

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 22, 2024 at 6:00 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Curtis.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Millsaps.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Cass.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by, McMinn County Clerk Melinda King as recorded:

Chairman Scott Curtis - Present  
Tim King - Present  
Roger Masingale - Present  
Jerry Millsaps – Present  
J. W. McPhail - Present  
Brent Carter -Present  
Tad Simpson - Present  
Charles Slack – Present  
Travis Crisp – Present  
Scott Cass - Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on March 25, 2024 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner King, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Two resolutions before contracts:

A. A Resolution to Declare Items as Surplus Property.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-021.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-021

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ITEMS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

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 Highway Commissioner, Dan Evans requests to have the following items/vehicles declared as surplus property:

#67 – 2012 T5040 #ZCJH14899 – New Holland Tractor

#72 – 2011 T5040 #ZBJH20365 – New Holland Diesel Tractor

(Res. #24-021 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024, that this Commission does hereby declare these items as surplus property.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass, and seconded by Commissioner Crisp, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-022.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-022

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 Landfill Director, Charlie Donaldson, desires to declare the following item as surplus property and provide it for sale by public auction; and

WHEREAS, the item listed for surplus is as follows:

2013 F250 4x4  
VIN – 1FT7X2BT9DEB53367  
Miles- 143,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that this Commission hereby approves the sale 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 Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass, and seconded by Commissioner Crisp, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve Contract Between McMinn County Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-023 along with a copy of the contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-023

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
McMINN COUNTY SCHOOLS AND  
MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

WHEREAS, McMinn County Schools wishes to contract with the McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services to provide the services listed on the attached documentation; and

WHEREAS, these services include providing special classes, specific programs for troubled youth, a youth services officer as well individual and group counseling; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Schools has agreed to pay McMinn County \$15,000 a year for the services provided; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for a period of one year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, does approve entering this contract with McMinn County Schools, AND FURTHERMORE, authorizes the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents to fulfill the intentions of this resolution.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B A Resolution to Approve Contract Between Athens City Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-024 along with a copy of the grant contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-024

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS AND  
MCMINN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES

WHEREAS, Athens City Schools wishes to contract with the McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services to provide the services listed on the attached documentation; and

WHEREAS, these services include providing special classes, specific programs for troubled youth, a youth services officer as well individual and group counseling; and

WHEREAS, Athens City Schools has agreed to pay McMinn County \$5,000 a year for the services provided; a

WHEREAS, this contract is for a period of one year; and

(Res. #24-024 con't)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, does approve entering this contract with Athens City Schools, AND FURTHERMORE, authorizes the County Mayor to execute all necessary documents to fulfill the intentions of this resolution

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Property Purchase Contract for McMinn County Health Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-025 along with a copy of the grant contract. This did have Properties Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPERTY PURCHASE CONTRACT  
FOR NEW McMINN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has approved funding to construct a new McMinn County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 22-122, the McMinn County Commission approved matching funds in the amount of \$1,045,000 from ARPA funds for said project; and

WHEREAS, the property is a two acre portion of tax map and parcel 065-141.00, located on Elizabeth Street in Athens Tennessee and the purchase price will apply toward the match requirement; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health has conducted a historical study of clients served and endorses the location for ease of access and proximity to majority of clients served; and

WHEREAS, minimal utility extensions are required for the site; and

WHEREAS, the property owner, Sunshine Property Group, LLC, has agreed to sell the property for \$75,000 per acre and will provide additional property at no cost for a city street to be constructed to serve the facility, as not to stack vehicles on Elizabeth Street in the event of crowding during possible future vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, the subdivision of property must be approved by the Athens Regional Planning Commission prior to closing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that this Commission approves the Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate for two acres of property on Elizabeth Street, Athens, AND FURTHERMORE authorizes 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 Melinda King)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Cass, and seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approve this resolution.

(Res. #24-025 con't)

Discussion: Commissioner Crisp ask if there was any other property for sale that is adjacent to the property being purchased for the Health Department. County Mayor said there is more property there.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approving a Fire Training Center Use Agreement Between McMinn County and the City of Athens.

