

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 11, 2010, at 7:30 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. (Note: This meeting was rescheduled from the usual third Monday of the month.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Millsaps.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Curtis.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Evonne Hoback, McMinn County Clerk, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Present
Dale Holbrook – Present
Jeannie King – Present
Roger Masingale – Present
Gary Mason – Present
Jerry Millsaps – Present
Bob Powers – Present
Jack Powers – Present
Tad Simpson – Present
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on December 21, 2009 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve the Minutes of December 21, 2009.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

None.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of one budget amendment, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. Mr. Luallen added that this was approved by the Budget Committee earlier this evening.

Fund: General Fund # 101

Date: January 11, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	10,000.00	
Office of County Trustee	Communication	52400-307		60.00
“	Data Processing Service	52400-317		9,340.00
“	Maint. & Repair Serv. – Office Equip.	52400-337		600.00

EXPLANATION: To budget funds necessary for on-line inquiry for property tax history on parcels.

MOTION made by Commissioner Curtis, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this budget amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye
 Dale Holbrook – Aye
 Jeannie King – Aye
 Roger Masingale – Aye
 Gary Mason – Aye
 Jerry Millsaps – Aye
 Bob Powers – Aye
 Jack Powers – Aye
 Tad Simpson – Aye
 Chairman David Crews – Aye

9. AMBULANCE CONTRACT TRANSFER REQUEST

Mr. Gentry said that the Emergency Services Committee met prior to this meeting to review the request from ICARE to have the County EMS contract transferred resulting from the bankruptcy of MedTrans. Mr. Gentry introduced Ronnie Patterson of ICARE and asked him to discuss the following resolution to approve the transfer of McMinn County’s 911 Emergency Medical Services Contract. Mr. Gentry added that this resolution has the approval of the Emergency Services Committee.

Resolution No. 10-001

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF MCMINN COUNTY’S 911 EMS CONTRACT

WHEREAS, McMinn County can and does contract with private vendors to provide professional and capable 911 EMS service to the citizens of McMinn County; and

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Resolution No. 10-001 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, in May 2007, Med Trans of Tennessee was awarded the contract as the lowest bidding vendor, and since that time has properly and efficiently served the citizens of McMinn County in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, due to financial issues in 2009, Med Trans was forced to declare Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, which required the sale of Med Trans on December 16, 2009 in Bankruptcy Court; and

WHEREAS, the only bidder being ICARE, McMinn County was allowed by the Bankruptcy Court and through its present contract to review the sale of Med Trans and approve the transfer of McMinn County's 911 Ambulance Service Contract to any new vendor; and

WHEREAS, the contract transfer to ICARE was reviewed and recommended to the County Commission by the Emergency Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, this contract transfer is approved with the present terms in place, and shall take effect at time determined by U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THIS TRANSFER OF THE COUNTY'S 911 EMS CONTRACT TO ICARE, AND FURTHER ALLOWS THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROPER DOCUMENTATION REGARDING THIS TRANSFER, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

Mr. Ronnie Patterson said they would begin operations when the Bankruptcy Court determines the date and he added that they would be continuing the excellent service provided by MedTrans, enhancing customer service, and providing quality patient care. Mr. Patterson offered to answer any questions from Commissioners.

In response to questions by Commissioners, Mr. Patterson provided a copy of several questions and answers concerning ICARE that was provided to the Emergency Services Committee. Mr. Patterson will be the Vice President of EMS Operations and added that the majority of the people on MedTrans staff will still be in place.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve Amendments to the McMinn County Ambulance Service Regulations.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve amendments to the McMinn County Ambulance Service Regulations. Mr. Gentry said that this resolution was approved by the Emergency Services Committee earlier this evening and provides some clarification on the County Ambulance Service Regulations adopted in 2006.

Resolution No. 10-002

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE MCMINN COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, McMinn County adopted County Ambulance Service Regulations in 2006, as provided by TCA 7-61-103, to ensure professional and responsible EMS service for the citizens of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, upon review and approval of the McMinn County Emergency Services Committee, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of McMinn County to amend certain portions of these regulations; and

WHEREAS, the amended Section is as follows:

Vehicles and Equipment

1. Change item 1 to read “All **front line** vehicles shall be no more than 8 years old from the date of new sale, nor have more than 200,000 miles on the odometer. Should a vehicle reach 200,000 miles, the service must replace such **front line** vehicle within 12 months. **Reserve vehicles may be over 8 years or 200,000 miles.**”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING THIS THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THIS AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY’S AMBULANCE SERVICE REGULATIONS, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and License Rural/Metro as a Non-Emergency Ambulance Service Provider in McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve and license Rural/Metro as a non-emergency ambulance service provider in McMinn County and he explained that Rural/Metro has made this request based on our regulations. Mr. Gentry said that the Emergency Services Committee recommends approval and added that the Safety Officer, Joe Guy, has inspected their station and equipment and Rural/Metro has supplied the necessary documentation with the exception that the medical director will now be Dr. Charles Cox, a local physician. Mr. Gentry said that this request is for six months and after that they will resubmit and go to a one-year annual request.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that the State authorized Counties to regulate ambulance services operating within their counties to insure that basic requirements are met. This ensures ambulance companies compete on a level playing field and a basic level of acceptable service is established.

