

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 7:40 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Bob Powers.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Roger Masingale.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Evonne Hoback, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Present
Dale Holbrook – Present
Jeannie King – Present
Roger Masingale – Present
Gary Mason – Present
Jerry Millsaps – Present
Bob Powers – Present
Jack Powers – Present
Tad Simpson – Present
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on January 15, 2007 and the Special Called Session on February 6, 2007 were provided to the Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve the minutes of the Regular Session on January 15, 2007 and the Special Called Session on February 6, 2007.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award Annual Bid for Installation of New or Used Guardrail.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award annual bid for installation of new or used guardrail, along with a bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-010

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD ANNUAL BID FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW OR USED GUARDRAIL

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, the McMinn County Highway Commissioner requests to bid installation of new used guardrail for period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, in order to properly carry out the functions of each department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, Commissioner of Highways has recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder for each item - Highway Markings, Inc. and Tennessee Guardrail, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007, that the Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and Award Skid-Steer Loader and 24" High Flow Planer Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award skid-steer loader and 24" high flow planer bid, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-011

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD SKID-STEER LOADER AND 24" HIGH FLOW PLANER BID

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department requests the purchase of a 2007 skid-steer loader and 24" high flow planer from Bobcat of Chattanooga the lowest bidder for \$42,393.76, in order to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

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Resolution No. 07-011 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, McMinn County Highway Commissioner recommends the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007, that the Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Semi-Annual Bid of Motor Oil.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual bid of motor oil, along with the bid summary sheet, and letters of recommendation from the various departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-012

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SEMI-ANNUAL BID OF MOTOR OIL

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential operations of county government, goods and services must often be let for bid; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Purchasing Department requests the purchase of Motor Oil, fluids and greases for April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007, be awarded to Commercial Lubricants and Parman Lubricants, the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in order to properly carry out the functions of each department; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has followed the proper procedures in securing the bids; and

WHEREAS, Randall Moss, Highway Commissioner, Stan Moses, Landfill Supervisor, and Steve Frisbie, Sheriff recommends the bid be awarded to the lowest bidders on each item meeting specifications, Commercial Lubricants and Parman Lubricants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007, that the Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the McMinn County Supervisors and Department Heads.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve Payment of Software Viewer with Emergency Notification System for Emergency Management.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve payment of software viewer with emergency notification system for emergency management, along with a copy of the requisition in the amount of \$7,477.00. Mr. Luallen said that this was approved by the Emergency Management Committee earlier this evening and added that this was a sole source provider and because the amount exceeds \$5,000.00, County Commission approval is required.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-013

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF SOFTWARE VIEWER WITH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn Emergency Management Director Betty Hamby requests payment of software viewer with emergency notification and installation from GeoConex Corporation system for Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, GeoConex Corporation is the sole source provider for this purchase, as they are our current software provider; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this system and installation is \$7,477.00; and

WHEREAS, this payment will be made with funds from Homeland Security Grant; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures, expenses over \$5,000 require County Commission approval.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007, that the Commission does hereby approve this request from Betty Hamby.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase and Solicit Bids Related to the Purchase of Voice/Tone Pagers for McMinn County Rural Fire Departments.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve emergency purchase and solicit bids related to the purchase of voice/toner pagers for McMinn County Rural Fire Departments. The recommendation of the Emergency Services Committee is to purchase thirteen voice/toner pagers for testing, not to exceed \$6,000.00, and to solicit bids related to the subsequent purchase of 260 voice/toner pagers for the McMinn County Rural Fire Departments.

Resolution No. 07-014

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE AND SOLICIT BIDS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF VOICE/TONE PAGERS FOR MCMINN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

WHEREAS, McMinn County is served by 11 volunteer rural fire departments which also supply manpower to the County Rescue Squads and Haz-Mat Team; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has traditionally provided communications equipment and an emergency notification system for these emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, for some time, McMinn County has relied upon alpha-numeric pagers to notify these personnel, but due to changes in technology and other service related problems this method has been deemed unsatisfactory in providing the high level of service demanded by rural fire departments; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Voice/Tone pagers, which were used prior to alpha-numeric pagers, are much more reliable in many ways, including notification, service, allow McMinn County to own all aspects of its fire paging system, and may positively affect ISO-related public fire insurance ratings, and that will operate on the current County Fire Radio Frequency; and

