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**MINUTES  
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 17, 2015**

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The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2015, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 7:00 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Paul Decker. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp, County Executive Anthony Holt and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Mike Akins	Michael Guthrie	Kevin Pomeroy
Jerry F. Becker	Ben Harris	Bob Pospisil
Paul Decker	Larry Hinton	Baker Ring
Alan Driver	Merrol N. Hyde	Leslie Schell
Jerry W. Foster	JoAnne Kemp	Bill Taylor
Billy Geminden	Caroline S. Krueger	Chris Taylor
Paul Goode	Trisha LeMarbre	Moe Taylor
Steve Graves	Scott Langford	

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Sonny Weatherford. Chairman Decker noted that with twenty-three 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. Commissioner Vaughn was not present for the meeting.

The Invocation was led by Pastor Doug Varnado of the Community Church of Hendersonville.

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

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Without objection, Chairman Decker added the election of standing committees to the Committee on Committees report. Commissioner Foster moved, and was duly seconded commissioner LeMarbre, to adopt the agenda with the additions. The Commission approved the agenda as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting of this body held on July 20, 2015, and recorded in the office of the Clerk, Bill Kemp, were approved by voice vote after Commissioner Pomeroy made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Moe Taylor.

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### RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

Chairman Decker opened the floor to allow the public to speak concerning any matter on the agenda. With no one wishing to speak, recognition of the public was closed.

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### REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chairman Decker read correspondence from County Executive Anthony Holt who expressed his gratitude for the Commission's show of sympathy during his time of loss.

Chairman Decker noted that the Veterans Service Officer's report was provided for information only.

Commissioner Krueger read the following resolution into the record:

#### A RESOLUTION HONORING ALEX PONCE

**WHEREAS**, Alex Ponce, a middle school student at Merrol Hyde Magnet School, has recently qualified for the National Junior Olympics in three different events, the 3,000 m., 1,500 m. and the 800 m. races; and

**WHEREAS**, Alex finished in the top three places at the state USAF Junior Olympics and finished first at the state qualifier to advance to the regional meet; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to being an extraordinary athlete, Alex is an outstanding student, a Life Scout with Hendersonville Troop 157, having just completed his Eagle Project, and a member of the Merrol Hyde Magnet School Cross Country Team as well as the Track Team.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body does hereby congratulate and commend Alex Ponce for his achievements and wishes him future success; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is to be spread on the minutes of this body and the Clerk is to furnish a copy of this resolution to Alex Ponce.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Bill Taylor, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the certificate of recognition for Mr. Ponce.

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Commissioner Geminden read the following resolution into the record:

#### A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PORTLAND

**WHEREAS**, on August 31, 1890, following a series of revival meetings led by Reverend A. Malone of Franklin Kentucky, the original church services began at Austin Schoolhouse laying the foundation of today's First Baptist Church of Portland; and

**WHEREAS**, In August 1895, First Baptist Church began to worship in a white frame building on Church Street until a beautiful new sanctuary was built in 1923 and even though the building was gutted by a fire in the late 1970s, it is still used today as a fellowship hall and houses several classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the new building in 1957 with classrooms, nursery, choir room, library and offices for the pastor and staff and the addition of the new gymnasium and educational building and a walking track in 2007 made it possible for the church members to enjoy many group activities such as Upward Basketball and racquetball.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is to be read and entered on the minutes of this body so as to make it a permanent part of the records of this body and the Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to First Baptist Church of Portland.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Geminden, seconded by Commissioner Hinton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the certificate of recognition for First Baptist Church of Portland.

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Chairman Decker recognized Commissioner Hinton who announced a ribbon cutting for the new Millersville Library on August 24 at 3:00 p.m.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Decker introduced the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**1508-03 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$80,962.25 FROM THE CARRYOVER OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 HOME GRANT FUNDING**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby appropriates \$80,962.25 from the carryover of the fiscal year 2015 Home Grant Funding, as shown on the attachment herewith.

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**1508-04 A RESOLUTION DOCKETING SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FEDERAL PROJECT SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby docket in its records the Sumner County Board of Education Federal Project School Fund Budget Amendments, as shown on the attachment herewith.

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**1508-05 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby approves the 2015-2016 Sumner County Board of Education General Purpose School Fund budget amendments, as shown on the attachments herewith.