RESOLUTION No. 10-003

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND LICENSE RURAL/METRO AS A NON-EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER IN MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County adopted County Ambulance Service Regulations in 2006, as provided by TCA 7-61-103, to ensure professional and responsible EMS service for the citizens of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, such regulations affect both emergency 911 ambulance services as well as non-emergency ambulance services, and stipulates operation, financial, and management issues that are required for an ambulance serve to operate in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS Rural Metro Ambulance has requested licensure to operate as a convalescent non-emergency ambulance service in McMinn County, and has provided documentation as to its fulfillment of all requirements stipulated in McMinn County's Ambulance Service Regulations; and

WHEREAS, having met such requirements and qualifications, McMinn County approves Rural Metro Ambulance as a non-emergency ambulance service provider in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of this County EMS license shall be six months, shall commence January 11, 2010 and end on June 30, 2010, which is the same time Rural/Metro's Tennessee License expires for McMinn County, at such time Rural Metro may request license renewal and re-submit its affidavit it meets the qualifications of the McMinn County Ambulance Service Regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve Rural/Metro Ambulance as a non-emergency ambulance service provider and by passage of this resolution does license Rural/Metro Ambulance to provide said service within the corporate limits of McMinn County in accordance to the terms of McMinn County's Emergency Services Regulations, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Kenneth Voss and Associates for Appraisal and Consultation Services.

Mr. Gentry said that Property Assessor Don Cowart recommends that we hire an appraisal firm to appraise the Waupaca facility in order to strengthen the county's appeal of the judge's decision to lower the assessed value of the Waupaca property resulting in a significant property tax loss as explained in the following resolution. Mr. Gentry said that this was approved by the Budget Committee earlier this evening with the goal to successfully appeal and hopefully set a precedent.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mason, Mr. Gentry said he has spoken with the City Manager of Etowah and he seemed favorable to make a request to the Etowah City Commission to help pay some of this cost as the City of Etowah stands to lose an additional \$32,000.00.

Resolution No. 10-004

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH KENNETH VOSS AND ASSOCIATES FOR APPRAISAL AND CONSULTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, ThyssenKrupp Waupaca (TK Waupaca) appealed their 2009 real property assessed values to the State of Tennessee Board of Equalization Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, the judge ruled on behalf of TK Waupaca lowering their land and improvement assessed values from \$15,581,500 to \$8,425,800 resulting in a net property tax loss for McMinn County in the amount of \$45,637.00 per year at the current tax rate, and an additional \$32,345.00 per year to the City of Etowah; and

WHEREAS, Assessor of Property Don Cowart believes the judge erred in his decision and recommends McMinn County appeal the decision of the administrative law judge to the Board of Equalization Appeals Commission; and

WHEREAS, Assessor of Property Don Cowart also recommends McMinn County engage the services of a MAI appraiser to consult and appraise the TK Waupaca facility in order to strengthen the county's appeal position; and

WHEREAS, Don Cowart recommends the county hire the firm of Kenneth Voss and Associates, LLC of Atlanta, Georgia, to provide said services in the amount of twenty-two thousand, one hundred and fifty dollars (\$22,150.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Assessor of Property to hire Kenneth Voss and Associates to consult and appraise the TK Waupaca facility and file with the Board of Equalization Appeals Commission, and further authorizes the County Mayor to execute all documents necessary to fulfill the intent of this resolution.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Gentry added that this is on real property (building and land), not the equipment.

D. A Resolution Approving the Application and Administration of a Recreational Trails Program Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution approving the application and administration of a recreational trails program grant. Mr. Gentry said although they don't have many answers yet on their rails to trails program, this grant is on a two-year cycle and the deadline for this year is February 5, 2010 and thus the next funding opportunity would be in 2012. Therefore, the State recommended that we apply this year for an \$80,000 grant, with a 20% match, and Mr. Gentry added that Englewood and Athens should also apply for \$80,000.00 if other communities in the State don't apply. Mr. Gentry said that if we find out that the project is one we do not wish to pursue, we can back out.

