

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

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

- A. Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, called the regular session of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, June 26, 2015, in the Courtroom of the Rutherford County Courthouse in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- B. Commission Chaplain Brad Turner led the invocation.
- C. Commissioner Robert Stevens 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 June 11, 2015, Legislative Meeting Minutes were adopted.
- F. Dr. Donald Todd presented his views as to why a tax increase is unnecessary.

**G. ELECTIONS & CONFIRMATIONS**

- 1. The Notary Applicants were approved.

**H. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda (items 1- 12 listed below) received unanimous approval.

- 1. General Fund Budget Amendments
  - (a) Fund Delinquent Taxes from Tax Sale
  - (b) Fund Employee Testing for Human Resources
  - (c) Hotel/Motel Revenue Increase and Associated Contribution
- 2. Ambulance Service Fund Budget Amendment
  - (a) Contribution Revenue Increase and Overtime Pay
- 3. General Purpose School Fund Budget Amendments
- 4. Education Capital Projects Fund Budget Amendment
- 5. Approval of Vendor Agreements with Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse for Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment
- 6. Approval of Grant with Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse For Drug Court
- 7. Approval of Horse Barn Lease Agreement for Sheriff's Department
- 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Composting Facility Grant
- 9. Resolution Amending, Ratifying and Confirming Previous Resolution for Energy Efficient Loan
- 10. Approval of Amendment to 2014-15 State Health Grant Contract
- 11. Approval of 2015-16 State Health Grant Contract
- 12. Purchasing Committee Report

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**J. REPORTS BY STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 1. **BUDGET, FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**
  - A. The Rutherford County Tax Levy for FY 2015-16 was authorized.
  - B. Funds for Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Rutherford County were appropriated for FY 2015-16.
  - C. Form CT-0253 indicating the county's "Debt Obligation" for an Energy Efficient Loan was presented and to be spread upon the minutes.

2. **HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
A. No Report
3. **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
A. No Report
4. **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
A. A Resolution to Approve Rockvale and Walter Hill Volunteer Fire Departments Becoming Part of the Rutherford County Fire/Rescue Department and Accepting Transfer of Property Effective July 1, 2015 was approved.
5. **PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
A. No Report
6. **STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
A. No Report

**K. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Brad Turner invited everyone to attend the Budget and Steering meetings in January as the county's state delegation will also be in attendance. He also encouraged the Commission to "push back" against unfunded mandates.
2. Commissioner Doug Shafer announced the La Vergne Farmer's Market will be open on Tuesdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. until the end of September.
3. Commissioner Jeff Phillips thanked Commissioner Brad Turner for his comments. He suggested the Steering Committee meet with the county delegation in November/December to get our concerns fully considered by the date the legislature convenes in the January.
4. Commissioner Joe Gourley commended Commissioner Brad Turner for his comments. He noted the state had mandated technology in the school budget, but did not fund it. He also announced the Blackman BBQ is tonight at 5:00 p.m. at the Ag. Center.
5. Commissioner Will Jordan welcomed the commissioners' suggestions and concerns about the budget during the hearings. While he appreciates the commissioners' efforts at budget time, he urges commissioners to start their conversations in August in order to be more proactive.
6. Commissioner Rhonda Allen commented that Rutherford County educates students for \$980 less per student than the state average.
7. Mayor Ernest Burgess thanked all who participated in the budget process and commended them for their commitment to serve.
8. Commissioner Pettus Read invited everyone to the Rockvale 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. This year they are highlighting Public Safety.

There being no further business, Mr. Chairman, Ernest Burgess, adjourned the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners Legislative Meeting. Time of adjournment was 9:44 A.M.

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Lisa Duke Crowell, Rutherford County Clerk

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Rick Spence, Legislative Secretary

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