

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on November 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. (This meeting started late due to Public Safety meeting at 5:45.)

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 Carter.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Chairman Scott Curtis - Present  
Tim King - Present  
Roger Masingale - Absent  
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 September 16, 2024 were provided to the McMinn County Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Carter, and seconded by Commissioner Crisp, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

A. A Resolution to Approve Advance Payment of 2023 Inservice/Supplemental Pay to Eligible Officers of the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-069.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-069

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADVANCE PAYMENT OF 2024  
INSERVICE/SUPPLEMENTAL PAY TO ELIGIBLE OFFICERS OF THE MCMINN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn County receives payment of in-service supplemental pay from the State of Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission for eligible officers as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated Title 38 Chapter 8; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the supplemental pay is \$800.00 per officer, and is received in the month of June; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy requests this money be paid in the month of December.

(Res. #24-069 con't)

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that this Commission does hereby approve the request of Sheriff Guy.

(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 Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve the Grant Contract for Alcohol Countermeasures Highway Safety Project Between State of Tennessee and McMinn County.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-070.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-070

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR ALCOHOL COUNTERMEASURES HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT BETWEEN STATE OF TENNESSEE AND MCMINN COUNTY

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 contracts with other entities; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has received a grant from State of Tennessee Department of Transportation for Alcohol Countermeasures Highway Safety Project with contract dates from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said Grant can and will be used toward various DUI related programs related to this campaign; and

WHEREAS, the amount of this grant amounts to \$40,000.00 with no required match for McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN SPECIAL CALLED SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024 that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into this Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee.

(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 Millsaps, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Allow the McMinn County Sheriff's Office to Adopt a Policy Regarding the License Plate Reader/State Formula-Based Grant

(Res. #24-071 con't)

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-071 along with a copy of the License Plate Readers Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-071

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ADOPT A POLICY REGARDING THE LICENSE PLATE READER/STATE FORMULA-BASED GRANT

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 has previously received a state OCJP formula-based grant for the purchase of a license plate reader (LPR) system; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Criminal Justice Programs requires certain policies be adopted in relation to the placement and operations of an LPR system; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has obtained samples of such policies from other area agencies who participate in the LPR grant program, and has created such a policy that contains the proper language; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Joe recommends the attached policies be adopted to adhere to the grant program terms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024 that this Commission does hereby agree apply and accept these grants and does hereby authorize the county mayor or his designee to execute all documents essential to administering the duties of said contracts.

(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 King, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Grant Contract Between the State of Tennessee Corrections Institute and McMinn County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-072 along with a copy of the grant contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-072

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE AND MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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, Sheriff Joe Guy requests that McMinn County Sheriff's Office enter into a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee Corrections Institute; and

WHEREAS, this grant contract is to purchase training-related equipment prior to the grant end date, and ensure that equipment and services are used for training corrections and jail-based employees; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee must follow local procurement policies and procedures and must submit documentation to the State that purchased equipment was received and installed prior to the grant expiration date; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Contract, in the amount of \$13,563.00, begins 12/01/2024 and ends 4/30/25.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024 that this Commission

(Res. #24-072 con't)

does hereby agree apply and accept these grants and does hereby authorize the county mayor or his designee to execute all documents essential to administering the duties of said contracts.

(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 Slack, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Grant Contract Between McMinn County and State of Tennessee Department of Health.

Mr. Luallen presented resolution #24-073 along with a copy of the Grant Contract.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-073

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN MCMINN COUNTY AND STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, it is the conviction of McMinn County, that every individual in the County has good health care readily available; and

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 has received grant provision of Coronavirus Relief Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County agrees to utilize these funds in accordance with the State approved plan for improvements of metal awning, medical room renovations and generator; and

WHEREAS, this grant contract begins August 15, 2024 and ends July 31, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, that this Commission does hereby approve this contract.

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 Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

7. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: #General Fund #101			Date: 10/31/2024	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee	Other Public Safety Grants	46290	46,969.00	
Sheriff's Department	Overtime	54110-187-THSO		36,969.00
Sheriff's Department	Other Supplies & Materials	54110-499-THSO		10,000.00
Explanation: To budget balance of FY 23-24 THSO Grant and FY 24-25 THSO Grant for DUI Law Enforcement.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	101,000.00	
Sheriff Department	Overtime	54110-187		101,000.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
RESERVE	Restricted for Opioid Settlement	391345-OPSET	101,000.00	
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		101,000.00
Explanation: To budget anticipated overtime expenses for FY 24-25 using Opioid Settlement Funds as well over \$50% of arrest and paperwork requiring OT are Opioid related.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	75,000.00	
Jail	Overtime	54210-187		75,000.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
RESERVE	Restricted for Opioid Settlement	39134-OPSET	75,000.00	
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		75,000.00
Explanation: To budget anticipated overtime expenses for FY 24-25 using Opioid Settlement Funds as well over \$50% of arrest and paperwork requiring OT are Opioid related.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	25,272.00	
Accounting & Budgeting	Other Salary & Wages	52100-189		22,600.00
Accounting & Budgeting	Social Security & Medicare	52100-201		1,729.00
Accounting & Budgeting	State Retirement	52100-204		943.00
Explanation: To budget carryover balance of ARP funds approved for Finance Office administration of ARP grants.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	25,000.00	
Industrial Development Board	Other Charges	58120-599-RUD		25,000.00
Explanation: To budget for contribution to Riceville Utilities for materials to construct Pole Barn. Commission approved 9/16/2024.				
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	22,348.00	
Special Patrols	Refunds	54120-509		22,348.00
Explanation: To budget funds to refund unspent balance of the FY 23-24 SRO endowment grant.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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:

(con't)

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

FUND: Opioid Abatement # 121		Date: 10/31/2024		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	523,585.00	
Other Local Health Services	Other Charges	55190-599		475,426.00
Other Local Health Services	Health Equipment	55190-735		48,159.00
<b>JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED</b>				
Reserve	Restricted for Opioid	39134-OPABT	259,478.54	
Reserve	Unassigned Fund Balane	39000		259,478.54
Explanation: Explanation: To budget expenditures related to contributions recommended by the McMinn County Opioid Abatement Council and approved by County Commission on 8/19/2024.				

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail and seconded by Commissioner Slack to approve these budget amendments.

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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:

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

Funds: 141 General Purpose School		Date: 09/26/2024		
REVENUE	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	527,744.00	
Regular Capital Outlay	Building Construction	76100-706		527,744.00
Journal entry will be done to move funds from 34785-Assigned for Capital Projects Reserves to 39000-Unassigned Fund Balance.				
Explanation: To move funds from Assigned Capital Projects Reserve to fund the MCHS Entry Canopy Addition and McMinn Central High School asphaltting 4 tennis courts in FY 24-25.				

FUND: General Purpose School Fund # 141:		DATE: 09/26/2024		
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	400,000.00	
Maintenance of Plant	Maintenance and Repair Service	72620-355		400,000.00
Explanation: To move funds from unassigned fund balance to increase the Maintenance line item for the remainder of FY 24-25				
Other Local Revenue	Other Local Revenue	44990-ART	5,000.00	
Regular Education Program	Other Supplies & Materials	71100-499		5,000.00
Explanation: To enter budget for the Mayfield Art grant awarded for FY 2024-2025.				

(con't)

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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:

Mr. Luallen presented the following budget amendments, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

FUND: OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS #189			Date: 10/31/2024	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000	515,056.00	
Other General Gov't Projects	Data Processing Equipment	91190-709		515,056.00
JOURNAL ENTRY REQUIRED				
RESERVE	Assigned for Waste Connections	34730	515,056.00	
RESERVE	Unassigned Fund Balance	39000		515,056.00
Explanation:				
			Date: 11/04/2024	
State of Tennessee	Other General Gov't Grants		500,000.00	
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General Administration Proj	Building Const.(Expo/Recreation			500,000.00
General Administration Proj	Building Const.(Expo/Recreation			500,000.00
Explanation: To budget revenue and expenditures related to CBDG and LPRF Grants for Bicentennial Park Field Turfing Project.				

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

- Chairman Scott Curtis – Aye
- Tim King - Aye
- Roger Masingale - Absent
- 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 Approve an Amendment to the McMinn County Sanitary Landfill's "Contract in Lieu of Performance Bond"

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-074

RESOLUTION NO. 24-074

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:

1.	SNL	54-0000003	\$	88,203.14	to	\$	98,238.36
2.	SNL	54-0000003-exp	\$	10,303,587.94	to	\$	11,475,868.35
3.	DML	540000098	\$	1,127,949.53	to	\$	1,256,280.85

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, 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 Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote

B. A Resolution to Implement the Debbie and Marie Domestic Violence Protection Act.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-075. This had Public Safety Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-075

RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT THE DEBBIE AND MARIE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, Tennessee Public Chapter 1033 known as "The Debbie and Marie Law" requires counties to electronically monitor certain violent offenders as a condition of bail; and

WHEREAS, the County must have a written agreement with at least one company to provide global positioning monitoring; and

(Res #24-075 con't)