Resolution No. 10-005

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation provides a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant that may be used to assist in funding Rails-to-Trails Programs; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County, the City of Athens and the Town of Englewood have expressed interest in an alternative trail use for the abandoned CSX rail line between Englewood and Athens; and

WHEREAS, the application deadline for the RTP grant is February 5, 2010, and is on a two year cycle with the next funding opportunity being in 2012, subject to availability; and

WHEREAS, the grant amount is \$80,000.00 with a twenty percent match; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be used toward the purchase of the corridor once the local governments enter into an interlocal agreement for the trail and reach an ownership transfer agreement with CSX Railroad; and

WHEREAS, it is further authorized for the County Mayor to execute all documentation toward application, acceptance, and administration of this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2010, that this commission does hereby authorize McMinn County to apply for and administer this Recreational Trails Program Grant, and does also authorize the County Mayor to execute all necessary documentation to implement the grant program, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Millsaps, Mr. Gentry said there would be no penalty if we don't move forward with this. Mr. Gentry added said that the State understands that we are very early in this process.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution Authorizing McMinn County to Make a Joint Application with the City of Athens and the Town of Englewood to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Recreation Trails Program Grant Funds.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution authorizing McMinn County to make a joint application with the City of Athens and the Town of Englewood to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for Recreation Trails Program Grant Funds. Mr. Gentry said that if the City of Athens and the City of Englewood so choose to also apply, as discussed earlier, we are endorsing them as well. There is a possibility of getting \$240,000.00 instead of just \$80,000.00 based on what other communities across the State apply for.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING McMINN COUNTY TO MAKE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH
THE CITY OF ATHENS AND THE TOWN OF ENGLEWOOD TO THE TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION FOR RECREATION TRAILS
PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has made available grant money from the State RTP for the acquisition and development of state and local trail systems; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County, City of Athens and the Town of Englewood desire to make an application for said funds in the amount of \$80,000 for the acquisition of abandoned CSX Railroad property that will be converted to trail use; and

WHEREAS, the matching funds for this project in the amount of twenty percent of the award will be guaranteed in the application by McMinn County and the participating governments acknowledge that local intergovernmental agreements will be put in place separately to identify funding participation levels once the actual amount is known; and

WHEREAS, the governments further go on record acknowledging that the governments have been planning and working together on this rails to trails conversion and that this acquisition is part of the County Recreation Plan designed to improve the health of citizens and as an economic stimulus for the entire county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING ON THIS 11TH DAY OF January 2010, that the County Mayor be hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute a joint application with the City of Athens and the Town of Englewood as provided.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Jack Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve the Request of Funds by the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum to Assist in Funding Promotional Materials for Upcoming Events.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the request of funds by the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum to assist in funding promotional materials for upcoming events, as well as funding for fire marshal issues at the building. Mr. Gentry said the total amount was \$4,232.00, and added that this was approved by the Budget Committee and recommendation to the full Commission. Mr. Gentry also stated that the Commission asked that this be their only request this year.

Resolution No. 10-007

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF FUNDS BY THE MCMINN COUNTY LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM TO ASSIST IN FUNDING PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum serves the county in numerous ways to preserve, protect, and present the history and heritage of our area, often through programs that include lectures, re-enactments, live music, storytelling, and special exhibits; and

WHEREAS, these activities will be an essential part of the museum's programs over the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is one of McMinn County's premier destination sites for visitors to our area; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum has made a request for assistance in marketing and promoting these events in 2010, in the amount of \$4,232.00; and

WHEREAS, this request shall be funded from Tourism/Hotel-Motel Tax funds, with appropriate advertisement of this donation to a non-profit as prescribed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2010 that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of Tourism Funds, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

G. A Resolution to Honor Hal Buttram for the Service to the Citizens of McMinn County as a Member of the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to honor Hal Buttram for service to the citizens of McMinn County as a member of the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

Resolution No. 10-008

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR
HAL BUTTRAM
FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF MCMINN COUNTY
AS A MEMBER OF THE MCMINN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Hal Buttram has served on the McMinn County Planning Commission for over 30 years from 1979 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Hal Buttram has worked diligently to provide leadership and guidance in the proper planning and responsible development, serving much of his tenure as the planning commission's secretary; and

WHEREAS, the service provided by Hal Buttram to McMinn County's citizens has been characterized as professional, compassionate, calming and wise; and

WHEREAS, due to the time demands of Hal Buttram's private career he will end his tenure on the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission after three decades of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, it is resolved that Hal Buttram is commended for his many years of faithful service to the citizens of McMinn County, and the wisdom, dedication, and compassion displayed by him throughout his tenure will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2010, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES HONOR AND COMMEND HAL BUTTRAM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF McMINN COUNTY.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye
Dale Holbrook – Aye
Jeannie King – Aye
Roger Masingale – Aye
Gary Mason – Aye
Jerry Millsaps – Aye
Bob Powers – Aye
Jack Powers – Aye
Tad Simpson – Aye
Chairman David Crews – Aye

H. Proposed Resolution Honoring Constable W. J. Harris.

Mr. Gentry requested approval for a resolution to be written honoring Constable W. J. Harris who recently passed away.

