

## WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

**AUGUST 29, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission met in regular session on Monday August 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Present and presiding, Chairman Greg Matherly, County Clerk Kathy Storey, County Attorney Allyson Wilkinson and Commissioners to wit.

**Commissioners present:**

Jerome Fitzgerald, Danny Edens, Bryan Davenport, Greg Matherly, Larry Cate, Freddie Malone, Suzy Williams, Phil Carriger, Jodi Jones, Robbie Tester, Kenneth Huffine, Jim Wheeler, Ben Carder

**Commissioners absent:**

Steve Light, Kent Harris

After the Call to Order, the Invocation was led by Carriger and the pledge to the flag was lead by Cate.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Davenport to amend the agenda and add under County Mayor item 2-report of Trustee. Motion passed as amended with an all yes voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Captain Crystal Carringer- 204 W Walnut St Johnson City  
Chad Fleenor- 1240 Old Gray Station Rd Gray  
Kevin Hendricks- 200 Roy Phillips Rd Jonesborough  
Randy Gilliam- 83 Carters View Way Telford  
Joy Ayars- 111 Short Ln Jonesborough  
David Bright- 318 McInturff Rd Limestone

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

James Knowles- 570 Hartmantown Rd Jonesborough  
Jordan Hodges- 3312 Wayfield Dr Johnson City  
Jonathan Rose- 4605 Bristol Hwy Piney Flats

At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board of County Commissioners will reconvene in regular session.

### PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING

Minutes in packet.

#### **RESOLUTION 22-08-01**

#### **RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 018, PARCEL 074.04 IN THE 13TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY THOMAS EGAN**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-02**

**RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 012, PARCEL 020.00 IN THE 12TH  
CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-03**

**RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 021J, PORTION OF PARCEL 003.00 IN  
THE 11TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY L&L HOLDINGS,  
LLC-ROCKINGHAM MARINA**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Minutes in packet

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER, 2022 AS HUNGER ACTION  
MONTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Motion was made by Malone and seconded by Edens to accept the proclamation.  
Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THREE GENERATIONS  
OF SERVICE TO WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS BY THE EDENS FAMILY**

Motion was made by Wheeler and seconded by Carriger to accept the  
proclamation. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Motion was made by Tester and seconded by Malone to approve the July 25,  
2022 minutes as corrected. Motion passed with an all yes voice vote.

**ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, AND CONFIRMATIONS**

None

**REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES**

**COUNTY MAYOR**

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

No written report

**DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

No written report

**DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

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

**ADMINISTRATOR OF ELECTIONS**

July Administrator Report.

**ARPA**

No meeting

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

**BEER BOARD**

No meeting

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE**

Minutes in packet

**RESOLUTION 22-08-05**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASED PUBLIC ADVERTISING THRESHOLD FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY FROM \$10,000 TO \$25,000**

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Fitzgerald to defer the resolution. Motion failed to defer with a majority no voice vote.

Motion was made by Huffine seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution. Adoption of resolution failed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:  
Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler

Commissioners voting against:  
Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Tester, Carder

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-06**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION 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 Jones to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Commissioners voting against:  
Edens, Davenport, Carder

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY**

No meeting

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE**

No meeting

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet.

**RESOLUTION 22-07-07-A**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED WASHINGTON COUNTY 5-YEAR  
EDUCATIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN (ECIP) FOR FY 23-FY27 AND  
AMENDING FY 22-FY23 BUDGET**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones,  
Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioner voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-08**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING JOHNSON CITY RECOVERY CENTER (JCRC)  
AS A RECIPIENT OF OPIOD LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,200,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones,  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-09**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOVERY COURT EXPANSION AS A  
RECIPIENT OF OPIOD LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

Cate, Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-10**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RESIDENTIAL RECOVERY COURT AS A  
RECIPIENT OF OPIOD LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,900,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

Cate, Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-11**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OUTREACH PROGRAM EXPANSION AS A  
RECIPIENT OF OPIOD LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$240,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones,  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioner abstaining:

Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-12**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING RECOVERY HOUSING EXPANSION AS A  
RECIPIENT OF OPIOD LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones,  
Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:

Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-13**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT (BLR-TN) AS A RECIPIENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioner voting against:

Tester

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-14**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING WASHINGTON COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT AS A RECIPIENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00**

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

Commissioners voting for:

Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners abstaining:

Matherly

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

Light, Harris

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

**PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION**

No meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet.

**RESOLUTION 22-08-15**  
**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022/2023 RE:SOLID WASTE-2 ROLL OFF VEHICLES**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-16**

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

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-17**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING INCREASED PURCHASING TRESHOLD FROM \$25,000.00 TO \$50,000.00 FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
Tester

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-18**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS**

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

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



Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-19**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAVING SERVICES BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF JONESBOROUGH**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**PURCHASING COMMISSION**

No meeting.

**RULES COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet.

**RESOLUTION 22-08-21**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED RULE 8B OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & ADOPTION TO INCLUDE TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-22**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING ALLYSON WILKINSON AS COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE UNDER PRIVATE ACT**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

No meeting.

**WATER TASK FORCE**

Minutes in packet.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Minutes in packet.

**RESOLUTION 22-08-23**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022/2023 RE: ZONING-INSURANCE PROCEEDS RELATED TO 2021 FOR EXPLORER**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-24**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE: FINALIZED HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPERATING GRANT**

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

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

Commissioner voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**RESOLUTION 22-08-25**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2022-2023 RE:  
WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT STATE OF TENNESSEE  
CHRONIC DISEASE GRANT**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 22-07-16-A**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2021-2022 RE:  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT-PAYROLL INCREASES**

Resolution dead for lack of motion.

**RESOLUTION 22-06-15-A**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PROPERTY LEASE FOR FACILITIES  
ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SHERFF'S  
DEPARTMENT VEHICLES**

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

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

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

**NOTARIES**

**RESOLUTION 22-08-26**

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

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

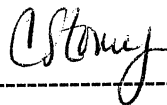
Commissioners voting for:  
Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones,  
Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Carder

Commissioners voting against:  
None

Commissioners absent:  
Light, Harris

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

**Meeting adjourned.**



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**Cheryl Storey, County Clerk**