

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on October 18, 2010, at 7:30 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Mason.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Curtis.

4. ROLL CALL

Scott Curtis – Present
Dale Holbrook – Present
Tim King – Present
Roger Masingale – Absent
Gary Mason – Present
J. W. McPhail – Present
Bob Powers – Present
Tad Simpson – Present
Charles Slack – Present
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on September 20, 2010 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve the Minutes of September 20, 2010.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Liquid Asphalt Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual liquid asphalt bid, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Commissioner of Highways.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-119

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE
SEMI-ANNUAL LIQUID ASPHALT BID

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner requests the purchase of liquid asphalt for the period of November 1, 2010 thru April 30, 2011, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner, recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Hudson Materials Company, Chattanooga, TN.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Pharmacy Bid Extension.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual pharmacy bid extension, as well as a letter from Sheriff Guy and I.H.S. Pharmacy agreeing to the 6-month extension as allowed by the original bid.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-120

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SEMI-ANNUAL PHARMACY BID
EXTENSION

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

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Resolution No. 10-120 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the semi-annual pharmacy bid provides an option to be extended for an additional six (6) month period; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has requested to extend the contract for semi-annual requirements for medical supplies, non prescription items and prescription drugs to the current vendor, I.H.S. Pharmacy for the period of December 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, IHS Pharmacy has agreed to extend the current bid for the additional period with no increase in price; and

WHEREAS, Joe Guy, McMinn County Sheriff, has recommended the bid be extended six (6) months to I.H.S. Pharmacy at the same bid of June 1, 2010 through November 30, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Sheriff.

(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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Purchase of Headsets for District 3 Homeland Security Perimeter for Emergency Management.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the purchase of headsets for District 3 Homeland Security Perimeter for emergency management. Mr. Luallen said that this is a sole source purchase to be compatible with existing equipment and in accordance with Financial Management Committee policies and procedures, expenses over \$10,000.00 require County Commission approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-121

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF HEADSETS FOR DISTRICT 3 HOMELAND SECURITY PERIMETER FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn Emergency Management Director Betty Hamby requests purchase of headsets for the District 3 Homeland Security Perimeter for Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, TEA is the sole source provider for this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment totals \$10,570.00: and

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Resolution No. 10-121 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures, expenses over \$10,000.00 require County Commission approval.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, the purchase of equipment from TEA for Emergency Management Agency for \$10,570.00 be hereby approved.

(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 Curtis, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve and Award Computer Equipment Lease/Purchase Bid for McMinn County Board of Education.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award computer equipment lease purchase bid for McMinn County Board of Education. Mr. Luallen said that \$105,015.99 will be paid for in three equal payments over a period of three years. Mr. Luallen explained that this is a similar arrangement that occurred three years ago where twice the cost acquired approximately 250 units, whereas we are obtaining approximately 450 units. This being a lease/purchase agreement requires county legislative body approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-122

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT LEASE/PURCHASE BID FOR MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Pritchett of the McMinn County Board of Education I.T. Department requests lease/purchase of computer equipment in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County School Board approved, upon Hugh Pritchett's recommendation, the bid be awarded to GovConnection, Inc. the lowest bidder meeting specifications.

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Resolution No. 10-122 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Hugh Pritchett.

(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 Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve the Appropriation of Funds to Non-Profit Organizations Listed in FY 2010-11 Budget.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the appropriation of funds to non-profit organizations listed in the FY 2010-11 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-123

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN FY 2010-11 BUDGET

WHEREAS, requests have been made by various non-profit but non-charitable organizations for appropriation of funds during FY 2010-11, and

WHEREAS, approval of advertisement of appropriation of funds occurred on September 20, 2010, and advertisement has occurred.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of funds to these non-profit but non-charitable organizations.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented three budget amendments in three different funds, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: General Purpose School # 141

Date: October 5, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	913,733.00	
Regular Education Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71100-499-ARRA		22,385.00
“	Equipment (ARRA)	71100-722-ARRA		15,400.00
“	Equipment	71100-722		48,577.00
Vocational Education	Instructional Supplies	71300-429		311.00
Regular Education Program	Other Supplies	72210-499		2,673.00
Plant Operations	Other Supplies	72610-499		447.00
Transportation	Equipment	72710-729		298,440.00
Pre-School	Instructional Supplies	73400-429		9,981.00
“	Other Charges	73400-599		3,125.00
Capital Outlay	Building Improvements	76100-707		512,394.00

