



# SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

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

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## Commissioners

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*Mike Akins*  
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*Jerry F. Stone*

*Twelfth District*  
*Michael Guthrie*  
*Bob Pospisil*

**The following minutes are included in this packet:**

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MINUTES  
SUMNER COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
November 14, 2011

Members Present:

Kirk Moser, Chairman	Jim Vaughn	Moe Taylor
Jerry Stone, Vice Chairman	Paul Freels	Chris Hughes

Also:

Anthony Holt	David Lawing	Leah Dennen	Kim DeRenard	Jim Young	John Isbell
Judge Gray	Ed Oliphant	Sonny Weatherford			

Chairman Moser called the Budget Committee to order on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:07 p.m., in Room 112 at the County Administration Building in Gallatin, Tennessee.

**AGENDA:** Mr. Moser stated we are moving New Business B, 1 and E under Report of the Committee Chairman #C. We are also removing items 1 & 2 under Old Business and adding Discussion of TIF. Motion to approve the agenda made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Vaughn, motion passed unanimously.

**RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2011 made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed with Mr. Moser abstaining.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:**

- A. Report from the County Trustee – included in packet
- B. Report from the Assessor of Property – No report. Mr. Stone asked Mr. Isbell if there have been any more big appeals. Mr. Isbell replied nothing major, just a couple of small ones.
- C. Courtroom security cameras and panels from Restricted for Admin of Justice funds - \$15,000 & Courthouse Security – Judge Gray passed out the County Court Room Security Report and discussed with the committee the need for additional security cameras and repairing the x-ray machine. Judge Gray stated that he already has one estimate for \$16,500. Mr. Lawing asked what makes up the \$16,500. Judge Gray stated he did not have that information at this time. Mr. Hughes asked where the estimate was for this \$16,500. Mr. Lawing replied that should have come from Mr. Pigna. Mr. Stone made a motion to approve, subject to bid approval up to \$18,000, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion approved with Mr. Hughes opposing.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Mr. Holt stated that we have received a CDBG grant for \$225,000 for water; and we have the match for that. Mr. Holt also wanted Ms. DeRenard to discuss the home grant. Ms. DeRenard passed out a memo regarding the 2011 Home Program and the application deadline. Ms. DeRenard wanted to remind everyone of the grant, the deadline and the eligibility qualifications.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion regarding \$623,240 appropriation for Adult Education – Mr. Lawing stated that we can't do anything about this and it should not go to Maintenance of Effort.
2. Discussion of TIF – Mr. Lawing stated he has had several discussions with the attorneys and he's waiting on a response from the bank. Mr. Moser asked Mr. Lawing to bring us a comprehensive report next month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Education**

1. Transfer from SCBOE 2010 Bond Intent to Fund – Mr. Young stated we received a \$40,000 grant. Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve A & B, but to come back next month regarding C, seconded by Mr. Freels; motion passed unanimously.
  - a. White House High School Annex boiler - \$24,270
  - b. Hawkins Middle School boiler - \$24,270
  - c. Portland East Middle School renovation - \$2,092 – Additional architect fees
2. Education Jobs Program Grant Award - \$86,149 additional funding – Mr. Young stated this is pass-thru money. Motion to approve made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hughes; motion passed unanimously.
3. Special Education - \$332,425.02 additional funding – Mr. Young stated this is a grant from the state; pass through money. Motion to approve made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed unanimously.
4. DCMS Utility Project - \$11,595 – Mr. Lawing stated we are billing \$14,000 to Hendersonville Utility. Motion to approve made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Appropriations**

