
**MINUTES
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 31, 2007**

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 6:30 p.m. Present and presiding was the County Executive R.J. "Hank" Thompson. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Mike Akins	Steve Graves	Trisha LeMarbre
David Cummings	Ragan Hall	Joe Matthews
Paul Decker	Bob Hendricks	Kirk Moser
James A. England	Billy S. Hobbs	Bob Pospisil
Shawn Fennell	Chris Hughes	David Satterfield
Paul D. Freels	Merrol N. Hyde	Jerry F. Stone
Paul Goode	David Kimbrough	

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Bob Barker. Chairman R.J. "Hank" Thompson 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 Sandra Ridings Boyd, Jim Vaughn, Jo Skidmore and Anthony Holt were not present for the meeting.

The Invocation was led by Commissioner Ragan Hall.

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

NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING

Chairman Thompson directed the Clerk to post the following notice:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
ALL MEMBERS OF THE
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Pursuant to Section 5-5-105, Tennessee Code Annotated, I, Bill Kemp, County Clerk, at the direction of the County Executive R. J. "Hank" Thompson, hereby give notice to all members of the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners that on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. (local time), they should assemble in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administrative Building, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee. The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss, consider and possibly vote on approving funding for engineering, well testing and matching

funds for a Community Development Block Grant Application regarding water services for portions of northern Sumner County,

THIS NOTICE EXECUTED AND DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Kemp, County Clerk

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Thompson opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter listed on the call. The following persons spoke regarding the lack of clean, running water in their homes and those of their neighbors in the northern section of the county:

Brenda Mandrell of 1260 Bransford Mandrell Road in Westmoreland

Willie Hayes of Charles Brown Road in Oak Grove

Charles Miller of Oak Grove

Elmer Tosche of 998 Keen Hollow Road in Westmoreland

Michael Eddelson of Westmoreland

Kevin and Tina Pearson of Oak Grove

Dave Perry

Noah Reed of 1170 Keen Hollow Road in Westmoreland

Eva Shachno on Charles Brown Road in Westmoreland

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Thompson declared recognition of the public closed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Thompson recognized Commissioner Moser who reported that the Budget Committee met in special session before the Commission meeting. The committee voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

0701S-02 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING UP TO \$5,000.00 FOR WATER TESTING AND ENGINEER FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRE-APPROVAL PROCESS OF THE 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in special session on this the 31st of January, 2007, that this body does hereby appropriate up to \$5,000.00 for water testing and engineer fees associated with the pre-approval process of the 2007 CDBG application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appropriation is to be paid from an inter-fund transfer from the County Debt Service Funds.

Commissioner Moser moved, seconded by Commissioner Goode, to approve the resolution. Chairman Thompson reported on the history of the lack of access to public water and local and county governments' plans to remedy the problem. He said that meetings are ongoing with the utility districts, citizens and mayors from the municipalities of Westmoreland and Portland.

Chairman Thompson recognized David Pigna, Sumner County Director of Communications and Internet Technology, who reported the state requires that 75 percent of the homes in the area in question be tested for water quality. He said the City of Portland would conduct the tests at a reduced cost.

Commissioner Fennell reported that he, and Commissioners Akins and Graves had gone door-to-door filling out applications for water grants. He felt there would be 100 percent participation in the Keen Hollow area.

Commissioner Graves, who is a member of the Castalian Springs Utility District, pledged that the district would pay for the engineering costs associated with the roads. He stated that the utility district would need financial help to install water lines. The owners would be required to pay the tap fee of \$3,000.00.

The electronic vote on Resolution 0701S-01 was recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	Matthews	Y	Hyde	Y	Hobbs	Y
Fennell	Y	England	Y	Hughes	Y	Pospisil	Y
Cummings	Y	Hendricks	Y	Kimbrough	Y		
Hall	Y	LeMarbre	Y	Goode	Y		
Graves	Y	Moser	Y	Freels	Y		
Satterfield	Y	Decker	Y	Stone	Y		

0701S-02 **Yes - 20** **No - 0** **Abs - 0** 7:24:47 PM

Chairman Thompson declared the resolution approved on the first and final reading.

Commissioner Moser introduced the following resolution and moved for approval. Commissioner Graves seconded the motion.

0701S-01 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FISCAL YEAR 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, funds are available through the State of Tennessee, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County wishes to extend water lines to the county residents; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County may apply for CDBG funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 and shall provide local matching funds not to exceed \$219,255.00 from Sumner County to be paid from the County Debt Service Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in special session on this the 31st of January, 2007, that this body does hereby support the application for CDBG funds to extend water lines to county residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Executive is hereby authorized to sign the application and all assurance necessary to filing said application.

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	Matthews	Y	Hyde	Y	Hobbs	Y
Fennell	Y	England	Y	Hughes	Y	Pospisil	Y
Cummings	Y	Hendricks	Y	Kimbrough	Y		
Hall	Y	LeMarbre	Y	Goode	Y		
Graves	Y	Moser	Y	Freels	Y		
Satterfield	Y	Decker	Y	Stone	Y		

0701S-01 **Yes - 20** **No - 0** **Abs - 0** 7:25:42 PM

Chairman Thompson declared Resolution 0701S-01 approved by the body.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Thompson declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

BILL KEMP, CLERK

R.J. "HANK" THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Maria A. Moser

Approved on _____