EXPLANATION: To budget funds for items entered in reserve for encumbrances prior year. These were purchase orders issued in FY 09 – 10 that will be completed in FY 10 – 11. School Board approval 10-14-2010.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook – Aye
- Tim King – Aye
- Roger Masingale – Absent
- Gary Mason – Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Bob Powers – Aye
- Tad Simpson – Aye
- Charles Slack – Aye
- Chairman David Crews – Aye

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 – Perkins IV Secondary
 Reserve Grant # 80 R

Date: October 5, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Federal Through State of Tenn	Voc. Ed. Basic Grants to States	47131	89,672.00	
Vocational Education	Other Contracted Services	71300-399		4,000.00
“	Other Supplies	71300-499		15,300.00
“	Other Charges	71300-599		2,000.00
“	Equipment	71300-730		68,372.00

EXPLANATION: To budget revenue and expenditures for the Perkins IV Secondary Reserve Grant 2010-2011 that has been awarded to McMinn County School System. School Board approval 10-14-2010.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook – Aye
- Tim King – Aye
- Roger Masingale – Absent
- Gary Mason – Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Bob Powers – Aye
- Tad Simpson – Aye
- Charles Slack – Aye
- Chairman David Crews – Aye

Fund: Other Capital Projects # 189

Date: October 14, 2010

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Federal Through State	Community Development	47180	500,000.00	
Public Health Projects	Other Capital Outlay (Water)	91140-799		500,000.00

EXPLANATION: To budget revenue and expenditures related to 2009 CDBG Contract Local Match is also budgeted in Other Capital Projects Fund. Commission approved 2/16/09.

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve this budget amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye
Dale Holbrook – Aye
Tim King – Aye
Roger Masingale – Absent
Gary Mason – Aye
J. W. McPhail – Aye
Bob Powers – Aye
Tad Simpson – Aye
Charles Slack – Aye
Chairman David Crews – Aye

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Comments by Mr. Dan Chesanow.

Mr. Dan Chesanow, resident on County Road 216 in the Blair Estates, who spoke to the Commission at their September Regular Session, addressed the County Commission again regarding his concerns that McMinn County has not joined the State's flood insurance program. He said he noticed that it was not on the agenda and asked if the Commission had already taken a vote. Chairman Crews stated that there has not been a vote. Mr. Chesanow reiterated his concern that although only 6% of McMinn County is in the flood plain, this 6% represents many citizens and a high value, which he detailed for the Commission. Mr. Chesanow requested that the Commission vote on this before it is mandated by the State in June 2012, because there are issues today and he feels it is a right thing to do.

B. Comments by Ms. Sheree Calloway.

Responding to Mr. Chesanow's comments, Ms. Calloway said that if the County Commission passes flood insurance, this will not just affect the 6% in the flood plain, but it would affect 100%. She said that once you pass this, everybody that owns property in McMinn County will be affected by the regulations and will be forced to get flood insurance. If they are forced to spend money on insurance they don't want and don't need, they will have less money to spend on other things that the County generates sales tax from. She also said that mortgage companies encourage this coverage because they have to finance people who live in hurricane areas who keep rebuilding in the same risky areas.

10. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Extend Workers' Compensation Coverage to County Rescue Squad Members.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to extend workers' compensation coverage to county Rescue Squad members. Mr. Gentry said that this was discussed during budget process and recommended by the Budget Committee, and added that a formal resolution is needed to give to our insurance company.

Resolution No. 10-124

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD MEMBERS

WHEREAS, McMinn County currently provides workers' compensation coverage for its volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County also recognizes the valuable service provided by rescue squad members and now desires to extend workers' compensation coverage to the members of the McMinn County, Etowah, Englewood and Claxton rescue squads; and

WHEREAS, coverage of these members has been recommended by the McMinn County Budget Committee in response to reducing the county's contribution to rescue squads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this commission does hereby approve extension of workers' compensation coverage to county rescue squad members.

