
**MINUTES
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 25, 2016**

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in called session on Monday, April 25, 2016, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 6:00 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Scott Langford. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp, County Executive Anthony Holt and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Jerry F. Becker
Paul Decker
Alan Driver
Jerry W. Foster
Billy Geminden
Paul Goode
Michael Guthrie

Ben Harris
Larry Hinton
Merrol N. Hyde
JoAnne Kemp
Caroline S. Krueger
Trisha LeMarbre
Scott Langford

Baker Ring
Leslie Schell
Bill Taylor
Chris Taylor
Moe Taylor
Jim Vaughn

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Sonny Weatherford. Chairman Langford noted that with twenty members seated, a simple majority would be by thirteen votes; and that matters requiring a two-thirds vote would be by sixteen votes during this session. Commissioners Pomeroy, Akins, Pospisil and Graves were not present.

The Invocation was led by Chairman Langford.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the County Clerk, Bill Kemp.

**NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING OF THE
SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION**

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Sections 5-5-104 and 105, a called meeting of the Sumner County Commission is called for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. (local time) at the Sumner County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Tennessee 37066.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider, deliberate and possibly vote on a resolution to encourage the state of Tennessee to improve and update road funding of the state transportation projects and seek local inclusion in state highway plans.

The County Executive has called this meeting in order to allow officials as well as citizens to hear state reports of transportation funding plans and issues.

Anyone having an interest, desiring to comment or ask questions concerning the above referenced issues is invited to attend this meeting.

Chairman Langford clarified the call by stating there was no resolution for the body to consider and, as a result, this will be a non-voting session for informational purposes only.

County Executive Anthony Holt introduced Commissioner John Schroer of the Tennessee Department of Transportation. His message was how the cost for maintaining and building new road infrastructure has outpaced the current revenues generated through the collection of the gasoline tax.

Commissioner Schroer said the trend toward lower mileage vehicles and electric vehicles and aging roads and bridges have made it essential to make changes to the funding mechanism, as other neighboring states have done. He spoke to the necessity of increasing the revenue stream through an additional gasoline tax in the short term. In the long term he said a more comprehensive and sustainable form of revenue generation would need to be implemented, as well as development of mass transit.

Paul Degges, TDOT Deputy Commissioner/Chief Engineer, discussed the projects now in progress including the 109 completion through Wilson County, which will benefit the citizens of Sumner County. With the population increasing improvements to 386 are under consideration. A map dated 12-2-15 and prepared by the TDOT Long Range Planning Division GIS Mapping and Facilities Office show the State Route 109 Regional Strategic Corridor Wilson, Sumner and Robertson Counties as follows:

- Complete, 0.909 miles the interchange modification on SR 109 at I-40
- Complete, 3.465 miles from SR 265 (Central Pike) @SR 840 and extending to I-40
- Complete, 0.49 miles from I-40 and extending to the North Fork of Cedar Creek
- Complete, 2.938 miles from near Division Street and extending to south of US 70 (SR 24)
- ROW Underway, 3.6 miles from north of US 70 (SR 24) to south of Dry Fork Creek
- ROW Underway, 3.5 Miles from south of Dry Fork Creek to south of Cumberland River
- Complete 1.014 miles SR 109 over the Cumberland River and Sullivan's Creek
- ROW Underway, 1.3 miles from north of Cumberland River Bridge to SR 109 Bypass south of Gallatin
- Complete, 2.374 miles from SR 109 south of Gallatin and extending to 0.317 miles north of SR 6 (US 31E)
- Complete, 1.293 miles from 0.317 mile north of SR 6 extending to SR 25
- Complete, 2.281 miles from SR 25 and extending to SR 109 north of Gallatin
- Complete, 5.175 miles from the SR 109 Bypass and extending to 400 feet south of Hollis Chapel Road
- Complete, 4.556 miles from Hollis Chapel Road and extending to SR 76
- Complete, 2.057 miles from 0.33 mile south of SR 76 and extending to SR 52
- Preliminary Engineering underway, 6.8 miles proposed Portland Bypass
- Construction underway, 3.8 miles (proposed interchange) existing SR 109 to I-65 (includes SR 41/US 31 widening)

Felix Castrodad, Director of Planning and Grants for the Nashville Mass Transit Authority, spoke regarding a multi-modal approach to solving the problem of overburdening the highway system. He said gradually a shift away from single car drivers to other forms of transportation must occur.

JoAnn Graves, Executive Director of the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee, invited the Commission to be a part of the Transit Citizen Leadership Academy on May 19. She presented a survey that she requested the commissioners fill out and return.

Chairman Langford recognized commissioners throughout the session who discussed their concerns with TDOT officials.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Langford opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter on the agenda.

Kevin Baigert of 424 A B Wade Road in Portland expressed concern about the unrestrained growth coming to the Middle Tennessee area and the burden created on essential government services.

With no one else wishing to speak, recognition of the public was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Langford declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BILL KEMP, CLERK

SCOTT LANGFORD, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Maria A. Savage

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