

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, July 16, 2012, 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 David Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Gary Mason.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Roger Masingale.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Scott Curtis - Present
Dale Holbrook - Present
Tim King - Present
Roger Masingale - Present
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 June 18, 2012 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Powers, to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2012.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve Payment of Annual Hardware and Software Maintenance Support.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve payment of annual hardware and software maintenance support for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office and added that expenses over \$10,000.00 require County Commission approval. A copy of the requisition was also provided to the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-096

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ANNUAL HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE
MAINTENANCE SUPPORT

WHEREAS, McMinn County Circuit Court Clerk request renewal of annual hardware and software maintenance support invoiced at \$13,459.47 for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures, expenses over \$10,000 require County Commission approval.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16th DAY OF JULY, 2012, that the payment for invoiced maintenance agreement to Local Government Corp. in the amount of \$13,459.47 be hereby approved.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Repair Over \$10,000.00 for a Truck Transmission at the Landfill.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve repair over \$10,000 for a truck transmission at the Landfill, along with supporting documentation.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-097

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REPAIR OVER \$10,000 FOR A
TRUCK TRANSMISSION AT THE LANDFILL

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Landfill Supervisor Stan Moses requests to repair a truck transmission; and

WHEREAS, the repair is quoted at \$24,500; and

WHEREAS, according to Financial Management Committee Policies & Procedures, purchases over \$10,000 require the approval of the Commission.

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Resolution No. 12-097 (Cont'd)

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2012, that this Commission does hereby approve the transmission repair for the truck at the McMinn County Landfill.

(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 Slack, to approve this resolution.

Mr. Gentry said this is the articulating truck and they expect it to cost less than \$13,000.00 if it is electrical issue.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution Authorizing McMinn County's Participation in a Litter Control Grant for FY 2012-13.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution authorizing McMinn County's participation in a Litter Control Grant for FY 2012-13, along with the contract's summary form.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-098

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MCMINN COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN A LITTER CONTROL GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE DIVISION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ADMINISTER ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GRANT

WHEREAS, McMinn County has received grant assistance from the Tennessee Department of Transportation for litter control activities in McMinn County, known as the "Litter Grant" since 1986; and

WHEREAS, the award of such a grant requires the authorizing and consent of the McMinn County Commission for grant application and contract execution, subject to award by the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the allocation for FY 2012-13 is \$55,800; and

WHEREAS, this body deems the continued administration of litter grant activities as in the best interest of the citizens of McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JULY 2012, that this Commission authorizes McMinn County's participation in a litter grant in FY 2012-13 with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the public welfare requiring it, and FURTHER resolves to authorize the County Mayor to executive all necessary documents regarding this grant application.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
County Mayor

ATTEST:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Renew Airport Maintenance Contract with State of Tennessee Department of Transportation.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to renew the airport maintenance contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation and he noted that the amount has increased from \$13,000.00 to \$14,300.00 and added that this is a 50-50 grant.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-099

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW AIRPORT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH STATE OF
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to enter into contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County desires to renew their Airport Maintenance Contract # 99-555-1206-04 with the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the term of this grant is July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with the state portion not exceeding \$14,300.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2012, that this Commission does hereby agree to renew this Airport Maintenance Contract with the State of Tennessee,

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to give authority to the County Mayor or his designee to execute and administer the duties of said contract.

(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.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Fund: General Fund # 101

Date: June 30, 2012

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	17,212.81	
Drug Prosecutor	Other Salaries & Wages	53900-189		17,212.81

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Reserve	Drug Prosecutor Reserve	39130	17,212.81	
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		17,212.81

EXPLANATION: To budget remaining funds reserved for Drug Prosecutor in order to close out account. Position being terminated effective June 30, 2012.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

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

Fund: General Purpose School # 141

Date: June 25, 2012

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
State Education Funds	Other State Grants	46980	410.00	
Office of the Principal	Other Charges	72410-599-CALH		410.00

EXPLANATION: To enter the approved budget for the Arts Student Ticket Subsidy Grant funds that were awarded to Calhoun School. School Board Executive Approval 6/27/12.

Fund: General Purpose School # 141

Date: June 25, 2012

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	100,000.00	
Transfer Out	Transfer to Other Funds	99100-590		100,000.00

EXPLANATION: To budget undesignated fund balance to be transferred to the Federal Project Fund in order to provide operating funds until federal reimbursement of grant expenditures are received. Executive School Board Approval 6/27/12.

MOTION made by Commissioner Powers, and seconded by Commissioner King, to approve these budget amendments.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

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

Fund: Federal Projects # 142, School Federal Project Fund # 999

Date: June 25, 2012

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Sources (non-revenue)	Transfers In	49800	100,000.00	
Reserve	Committed for Education	34655		100,000.00

EXPLANATION: To budget the transfer of funds from the General Purpose School Fund (141) to the School Federal Project Fund (142) to provide operating funds until federal reimbursement of grant expenditures are received. Executive School Board approval 6/27/12.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis - Aye
Dale Holbrook - Aye
Tim King - Aye
Roger Masingale - Aye
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 from Mr. Dan Chesanow, a McMinn County Resident, Regarding the Flood Insurance Program.