(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 Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution Supporting Passage of a Right to Hunt Amendment to the Tennessee Constitution.

At Commissioner Gary Mason's suggestion, Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution supporting passage of a right to hunt amendment to the Tennessee Constitution that is currently on the ballot.

Resolution No. 10-125

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF A RIGHT TO HUNT AMENDMENT TO THE TENNESSEE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission believes the right to hunt and fish should be fundamental for all Tennesseans, and there is currently no guaranteed right to hunt and fish in the Constitution of the State of Tennessee; and

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Resolution No. 10-125 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, there will be a proposed amendment on the November 2, 2010 general election ballot which adds the following sentences to Article XI, Section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee:

The citizens of this state shall have the personal right to hunt and fish, subject to reasonable regulations and restrictions prescribed by law. The recognition of this right does not abrogate any private or public property rights, nor does it limit the state's power to regulate commercial activity. Traditional manners and means may be used to take non-threatened species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this commission hereby expresses its full support for the proposed amendment which guarantees citizens of the State of Tennessee the right to hunt and fish.

(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 Simpson, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property and Place Them for Sale at Public Auction.

Mr. Gentry presented a resolution to declare items as surplus property and place them for sale at public auction scheduled for November 13, 2010.

Resolution No. 10-126

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND PLACE THEM FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

WHEREAS, McMinn County has authority to declare items as surplus that are no longer deemed necessary or adequate to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County desires to declare the attached list of items as surplus property and provide them for sale by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the date of the surplus auction should be November 13, 2010.

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Resolution No. 10-126 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this Commission hereby approves the sale of the attached list of surplus property and any other items which may have been inadvertently omitted and declared surplus by agreed collective consent of the respective department head, director of finance and the county mayor.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Request of Funds by the Athens Area Council for the Arts to Assist in Funding Tourism Brochures.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the request of funds by the Athens Area Council for the Arts to assist in funding tourism brochures, and said that this was approved by the Budget Committee earlier this evening. Mr. Gentry added that this is funded by Hotel-Motel tax funds.

Resolution No. 10-127

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF FUNDS BY THE ATHENS AREA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS TO ASSIST IN FUNDING TOURISM BROCHURES

WHEREAS, the Athens Area Council for the Arts has requested \$5000.00 to assist in funding “Small Town/Big Time” program brochures; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the brochure project is over \$7500.00; and

WHEREAS, the brochures will advertise performances brought to the region and held at or coordinated by the Athens Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, this request shall be funded from Tourism/Hotel-Motel Tax funds in the amount of \$5,000, 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 17th DAY OF AUGUST 2009 that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of Tourism funds to the Athens Area Council for the Arts, 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 Curtis, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve Sheriff Joe Guy's Request for a Reallocation of Capital Funds as Well as Funding for an Additional Drug Officer.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve Sheriff Joe Guy's request for a reallocation of capital funds as well as funding for an additional drug officer. Mr. Gentry explained that this would allow the Sheriff to allocate the purchase of one car from Drug Funds, and allow the transfer of \$25,000 in the vehicle line item to the Sheriff's equipment line item. Mr. Gentry said that this will also add a narcotics detective position from the drug fund and added that this was approved earlier this evening by the Budget Committee.

Resolution No. 10-128

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SHERIFF JOE GUY'S REQUEST FOR A REALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL DRUG OFFICER

WHEREAS, Sheriff Joe Guy desires to better utilize the resources provided through the Drug Fund to more effectively address the needs of the McMinn County Sheriff's Department's effort to fight illicit drug usage in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to more effectively use resources provided by the drug fund to fight illicit drug usage, Sheriff Joe Guy desires to make the following proposals in funding allocation and staffing:

1. Allow the Sheriff to allocate the purchase of 1 car at \$25,000 from Drug Funds, and allow the transfer of \$25,000 in the vehicle line item to the Sheriff's Equipment line item.
2. Add a Narcotics Detective position funded from the Drug Fund whose primary responsibilities will include investigating all drug crimes, managing confidential informants, coordinating K-9 operations, coordinating undercover operations and executing search warrants to combat illicit drug operations in McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this commission hereby approves the requests made by McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program Contract.