WHEREAS, a defendant who is ordered by the court to carry or to wear a global positioning monitoring system shall be required to pay the costs associated with operating and monitoring the system to the approved contract service provider; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County will allow numerous companies to provide these services so long as each company has provided a signed agreement guaranteeing monitoring services are carried out in compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated 40-11-152(a)(1)(A) and (B) as amended; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that this Commission does hereby approve this system of selection for electronic monitoring vendors and FURTHER authorizes the County Mayor to execute said agreement 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 Carter, and seconded by Commissioner Slack to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

C. A Resolution to Approve the Request by the City of Calhoun to Provide Matching Funds for a Tennessee Tourism Enhancement Grant for Calhoun Blueway Park.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-076. This had Budget Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-076

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY THE  
CITY OF CALHOUN TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR A TENNESSEE TOURISM  
ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR CALHOUN BLUEWAY PARK

WHEREAS, Calhoun's Blueway Park is located on the banks of the beautiful Hiwassee River; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun was awarded \$66,500.00 from the Tennessee Department of Tourism Development for updates to the boat dock, ramp and parking lot as well as for the addition of landscaping, fencing, wayfinding signage, and a canoe launch ; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 10% match or \$6,650.00; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun requests McMinn County provide \$6,650.00 from the Tourism/Hotel-Motel Tax Fund to meet the grant requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that this Commission does hereby approve this appropriation of Tourism funds to the City of Calhoun for matching funds for a Tennessee Tourism Enhancement Grant

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

(Res #24-076 con't)

Attest:

(Orig signed by Melinda King)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote

D. A Resolution to Establish Operating Hours of Racetracks in McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-077. This did have Public Safety Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-077

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH OPERATING HOURS OF  
RACETRACKS IN MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, T.C.A. 55-22-102 grants authority to the county legislative body to provide for the times, dates and conditions under which motor vehicle races shall be conducted, and may establish any other rule relative to the regulation and licensure of automobile racetracks that the county legislative body deems prudent and advisable; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Commission believes it is prudent and advisable that motor vehicle racetracks located in McMinn County shall not begin a race after 12 AM on Friday and Saturday and hold no practice for racing activity after 9 PM on Sunday thru Thursday; and

WHEREAS, this Commission reserves the right to expand the regulations and licensure of racetracks per T.C.A. 55-22-102; and

WHEREAS, violations of said regulations shall be punishable by fines as allowed by law and/or revocation of licensure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that per T.C.A. 55-22-102, this Commission does hereby establish operating hours of motor vehicle racetracks in McMinn County and FURTHER authorizes the County Mayor to execute any documents 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 Slack to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

E. A Resolution to Approve Funding for Additional Position at McMinn County E-911 for Entering Offenses into National Crime Information Center (NCIC).

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-078 along with Proposed Dispatching Services Addendum.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-078

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL POSITION AT MCMINN

(Res #24-078 con't)

COUNTY E-911 FOR ENTERING OFFENSES INTO  
NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC)

WHEREAS, McMinn County has asked McMinn County Emergency Communications District to enter NCIC queries, entries, confirmations, and validations of felony warrants for violation of probation and failure to appear, orders granting bail, orders of protection, and National Sex Offender Registry information; and

WHEREAS, these additional services would require an addendum to the E-911 contract for a term beginning November 4, 2024, and continuing along with the current Dispatching Services Agreement which will expire June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the cost allocation for this addendum utilizes the salary, benefits, and training of one full-time telecommunicator position per year; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost for this additional position is \$60,495 in FY 24-25, \$62,310 in FY 25-26, and \$64,179 in FY 26-27; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County E-911 requests that one half of the FY 24-25 be paid in lump sum upon execution of the addendum to cover expenses of entering backlogged data; and

WHEREAS, this resolution has been recommended for approval by the Public Safety Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that this Commission does hereby approve the contract addendum with McMinn County Emergency Communications District and FURTHER authorizes the County Mayor to execute said agreement 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 Slack, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote

10. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

- A. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Jackie Newman to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-079.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-079

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF JACKIE NEWMAN TO THE WOODS  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION BOARD

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan, that resulted from the sale of Woods Memorial Hospital District, created a foundation to oversee the proceeds realized from the sale of the hospital district; and

WHEREAS, the excess proceeds plan calls for each of the commission districts to have one appointment on this foundation board to be nominated by the two commissioners from each respective district; and

(Res #24-079 con't)

WHEREAS, each appointment to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board is subject to confirmation by the full McMinn County Commission for a six-year term; and

WHEREAS, District One Commissioners Tad Simpson and Brent Carter wish to nominate Jackie Newman, a citizen of the First Civil District of McMinn County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024, that this Commission does hereby confirm the appointment of Jackie Newman to the Woods Hospital Foundation Board.