1. Courtroom security cameras and panels from Restricted for Admin of Justice funds - \$15,000 – already discussed.
2. Construction & Development - \$2,000 Model Forest Policy Program donation – Motion to approve made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Taylor; motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Hughes opposing.
3. Archives – additional appropriation for purchase of replacement scanner – Mr. Holt stated that Archives needs a new scanner. Motion made by Mr. Vaughn to approve up to \$1,300, seconded by Mr. Stone; motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Freels opposing.
4. Sheriff's Office – Motion to group and approve both items made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Freels; motion passed unanimously.
  - a. \$22,664.54 reimbursement for state inmate medical services
  - b. \$5,000 GHSO Grant
5. Libraries – Motion to group and approve both items made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Taylor; motion passed unanimously.
  - a. Gallatin - \$2,045.86 Erate funding
  - b. Hendersonville - \$2,948.93 Erate funding
6. Drug Court - \$47,290 GHSO Grant – Motion to approve made by Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Mr. Taylor; motion passed unanimously.
7. Community Tree Planting Grant - \$7,775 (local match \$7,775) – Ms. DeRenard passed out a design diagram at the Douglas Clark House and discussed the tree planting grant. Motion to approve made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Hughes opposing.
8. Sumner County Food Bank - \$2,011 non-profit donation – Mr. Holt stated that the food bank purchased a surplus van from the county and he is requesting that we donate the funds back to them. Motion to approve made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Hughes opposing. Mr. Freels stated that the Food Bank would need to complete an application for assistance.
9. Regional Transportation Authority request for funding – Mr. Oliphant with RTA passed out information regarding the RTA annual operating budget and gave a presentation. He is asking that Sumner County fund \$37,500. Mr. Moser proposed that the committee study this and come back at budget time. Mr. Stone made a motion to fund \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Vaughn with the suggestion to fund at \$37,500 and prorate \$18,750. Mr. Stone agreed to change the motion. Motion failed 2-4: Mr. Hughes, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Freels and Mr. Moser voting against and Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Stone voting for. Mr. Moser stated we need to consider this at a later date.

- C. Transfers
  - 1. Inter-budgetary - Motion to group and approve both items made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Taylor; motion passed unanimously.
    - a. Greater than \$1,500
    - b. \$1,500 or less
- D. Tax Matters
  - 1. James Hamilton - \$352.43 refund – Mr. Isbell stated that Mr. Hamilton was double assessed. Motion to approve made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Hughes; motion passed unanimously.
- E. Courthouse Security – Judge Gray - - already discussed
- F. Sheriff's Office – Salaries – Sheriff Weatherford discussed the issue with losing jailers because of the low rate of pay. It is currently at \$23,184 with the 3% pay increase. We are currently losing up to 40 employees per year due to the current pay. They are coming to Sumner County, getting hired and trained and then leaving to go to other counties paying at a higher rate. Motion made by Mr. Stone to approve \$87,162 to fund from reserve to bring pay up to \$25,000 per year starting January 2012, seconded by Mr. Vaughn; motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Freels opposing.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

- A. Revenue Analysis (passed out at meeting)
  - Adequate Facilities – 122.720%
  - Sales Tax – 105.256%
  - Wheel Tax – 98.648%
  - EMS – 84.782%
  - Business Tax – 109.876%
- B. Financial Reports – October (available at meeting, if requested)

**ADJOURNMENT** – Being there was no more discussion, Mr. Vaughn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm, seconded by Mr. Taylor; motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Present:

Jerry Stone, Chairman

Jo Skidmore

Billy Geminden

Absent:

Moe Taylor, V. Chairman

Trisha LeMarbre

Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman

Leah May Dennen, County Law Director

The meeting of the Committee on Committees was brought to order on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin. Chairman Stone was presiding.

Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. Skidmore, seconded by Comm. Geminden, the Committee voted to approve the agenda as amended.

Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Skidmore, seconded by Comm. Geminden, the committee voted to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011.

Recognition of the Public. There was none.

Next Month. Chairman Stone announced the business for next month was four appointments to the Agricultural Extension Service Committee as follows: Joe Matthews and Ben Harris, commissioners; Joy Alexander, farm woman; and Charlie Carr, farmer.

Upon of Comm. Skidmore, seconded by Comm. Geminden, the Committee adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**MINUTES**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**December 5, 2011**

**Present:**

Trisha LeMarbre, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Matthews  
Kirk Moser  
Jerry Stone  
Billy Geminden  
Absent  
Jim Vaughn  
Paul Decker, Chairman

**Also Present:**

Dr. Del Phillips, Director of Schools  
Leah Dennen, Law Director  
Moe Taylor, Mike Akins, commissioners  
Anthony Holt, County Executive  
Merrol Hyde, Commission Chairman

Vice-Chairman LeMarbre brought the Education Committee meeting to order with a prayer on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin. A quorum was present to do business.

Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. Stone, seconded by Comm. Matthews, the Committee members approved the agenda.

Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Matthews, seconded by Comm. Geminden, the Committee approved the minutes of October 3, 2011.

Recognition of the Public. There was none.

Report of Chairman. There was no report.

County Executive. County Executive Anthony Holt reported that a proposed private act resulting from the work of the 1981 Financial Management Study Committee would be ready for approval by the Commission soon.

Director of Schools. Dr. Phillips, Director of Schools, made comments about school closings due to inclement weather.

Old Business. There was none.

New Business.

Westmoreland Baseball/Softball Practice Facility. Vice-Chairman LeMarbre recognized Commissioner Taylor who provided an estimate of \$186,115.34 for the Westmoreland High School Baseball/Softball Facility. He requested that the Committee review the proposal and send it on to the Budget Committee. Director of Schools Phillips stated that the project had been approved on April 13, 2011 in the Maintenance and Facilities Committee. Director Phillips suggested that the initial process would be to gather all the legal documents, such as architectural drawings, and bring those plans and hard bids back to the committee.

Comm. Stone moved, seconded by Comm. Moser, to approve the concept of a Westmoreland facility and move it through the proper channels. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. after a motion by Comm. Stone, seconded by Comm. Matthews.

Prepared by Maria A. Savage

**MINUTES  
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**December 5, 2011**

**Present:**

Paige Brown Strong, Vice-Chairman  
Bob Pospisil  
Mike Guthrie  
Ben Harris  
Paul Freels

**Absent:**

Jim Vaughn, Chairman  
Paul Decker

**Also Present:**

Anthony Holt, County Executive  
Keith Douglas, EMS Director  
Leah Dennen, Law Director  
Sheriff Sonny Weatherford  
Joe Williams, Volunteer Fire Departments

Vice-Chairman Paige Brown Strong called the Emergency Services Committee to order on Monday December 5, 2011 at 5:00 PM in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda. Comm. Harris made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm. Pospisil. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2011 Comm. Pospisil made a motion, seconded by Comm. Guthrie. The minutes of November 7, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Public Comments None.

Report from the Chairman. None.

Report from the Sheriff. Sheriff Weatherford handed out the November 2011 Financial Report and Animal Control statistics. The figures were pretty much the same, with the exception of the Department of Safety Handgun Checks. The Sheriff explained that he signs these monthly, and sends back to the state. These are for background checks. The Sheriff stated it was caught up from 2009 up to the present. This accounts for the large amount. In the future it would be around \$1000 or \$2000 monthly.

The Sheriff requested approval on surplus to be destroyed. Comm. Harris made a motion, seconded by Comm. Pospisil. Motion carried.

Report from the Fire Department. Mr. Williams advised there were 212 calls in the county for the month of November. About 80% were medical first responder



calls, assisting the ambulance service. There were twelve structure fires. Mr. Williams also announced there would be a Fire Department Appreciation Day, and open house. This would take place at the Portland and Highland Volunteer Fire Department, with a tentative date of January 31, at 7:00pm.

Report from the Director Director Douglas handed out the December 2011 Emergency Services Committee Report. The figures that dropped off in Revenue for October have recovered. The Director stated that January should determine how the new billing system is working. Responses and transports both dropped off in November. Included in the report is a summary of Intermedix figures.

The last page of the report was a breakdown of the December 1, 2011 Highway 386 Mass Casualty Incident.

Report from the County Executive Mr. Holt stated after the cleanup of the accident on Highway 386, he received a call from the Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner, John Schroer. Mr. Schroer praised the Sumner County Emergency agencies.

Mr. Holt requested approval to plant a Dogwood tree during the spring to honor the lives lost, and a plaque to show appreciation for the Emergency Personnel involved. Mr. Pospisil made a motion, seconded by Comm. Harris. Motion carried.

Old Business - None.

New Business-None.

There was a motion to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 5:20pm.

