
**MINUTES
SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 27, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners of Sumner County, Tennessee met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee at 7:00 p.m. Present and presiding was the Chairman Scott Langford. Also present were the County Clerk Bill Kemp, County Mayor Anthony Holt and County Law Director Leah Dennen and the following Commissioners to wit:

Jerry F. Becker
Deanne DeWitt
Alan Driver
Loren S. Echols
Jerry W. Foster
Billy Geminden
Paul R. Goode
Steve Graves

Michael Guthrie
Larry Hinton
Merrol N. Hyde
Scott Langford
Jeremy Mansfield
Justin Nipper
Gene Rhodes

Baker Ring
Leslie Schell
Danny Sullivan
Chris Taylor
Moe Taylor
Luke Tinsley
Shellie Young Tucker
Terry Wright

Having a duly constituted quorum, the meeting was opened in due process by Sheriff Sonny Weatherford. Chairman Scott Langford 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 Caroline Krueger was not present.

The Invocation was led by Pastor Micah Myers, Lambuth Memorial United Methodist Church.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without objection, Chairman Langford moved the certificates of recognition after the approval of minutes. Commissioner Foster moved, and was duly seconded by Commissioner Echols, to adopt the agenda with the change. The Commission approved the agenda as amended by unanimous voice vote of the body.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of this body held on December 16, 2019 and recorded in the office of the Clerk, Bill Kemp, were approved by unanimous voice vote after Commissioner Moe Taylor made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Echols.

Commissioner Sullivan introduced the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MR. JAMES BARRETT HAWKINS

WHEREAS, the passing of Mr. James Barrett Hawkins on December 6, 2019 created a deep, long-lasting void in our community and his countless efforts to lift people will be missed by many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins grew up in Gallatin, graduated from Gallatin High School class of 1974, continued his education at Centre College and Peabody College and received his law degree from Duke University in 1982; and

WHEREAS, prior to opening his own law practice in downtown Gallatin, Mr. Hawkins worked for the Tennessee Supreme Court and the legal department of Bell South before returning home to serve as a managing attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberland, representing countless low-income and at-risk families in various types of civil cases; and

WHEREAS; he continued to serve the citizens of Sumner County as a member of the School Board and was an active member of numerous civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Hawkins shared his legal knowledge with the community publishing over 400 articles for his "Tennessee Legal" column which ran in regional newspapers across Middle Tennessee and, as a way of making people feel special, he attended public events, taking photos and sharing stories on various social media outlets and left a legacy of positive attitude and kindness for all of us to follow as he was a great friend, devout Christian who lived his life at the service of others and as an example of what we should all aspire to accomplish in our own lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does hereby owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. James Barrett Hawkins and honor his memory for the leadership, integrity, and dedication he displayed over the decades; 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 the family of Mr. James Barrett Hawkins.

Upon motion of Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Graves, the Commission voted to approve unanimously the certificate honoring the late Mr. James Barrett Hawkins.

Chairman Langford introduced the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING MADDOX PRICHARD

WHEREAS, Maddox Prichard, a student at Station Camp Middle School, created a shovel with markings, a measuring tool which allows a person to see how deep and how wide a hole is being dug; and

WHEREAS, after winning the first place in his grade level at the MTSU State Invention Convention, Maddox was selected to attend the National Invention Convention in Washington D.C. in May of 2016 where he won an award sponsored by Stanley Black and Decker for students in grades four through twelve; and

WHEREAS, Maddox's Measuring Shovel earned an approval by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in October of 2018 which was followed by his appearance on the television show, Shark Tank, where he was offered and accepted a licensing agreement with a \$40,000 investment; and

WHEREAS, Maddox, in addition to a being an inventor, is an outstanding student who has demonstrated remarkable talent and has future plans to study to be a veterinarian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby congratulates and commends Maddox Prichard for his accomplishments and wishes him a happy, successful future; 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 Maddox Prichard.

Upon motion of Chairman Langford, seconded by Commissioner Goode, the Commission voted to approve unanimously the certificate honoring Mr. Maddox Pritchard.