E.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-026 along with a copy of the agreement. This did have Emergency Services Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIRE TRAINING CENTER USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN McMINN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ATHENS

WHEREAS, McMinn County Resolution No. 22-122 authorized a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000) contribution from McMinn County to the City of Athens to assist in the construction of a fire training center pending a use agreement; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Mayor, Athens Fire Chief and McMinn County Fire Coordinator drafted an agreement that ensures the volunteer fire departments of McMinn County can utilize the new City of Athens Fire Training Center, while providing accountability of the users in the unlikely event of improper or unauthorized use; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the agreement by both McMinn County and the City of Athens, payment of \$500,000 shall be provided to the City of Athens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that this commission does hereby approve the Fire Training Center Use Agreement between McMinn County and the City of Athens.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
 County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner. These did have School Board approval.

Fund: Federal Projects # 141			Date: 04/02/2024	
Regular Instruction Program	Other Salaries & Wages	71100-189		15,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Social Security	71100-201	48,000.00	

Regular Instruction Program	Medical Insurance	71100-207		25,000.00
Regular Instruction Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71100-499		8,000.00
Special Education Program	Career Ladder Program	71200-117		1,000.00
Special Education Program	Certified Substitute Teachers	71200-195	13,000.00	

(con't)

Special Education Program	Non-Certified Substitute Teach	71200-198		25,000.00
Special Education Program	Social Security	71200-201	13,000.00	
Career and Technical Education Progr	Certified Substitute Teachers	71300-195		
Career and Technical Education Progr	Non-Certified Substitute Teach	71300-198		
Career and Technical Education Progr	Medical Inwsurance	71300-207		
Health Services	Travel	72120-355		2,000.00
Health Services	Other Supplies & Materials	72110-399		1,000.00
Health Services	Other Equipment	72130-499	3,000.00	
Other Student Support	Social Security	71300-198	15,000.00	
Other Student Support	Medical Insurance	71300-207		15,000.00

Career & Tech. Education Program	Medical Insurance	72230-207	4,000.00	
Career & Tech. Education Program	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	72230-217		1,000.00
Career & Tech. Education Program	Travel	72230-355	3,000.00	
Career & Tech. Education Program	In-Service/Staff Development	72230-524		6,000.00
Technology	Medical Insurance	72250-207	1,000.00	
Technology	Ret-Hybrid Stabilization	72250-217		1,000.00
Board of Education	Employer Medicare	72310-212		100.00
Board of Education	Audit Services	72310-305		1,250.00
Board of Education	Travel	72310-355	9,273.00	

Explanation: To amend the budget to reflect projected expenditures for FY 23-24 (page 1 of 2)

Fund: Federal Projects General Purpose School Fund # 141		Date: 4/2/2024		
Board of Education	Workman's Compensation Insurance	72310-513		7,923.00
Office of the Superintendent	Career Ladder Program	72320-117	1,000.00	
Office of the Superintendent	Social Security	72320-201	2,782.00	
Office of the Superintendent	Life Insurance	72320-206		250.00
Office of the Superintendent	Medical Insurance	72320-207	4,750.00	
Office of the Superintendent	Dues and Memberships	72320-320		3,172.00
Office of the Superintendent	Travel	72320-355	4,500.00	
Office of the Superintendent	Office Supplies	72320-435	1,000.00	
Office of the Superintendent	Other Charges	72320-599		4,200.00
Office of the Superintendent	Administration Equipment	72410-701		6,410.00
Maintenance of Plant	Other Salaries & Wages	72620-189	23,000.00	
Maintenance of Plant	Other supplies & Materials	72620-499		43,000.00
Maintenance of Plant	Maintenance Equipment	72620-717	10,000.00	
Maintenance of Plant	Maintenance & Repair Serv.	72620-790	10,000.00	
Maintenance of Plant	Other Equipment			
EXPLANATION: To amend the budget to reflect projected expenditures for FY 23-24 (page 2 of 2)				
Other Local Revenue	Miscellaneous Refunds	44170-CSH		1,000.00
Other Student Support	Other Supplies & Materials	72310-499-CSH		100.00
Other Student Support	In-Service/Staff Development	72310-524-CSH		1,250.00
Other Student Support	Other Contracted Services	72310-399-CSH	9,273.00	

Explanation: To amend the budget to reflect projected expenditures for FY 23-24 (page 1 of 2)

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Aye
- Brent Carter - Aye
- J. W. McPhail – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps - Aye
- Tad Simpson - Aye
- Charles Slack – Aye
- Travis Crisp - Aye
- Scott Cass – Aye