Prepared by  
Sheila Ashton

**MINUTES  
CALLED MEETING GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**December 12, 2011**

**Present:**

Jo Skidmore, Chairman  
Shawn Utley, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Matthews  
Mike Guthrie  
Ben Harris  
Steve Graves  
Moe Taylor

**Also Present:**

Anthony Holt, County Executive  
Leah Dennen, County Law Director  
Kim DeRenard, Finance Department  
Matt Kisber, President and  
CEO, Silicon Ranch

Chairman Skidmore called the General Operations Committee to order on Monday December 12, 2011 at 5:00 PM in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda. Comm. Graves made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Comm. Harris. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes Of November 14, 2011 Comm. Harris made a motion, seconded by Comm. Taylor. The minutes of November 14, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Business on the Call

- Silicon Ranch Matt Kisber, President and CEO of Silicon Ranch presented before the Committee a proposal of having solar panels on site behind the Archives building. Chairman Skidmore stated that it was a good idea, but the land behind the archives is valuable, and may be used at a later date for parking. County Executive Holt explained in applying for the grant on the last day, it was necessary at the time to select a site in the county general, and several school sites. Comm. Graves questioned the pros and cons. Mr. Holt stated a monthly income would be coming in, showcasing technology being manufactured here in Sumner County (Shoals), and producing energy. The problematic viewpoint is tying up a piece of property for 25 years. There was discussion.

Comm. Utley made a motion not to accept at this time. Comm. Matthews seconded. There was further discussion. Motion carried.

- Ecotality Electric Car Charging Stations Ms Derenard explained Ecotality, a recognized leader in the research and development of advanced energy

systems specialized in the field of alternative-fuel, was awarded a \$114.8 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The EV Project's goal is to deploy approximately 14,000 chargers in 18 major cities, and metropolitan areas. Tennessee was chosen as one of the states. There would be revenue share with Ecocality. Ms. Derenard went over the details included in the handout. The County Executive stated that only four electric cars are registered in Sumner County. Compared to other counties, this is a low number, however due to the cost of fuel it is anticipated that there will be more in the future. Mr. Holt wants to apply for two stations at no expense to the county. The charging stations would be located on the Sumner County Administration property. (Tourism property also being considered) Insurance would cover accidents, such as cars backing into them, but vandalism would not be covered and the county would be responsible.

Comm. Harris made a motion to pursue (making application) two charging stations per site, seconded by Comm. Graves. Comm. Matthews expressed concern that the county would be responsible if vandalized. There was some discussion. The vote was as follows: (4) Yes (3) No. Commissioners Matthews, Utley, and Taylor opposed. Motion carried.

Recognition of the Public None.

There was a motion to adjourn. The Committee adjourned at 5:34pm.

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**SUMNER COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION****December 6, 2011****MINUTES****MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul Decker, Commissioner  
Frank Freels, Commissioner  
Billy Geminden, Vice Chairman  
Paul Goode, Commissioner  
Steve Graves, Chairman  
Judy Hardin, Road Superintendent  
Tom Neal, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Anthony Holt, County Executive

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Leah Dennen, Law Director  
Sandra Lee Hesson, Assessor of Property Adm. Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Graves called the regular monthly meeting of the Sumner County Highway Commission to order, Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room #112 at the Sumner County Administration building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Commissioner F. Freels to approve the November 2011 minutes. **Seconded** by Road Superintendent Hardin. **Motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC RECOGNITION** - None

**REPORT OF CHAIRMAN: OLD BUSINESS** - None

**REPORT OF CHAIRMAN: NEW BUSINESS****A. Hwy 386 Bridge**

Commissioner Decker recommended and **motioned** for the County (resolution and letter) to request of TDOT about warning systems. **Seconded** by Commissioner Goode. **Motion passes** unanimously.

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**REPORT OF ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: OLD BUSINESS - None**

**REPORT OF ROAD SUPERINTENDENT: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Brush Pick-up**

Road Superintendent Hardin explained their Brush Pick-up system with the committee and asked their opinion. There was discussion. Road Superintendent Hardin presented a Zone Map divided into 4 areas. Zone 1 is week 1, Zone 2 is 2nd week, etc. Commissioner Goode **motioned** to approve the Highway Department picking brush up once a month per Zone. **Seconded** by Commissioner F. Freels. **Motion passed** unanimously.

**B. Operating Hours Change**

Road Superintendent Hardin revealed operating hours change at the Highway Department. The employees would like to try working four (4), ten (10) hour days except on Holidays. The hours would be 6A.M. until 4:30P.M. beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The employees would be off on Fridays. If it is not profitable, Road Superintendent Hardin stated they would go back to 7A.M. until 3:30P.M. There was discussion. Road Superintendent Hardin will let the committee know how it's working monthly.