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**1508-06 A RESOLUTION DECLARING VARIOUS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE PURSUANT TO EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby declares various items from the County Clerk's office as surplus, as shown on the attachment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the disposal or sale of the same is authorized pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

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**1508-07 A RESOLUTION DECLARING VARIOUS ITEMS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE PURSUANT TO EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body does hereby declare various items from the Sheriff's Office, as surplus as shown on the attachment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the disposal or sale of the same is authorized pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

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**1508-08 A RESOLUTION DECLARING ONE CAR FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE OF SAME PURSUANT TO EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby declares one car from the County Executive's Office, as surplus as shown on the attachment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the disposal or sale of the same is authorized pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

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**1508-09 A RESOLUTION DECLARING A PRINTER FROM THE COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OR SALE OF SAME PURSUANT TO EXISTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby declares a printer from the County Law Director's Office, as surplus as shown on the attachment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the disposal or sale of the same is authorized pursuant to existing policies and procedures.

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**Tax Refund**

Amerigas \$ 2,050.00

Chairman Decker declared the items on the Consent Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote of the body upon motion of Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner Akins.

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**REPORT FROM COUNTY OFFICIALS**

County Officials filed the following reports: County Investments, County General Fund, County Debt Service Fund, County Highway Fund, County Capital Outlay Fund, School General Purpose Fund, School Federal Projects Fund, School Food Service Fund, Employee Health Insurance Trust Fund, Employee Dental Insurance Trust Fund, Casualty Insurance Trust Fund, County Trustee Funds, Special Reports: County Dental Insurance Claim Payments, County Health Insurance Claim Payments, County Property Tax Collections, County EMS Billing/Collections/Balances, County Sales Tax Collections, County Wheel Tax Collections, County Tax Rates/Property Values and County School Loan Program Rates. Approval of the filing of these records does not certify to the accuracy of the documents. County officials annual reports were distributed to commissioners.

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Chairman Decker introduced the following resolution:

**1508-NOT**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC POSITIONS AND PERSONAL SURETY GUARANTORS**

**WHEREAS**, according to the law of the State of Tennessee, an individual must apply for the office of notary public in the county of residence, or of their principal place of business; and

**WHEREAS**, state statute requires personal sureties making bonds for Notaries publics to be approved by the Sumner County Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, said applicant must be approved by the County Commission assembled; and

**WHEREAS**, Bill Kemp, Sumner County Clerk, has certified according to the records of his office that the persons named on the attached listing labeled "SUMNER COUNTY NOTARY PUBLIC APPLICATIONS and SURETY GUARANTORS" have duly applied for the positions so sought; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THIS TAKE EFFECT FROM AND AFTER PASSAGE.**

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### NOTARIES PUBLIC ELECTION

CONNIE J AMONS	LISA K LOOPER
SARA K ANDERSON	RACHEL MARON
FERRIS T BAKER	ANN MAYNARD
JENNIFER DIANE BAKER	SONJA MCGREGOR
CAROL DIANE BARNES	STACEY A MONTGOMERY
SUZIE BLANKENSHIP	AMANDA MOONEYHAM
SUSAN D BONNER	GLORIA ALLMAN MOORE
MICHELLE BOWERS	MARSHA L NICKELL
TERESA BRADLEY	R PRICE NIMMO
THERESA L BRUGMAN	LISA S NORMAN
JULIE S CARR	SHELLY NORRIS
LINDA G CHOLEWINSKI	SHARON POOLE
DONNA F CLEMONS	YOLONDA E RADFORD
TONYA DONOHO	PATRICIA ANN ROBINSON
JAMES P FITE	ANGELA C SADLER
JAMIE N FRANKS	REBECCA SANDU
DEBRAH K FRIZZELL	RHONDA SAPP
WANDA GANT	MARIA JESUSA SMITH
LYNNANNE HART	JUANITA HALL THORNHILL
CINDY A HUNTER	ANGELA WHITLEY
M J ISHAM	DORIS WILSON
SHANNON GEHL LANNOM	SANDRA WHITAKER WRAY

PERSONAL SURETY  
RICHARD A TOMPKINS  
LAWRENCE RAY WHITLEY

Upon motion of Commissioner Pospisil, seconded by Commissioner LeMarbre, voting was recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	M. Taylor	Y	Geminden	Y
Hinton	Y	Driver	Y	Graves	Y
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Harris	Y
Ring	Y	Pomeroy	Y	Kemp	Y
LeMarbre	Y	Decker	Y	Hyde	Y
Becker	Y	C. Taylor	Y	Goode	Y
Krueger	Y	B. Taylor	Y	Langford	Y
Guthrie	Y	Pospisil	Y		

ELECTION Yes: 23 No: 0 Abs: 0 07:14 PM

Chairman Decker declared the election of Notaries Public by the body.