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Relieve the McMinn County Trustee of Property Tax Reporting and Collection Liability Regarding 2022 Delinquent Taxes.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-027.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-027

A RESOLUTION TO RELIEVE THE MCMINN COUNTY TRUSTEE OF PROPERTY TAX REPORTING  
AND COLLECTION LIABILITY  
REGARDING 2022 DELINQUENT TAXES

WHEREAS, Phil Tuggle, Trustee of McMinn County, Tennessee, has complied with the statutes of the State of Tennessee, relative to requirements as to the filing of reports of delinquent and insolvent taxpayers for the 2022 real property taxes and 2022 personal property taxes and further, it appears that proper suit has been instituted in the Chancery Court for McMinn County, Tennessee, for collection of said taxes; and

WHEREAS, Phil Tuggle, Trustee of McMinn County, Tennessee, has filed a list of delinquent taxpayers and double assessments as provided by law, and should be properly relieved from any further liability for the reporting and collection of delinquent 2022 real property and 2022 personal property taxes as properly certified and turned over to the Clerk & Master for McMinn County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that this Commission does hereby relieve the McMinn County Trustee of Property Tax Reporting and Collection liability regarding the 2022 delinquent property taxes and personal property taxes as properly certified and turned over to the Clerk and Master of McMinn County.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote

B. A Resolution Authorizing a Donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5146.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-028 along with a letter of request from Jim Haney, Quartermaster of Post 5146.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-028

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A DONATION TO  
THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5146

WHEREAS, Post 5146 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars maintains and displays several military pieces and monuments to the McMinn County's war dead from WWI to present; and

WHEREAS, Post 5146 is seeking financial assistance from the public to help maintain and paint the M60 Tank and M59 Armored Personnel Carrier, and pressure washing the F- Phantom Jet and granite monuments; and

(Res. #24-028 con't)

WHEREAS, the cost of materials and pressure washing is estimated to cost six thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, the VFW Post 5146 is requesting \$2,000 from the McMinn County Commission's Contingency Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that this commission does hereby approve the donation of two thousand dollars to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5146 for the purpose of maintaining the military displays and granite monuments per the request.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution Approving the Provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §67-5-223 Granting Exemption from Property Tax to Athens Area Council for the Arts Organization.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-029 along with a letter of request from the Arts Center.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24-029

#### A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROVISIONS OF TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-223 GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX TO ATHENS AREA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Athens Area Council for the Arts is the owner of certain real estate located in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Athens Area Council for the Arts is a not for profit organization; and

WHEREAS, Athens Area Council for the Arts, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-223 is a performing arts organization and is eligible for property tax exemption as a charitable or educational use of property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2024, that the exemption provided by TCA §67-5-223 is approved with respect to the real estate owned by Athens Area Council for the Arts property reflected on Map 056L, Group C, Parcel 012.00.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Application Regarding Funding and Placement of a Rural Fire Hydrant.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-030 along with a letter of request Ritchie E Layman.

(Res. #24-030 con't)

RESOLUTION 23-030

APPLICATION REGARDING  
FUNDING AND PLACEMENT OF A RURAL FIRE HYDRANT

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

It is the policy of McMinn County to aid in the funding of the placement of 1 rural fire hydrant per year in each fire district.

As a service to the citizens of McMinn County, the McMinn County Commission approves a grant for payment toward the installation of ONE fire hydrant per fire district per fiscal year. The grant amount is \$6,000 per hydrant, based on available funds and approval of the Emergency Services Committee.

I, Lee Mason, as the Chief of District #2 Niota, wish to request the placement of a fire hydrant at the following location subject to approval of the McMinn County Commission:

Address/Location:

735 County Road 350 Sweetwater TN 37874

This form stands as a Hold Harmless agreement whereas McMinn County Rural Fire is not responsible for any fees relating to maintenance of said fire hydrant. The undersigned applicant understands that this hydrant, should its funding be approved by the McMinn County Commission, will be installed by the local utility provider, and may or may not be maintained by the utility.

Signature: Ritchie E Layman (Original on File)

Address: 9 W Willson Street, Niota TN 37826

Telephone: 423-568-2584

Date of Request: 04-12-2024

As City Fire Chief, I approve this recommendation: Lee Mason

Fire District: Niota District 2

Commission District: 2

Commissioner Signature: J.W. McPhail (Original on File) Commissioner Signature: Commissioner Millsaps.

