

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST  
OF THE  
RUTHERFORD COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**

- A. Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, called the regular session of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p. m. Thursday, December 11, 2014, in the Courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- B. Commissioner Brad Turner led the invocation.
- C. Commissioner Carol Cook led the pledge to our flag.
- D. Twenty-One (21) Commissioners of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners were present for the opening of the Legislative Meeting.
- E. The November 13, 2014, Legislative Meeting Minutes were adopted.
- F. Members of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department and County Fire and Rescue were presented a Resolution of Recognition for their combined efforts to rescue a family in distress trapped in flood waters.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michelle Palmer of Read to Succeed announced the 'One Book Community Reading Challenge.' The program, in conjunction with Linebaugh Library and local media, are asking interested citizens to read a book, the same book. The selection is The Rosie Project, written by Graeme Simsion. Commissioner Robert Stevens volunteered to read the selected book and "pass it along." Read to Succeed has partnered this year with the non-profit group, Autism Speaks.

**H. ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS**

- 1. The Notary applicants were approved.
- 2. The recommendation of Michael Anderson as Alternate Board member to the Beer Board was approved.
- 3. These Agricultural Advisory Board recommendations were approved: Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan; Anthony David Scales, Farmer position; and Delia Bigger Goodman, Farm Woman position.
- 4. Mike Nunley was confirmed as Coroner.
- 5. The recommendation of Virgil Gammon and Tim Rudd to fill vacancies on the Correctional Work Center Board was approved.
- 6. The recommendation of John Marshall to fill the vacancy on the Conservation Board was approved. The term will expire in February 2017.

\*ANNOUNCEMENT\* The Steering Committee will meet with the Rutherford County Legislative Delegation at the Courthouse on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS – 6:30 P.M.**

1. Zoning Staff submitted a request to amend the Zoning Ordinance. As pertains to ‘Administrative Appeals of Zoning Rules and Procedures,’ changes to Section 1405 -1406 were approved.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. None Reported

**K. REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES**

**1. PURCHASING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. No Report.

**2. BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

- A. A resolution to authorize a Special Purpose Fund Budget Amendment was approved.
- B. A Funding Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Health for the support of the Rutherford County Health Department was approved.
- C. The Employee Services Agreement with the Department of Health was approved.
- D. The ‘Financial Assurance In Lieu of Bond’ for the County Landfill was approved.
- E. The 2015-16 Budget Calendar and Schedule was presented and approved.

**3. HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- A. No Report

**4. PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- A. A Resolution for the sale of county owned property on Coleman Hill Road was approved.

**5. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

- A. No Report

**6. PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- A. The County Road Book was presented and approved.
- B. A proposal from TDOT for the installation of a traffic signal at Dilton-Mankin Road was approved.

## **7. STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**

### **A. No Report**

## **K. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Robert Stevens discussed the information system problems in the Offices of the Circuit Court Clerk. He reminded Commissioners they had previously approved funding for \$750,000.00 to upgrade the Clerk's computer system. Commissioner Stevens is concerned the county's legislative body needs more input, information, and details about the matter. He believes an Ad Hoc committee, or the Steering Committee, needs to get all the involved parties together to answer questions related to the problem at hand.

In response to Commissioner Stevens, Mayor Ernest Burgess advised the County Attorney and others are watching the matter closely. Mayor Burgess said the problems are extraordinarily complex and they are working to get answers. He foresees probable answers in the next thirty (30) days. The Mayor advised there have been no cancellations of agreements with involved vendors and asked that public statements be limited until such time as there are more clear answers.

Commissioner David Nipper concurs with Commissioner Stevens and echoes Stevens' sentiment.

Commissioner Robert Peay reminded the body Mayor Burgess had met with the Budget & Finance Committee to open the discussion about the Circuit Court Clerk's information system crisis.

Commissioner Shawn Kaplan would like the Circuit Court Clerk to present a report on the information systems problem at the next Budget Committee meeting.

Commissioner Doug Shafer asked Commission members, while discussing the information system issue, to not confuse the County Clerk with the Circuit Clerk's office. He also referenced the previous Court Clerk had ushered in the problematic new system, that the current Clerk inherited the system.

Commissioner Shafer also announced the La Vergne Rescue Squad will hold a Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, December 13, from 7 until 10 a.m. According to Commissioner Shafer, Santa Claus has promised to eat pancakes with the good boys and girls.

Commissioner Shafer also announced La Vergne Middle School helped feed 500 people from the Lake Forrest area of La Vergne. He thanked students, faculty, administration, and family members for looking out for the needy among us.

Commissioner Rhonda Allen announced the Smyrna Depot Christmas Celebration is the weekend of December 13. She encourages all to support the downtown merchants of Smyrna.

Commissioner Pettus Read announced the 'Diamond of the Western Horizon,' Eagleville, Tennessee, will hold a Christmas Parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 13, in downtown Eagleville. The Grand Marshall is Bill Tollett, the Principal of Eagleville High School.

Mayor Burgess wished all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, adjourned the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners Legislative Meeting. Time of adjournment was 6:46 p.m.

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Lisa Duke Crowell, Rutherford County Clerk

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Rick Spence, Legislative Secretary

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