

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission met electronically on Monday February 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Present and presiding, Chairman Greg Matherly, County Clerk Kathy Storey, County Attorney Allyson Wilkinson and Commissioners to wit.

Commissioners present:

Steve Light, Kent Harris, Jerome Fitzgerald, Danny Edens, Bryan Davenport, Greg Matherly, Larry Cate, Freddie Malone, Suzy Williams, Phil Carriger, Jodi Jones, Kenneth Huffine, Jim Wheeler, Mike Ford

Commissioner absent:

Robbie Tester

After the Call to Order, the Invocation was led by Williams and the pledge to the flag was led by Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Williams and seconded by Harris to defer 21-02-01 back to CIA Committee for further consideration. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Williams to determine meeting an essential function of governing body and approve agenda. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING

Minutes in packet.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

None.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Davenport to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

Williams nominated Jones as County Commission Representative to the Tax Increment Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Wheeler for nominations to cease and elect Jones by acclamation. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

RESOLUTION 21-02-05

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COUNTY COMMISSION'S
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTEE TO THE TAX INCREMENT FUND
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE JOHNSON CITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-12

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-03

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNTY PURCHASING COMMISSION

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

COUNTY MAYOR

No written report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

No written report.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No written report.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

No written report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No meeting.

BEER BOARD

No meeting.

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-02

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO REDEVELOPMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN AND OTHER IDENTIFIED

REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE (“The TIF Plan”)

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Fitzgerald, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler

Commissioners voting against:
Harris, Edens, Ford

Commissioner absent:
Tester

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

No meeting.

COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

No meeting.

COURTROOM SECURITY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-04

**RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ADDENDUM TO THE COVID-19
ADDENDUM TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE BASE
PERSONNEL POLICY AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

Motion was made by Employee Compensation & Benefits Committee and seconded by Light to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner abstaining:
Ford

Commissioner absent:
Tester

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-06

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2020-2021 RE:
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-07

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2020-2021 RE:
WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS NUTRITION BUDGET**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-08

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
2020-2021 RE: ENVIRONMENTAL COURT CLEANUP OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY JUSTIN CANNON, LOCATED AT 157 BUTTERMILK ROAD,
GRAY, TN**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-09

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
2020-2021 RE: ENVIRONMENTAL COURT CLEANUP OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY CHARLES S HAMMETT, SR. AND JEWELL RIFFLE, LOCATED
AT 1728 HWY 81S., JONESBOROUGH, TN**

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-10

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPENDING FROM FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
2020-2021 RE: ENVIRONMENTAL COURT CLEANUP OF PROPERTY
OWNED BY TOMMIE RENET' JOHNSON, LOCATED AT 316 HWY. 81N.,
JONESBOROUGH, TN**

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No meeting.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION

No meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-11

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL 1,392 FEET TO VICTORIA
LEE WAY AND TO BE TAKEN INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-13

RESOLUTION TO URGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OPPOSE HB366

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

PURCHASING COMMISSION

Minutes in packet.

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

No meeting.

RULES COMMITTEE

No meeting.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes in packet.

WASHINGTON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-14

**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 EXCEED THE VALUE OF THE PARCEL**

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-15

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION TO FACILITATE FUNDING DECISIONS
WITH RESPECT TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION, INCLUDING POLLING
PLACES**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

WATER TASK FORCE

Minutes in packet.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-02-17

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2020-2021 RE:
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- TO PURCHASE FOUR CAB AND CHASSIS
TRUCKS, FOUR SALT BOXES, FOUR SNOW PLOWS, FOUR DUMP BODIES
AND ONE MINI EXCAVATOR**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:

Tester

RESOLUTION 21-02-18

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2020-2021 RE:
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT- TO PURCHASE USED TIRE LOADER**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NOTARIES

RESOLUTION 21-02-16

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

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

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Motion was made by Light and seconded by Carriger to adjourn. Motion passed
with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Tester



Kathy Storey, County Clerk