WHEREAS, based upon the recommendations of the County Fire Coordinator and all County Fire Chiefs, it is requested that the Rural Fire category of the Other Capital Fund be utilized to purchase 13 Motorola Minitor 5 Voice/Tone Pagers for testing according to Emergency Purchase Guidelines, with subsequent 260 such pagers to be put for bid.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007, THAT THE COUNTY MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO OVERSEE THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF 13 VOICE/TONE PAGERS AND SUBSEQUENT 260 PAGERS TO BE PUT FOR BID FOR MCMINN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS, the public welfare demanding it.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Bob Powers, Mr. Gentry said that the pagers have a year warranty, but what is being tested is the coverage.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

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

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the annual contract between McMinn County and State of Tennessee Department of Health.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-015

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 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 previously entered into a contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Health to protect and improve the physical health of the county citizens through the prevention of conditions that may threaten good health; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriation for which the County shall be billed is \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the local health department to protect and improve the physical health of the county citizens through the prevention of conditions that may threaten good health; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Health Department does provide these services and both parties do hereby agree to these provisions in the contract for FY 2006-07.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2007, that the 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 Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve a Change Order for B&W Contractors, Inc. for Courthouse Exterior Renovations.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve a change order for B&W Contractors, Inc. for Courthouse Exterior Renovations, along with copies of the contractor's proposal, the change order and a letter of recommendation from the County Engineer. In response to a question from Chairman Crews, Mr. Gentry explained the scope of this change order as was recommended by the County maintenance staff.

Resolution No. 07-016

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR B & W CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR
COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, McMinn County entered into a contract with B & W Construction Company for courthouse exterior renovations; and

WHEREAS the original down spouts have internal leakage flaws that are inaccessible for repair; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County maintenance supervisor, Benny Bivens has requested for gutter drain headers to be rerouted from corners 2 and 15 to the existing drain header; and

WHEREAS, change order # 3 has resulted in a net increase of \$1,601.46; and

WHEREAS, upon approval by the McMinn Board of Commissioners, the total for this change order issued to B & W Contractors, Inc. will increase the total contract amount from \$483,198.31 to \$484,799.77.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007 that the Commission does approve the change order and increase the contract amount to \$484,799.77.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of two budget amendments involving two different funds, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: General # 101

Date: February 15, 2007

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	89,835.00	
Sheriff	Deputies	54110-106		24,216.00
Jail	Other Salaries & Wages (Jailers)	54210-189		65,619.00

EXPLANATION: To budget expenditures for six jailers and two court officers for remainder of FY 2006-07. Commission approval on 12/18/06.

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve this budget amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis – Aye
- Dale Holbrook – Aye
- Jeannie King – Aye
- Roger Masingale – Aye
- Gary Mason – Aye
- Jerry Millsaps – Aye
- Bob Powers – Aye
- Jack Powers – Aye
- Tad Simpson – Aye
- Chairman David Crews – Aye

Fund: Federal Projects # 142-IDEA-B, 06.01 # 691

Date: January 24, 2007

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Alternative Instruction Program	Teachers	71150-116	3,958.51	
“	Social Security	71150-201	349.09	
“	State Retirement	71150-204	217.16	
“	Medical Insurance	71150-207	359.50	
“	Employer Medicare	71150-212	81.89	

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Fund: Federal Projects # 142-IDEA-B, 06.01 #691 (Cont'd)

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
Special Educa- tion Program	Teachers	71200-116		53,255.19
“	Educational Assistants	71200-163		27,643.88
“	Other Salaries & Wages	71200-189		1,542.10
“	Social Security	71200-201		3,545.33
“	State Retirement	71200-204		7,443.78
“	Life Insurance	71200-206		257.23
“	Medical Insurance	71200-207		4,881.15
“	Unemployment Compen- sation	71200-210		168.50
“	Employer Medicare	71200-212		837.56
“	Other Fringe Benefits	71200-299		14.75
“	Contracts with Private Agencies	71200-312		26,624.45
“	Instructional Supplies	71200-429	19,421.64	
“	Other Supplies & Materials	71200-499	102,070.07	
Special Ed. Program Support	Psychological Personnel	72220-124	2,775.30	
“	Other Salaries & Wages	72220-189	9,685.00	
“	Social Security	72220-201		1,607.11
“	State Retirement	72220-204		1,685.67
“	Life Insurance	72220-206		18.41
“	Medical Insurance	72220-207	4,279.56	
“	Unemployment Compen- sation	72220-210	26.88	
“	Employer Medicare	72220-212		241.03

