



SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

355 N. Belvedere Drive – Room 111
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066-5410

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Caroline S. Krueger

Eleventh District
Scott Langford
Jeremy Mansfield

Twelfth District
Michael Guthrie
Justin Nipper

The following minutes are included in this packet:

Budget Committee.....April 11

Committee on Committees.....April 18

Emergency Services.....April 4

General Operations.....April 4

Legislative.....April 11



BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT
Chris Taylor, Chairman
Jerry Foster, Vice Chairman
Deanne DeWitt
Billy Geminden
Paul Goode
Justin Nipper
Brian Stewart
OTHERS PRESENT
Leah Dennen
Ben Allen
David Lawing
Judy Hardin

- I. CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Taylor at 6:00pm in Room 112 of the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin, TN.
 - A. Invocation-Led by Commissioner Geminden.
 - B. Approval of Agenda- Motion to approve by Commissioner Foster, second by Commissioner Goode, unanimous approval.
 - C. Recognition of Public-None
 - D. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2022- Motion to approve by Commissioner Nipper, second by Commissioner Foster, unanimous approval.

- II. REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN- Chairman Taylor requested that Finance Director Lawing be allowed to make transfers for the county clerk's office and the IT department from salary and non salary line items with no limit. The committee agreed.
 - A. FY2023 budget hearing dates reminder (May 10 and May 11)- Chairman Taylor reminded the committee of the budget hearing dates. Finance Director Lawing pointed out the meeting on May, 11, 2022, will probably last most of the day.
 - B. May budget committee meeting – change to May 10 at 3:30pm- The committee agreed to have the May budget committee meeting on May 10, 2022, at 3:30pm.

- III. REPORT OF THE COUNTY MAYOR- None

- IV. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR
 - A. Highway/Public Works Fund analysis (send to county commission)- Included in packet.
 - B. Financial statement memo- Included in packet.

- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Uncollected reappraisal receivable-Chairman Taylor requested that this item be discussed at the May 10, 2022, budget hearing.
 - B. Election Commission – utilizing ARPA funds for purchasing voting machines- Chairman Taylor requested the committee to earmark money for this from the ARPA funds. He explained this will be discussed during the May 10, 2022, budget hearing.

Chairman Taylor pointed out that any item passed unanimously automatically waives the second reading.

- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Education
 1. Budget amendments (for approval)- Motion to approve by Chairman Taylor, second by Commissioner Nipper, unanimous approval.

 - B. Appropriations- Motion to group and approve items VI.B.1,3, 4, and 5 by Commissioner DeWitt, second by Commissioner Goode, unanimous approval.
 1. Sheriff - \$9,600 additional training supplement received-
 2. Juvenile Services - \$2,000 Insight Program monthly fees to be used for one-time bonus for program facilitator- Chairman Taylor requested that this be discussed during the May 10, 2022, budget committee hearing.
 3. EMA - \$121,577 Homeland Security Grant 2021
 4. Portland Library - \$2,991.72 USAC Emergency Connectivity Fund grant for hotspot fees
 5. Pauper Burials – \$4,400 from unassigned fund balance due to increase in number of pauper burials

6. EMS - \$57,343.14 requested from general fund unassigned fund balance to cover additional gas and diesel expenditures due to increase in prices- Chairman Taylor requested that this item be discussed at the May 10, 2022, budget hearing.

C. Highway Department

1. Request to be reimbursed, from ARPA funds, for loss of fuel tax revenue due to COVID- Highway Superintendent Hardin stated, "The county has used ARPA funds for everything in the county, but the highway department hasn't received a dime". She stated she is requesting a reimbursement of \$50,076.95 for loss of fuel tax revenue. She stated, "If you want to give it to me, fine; if not, we will make it". She stated, "When we run out of hot mix money, we are going to quit; we are going to park the paver on the hill". Chairman Taylor requested that this item be discussed at the May 10, 2022, budget hearing.
2. Proposed budget amendments for FY2022- Motion to approve, with the exception of the \$75K decrease in property taxes, by Commissioner DeWitt, second by Commissioner Nipper, unanimous approval.

D. Other Items

1. Gallatin Library – request to use \$75,000 of amount appropriated with the FY2022 budget for cleaning building façade for replacing 75% of carpet instead (building façade is being cleaned for free)- Chairman Taylor requested this item be discussed at the May 10, 2022, budget hearing.

E. Transfers

1. Payroll related
 - a. Election Commission - \$30,000 from postage for compensatory time payouts- Motion to approve by Commissioner DeWitt, second by Commissioner Goode, unanimous approval. Chairman Taylor stated this will be revisited in June if they are still short. The committee agreed to allow Finance Director Lawing to move money in salary and non salary line items with no limit.
 - b. Probation/CASP - \$9,983.83 from part-time personnel to software to purchase SOMS program- Motion to group and approve items VI.E.1.b through 2 by Chairman Taylor, second by Commissioner Goode, unanimous approval.
 - c. Retirees' Benefits - \$5,000 from unemployment compensation for retirees' Medicare supplements and medical insurance
2. Other inter-budgetary

Finance Director Lawing requested that we look at a way to minimize the large amount of budget adjustments at the end of the fiscal year.