In response to comments from Mr. Dan Chesanow regarding State-mandated flood insurance program, Mr. Gentry explained that they have been notified by FEMA that McMinn County is in the Flood Insurance Program.

B. Question from Mr. David Mayfield Regarding Paving on County Road 971, Near the East Tennessee Materials Rock Quarry.

In response to a question from Mr. Mayfield regarding the County's agreement to keep County Road 971 up to standard, Mr. Roy Glass, with the Highway Department, Mr. Glass explained that County Road 971 will be a gravel road. Mr. Mayfield asked if the County would consider paving at least past the daycare.

C. Comments by Sherman Patterson Regarding Rails to Trails.

In response to a question from Mr. Sherman Patterson regarding the Rails to Trails program, Mr. Gentry explained the current status and added that the City of Athens is in the processing of obtaining engineering firm to conduct an environmental assessment. Mr. Patterson expressed his opinion that this program should be done away with, because of problems with vandalism as well as problems with right-of-way and access to family lots. He suggested that perhaps the program could be modified to a much shorter route and suggested that funds could be better used in the school budget which is short of money according to newspaper articles.

10. ANNUAL REPORT BY MCMINN COUNTY TRUSTEE AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Mr. Phil Tuggle, McMinn County Trustee, presented the Commission with his Annual Report, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. Mr. Tuggle said they returned \$385,000.00 in excess fees to the General Fund and said that these are not fees charged to taxpayers, but consist of commissions on funds received and efficient operation of his office. Mr. Tuggle added that since 2002, the Trustee's Office has returned \$3,680,000.00 in excess fees to the General Fund. Regarding Investments, Mr. Tuggle said they are terrible and they don't see any light at the end of the tunnel because it is hard to invest the money. Sales tax is reflecting a slight upturn in consumer spending, and he compared the figures for FY 2011-2012 and FY 2010-2011. Mr. Tuggle also went over the property tax figures, and he presented the following resolution for partial payments for delinquent property taxes and explained in detail how this would actually work. Mr. Tuggle requested the Commission approve this resolution which he feels would help with County revenue and aid our citizens.

RESOLUTION 12-100

RESOLUTION FOR PARTIAL PAYMENTS FOR
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2010, the McMinn County Commissioners duly adopted the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotate 67-5-1801 (E)(1) and 67-5-1808 wherein the McMinn County Trustee is authorized to accept partial payments of property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Trustee is currently accepting partial payments for current property taxes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of McMinn County citizens and taxpayers that a partial payment system be established for delinquent property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the delinquent property tax partial payment system is established with the following criteria:

Section 1. The McMinn County Trustee is authorized to accept partial payment of delinquent property taxes pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-2001 prior to being turned over to the Clerk and Master.

Section 2. Any remaining balance on the delinquent property taxes will continue to accrue interest and penalties.

Section 3. The collection of partial payments for delinquent property taxes can be implemented by the McMinn County Trustee's Office with current technology and with no additional cost in labor or materials.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2012 that this Commission does hereby approve this resolution that a delinquent tax partial payment system be adopted.

(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 Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Amend the McMinn County Rural Fire Hydrant Policy.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to amend the McMinn County Rural Fire Hydrant Policy as recommended by the Emergency Services Committee last month. Mr. Gentry said the current policy is to provide funding for the placement of one fire hydrant per year in each Commission district to provide funding for the placement of one fire hydrant per year in each of the eleven fire districts.

Resolution No. 12-101

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MCMINN COUNTY RURAL FIRE HYDRANT POLICY

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential means of fighting fires in McMinn County, it is necessary to provide fire hydrants to rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the current policy of McMinn County is to provide funding for the placement of one fire hydrant per year in each Commission district; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Emergency Services Committee recommends amending this policy to provide funding for the placement of one fire hydrant per year in each of the eleven fire districts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JULY 2012, that this Commission does hereby approve the change in the McMinn County rural fire hydrant policy.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill's "Contract in Lieu of Performance Bond."

Mr. Gentry presented the following to approve an amendment to the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill's "Contract in Lieu of Performance Bond." Mr. Gentry said that this is an annual resolution that deals with post closure responsibilities and is adjusted each year for inflation.

Resolution No. 12-102

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE McMINN
COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL'S "CONTRACT IN LIEU OF
PERFORMANCE BOND"

WHEREAS, McMinn County and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) have a Contract in Lieu of Performance Bond for financial assurances for the solid waste permits held by McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, these contracts must be amended annually to accurately reflect annual inflation adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and McMinn County desire to amend contracts for the following solid waste permits:

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| 1. | SNL | 54-0003 | \$ 453,428.00 | to | \$ 428,594.00 |
| 2. | SNL | 54-0003-ext | \$2,213,536.00 | to | \$2,266,661.00 |

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF July 2012, that this Commission does hereby approve the amendments for inflation adjustments to the financial assurances for solid waste permits held by McMinn County and FURTHERMORE, authorizes the County Mayor to execute the necessary documents to fulfill the intentions of this resolution.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution Adopting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policies and Guidelines for McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution adopting Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policies and Guidelines along with a copy of the proposed policies and guidelines for McMinn County. He said that this was discussed by the Budget Committee, but the committee felt that this should be discussed by the whole Commission and did not make a specific recommendation.