Commissioner Becker introduced the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING MASON WETTENGEL

WHEREAS, Mason Wettengel, a junior at Pope John Paul II High School, received the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest and the most prestigious honor for a boy scout and with his hard work and commitment to help others, has become an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, as part of his "Homes for Heroes" Scout Project, Mason raised \$22,000 through area businesses and community donations which helped him renovate five unoccupied apartment units for military veterans at the Sumner County Veterans Home in Gallatin, refreshed the landscaping, and installed military service flags beside each apartment door to commemorate service branch; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Mason's hard work to renovate these units, the number of affordable housing available to homeless and economically challenged

veterans has increased and the Sumner County Veterans Home has received a well-deserved attention from generous donors and volunteers who were instrumental in installation of a new roof, the renovation of the veterans' community room and donations of food, toiletries and bedding for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being an extraordinary student with tremendous leadership skills, Mason is a member of the National Honor Society of Arts; a member of Youth in Government; Model UN participant, and has received numerous scout honors and awards, including Eagle Scout Award 2019, for his exceptional efforts and perseverance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby congratulates and commends Mason Wettengel for his outstanding accomplishments and wishes him a happy, successful future; 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 Mason Wettengel.

Upon motion of Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Echols, the Commission voted to approve unanimously the certificate honoring Mr. Mason Wettengel.

Chairman Langford read correspondence from Mrs. James Hawkins expressing her gratitude for the Commission's donation to the Gallatin United Methodist Church in honor of her late husband.

RECOGNITION OF THE PUBLIC

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

The following spoke to the Commission:

David Matsumoto of 229 Black Thorn Lane in Gallatin spoke to his qualifications to represent the Board of Education's Sixth District.

John Genung of 1100 Lock Four Road in Gallatin spoke to his qualifications to represent the Board of Education's Sixth District.

Robert Lea of 1122 Wedgewood in Gallatin withdrew his name from consideration as a candidate in the Board of Education Sixth District and voiced his support for Mrs. Hawkins.

Betsy Hawkins of 475 Bay Point Drive in Gallatin asked for the Commission's support for her as a candidate to fill the vacancy in the Board of Education's Sixth District.

Robert C. Newton of 1072 Paddock in Gallatin expressed concern over the Commission's consideration of Resolution 2001-03 regarding the Comer Barn Preservation.

John Miller of 104 Pond Drive in Gallatin spoke concerning the Comer Barn Preservation. He asked commissioners to vote against the project.

Keven Baigert of 424 A.B. Wade Road in Portland spoke in regard to the Comer Barn Preservation. He asked the Commission to establish a citizen's committee to determine the specifications of the barn project.

Rachel Soulere of 242 Kirkpatrick in Gallatin spoke in favor of the Commission appointing Betsy Hawkins to fill the Board of Education vacancy.

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

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

ELECTION TO SIXTH DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Chairman Langford directed Clerk Kemp to read the following notice:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the Tennessee Constitution as well as the Tennessee Code annotated Section 5-5-111, notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 27, 2020 at approximately 7:00 p.m. (local time), the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners shall assemble in the Commission Chambers of the Sumner County Administration Building, 355 North Belvedere Drive, Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee with respect to filling the vacancy in the Sumner County School Board for the Sixth District created by the death of James Hawkins.

The purpose of the special meeting is to consider, deliberate, and possibly vote on a person to serve as the interim School Board member for the Sixth District until the remaining term is filled as required by state statutory and constitutional requirements.

This special election will be held during a regular called meeting of this Body on the aforesaid date.

Voters of Sumner County are invited to submit names for consideration of appointment to this office. Persons interested in the position are asked to submit a resume or qualifications to the Office of the County Clerk, Sumner County Administration Building, 255 North Belvedere Drive, Room 111, Gallatin, Tennessee, 37066 by Monday, January 27, 2020, 12:00 noon (local time) or attend the aforesaid 7:00 p.m. meeting and express interest to a member of the Sumner County Legislative Body.

The position must be filled according to all applicable state statutes, rules, and regulations.