- F. Tax Refunds- Motion to group and approve items VI.F.1 through 3 by Chairman Taylor, second by Commissioner Geminden, unanimous approval.
1. Hendersonville Hopsital #34296 - \$8,506
 2. Michael L Shular Trustee - \$111
 3. Simpson Strong Tie - \$508

VII. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn at 6:27pm by Chairman Taylor.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
MINUTES
PAUL R. GOODE, CHAIRMAN
APRIL 18, 2022**

Present:
Shellie Young Tucker, Vice-Chairman
Deanne DeWitt
Leslie Schell
Absent:
Paul R. Goode, Chairman
Jerry Becker

Also Present:
Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Ben Allen, Staff Attorney
Anthony Holt, County Mayor

Vice-Chairman Tucker brought the regular scheduled meeting of Committee on Committees to order with an invocation on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Vice-Chairman Tucker declared a quorum to conduct business.

Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. DeWitt, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of February 28, 2022. Upon motion of Comm. Schell, seconded by Comm. DeWitt, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022.

Public Recognition. None

Report of the Chairman. No report

Report of the County Mayor. No report

8. Old Business. None

9. New Business.

Music City Executive Airport Authority Regional.

- Curtis Rogers, present member

Comm. DeWitt moved, seconded by Comm. Schell, to approve the appointment of Curtis Rogers. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the appointment to the Music City Executive Airport Authority Regional.

Equalization Board – 2-year term.

- Judi Bell, present member, reappoint
- James Ramsey, present member, reappoint
- Michelle Haynes, present member, reappoint
- Phillip Bradshaw, present member, reappoint
- Radford Garrott – alternate, resigned

Comm. DeWitt moved, seconded by Comm. Schell, to group and approve the appointments of Judi Bell, James Ramsey, Michell Haynes and Phillip Bradshaw. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the appointments to the Equalization Board.

Next Month May 2022

Solid Waste Board 6-year term.

- Mark Bristol, present member
- J. Bruce Ramsey, present member
- Fred Qualls, present member
- Ben Harris, present member

County Attorney Leah Dennen stated the Solid Waste Board is a state statutory board that has to exist. County Mayor Anthony Holt asked Ms. Dennen to contact the present members to make sure they want to continue serving on the board and can attend the meetings so deadlines are met in a timely manner.

Equalization Board – 2-year term.

- Oliver Barry, present member
- Troy Smith, present member

Ethics Committee – 1-year term.

- Commission member
- Commission member
- Commission member
- Constitutional County Officer
- Member of County Board, Committee

10. Adjournment. Upon motion of Comm. Schell, seconded by Comm. DeWitt, the Committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN, ALAN DRIVER
APRIL 4,2022**

Present:

Alan Driver, Chairman
Michael Guthrie
Caroline Krueger
Luke Tinsley
Terry Wright

Absent:

Jerry Foster, Vice-Chairman
Merrol N. Hyde

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Ben Allen, Staff Attorney
Anthony Holt, County Mayor
Sonny Weatherford, Sheriff
Ken Weidner, Emergency Management Agency
Joe McLaughlin, Cottontown Volunteer Fire
Greg Miller, EMS Chief
Commissioners: Mansfield and Moe Taylor

Chairman Alan Driver called the meeting of the Emergency Services Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Wright on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

3. Approval of Agenda. Comm. Guthrie moved, seconded by Comm. Tinsley, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2022. Comm. Guthrie stated the following correction needed to be made under Item 10, *Transport revenue up to January 2022 was \$3,747,082.* Comm. Guthrie moved, seconded by Comm. Tinsley, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Recognition of the Public. None

6. Report of the Chairman. Chairman Driver reported that he spoke to Finance Director David Lawing about the possibility of a lease purchase for fire equipment and that is not something that can be done legally at this time.

The standardized list of equipment is in process.

7. Report of the County Mayor. No report

8. Report of the Sheriff. Sheriff Sonny Weatherford reported on March 2022 financials for the Sheriff's Office. The jail population for March 2022 was 640. He said eight new hires started this week with six more to go through background checks. Hope to hire six to ten people per month to build back up.

9. Report of the Fire Department. Joe McLaughlin of the Cottontown Volunteer Fire Department stated he is still compiling numbers for the month of March. Fire chiefs met on March 23rd to discuss the standard apparatus purchases which is in progress, will meet again in April to continue working on list. He reported an increased number of fires in March, especially Wednesday March 30th, due to high winds, downed power lines and trees falling on transformers. There was a large grass and woods fire in Millersville, units also assisted with a mulch fire in Russellville Kentucky. There were two grass and woods fires on Hogans Branch Road and a tree fire on Collier Road. On Thursday March 31st they received a request for support in Sevier County. In all twenty-six personnel along with seven brush trucks, two tankers and a support truck departed to Sevier County, all have returned as of Sunday April 3rd.