Mr. Gentry took some time and explained in detail the TIF policies for allowing developers of projects exceeding \$5 million to apply for a form of public financing to help pay for certain large-scale projects. Mr. Gentry explained how this would work, by using a hypothetical situation, but added that each TIF request would need to be approved by the County Commission, and requires a public hearing. Mr. Gentry answered several questions from Commissioners.

Resolution No. 12-103

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF)
POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, McMinn County, Tennessee desires to assist with qualified economic development projects that demonstrate a substantial and significant public benefit by constructing public improvements and/or cause the increased productive reuse of under-utilized property; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has determined that tax increment financing policies and guidelines are in the best interest of McMinn County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee recommended the policies be presented to the full Commission for comment and consideration without endorsement or opposition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2012 that this Commission after due consideration does hereby adopt the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Policies and Guidelines for McMinn County as attached hereto as part of this resolution, with such policies taking effect immediately from and after its passage.

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

Attest

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve a Bond for the McMinn County School Superintendent.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve a bond for the McMinn County School Superintendent, Mickey J. Blevins.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-104

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A BOND FOR THE
MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

WHEREAS, Tennessee law requires certain public officials to obtain surety bonds; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County School Superintendent Mickey Blevins has applied for such surety bond of \$100,000.00 with Travelers Casualty and Surety of America; and

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Resolution No. 12-104 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, upon approval and certification by County Mayor John M. Gentry, the McMinn County Board of Commissioners approves this application of surety bond by the County School Superintendent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2012, that this Commission does hereby approve the \$100,000.00 Surety Bond application by the County School Superintendent.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Jim Davis to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to confirm the appointment of Mr. Jim Davis to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission, replacing Ms. Connie Landers.

Resolution No. 12-105

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM DAVIS 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 Jim Davis, for appointment to the McMinn County Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 16th DAY OF JULY 2012, that this commission does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Butch Carman to the McMinn County Regional Planning Commission.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Budget Committee - Commissioner Curtis.

Commissioner Curtis said that the Budget Committee met and he said that they are waiting for the School Board to present their final budget in order for the Budget Committee to take action on the full budget.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Flood Insurance.

Mr. Gentry said that this was discussed earlier in this meeting, but stated that we are in full compliance and added that, per FEMA, the financial institutions have been notified and he expects they will be sending out letters to property owners in flood zones who have mortgages notifying them of the possible need for flood insurance. He suggested that commissioners may be getting calls from constituents, and added that the 911 Office can explain the process to them.

B. Update on Justice Center Upgrade.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mason, Mr. Gentry asked Sheriff Guy to update the Commission on this. Sheriff Guy said that there have been a couple of technical issues, but overall he said that things have gone well and Sheriff Guy added that it should be complete within the next two weeks. Sheriff Guy said it is a great system and he thinks it will make things a lot more efficient, and actually operate the jail in the way it is supposed to be operated in the 21st century. At Commissioner Mason's request, Sheriff Guy said that a tour would be conducted for the Commissioners when the upgrade is complete.

C. Skilled Trades Workforce Shortage.

Mr. Gentry discussed an initiative that a group of people are trying to start locally to address a skilled workforce shortage. Mr. Gentry said that they have been meeting with plant managers and there are several hundred jobs not being filled because of a lack of skilled trade labor. Mr. Gentry said that we are blessed to have a Technology Center in our area and they are going to hire a skilled workforce coach to work in the high schools. Mr. Gentry said our locally economy is based on our skilled trade workforce and we are going to be promoting and celebrating that with career open houses at the High Schools, award system for trades in the plants, etc.

D. VA Clinic Update.

Mr. Gentry said that this was the most positive update he has been able to give thus far and said that he was notified by Senator Corker's staff that the documents for the VA Clinic were awaiting signature by the Undersecretary of Veterans Affairs to place the contract to bid. Mr. Gentry said that Congressman Duncan was able to arrange a meeting with the McMinn County Mayor and others with Congressman Jeff Miller, Chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs, who was in Roane County at the request of Congressman Fleischmann. Mr. Gentry said that they met with Congressman Miller for an hour and Congressman Miller has since made the call on our behalf and it looks there will be movement soon. Mr. Gentry said that the Roane County VA Clinic has closed and he added that we will really need to support our VA Clinic once it is here.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for July 2012

William Jeff Bridges
Dana D. Cornett
James Matthew Dannel
Ruth A. Duff
Glenna P. Gilliam
Tara Guider
Crystal Hatcher
Marilyn B. Henry
Denley C. Hines
Ross A. Millsaps
Stacey R. Norfolk
Erin Potter
Sheila L. Ratledge
S. Shane Sewell
Heather Smith
Gayle Taylor
Brian Trotter
Debbie K. Trotter
Travis Waumans
Dianne Williams-Shell

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, 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 business, Chairman Crews declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk

(date)