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve the resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

This resolution is spread in the minutes as follows:

Resolution No. 10-010

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
CONSTABLE W.J. HARRIS
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, W. J. Harris passed away on the 9th day of January 2010, after a long illness; and

WHEREAS, W.J. Harris served the people of McMinn County throughout a long career as a well-respected public servant, for 50 years as a volunteer deputy sheriff and for 30 years as the McMinn County 3rd District Constable; and

WHEREAS, W. J. Harris was known for his gentle nature, his sense of humor, and his dedication to his fellow citizens, and executed his duties with efficiency and compassion; and

WHEREAS, W.J. Harris was known as a friend to all who knew him, and his commitment to the care and welfare of his community was evident by the high esteem in which he was held by those around him; and

WHEREAS, W. J. Harris leaves his successors a legacy of leadership, service and genuine friendship, he will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF THE McMINN COUNTY COMMISSION, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY 2010, that this Commission recognizes and honors the contributions made by W.J. Harris to the people of McMinn County by means of his dedicated and distinguished service as a law enforcement officer and Constable, and expresses their deepest sympathy to his family on their loss.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

I. North Ambulance Station.

Mr. Gentry requested authorization to extend an offer to Mr. Charlie Floyd for the North Ambulance Station in the amount of \$189,000 and also give Mr. Gentry authority to go forward with getting cost estimates to bring it up to standard. Mr. Gentry said that this was approved by the Emergency Services Committee.

MOTION made by Commissioner Millsaps, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this request.

In response to a question from Commissioner Curtis, Mr. Gentry said that the funds would come from proceeds collected from the previous ambulance service contract the County had with Woods Hospital. That contract required 18% of proceeds to be returned to the County for reinvesting into the ambulance service.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Eddie Arnwine to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to confirm the appointment of Eddie Arnwine to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission, replacing Mr. Hal Buttram.

Resolution No. 10-009

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF EDDIE ARNWINE TO THE McMINN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, McMinn County has a regional planning commission to provide for the review of the proposed development of property in McMinn County subject to the rules and regulations of said regional planning commission; and

WHEREAS, state law grants authority to the County Mayor to appoint members to the regional planning commission upon confirmation by the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates EDDIE ARNWINE for appointment to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 11TH DAY OF January 2010, that this commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Eddie Arnwine to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

13. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Emergency Services Committee – Commissioner Curtis.

Commissioner Curtis said that the Emergency Services Committee met prior to this meeting and approved several resolutions which were approved by the Commission earlier in this meeting.

B. Budget Committee – Commissioner Jack Powers.

Commissioner Jack Powers said that the Budget Committee met earlier this evening and approved their budget process calendar for the coming year, and approved a resolution that was approved by the whole Commission earlier in this meeting.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Veterans Clinic Update.

Mr. Gentry said that the bids were opened on January 8, 2010 and added that there were several bidders. They will need time to evaluate them and Mr. Gentry will check back in a few weeks to get an update.

B. McMinn County's Website.

Mr. Gentry said that the website is nearing completion and he requested County Commissioners and Officials to stay after this meeting to have their photo taken if they haven't already done so.

C. Growth Plan.

Mr. Gentry said that a second public hearing was held earlier this evening for the Growth Plan, but a quorum was not present and the Committee will need to reconvene next week for the actual vote. Mr. Gentry said they are not anticipating any issues there and added there was just one citizen in attendance who wanted clarification on the boundaries. Mr. Gentry added that once the amended plan is approved, they will be coming back to the Commission and our five cities and Sweetwater to approve.

D. Financial Disclosures for Elected Officials.

Mr. Gentry reminded elected officials that the deadline for financial disclosures is January 31, 2010. Mr. Gentry added that there is a possible \$10,000.00 fine if disclosures are not filed properly.

E. McMinn County Airport's Line of Sight Issue.

Mr. Gentry said that two pilots filed an alleged grant assurance complaint with the FAA, dealing with economic discrimination and safety with the lights. The contractor went bankrupt during that process and Mr. Gentry said they went through a Part 16 hearing with the FAA. Mr. Gentry said they have received a 55-page director's response which ruled on behalf of the County.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

The following notary applications were submitted to the County Clerk's Office:

Notary Applications for January 2010

Angela G. Johnson
Thom Johnson
Shannon B. Lambert
Susan A. Martin
Lindsey H. Mayer
Stacy Ray Roderick
Edward L. Smith
Nancy W. White
Shane M. Williams

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

None.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other regular business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)