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### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Chairman Decker recognized Commissioner LeMarbre who nominated Commissioner Langford as Commission Chairman. Commissioner LeMarbre, who was nominated for Chairman, declined to serve. Commissioner Moe Taylor nominated Ben Harris who accepted the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Decker declared nominations ceased.

Clerk Kemp stated that a vote for Commissioner Langford would be with the green button and a vote for Commissioner Harris would with the red button.

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

LANGFORD-GREEN		HARRIS-RED			
Akins	N	M. Taylor	N	Geminden	Y
Hinton	N	Driver	Y	Graves	N
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Harris	N
Ring	Y	Kemp	Y	LeMarbre	Y
Decker	Y	Hyde	N	Becker	Y
C. Taylor	Y	Goode	Y	Krueger	Y
B. Taylor	Y	Guthrie	Y	Pospisil	Y

CHAIR      Yes: 15              No: 6              Abs: 0              07:18 PM

Chairman Decker declared Commissioner Langford elected Commission Chairman.

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Chairman Decker recognized Commissioner Langford who nominated Commissioner LeMarbre as Commission Chairman Pro Tem. Commissioner Moe Taylor nominated Commissioner Hinton. Hearing no other nominations, Chairman Decker declared nominations ceased.

Clerk Kemp stated that a vote for Commissioner LeMarbre would be with the green button and a vote for Commissioner Hinton would with the red button.

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

LEMARBRE-GREEN		HINTON-RED			
Akins	N	M. Taylor	N	Geminden	N
Driver	Y	Graves	N	Foster	Y
Schell	Y	Harris	N	Ring	Y
Pomeroy	Y	Kemp	Y	LeMarbre	Y
Decker	Y	Hyde	N	Becker	Y
C. Taylor	Y	Goode	Y	Krueger	Y
B. Taylor	Y	Langford	Y	Guthrie	Y
Pospisil	Y				

PROTEM      Yes: 16              No: 6              Abs: 0              07:20 PM

Chairman Decker declared Commissioner LeMarbre elected Commission Chairman Pro Tem.

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Commissioner Goode brought forth the slate of Commission standing committees or the 2015-2016 year and moved for approval. Commissioner LeMarbre seconded the motion.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Jerry Foster  
Chris Taylor  
Jerry Becker  
Billy Geminden  
Paul Goode  
Kevin Pomeroy  
Bill Taylor

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMM

Michael Guthrie  
Chris Taylor  
Alan Driver  
Moe Taylor  
Jerry Foster  
Ben Harris  
Jim Vaughn

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Trisha LeMarbre  
Paul Decker  
Paul Goode  
Alan Driver  
Billy Geminden  
Michael Guthrie  
Leslie Schell

HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Steve Graves  
Merrol Hyde  
Larry Hinton  
Bill Taylor  
Kevin Pomeroy

GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Becker  
Baker Ring  
Bob Pospisil  
Caroline Krueger  
Ben Harris  
Larry Hinton  
Leslie Schell

BEER BOARD

Mike Akins  
Steve Graves  
Bob Pospisil  
Moe Taylor  
Jim Vaughn

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 2012

JoAnne Kemp  
Paul Decker  
Leslie Schell  
Chris Taylor

ETHICS

Paul Decker  
Jerry Foster  
Scott Langford

Chairman Decker declared the slate of committees approved by voice vote of the Commission. Commissioner Krueger voted no.