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

Chairman Langford recognized Commissioner Sullivan who placed Betsy Rogers Hawkins in nomination for the Sixth District Board of Education vacancy. Commissioner Ring seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Moe Taylor nominated David Matsumoto to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Mansfield moved the nomination of John Genung and Moe Taylor seconded the nomination.

Clerk Kemp clarified that the nominees would be in alphabetical with a vote for Mr. Genung represented by the green button; Mrs. Hawkins, represented by the yellow button; and Mr. Matsumoto, represented by the red button.

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

Genung-Y Hawkins-A Matsumoto-N

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YES - 1

NO - 0

ABS - 22

Individual Voting Results (Yes-Y; No-N; Abstain-A; Not Voting-NV; Not Present-NP)

A Driver	- A	B Geminden	- A	B Ring	- A
C Krueger	- NP	C Taylor	- A	Chr. Langford	- A
D Dewitt	- A	D Sullivan	- A	G Rhodes	- A
J Becker	- A	J Foster	- A	J Mansfield	- Y
J Nipper	- A	L Echols	- A	L Hinton	- A
L Schell	- A	L Tinsley	- A	M Guthrie	- A
M Hyde	- A	M Taylor	- A	P Goode	- A
S Graves	- A	S Tucker	- A	T Wright	- A

Chairman Langford declared Mrs. Hawkins elected to the Board of Education Sixth District. Chairman Langford congratulated Mrs. Hawkins on her election.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Langford introduced the following items on the Consent Agenda:

2001- 05 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$45,500.00 FROM THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE GRANT (T.H.S.O.) FOR ASSISTANT'S SALARY AND BENEFITS FOR THE DRUG COURT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby appropriates \$45,500.00 from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office grant (T.H.S.O.) for assistant's salary and benefits for the Drug Court, as shown on the attachment herewith.

2001- 06 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$32,720.66 FROM THE DRUG CONTROL FUND RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE FOR LICENSE PLATE READERS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does hereby appropriate \$32,720.66 from the drug control fund restricted fund balance for license plate readers, as shown on the attachment herewith.

**2001- 07 A RESOLUTION DOCKETING HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS FUND
ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does hereby docket in its records the Highway/Public Works Fund Analysis for the fiscal year 2019-2020, as shown on the attachment herewith.

**2001- 08 A RESOLUTION DOCKETING SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 2019-2020**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does hereby docket in its records the Sumner County Board of Education School Fund Budget Amendments for the fiscal year 2019-2020, as shown on the attachment herewith.

**2001- 09 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$414.00 AS PASS-THROUGH
FUNDS FOR STATE INMATE MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT TO THE BUDGET
OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby appropriates \$414.00 as pass-through funds for state inmate medical reimbursement to the budget of the Sheriff's Office, as shown on the attachment herewith.

**2001- 10 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,032.00 FOR 2020 TSLA
TECHNOLOGY GRANT AWARDED TO THE MILLERSVILLE PUBLIC
LIBRARY FOR TWO WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS, TWO DESKTOP
COMPUTERS AND TEN HEADPHONES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby appropriates \$1,032.00 for 2020 TSLA Technology Grant awarded to the Millersville Public Library for two wireless access points, two desktop computers and ten headphones, as shown on the attachment herewith.

**2001- 11 A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 FROM COUNTY
GENERAL UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR BANNERS ABOUT 2020
CENSUS AND OTHER RELATED COSTS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does hereby appropriate \$1,000.00 from county general unassigned fund balance for banners about 2020 census and other related costs, as shown on the attachment herewith.

Tax Refunds

CLLD Properties (two parcels)	\$2,776.00
Colin and Lori Ireton	\$ 258.00
James Boyd Johnson	\$. 707.00
David and Glenda Smith	\$1,604.00
Karyn Brown and Richard Murphy	\$ 158.00

Chairman Langford declared the items on the Consent Agenda approved upon unanimous voice vote of the body upon motion by Commissioner Echols, seconded by Commissioner Ring.

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.