(Original on File)

This hydrant was approved by the McMinn County Commission on June 19, 2023.

Utility Provider Agreement: City of Niota

As Utility Provider, it is agreed that the installation of this hydrant must be completed and billed to McMinn County within the fiscal year following the year in which the application is approved. If the installation is not completed and billed to McMinn County within that time, this utility provider will assume all costs incurred for the installation of the approved hydrant, including costs involving installation, materials, etc.

Utility Provider Authorizing Signature: Richie E Layman City of Niota (Original on File)

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

(Res. #24-030 con't)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution Authorizing the Hiwassee Utilities Commission of McMinn County and Bradley County to Negotiate and Purchase Property.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-031. Doug Harrod, Chairman for Hiwassee Utilities Commission gave a brief description for this resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-031

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIWASSEE UTILITES COMMISSION OF MCMINN COUNTY  
AND BRADLEY COUNTY TO  
NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission was created in 1972 to serve as a regional wholesale water supplier to Bradley County and McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission water treatment plant is jointly owned by Bradley County and McMinn County and serves as a wholesale water supply to both Counties, including the cities of Cleveland, Charleston, Calhoun, Riceville, and Athens; and

WHEREAS, the compact between Bradley County and McMinn County creating the Hiwassee Utilities Commission provides that title to real estate will be placed in the name of the county where the real estate is located and held in trust for the Hiwassee Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission has determined the need to purchase additional property adjacent to the current facilities and has voted to proceed with the process of negotiation and purchase of 3939 Chatata Valley Road NE, Charleston, TN 37310; and

WHEREAS, the Hiwassee Utilities Commission will meet all the financial obligations related to the proposed purchase of the subject property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McMinn County Legislative Body meeting in regular session at Athens, Tennessee, on this 22nd day of April, 2024, that the Hiwassee Utilities Commission of McMinn County and Bradley County is hereby authorized to negotiate and purchase property located at 3939 Chatata Valley Road in Charleston, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon passage, having been properly signed, certified and meeting all other legal requirements of the McMinn County Commission, and as otherwise provided by law, the public welfare requiring it.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

Commissioner Carter—Ag Committee met and approved budget.

Commissioner King—Properties Committee met and approved the contract for the purchase of the land for the Health Department to come before the full commission.

Commissioner Simpson—Emergency Committee met and sent two items to the full commission.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

Mayor Gentry gave an update on the Opioid applications. He said as of now there has been 7 turned in. He said they have asked that they be turned in by the end of April and then do meetings with them. Then they will be turned over to the Opioid Abatement Council for final recommendations then back to the county commission. Mr. Gentry said they are looking forward to ideas from folks that are out there in the community to combat this.

Mayor Gentry gave an update on Bicentennial Park. He said they had a pre-meeting with CBDG this week and should be getting a contract with them this week. He said once they get a contract that will be the formal starting of that and that they have already had the RPF grant and already got an engineer working on that process so we can bid this all together.

Mayor Gentry gave an update on the Runway Lighting Project at the Airport.

Mayor Gentry said commissioners might be getting calls about “Fix up Clean up Week.” He said they are postponing due to what they are dealing with on the C& D side.

Mayor Gentry gave his condolences for the death of Robert Beene who was the county engineer for 10 years.

13. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

Notaries to be elected April 22, 2024

DEBORAH LYNN CARDIN  
KAYLA A CHURCH  
CARLEE DISCHNER  
AMY BROOKE HALL  
NANCY A HAYES  
STACEY L HESTER  
LISA M HOWARD  
JAMIE RUDDER JENKINS  
APRIL KEY  
AMY KOHUT

MARY J LEFLER  
TERA L MAPLES  
DAVID MOSES  
STEPHANIE S RAPER  
GLENDA ROBINSON  
JOY O RUSSELL  
KENNETH COLTON WALLIS  
MATTHEW T WATSON  
TIFFANY WILSON  
ESTHER YODER

MOTION made by Commissioner Simpson, and seconded by Commissioner Cass, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

There being no other business, Chairman Curtis declared the Commission meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

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MELINDA KING  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk (date)