Mr. Gentry said that the UT Agricultural Extension Office again has the opportunity to apply for a \$2500.00 grant to promote the McMinn County Farmer's Market. Mr. Gentry added that there is no local match.

Resolution No. 10-129

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TENNESSEE AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT

WHEREAS, McMinn County has been approved to receive a Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Grant for the promotion of the McMinn County Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, the grant is in the amount of \$2,500.00 and will used primarily to assist in the advertising and promotion of the local Farmer's Market; and

WHEREAS, the grant will be administered through local Agricultural Extension office and does not require a local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 18th DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this Commission does hereby approve this Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement contract to promote local agricultural sales at the McMinn County Farmer's Market and FURTHER RESOLVES to allow the County Mayor to execute the 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 Mason, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

A. Appointment of Steve Hughes as 4th District Constable.

Mr. Gentry said that with the passing of Constable Breedlove, there was a vacancy in the 4th district. This vacancy was advertised as required and Mr. Gentry added that the only resume received for the 4th district constable position was from Mr. Steve Hughes. A copy of his resume was provided to each Commissioner.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Slack, to approve the appointment of Mr. Steve Hughes as Constable in the 4th District.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Confirm the Re-Appointment of Richard Layman to the Sweetwater Creek Watershed District.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to confirm the re-appointment of Richard Layman to the Sweetwater Creek Watershed District as requested by their Board. Mr. Gentry wholeheartedly recommended approval of their request.

Resolution No. 10-130

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LAYMAN TO THE SWEETWATER CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Creek Watershed District is responsible for four flood retaining structures within the watershed to control flood water of Sweetwater Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed District board consists of representatives from the City of Sweetwater as well as representatives from Monroe, Loudon and McMinn Counties; and

WHEREAS, the current president of the Sweetwater Creek Watershed District board has requested the county mayor to re-appoint RICHARD LAYMAN as the representative from McMinn County to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2010, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

(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 Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Overview of Highway Paving Savings by County Highway Commissioner.

Commissioner of Highways Randall Moss gave an overview of savings due to a change in the type of materials used to pave roads. He reviewed State-Aid jobs, Capital Outlay jobs, Highway Construction jobs and the State Contract on County Road 550. Commissioner Moss said that the approximate savings using micro-surface versus plant mix asphalt is \$618,984.87. A copy of a list delineating the savings for each job was provided to the Commissioners.

B. Budget Committee – Commissioner Curtis.

Commissioner Curtis said that the Budget Committee met earlier this evening and approved two resolutions approved by the full Commission in this meeting, i.e. the budget resolution concerning the Arts Council and Sheriff Joe Guy's request.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Veterans Administration (VA) Clinic.

Mr. Gentry said that at one time we were told that we would have something operational by October and obviously this hasn't happened. Mr. Gentry said that no company met the bid specs and they are re-posting that project for bid within the next 45 days, and then it could take 9 to 12 months. Mr. Gentry added that the wait may be worth it because more services may be added. Mr. Gentry said he did request a public announcement from the VA.

B. Rails to Trails.

Mr. Gentry said he had a meeting scheduled with CSX for tomorrow, but it was cancelled by the CSX representative due to family illness. Mr. Gentry said that the price has been reduced to \$600,000.00 from \$779,000.00 but said the meeting will be rescheduled. We were given an extension by the Surface Transportation Board to reach an agreement with CSX through March 2011.

C. Communications Tower.

Mr. Gentry said we have talked about doing a communications tower in conjunction with AUB and we are still looking for a used tower. Mr. Gentry added that Emergency Management is filing the paperwork with the FCC.

D. Introduction of Mark Cochran, New Assistant to the Mayor.

Mr. Gentry introduced his new assistant, Mark Cochran, who has worked in his office for the past two summers. Mr. Gentry said he has an undergraduate degree in communications and a Master's Degree in public administration from UTK. His most recent employment was in Senator Corker's Office in Washington, DC.

14. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for October 2010

Martha J. Aly
Scott R. Barlow
Felicia Paige Cantrell
Jeffrey A. Collins
Melissa Eaton
Elvin Garcia
Sonya D. Harper
Sandy C. Lambert
Gary Womac

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk (date)