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Fund: Federal Projects # 142-IDEA-B, 06.01 #691 (Cont'd)

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Special Ed. Program Support	Other Fringe Benefits	72220-299		.31
“	Maint. & Repair Svcs Equip.	72220-336	10,000.00	
“	Travel	72220-355		890.32
“	Other Contracted Services	72220-399	23,904.23	
“	In Service/Staff Development	72220-524		60,083.52
“	Other Charges	72220-599		522.04
Transportation	Bus Driver	72710-146	17,093.50	
“	Social Security	72710-201	1,117.44	
“	State Retirement	72710-204	595.97	
“	Life Insurance	72710-206	24.00	
“	Medical Insurance	72710-207	6,924.32	
“	Unemployment Compens- ation	72710-210	16.05	
“	Employer Medicare	72710-212	262.06	
“	Other Fringe Benefits	72710-299	27.16	
“	Contracts with Parents	72710-313	5,000.00	
“	Transportation Equip- ment	72710-729		16,928.00

EXPLANATION: To enter the approved carry-over budget for IDEA-B 06-01. The state approved December 27, 2006. School Board approved: 2/8/07.

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve the budget amendment.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye
Dale Holbrook – Aye
Jeannie King – Aye
Roger Masingale – Aye
Gary Mason – Aye
Jerry Millsaps – Aye
Bob Powers – Aye
Jack Powers – Aye
Tad Simpson – Aye
Chairman David Crews – Aye

9. SELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

As a follow-on to the Special Called Session held just prior to this Regular Session, Chairman Crews opened up the floor for nominations for School Board member.

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Curtis, to nominate Mr. Mike Williams to fill the Third District vacancy.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Jack Powers stated that all the candidates are well qualified and he said he appreciated all the interest and added that he wished each one could be appointed.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Update by Mr. David Cranford of Joseph Decosimo & Co. Corporate Finance, Consultant Firm Hired by the Woods Hospital Strategic Partnership Committee.

Mr. Cranford said that they working on getting the financial data pulled together and they met with the auditor last week trying to wrap up the June 30, 2006 audit. He said that they are also helping the staff with the January 2007 financials, and added that they hope to be able to present the Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Strategic Partnership Committee by March 6, 2007, with a 30-45 day turn-around.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. Proposed Resolution to Request Norfolk-Southern Railroad Not to Close Railroad Crossings in Niota.

Mr. Gentry said that the Town of Niota has requested that this resolution not be considered tonight as they are waiting on some additional information.

B. A Resolution to Approve Matching Funds for the 2007 Meigs County Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve matching funds for the 2007 Meigs County Community Development Block Grant where they are proposing to come into McMinn County with water line on County Road 46 and a portion of County Road 48. Mr. Gentry said that this will serve about 27 homes with a 16 % match, less than our customary 20% match, and added that he recommends approval.

Resolution No. 07-017

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 2007 MEIGS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Decatur is planning the extension of water lines that will serve McMinn County Road 46, and a small portion of County Road 48; and

WHEREAS, Meigs County is sponsoring a Community Development Block Grant application to assist with the cost of extending this line and other lines in Meigs County; and

WHEREAS, the project engineer has estimated that the total project will be \$509,508.00 and the project investment in McMinn County will total \$130,700; and

WHEREAS, Meigs County is requesting \$20,580.00 in matching funds from the McMinn County Water Fund in accordance with policies of the fund, this amount being less than the customary 20% match; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Tennessee Development District, as manager of the McMinn County Water Program, recommends approval of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007 that this Commission does hereby approve \$20,580.00 in matching funds for the Meigs County CDBG Grant, the public welfare demanding it.

AND FURTHER RESOLVES, TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO FULFIL SAID PROJECT.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that they do ask, where the water pressure allows, that they place fire hydrants. However, Mr. Gentry said that if there is a question of pressure they will not install fire hydrants.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve Additional Tourism Funds for Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve additional tourism funds for two Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association representatives to attend a Tennessee Department of Tourism-sponsored Tennessee Sampler Trade Show in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Gentry said that Ms. Linda Caldwell, Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association President was in the audience and available for any questions. Mr. Gentry also said that this donation would be published in the newspaper as required by law.