Chairman Decker asked the newly formed committees to meet and elect chairman and vice-chairman. The results were as follows:

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Jerry Foster, Chairman  
Chris Taylor, Vice-Chairman

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Trisha LeMarbre, Chairman  
Paul Decker, Vice-Chairman

GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Jerry Becker, Chairman  
Baker Ring, Vice-Chairman

BEER BOARD

Mike Akins, Chairman  
Steve Graves, Vice-Chairman

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Michael Guthrie, Chairman  
Chris Taylor, Vice-Chairman

Highway and Financial Management Committees planned to elect chairmen at their next respective committee meetings.



Chairman Decker directed the Legislative Committee to meet and elect a chairman and vice-chairman. The results were as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chris Taylor, Chairman  
Vice-Chairman (TBA)  
Jerry Becker  
Jerry Foster  
Highway Chairman (TBA)  
Paul Goode  
Trisha LeMarbre  
Mike Guthrie  
Scott Langford, Comm. Chairman

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**HIGHWAY COMMISSION**

There was no report from the Highway Commission.

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

There was no report from the Education Committee.

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**GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

There was no report from the General Operations Committee.

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**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

There was no report from the Emergency Services Committee.

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**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

There was no report from the Public Services Committee.

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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

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

**1508-01      A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RETIRE  
                  TENNESSEE PROGRAM, THROUGH THE TENNESSEE  
                  DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Department of Tourism is committed to assisting Tennessee communities with the promotion of their community as a destination and possible residence for out-of-state retiring persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Retire Tennessee Program affords participating communities the opportunity to nationally promote and market their community with the state and other Tennessee communities; and

**WHEREAS**, retirees migrating into Sumner County should be considered an industry since they receive most of their income from sources outside of

Tennessee and their contribution economically and socially to the community is extensive with benefits far exceeding costs; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumner County has significant community assets attractive to retirees such as diverse recreational opportunities, multiple housing options, low cost of living, low taxes, central geographical location, and award winning medical facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, participating in the Retire Tennessee program involves a cooperative effort by numerous local entities and the sharing of the costs of advertising, development of promotional materials, participation in retiree recruitment shows and events and responding to inquiries; and

**WHEREAS**, Forward Sumner Economic Partnership will direct and fund the activities of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, Sumner County wishes to be an active participant in the Retire Tennessee Program.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby express its intent to participate in the Retire Tennessee Program.

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The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	M. Taylor	Y	Geminden	Y
Hinton	Y	Driver	Y	Graves	Y
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Harris	Y
Ring	Y	Pomeroy	Y	Kemp	A
LeMarbre	Y	Decker	Y	Hyde	Y
Becker	Y	C. Taylor	Y	Goode	Y
Krueger	Y	B. Taylor	Y	Langford	Y
Guthrie	Y	Pospisil	Y		

1508-01      Yes: 22      No: 0      Abs: 1      07:37 PM

Chairman Decker declared the election of the Commission Chairman.

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## **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

There was no report from the Rules and Procedures Committee.

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## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Langford stated that the Financial Management Committee discussed the obstacles related to the implementation of the new county financial software program.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Goode introduced the following resolution and moved for approval.  
Commissioner LeMarbre seconded the motion.

**1508-02                    A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$275,174.20  
                                  FOR REMAINING ARCHITECTURAL  
                                  FEES FOR ADDITIONS/RENOVATIONS TO BEECH AND WHITE HOUSE  
                                  HIGH SCHOOLS INCLUDING CARRYOVER OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, that this body hereby appropriates \$275,174.20 for remaining architectural fees for additions/renovations to Beech and White House High Schools including carryover of the fiscal year 2015, as shown on the attachment herewith.

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Commissioner Langford declared a possible indirect conflict of interest, stating that he would abstain from the vote.

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

Akins	Y	M. Taylor	A	Geminden	Y
Hinton	Y	Driver	Y	Graves	Y
Foster	Y	Schell	Y	Harris	Y
Ring	Y	Pomeroy	Y	Kemp	Y
LeMarbre	Y	Decker	Y	Hyde	Y
Becker	Y	C. Taylor	Y	Goode	Y
Krueger	Y	B. Taylor	Y	Guthrie	Y
Pospisil	Y				

1508-02            Yes: 21            No: 0            Abs: 1            07:50 PM

Chairman Decker declared Resolution 1508-02 approved by the body.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Decker declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner LeMarbre, seconded by Commissioner Akins.

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BILL KEMP, CLERK

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PAUL DECKER, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Maria A. Savage  
Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

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