10. Report of the Emergency Services Director. Greg Miller, Emergency Medical Services reported 2004 responses in the month of March with \$584,831 in revenue. There were 1546 transports. He stated only one employee shy of being fully staffed with employee hired but not yet oriented.

11. Report of the Emergency Management Agency. Ken Weidner, Director of the Emergency Management Agency continued discussion of the increased fire activity. Mr. Weidner had a zoom call with FEMA and mitigation funding available from three different disasters. He would like to discuss the possibility of providing weather radios for low to moderate income citizens and senior citizens. He explained it would be a 75/25 match which the state typically provides 12.5% with possible in-kind contributions for the other 12.5%.

12. Report of the Emergency Communications Center. County Attorney Leah Dennen reported the committees have narrowed down the applicants to three with interviews to be April 6, 2022. The assistant director has been operating the department and things have been going well. There have been several new hires.

13. Old Business. None

14. New Business. Without objection, Chairman Driver added report of Oak Grove Volunteer Fire to New Business.

- a. Oak Grove Volunteer Fire. Oak Grove Fire Chief presented pictures of current property including existing structure. He explained that the current building is shared between the fire department and EMS, contains three bays, which currently houses two fire engines/pumpers and one ambulance. The priority for the fire department is to get the brush truck, tanker truck and a newly ordered truck out of the weather. The existing building can not be modified. There was discussion about possible locations for the building. Quote for a three bay 70'x40' building with no running water was \$153,000, request is \$175,000 to allow for any contingencies.

After discussion, Comm. Wright moved, seconded by Comm. Krueger, to move forward with engineer for site plan and send to General Operations Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment. Chairman Driver declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. upon motion by Comm. Wright and seconded by Comm. Kreuger.

**MINUTES
GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
LESLIE SCHELL, CHAIRMAN
APRIL 4, 2022**

Present:

Leslie Schell, Chairman
Larry Hinton
Caroline Krueger
Baker Ring
Moe Taylor
Shellie Y. Tucker

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, Law Director
Ben Allen, Staff Attorney
Anthony Holt, County Mayor
Commissioner Mansfield

Absent:

Gene Rhodes, Vice-Chairman

Chairman Schell brought the scheduled meeting of the General Operations Committee to order with an invocation on Monday April 4, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. Chairman Schell declared a quorum present to conduct business.

Agenda. Comm. Krueger moved, seconded by Comm. Ring, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of February 7, 2022. Comm. Hinton noted an error under item 10 listing him as Chairman. Upon motion of Comm. Hinton, seconded by Comm. Krueger, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022 as amended.

Report of Chairman. No report

County Mayor. No report

Recognition of the Public. None

8. Old Business.

9. New Business.

- a. Video/Audio – “OWL”. County Mayor Anthony Holt stated the owls have been sent back to the manufacturer for service.

After discussion, Comm. Hinton moved, seconded by Comm. Krueger, to ask IT Director Dennis Carey to research a permanent camera system for the committee room. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment. Upon motion of Chairman Hinton, and seconded by Comm. Krueger, the Committee adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
BAKER RING, CHAIRMAN
APRIL 11, 2022**

Present:

Paul Goode
Scott Langford, Commission Chairman
Leslie Schell
Danny Sullivan
Chris Taylor

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, Law Director
Ben Allen, Staff Attorney
Commissioner Mansfield

Absent:

Baker Ring, Chairman
Alan Driver, Vice-Chairman
Larry Hinton

With the absence of Chairman Ring and Vice-Chairman Driver, Comm. Goode moved, seconded by Comm. Chris Taylor, for Commission Chairman Langford to stand in and lead the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Langford brought the Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation on April 11, 2022, at 5:35 p.m. Comm. Langford declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda. Comm. Chris Taylor moved, seconded by Comm. Schell, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Minutes of March 21, 2022 for approval. Upon motion of Comm. Sullivan, seconded by Comm. Chris Taylor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022.

5. Recognition of the Public. None

6. Report of Chairman. No report

7. Report of County Mayor. Not present

8. Old Business.

9. New Business.

- a. Veterans service report (attached).
No action taken

10. Commission Recognition.

- a. Honoring Hendersonville High School Coach Hendrix
- b. In Honor of Donate Life Month
- c. In Honor of Annual Drug Take-Back Program

Clerk Kemp spoke to Donate Life Month and introduced Emily McKinley with Tennessee Donor Services who explained that Sumner County has the opportunity to become a Donate Life Locality.

Upon motion of Comm. Goode, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee voted unanimously to group and approve Items 10a and 10c.

11. Zoning.

- a. Brayden Madison Broadcasting, LLC PUD – Applicant is seeking a Major Plan Amendment of an existing PUD, for the purpose of updating the table of allowable uses and addressing current zoning requirements. Subject property is located at 1625 Scotty Parker Road, Gallatin, TN 37066, is on Tax Map 104, Parcel 004.01, contains 1 acre and is zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD). Second Reading.

Comm. Chris Taylor moved, seconded by Comm. Goode, to approve the rezoning request. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment. Commission Chairman Langford declared the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Schell, and seconded by Comm. Sullivan.