

STEERING, LEGISLATIVE & GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

March 4, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jack Black
Commissioner Gary Farley
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Jeff Jordan
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Steve Sandlin
Commissioner Adam Coggin, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Buddy Jordan
Robert Arnold David Brown
Morgan Henderson David Adams
Jordan Simpson Becky Shelton
Steve Schroeder

Chairman Coggin presided and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner Farley, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

ANNOUNCE VACANCY ON EQUALIZATION BOARD:

Chairman Coggin advised the position of Laughlin Youree on the Equalization Board was being announced due to Mr. Youree's death. The unexpired term expires April, 2014.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER:

Chairman Coggin next advised Judges of the General Sessions Court of Rutherford County have requested appointment of Rhonda Campbell as a judicial commissioner pursuant to the authority contained in Tennessee Public Acts of 1978, Chapter 933, for a term not to exceed four years and such term to conclude and terminate if and when the term is concluded or the service with Rutherford County is terminated. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, to recommend appointment of Rhonda Campbell as judicial commissioner for a term not to exceed four years and such term to conclude and terminate if and when the term is concluded or the service with Rutherford County is terminated. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Black next advised he understood the Planning Commission consisted of four Commissioners and eight citizens appointed by the County Mayor. Due to recent events in his district regarding the Convenience Center, Commissioner Black's constituents have requested that Mike Vaught resign due to his negotiating with Peachtree.

"Commissioner Black moved to ask County Mayor Burgess to ask Mike Vaught to resign from the Planning Commission due to his negotiating with Peachtree and the conflict of interest with him being on the Planning Commission. This motion failed for lack of a second."

Commissioner Sandlin questioned if the Ethics Committee should review the matter. Mayor Burgess advised as to the Ethics Committee, someone would need to have benefited or profited to rise to the level of ethics but anyone can file a complaint and it is up to the Ethics Committee to deal with it. Mayor Burgess advised he was not aware of anyone else negotiating with Peachtree except him. Commissioner Black advised his constituents have ask this be done and he was politely asking Mike Vaught be replaced. Commissioner Black advised this was new to him to go to the Ethics Committee but that is what he planned to do.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Coggin declared the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

ADAM COGGIN, Chairman