**REPORT OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE - None**

**COMMISSION BUSINESS - None**

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR - None**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Commissioner Goode  
**SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Decker  
**ADJOURNMENT:** 4:30 P.M.

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

**December 12, 2011**

**Present:**

Bob Pospisil, Chairman  
Paul Decker, Vice-Chairman  
Jo Skidmore  
Kirk Moser  
Shawn Utley  
Jerry Stone  
Jim Vaughn  
Steve Graves

**Absent:**

Merrol Hyde

**Also Present:**

Anthony Holt, County Executive  
Leah Dennen, County Law Director  
David Lawing, Finance Director

Chairman Pospisil called the Legislative Committee to order on Monday December 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda. Comm. Stone requested a discussion of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) be added under Old Business. Comm. Graves made a motion to approve, seconded by Comm. Skidmore. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2011 Comm. Stone made a motion, seconded by Comm. Skidmore. The minutes of November 7, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Report of County Executive No report.

Public Comments. None.

Certificate of Recognition

- Hendersonville Christian Academy Football
- Danielle Long Kidney Award

Vice-Chairman Decker made a motion to approve Certificates of Recognition, seconded by Comm. Graves. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Constables-Remove Law Enforcement-Law Director Dennen stated this was on the agenda for the purpose of her to docket it. No action taken.
- Constables-Dissolve Office-Law Director Dennen stated that dissolving the office completely would take two readings, just as the Removal of Law Enforcement Powers did. Ms. Dennen advised there are some savings that can be had by the Election Commission if we have no constables because of sending out cards. Comm. Ring confirmed that if the constables are on the March Primary Ballot, new voter's registration cards would have to be mailed to every voter in the county with the new districts.

Comm. Graves made a motion to dissolve the office, seconded by Comm. Decker. There was some discussion. Motion carried.

- Discussion of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing)-Comm. Stone went over a Summary that was handed out showing March 29, 2007 \$18,000,000 of bonds was issued with maturities of May 1, 2036. As of September 30, 2011 \$5,263,749 of costs had been paid, and only \$500,000 of the principal had been paid on the bonds, which leaves a balance of \$17,500,000 outstanding. Comm. Stone made a motion this be forwarded to the Financial Management and Budget Committees with the intent of taking action and refinancing to pay off. Comm. Graves seconded. Motion carried.

### New Business

- Magistrate Reappointments-This is for the men and women who set the bail. Comm. Moser made a motion for approval, seconded by Comm. Vaughn. Motion carried.
- Meeting Dates for 2012-The third Monday of every month except where a holiday falls on that date and then it would be the fourth Monday. (January and February both have holidays on the third Monday) Vice-Chairman Decker made a motion for approval, seconded by Comm. Graves. Motion carried.

- Anti-Discrimination-Annually a resolution must be passed that says the county does not discriminate. Jim Vaughn made a motion for approval, seconded by Vice-Chairman Decker. Motion carried.

### Zoning

- Bandy, Wayne, and Robbie, Rezoning-This is to be added to the agenda next month.

### Report of Law Director-No Report

Adjournment-Vice-Chairman Decker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Graves. The Committee adjourned at 6:20

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**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**SHAWN UTLEY, CHAIRMAN**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2011**

Present:  
Shawn Utley, Chairman  
Jo Skidmore, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Akins  
Frank Freels  
Paige Brown Strong  
Anthony Holt, County Executive  
Judy Hardin, Highway Superintendent

Also Present:  
Leah Dennen, County Law Director

The regular meeting of the Public Services Committee was called to order with a quorum present on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin. Chairman Utley was presiding.

Agenda. Comm. Freels moved, seconded by Comm. Skidmore, to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Akins, seconded by Comm. Skidmore, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of September 6, 2011.

Public Recognition. There was none.

Chairman's Report.

County Executive. County Executive Holt stated that the County had been awarded a \$225,000.000 grant, with a matching portion of approximately \$55,000.00. He said the road selected for the grant was Johnny Spears Road, because it was the only road that met the qualifications. Westmoreland Utility District Engineer Buddy Counce and Mayor Mike Carter were present to discuss the water line extension. Comm. Akins moved, seconded by Comm. Skidmore, to defer the matter. Comm. Skidmore withdrew her second.