Chairman Langford introduced the following resolution:

2001-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.**

NOTARIES PUBLIC TO BE ELECTED

JANET L ADAMS	SUSAN M JOHNSON
LOIS F ANDERSON	COURTNEY KACHELMUSS
JESSICA WHITNEY ANDERSON	DANA LYN KASPER
MARY ANNE BALLEW	P KELLY
SHIRLEY C BANKS	SANDRA E KETCHUM
SAMANTHA F. BARNETT	DANITA LANE
DANNY BARTLETT	MORGAN D LANGOS
JOHN DANIEL BROOKS	CONSTANTINA LASCOLA
KAREN D BUCHANAN	IRVIN D LEWIS III
JUDY CALLIS	MARY ANN MCCARTHY
REBECCA CAMPBELL	DREW MCCRACKEN
JENNIFER CANALES	ASHLEY MCHUGH
SARAH IVY CARSON	KEVIN M MORENCY
GRACE CASTELLON	REBECCA C MORENCY
DEBRA R CATRON	KELLY M MORROW
KAITLIN CHAMPION	ROLAND MUMFORD
BETH COOPER	KATHY NORTON
KAREN COWARD	ELIZABETH PACHCIARZ
JOSEPH ALAN CURL	MARY JANE PAYNE
LISA M CURTIS	CINDY L PHILLIPS
WILLIAM A CURTIS	STEVEN LEE PIPER
MARK A DAVIS	EMMA JANE PITT
CYNTHIA P EDWARDS	CHRISTIAN DANIEEN PRICE
AMY JO FORBES	WANDA J RICE
KATHERINE GALE	BARBARA J SHANKS
GINGER G GOODMAN	KIMBERLY N SMITH
JENNIFER P GREGORY	LAUREN P SMITH
NICHOLAS T GREGORY	JESSICA STAHL
GARY A HAIN	ELIZABETH A VANDEGEJUCHTE
DENEISE HARBERT	SHIRLEY WASHINGTON
ANGIE HEDBERG	ELIZABETH D WEAVER
PATRICIA CHRISTINE HENDERSON	VIRGINIA S WHITE
JIM HUFFMAN	CARROLL B WHITE
MELINDA M JACKSON	REBECCA WHITE

Upon motion of Commissioner Moe Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, voting was recorded in the following manner:

2001-NOT 1/27/2020 7:48:52 PM
YES - 22 **NO - 0** **ABS - 1**

Individual Voting Results (Yes-Y; No-N; Abstain-A; Not Voting-NV; Not Present-NP)

A Driver	- Y	B Geminden	- Y	B Ring	- Y
C Krueger	- NP	C Taylor	- Y	Chr. Langford	- Y
D Dewitt	- Y	D Sullivan	- Y	G Rhodes	- Y
J Becker	- Y	J Foster	- Y	J Mansfield	- Y
J Nipper	- Y	L Echols	- A	L Hinton	- Y
L Schell	- Y	L Tinsley	- Y	M Guthrie	- Y
M Hyde	- Y	M Taylor	- Y	P Goode	- Y
S Graves	- Y	S Tucker	- Y	T Wright	- Y

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Commissioner Goode announced the appointment of the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Don Dickerson, resigned – term expires October 2024 – replacement Shawn Utley

Upon motion of Commissioner Goode, seconded by Commissioner Echols, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Utley to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Commissioner Goode announced the following appointment to the Sumner County Library Board:

- Mary Anne Mudd, resigned – term expires July 2020 – County Mayor recommendation Beth Popick

Upon motion of Commissioner Goode, seconded by Commissioner Echols, to approve, the Commission voted unanimously the appointment of Ms. Popick to the Library Board.

Commissioner Goode announced the following recommendations to serve on the Agricultural Extension Service as follows:

- Alan Driver, County Commissioner
- Caroline Krueger, County Commissioner
- Carl Cooper, Farmer
- Edie Kirkpatrick, Farm Woman

Upon motion of Commissioner Goode, seconded by Commissioner Ring, the Commission voted unanimously to group and approve the reappointments of Mr. Driver, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Cooper, Ms. Kirkpatrick to the Agricultural Extension Service.