(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 Cass, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Appointment of Tad Simpson to the McMinn County 911 Board of Directors.

Mr. Gentry presented resolution # 24-080.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 24-080

#### A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF TAD SIMPSON TO THE MCMINN COUNTY 911 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the McMinn County 911 has a Board of Directors to oversee the direction and management of its operations and service; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates Tad Simpson, for appointment to the McMinn County 911 Board of Directors for a four year term; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment of Tad Simpson to the 911 Board of Directors.

(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 Carter, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

Chairman Curtis said Budget Committee met prior to this meeting and recommended Resolution for Blueway Park and recommended the budget amendments for overtime for the sheriff's department.

Commissioner Simpson said he filled in for Commissioner Masingale on the Public Safety Committee meeting. He said the committee met last week and tonight before this meeting and sent a resolution for regulations for the I-75 Racetrack to the full committee.

## 12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

Mayor Gentry said the Mt. Verd project was successful; ARC is good for grading and clearing. He said that Athens City helped pay for the match. He said those bid documents have been sent to Athens Council and will be approving them in February 2025 for bid documents to go out and hope construction will begin in the spring.

Mayor Gentry said I-75 Park where Denso is has been renamed Innovation Park. He said they were successful in getting 2 grants to do a new access road on the backside where Mid-Lab is. He said they should have a RSQ session open right now and have that selected in December with construction early 2025 for the new access road on the backside of Innovation Park.

Mayor Gentry said the Tourism Programs have been awarded more money and are in the website branding process now. They chose the firm "The Golden Shovel" to help them through the program. He said the state is exited teaming with them and they have already been teaming with several local counties to do projects together. Mr. Gentry said first of January he will have them come give an update.

Mayor Gentry said Bicentennial Park design is about %60. He said they will be having Recreation Committee meeting hopefully by the third week of November to go over those plans. He said all the drains have been done, all environmental has been passed. He said they would love to see construction be in summer because some parts of the summer get slower because of the heat. Mr. Gentry said they opened scheduling dates first day of November and it was full in 20 minutes. He said first of the year Properties Committee are going to look at a new policy. We have been cheap to get this activity and now is the time to up the rent.

Mayor Gentry said the Airport is at %60 on hanger design. He said they are looking at box hangers. It is looking like 10 more T-hangers are easier to fill because what they are figuring out is a 50 x 50 does not get you a big enough plane that people will use. The state said it would be better to do another row of 10 x 10 hangers and if you have an owner with two planes you could do a connector door between the hangers.

Mayor Gentry said the state has approved the floor plan that they require for the Health Department. He said he has talked with them and they said they are waiting for elevation and then the Properties Committee will get involved. He said the closing has all been done and the state has worked with the architect for what they needed for new design for the health department and then it will be up to us on the elevation, materials, and anything else we might like. Mr. Gentry said hopefully we will have that brought to the commission before Christmas.

Mayor Gentry said the Opioid money is starting to hit the streets. He said the Comptroller's office said they know its Opioid money but you need financials on everyone before we give them money.

## 13. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

Notaries to be elected November 04, 2024

TALEITHA ANN BILLINGSLEY  
RUSSELL J BLAIR  
FELISHA BOWERS  
CHARLOTTE A BOYD  
LYNN BURSLEY  
DIANA PATRICIA CARDONA  
MADELINE CHOAT  
MELISSA C CULBERSON  
MICHAEL DICKINSON  
DORA DOMOGALA

BETSY HAZELWOOD  
TRACEY ROSS HENNESSEE  
PANEL L. HICKS  
SHEILA M HOLDEN  
CAYCI HOPE  
CHRISTI LONG  
DONNA M. MARTIN  
JOSHUA MCMANN  
REBECCA L MILLER  
BROOKE E MOSES

NAOMI RACHELLE DRAKE  
SAMANTHA JEANETTE FAIRBANKS  
KEVIN SCOTT GRAHAM  
BONNIE GRAVES  
CINDY HAMMONDS  
HEATHER HANSEN

STEPHANIE K MYERS  
AMANDA PETTIT  
KIMBERLY J. SKEEN  
EVA VALENTINE  
AMANDA WATTS  
DONALD EUGENE WINDER III

MOTION made by Commissioner Crisp, and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, 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 7:25 pm.  
(This meeting started later because of the Public Safety meeting before this meeting)

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MELINDA KING  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

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Deputy Clerk                      (date)