abstaining:  
Tucker

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-15**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
CITY OF JOHNSON CITY RE: DENNY MILL ROAD AND A PORTION OF  
OAKLAND AVE**

Motion was made by Davenport and seconded by Tucker to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-16**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF HIGHWAY  
DEPARTMENT SURPLUS PROPERTY ON GOVDEALS.COM**

Motion was made by Davenport and seconded by Tucker to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**PURCHASING COMMISSION**

No meeting

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

No meeting

**WATER TASK FORCE**

Minutes in packet

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 23-02-17**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED FUND BALANCE POLICY**

Motion was made by England and seconded by Fitzgerald to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-19**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMENDED STATE GRANT RE: HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023**

Motion was made by England and seconded by Tucker to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioner absent:  
Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-20**

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING MEETING FOR DISCUSSION OF AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION ON F23/24 BUDGET FURTHER TO WASHINGTON  
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RULES OF PROCEDURE  
NO 1**

Motion was made by England and seconded by Wexler to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**NOTARIES**

**RESOLUTION 23-02-21**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELECTION OF NOTARIES PUBLIC FOR  
APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
TENNESSEE**

Motion was made by Wexler and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 23-02-22**

**RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING THE CLERK & MASTER NOT TO OFFER A  
BID ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE  
ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS OR FINANCIAL LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE PROPERTIES AND/OR EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE PARCEL**

Motion was made by Huffine and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**RESOLUTION 23-02-23**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
OF TENNESSEE AND SPECIFICALLY STATE REPRESENTATIVE REBECCA  
ALEXANDER AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE TIM HICKS AND STATE  
SENATOR RUSTY CROWE TO SPONSOR A JOINT RESOLUTION ON  
BEHALF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY NAMING A BRIDGE IN HONOR OF  
ARTHUR G HENSLEY AND DARYL C CULVER**

Motion was made by Wexler and seconded by Davenport to adopt the resolution.  
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Tucker, Johnson, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, England, Malone,  
Williams, Jones, Wexler, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

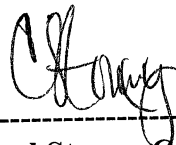
Commissioner absent:

Tomita

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Tucker and seconded by Huffine to adjourn. Motion passed  
with an all yes voice vote.

Meeting adjourned.



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Cheryl Storey, County Clerk