Commissioner Goode announced the following appointments for next month, February 24, 2020:

Highway Commission

- Tom Neal, citizen – recommendation to reappoint

Board of Zoning Appeals

- Maclin Holt – recommendation to reappoint
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HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Commissioner Hinton moved, seconded by Commissioner Graves, to approve the official road list and the resolution as follows:

2001-01 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICIAL ROAD LIST OF SUMNER COUNTY AS ATTACHED HEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January, 2020, that this body, upon recommendation of the Road Superintendent and Road Committee, hereby adopts and approves Exhibit A attached herewith as the official Road List of Sumner County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to enter the attached list in the official record of this body.

Chairman Langford recognized Commissioner Moe Taylor who pointed out an error in the road list. He said there was a misspelling of the road, which should be listed as "Ransom Mandrell" and moved for a referral to the Highway Commission. The motion to refer for review was seconded by Commissioner Hinton and passed by unanimous voice vote of the body.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Education Committee.

GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no report from the General Operations Committee.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Emergency Services Committee.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Legislative Committee.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Financial Management Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Commissioner Chris Taylor reported on the waterline expenditures. He said an ad hoc committee would be formed to determine the roads where waterlines are needed the most in the county. He said the ad hoc committee would work closely with the utility companies to formulate a list of roads.

Commissioner Chris Taylor introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; Commissioner DeWitt seconded the motion.

AMENDED 2001- 02 RESOLUTION DEFINING SUMNER COUNTY CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING AND PROCESS FOR ADMINISTERING OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING REQUESTS

WHEREAS, Tennessee state statutes authorize county governments to make financial contributions to nonprofit charitable organizations and nonprofit civic organizations, enabling us to assist nonprofit organizations in furthering the economic development, social welfare and common good of our residents; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit charitable organization is exempt from taxation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code where no part of the net earnings inures or may lawfully inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual and provides services benefiting the general welfare of the residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, a nonprofit civic organization, also exempt from taxation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code, operates for the primary purpose of bringing about civic betterments and social improvements through efforts to maintain and increase employment opportunities in the county by promoting industry, trade, commerce, tourism and recreation and inducing businesses to locate in or remain in the county; and

WHEREAS, Sumner County residents receive myriad benefits as a result of the services provided by area nonprofit agencies and often there would be a considerable cost to the county if these services were not provided.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session on the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does affirm that when financially able, it will provide contributions to eligible nonprofit charitable organizations and nonprofit civic organizations per the following stipulations:

- A. Administration of grant requests will be customized for each of the following eligible categories:
 - a. **Rural Fire Departments:** volunteer fire agencies providing first responder fire and emergency services to residents, businesses, schools and organizations in their area
 - b. **Economic and Environmental Agreements:** primarily civic nonprofit organizations committed to economic and workforce development as well as government-extension agencies that promote efficiency in transportation, refuse disposal and natural resources
 - c. **Serving Our Citizens:** local nonprofit charitable organizations that support, care for and/or protect our children, seniors and community as well as those in unsafe or vulnerable conditions.
- B. Contributions to Rural Fire Departments and agencies supported through Economic and Environmental Agreements will be evaluated during the annual county budget process. Those agencies and services which are governed by a contract, Private Act or statute will be limited to a one year term and, when the

term expires, will be reevaluated for continuation, but at no time will legal obligations be ignored unless statutorily authorized.