Mr. Counce stated the 20 residents on the road were surveyed, which was the basis of the grant. The timing will be sometime this summer after the contracts are organized. The total fund is \$271,000. He said the surveys were done December, 2010 and they are public record. Comm. Holt said that GNRC wrote the grant. Water taps are included in the cost.

Mayor Carter explained the process of selecting Johnny Spears Road.

Chairman Utley recognized Commissioner Moe Taylor who said that of the \$200,000.00 set aside for water lines, the County will only use \$55,000.00. He said there will be enough to do Gains Hills Road at an approximate cost of \$230,000.00. He stated that the cost may come in lower if the two are done together.

Comm. Freels moved to proceed with Johnny Spears Road and forward the Gains Hill Road to the Budget Committee. The motion died for lack of a second.

Comm. Akins moved, seconded by Comm. Brown Strong, to defer the matter. The motion failed (2-4-1) with Commissioner Akins and Brown Strong voting in favor; Commissioners Freels and Utley and Mr. Holt and Mrs. Hardin voting no; and Comm. Skidmore abstaining.

Comm. Freels moved, seconded by Mr. Holt, to approve the grant for Johnny Spears Road and forward it to the Budget Committee to allow the residents of Johnny Hill Road to speak. The motion included forwarding the Gains Hill Road proposal from Commissioner Taylor. The motion carried (6-1) with Comm. Akins voting no.

Silicon Ranch Photovoltaic System. Reagan Farr Vice-Chairman and CEO of Silicon Ranch was present to discuss a grant proposal to install, own, operate and maintain a ground mounted 193.2kw solar installation at no cost to Sumner County Government on vacant land behind the Sumner County Archives building on approximately 1 acre. The agreement will pay Sumner County Government 2 cents per kilowatt hour of generated electricity for years 1-10 and 3 cents per kwh for year 11-25. The proposal represents a capital investment of approximately \$800,000.00 and should result in the generation of 270,000 kwh of electricity annually.

Comm. Akins moved, seconded by Mr. Holt, to refer the matter to the General Operations Committee. The motion carried.

The EV Project. Mr. Holt stated that a grant to allow the County to place electronic power stations for vehicles at the County Administration Building. Comm. Akins moved, seconded by Brown Strong, to refer the matter to the General Operations Committee. The motion carried.

Comm. Freels moved, and was seconded by Comm. Akins, to adjourn the Public Services Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**MINUTES  
RULES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE  
MERROL HYDE, CHAIRMAN**

**December 5, 2011**

Present:  
Merrol Hyde, Chairman  
Baker Ring, Vice-Chairman  
Mike Akins  
Paige Brown Strong  
Bob Pospisil  
David Satterfield

Also Present:  
Leah Dennen, County Law Director  
Anthony Holt, County Executive  
County Clerk Bill Kemp

The regular meeting of the Rules and Procedures Committee was called to order on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building in Gallatin. Chairman Hyde declared a quorum present.

Chairman Hyde recognized County Clerk Bill Kemp who addressed the Committee's questions about displaying County Commission votes during the computer voting process. He said it is possible to hide the voting until after the totals are announced and recorded. His position was it is better to display the voting process during the vote in order to limit the confusion about how an individual voted. Mr. Kemp explained that the computer allows 15 seconds per vote before recording the outcome. Comm. Ring requested that the Committee do more research but set the matter aside for the present.

Rule II, Section F, Part (2). Chairman Hyde recognized County Law Director Leah Dennen who proposed that all agenda items for the Commission committees be processed through the law director's office. Ms. Dennen stated that the Budget and Financial Management Committee agendas would continue to be processed through the County Finance Department.

The second change she proposed was a protocol and timeline for submitting matters for resolutions. She stated that matters submitted after the monthly deadline would be considered the next month. She stated that it would be good to give more consideration and research to the matters that come before the Commission.

She stated that she has re-written number three.

Upon motion of Comm. Akins, seconded by Comm. Pospisil, the Committee voted to approve the suggestions make by Ms. Dennen.

Ms. Dennen stated that the Standing Rules and Procedures have been reviewed in its entirety and will be presented in total for approval at the January, 2012 Commission meeting.

Upon motion of Comm. Pospisil, and duly seconded, the Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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