- C. Contributions to agencies categorized as Serving Our Citizens will be invited to complete a grant application and considered through a charitable giving panel review process conducted *after* the total nonprofit charitable donation amount is approved during the regular budget cycle. Grant applications will typically be made available on or about July 1st of each year pending budget approval and submitted by October 1st. These agencies will be eligible for no more than \$2,500 in the first year or a \$2,500 increase in subsequent years and, in years where Sumner County's total charitable contribution amount does not increase, preference will be given to prior year recipients that continue to enhance the community with proven performance measures. Charitable appropriations will be made after the charitable giving panel completes its work, on or about January 1 the following year.
- D. Charitable donations will only be considered during the annual budget and panel review process.
- E. Per state statute and directive of this body, any nonprofit organization that receives financial assistance from the county must file with the Sumner County Clerk's office and the Finance Department, an annual report of its business affairs and transactions which includes, but is not limited to, a copy of an annual audit (or an annual report detailing all receipts and expenditures in a form prescribed by the comptroller of the treasury), a description of the program that serves the residents of the county and the proposed use of the county assistance. Failure to provide required documentation will forfeit the nonprofit organization's opportunity to apply for a charitable contribution in the subsequent funding year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this process shall begin with the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Chairman Langford recognized Commissioner Moe Taylor who moved, and duly seconded, to amend the resolution to strike language under **A. Rural Fire Departments** that refers to "rural, non-municipal" and substitute "volunteer fire agencies providing first responder fire and emergency services". The maker of the motion and the commissioner seconding the motion agreed to accept the amendment into the main motion.

Chairman Langford declared the resolution as amended approved by the body upon unanimous voice vote. The amended resolution is stated in the minutes.

Commissioner Chris Taylor introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; Commissioner Geminden seconded the motion.

**2001-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLAN FOR
COMER BARN PRESERVATION**

WHEREAS, the historic Comer Barn is a county treasure which should be preserved for future generations and safeguarding it from the elements as well as human and animal intervention is the goal of this body; and

WHEREAS, a \$250,000.00 grant (copy attached) has been provided by the State of Tennessee to assist in the cost of preserving the facility and this body wishes to earmark funds from the Hospital Fund to hire a professional to determine the steps needed to protect the Comer Barn; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body does authorize the General Operations Committee to put out a bid for a project manager or other professional to create a plan to preserve the Comer Barn including roof repairs and related items necessary for conservation and safe guarding of the barn; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$250,000.00 grant funds from the State of Tennessee shall be matched, as necessary, with an appropriation from the Hospital Fund with those funds to be recovered from private donations and tourism resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan, once finalized will be presented to Rogers Group to obtain removal of deed restrictions before the project can proceed.

Chairman Langford recognized Commissioner Moe Taylor who questioned the possibility of Comer Barn naming rights in exchange for a \$40,000 donation. County Mayor Anthony Holt stated that a local bank had expressed interest in naming rights.

Commissioner Hinton moved, seconded by Commissioner Mansfield, to table the resolution until the following items are resolved by the Budget Committee:

- Set the parameters and publish procedures for solicitation of private funds
- The Commission to clarify its intended use of the Comer Barn and the breadth of the project
- That Rogers Group put in writing what it is willing to do and the documents be presented to the public in its entirety

The electronic vote was recorded in the following manner:

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YES - 23		NO - 0		ABS - 0	
Individual Voting Results (Yes-Y; No-N; Abstain-A; Not Voting-NV; Not Present-NP)					
A Driver	- Y	B Geminden	- Y	B Ring	- Y
C Krueger	- NP	C Taylor	- Y	Chr. Langford	- Y
D DeWitt	- Y	D Sullivan	- Y	G Rhodes	- Y
J Becker	- Y	J Foster	- Y	J Mansfield	- Y
J Nipper	- Y	L EchoIs	- Y	L Hinton	- Y
L Schell	- Y	L Tinsley	- Y	M Guthrie	- Y
M Hyde	- Y	M Taylor	- Y	P Goode	- Y
S Graves	- Y	S Tucker	- Y	T Wright	- Y

Chairman Langford declared the motion to table to Budget Committee passed.

Commissioner Chris Taylor introduced the following resolution and moved for approval; Commissioner Foster seconded the motion.

**2001- 04 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION TO INDIVIDUAL
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EXPENDING OF AMOUNTS
PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners meeting in regular session on this the 27th day of January 2020, that this body hereby approves the distribution to individual volunteer fire departments and expending of amounts previously appropriated, as shown on the attachment herewith.

Chairman Langford declared the resolution approved by the body upon unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Langford declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. upon motion of Commissioner Graves, and duly seconded.

BILL KEMP, CLERK

SCOTT LANGFORD, CHAIRMAN

Prepared by Maria A. Savage

Approved on _____