Resolution No. 07-018

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL TOURISM FUNDS FOR
TENNESSEE OVERHILL HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association (TOHA) plays an important role in marketing and development of tourism in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, TOHA is recognized nationally, and a request has been made for TOHA to participate in the Tennessee Sampler Trade Show in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, TOHA Director Linda Caldwell recommends that she and her designee attend this Trade Show to make important contacts with media, travel professionals, and tour operators, and requests \$2,000.00 to fund their attendance; and

WHEREAS, these funds shall be taken from County Tourism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007, THAT THIS TOURISM EVENT FUNDING FOR TOHA IS APPROVED, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve Notification by the County Mayor to Woods Memorial Hospital that McMinn County Will Seek Requests for Proposals for a New Ambulance Service Provider.

Mr. Gentry presented and explained the following resolution to approve notification by the County Mayor to Woods Memorial Hospital that McMinn County will seek requests for proposals for a new ambulance service provider due to the uncertain future of Woods Memorial Hospital District. Mr. Gentry said that this was approved earlier this evening by the Emergency Services Committee.

Resolution No. 07-019

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOTIFICATION BY THE COUNTY MAYOR TO WOODS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL THAT MCMINN COUNTY WILL SEEK REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR A NEW AMBULANCE SERVICE PROVIDER

WHEREAS, Since 1992, Woods Memorial Hospital has acted as McMinn County's contracted 911 Ambulance Service Provider, and through the many changes in the healthcare industry, this service has been integral to the safety and welfare of McMinn County's citizens; and

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Resolution No. 07-019 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, the uncertain future of Woods Memorial Hospital District under which McMinn County Ambulance Service now operates is cause for deep concern for the citizens of McMinn County due to the fact that should Woods Memorial be sold or transferred to another entity, it is unknown if the Ambulance Service would be a part of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, the present Ambulance Service Contract states in section 2 that “This agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason whatsoever, by providing the other party one hundred twenty (120) days written notice of its intent to terminate the agreement”; and

WHEREAS, with the current contract term set to expire on June 30, 2007, and due to the uncertain future of Woods Memorial Hospital District and for the sake of all citizens of McMinn County, McMinn County shall seek requests for proposals from interested ambulance service vendors to provide a new ambulance service that will take effect July 1, 2007.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2007, THAT THIS NOTIFICATION TO WOODS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT IS APPROVED, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that the Ambulance Service contract is separate from the operation of the hospital, but added that when the hospital request for proposal is approved, all interested parties will be given the opportunity to provide proposals to provide ambulance service. Mr. Gentry said that this is not a reflection on our current service but the uncertainty of the future in order to protect all of our citizens.

E. A Resolution to Allow McMinn County Trustee Rounding of Ad Valorem Delinquent Interest and Penalties.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to allow McMinn County Trustee rounding of Ad Valorem delinquent interest and penalties and added that the Trustee, Mr. Phil Tuggle, is in the audience if the Commission has any questions. Mr. Gentry added that this should have minimal impact on revenue.

Resolution No. 07-020

**A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW MCMINN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ROUNDING OF AD VALOREM DELINQUENT INTEREST AND PENALTIES**

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-102(a)(1) authorizes counties to levy an ad valorem tax upon all property subject to such tax; and

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(Resolution No. 07-020 – Cont'd)

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-102(a)(2) directs that the amount of such tax shall be fixed by the county legislative body of each county; and

WHEREAS, the rounding of delinquent interest and penalties amounts to the nearest dollar would simplify and expedite the payment and collection of property taxes in the county; and

WHEREAS, the rounding of interests and penalties will be a convenience to county taxpayers and will not significantly impact the revenues of McMinn County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Legislative Body desires to authorize the office of the McMinn County Trustee to round interests and penalties to the nearest dollar;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the McMinn County Commission meeting in regular session on the 19th day of February, 2007, that the office of the McMinn County Trustee is hereby authorized to round individual ad valorem delinquent interests and penalties to the nearest dollar. Such rounding shall be applied uniformly to all property tax bills in the county for real and personal property, whether such property is locally assessed or centrally assessed and shall be accomplished by rounding amounts ending in \$0.01 to \$0.49 down to the nearest dollar and amounts ending in \$0.50 to \$0.99 up the nearest dollar. Such rounding shall apply to any interest and penalty added to delinquent taxes.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL be effective for the 2006 tax year and subsequent tax years, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John Gentry)
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

A. A Resolution to Confirm the Re-Appointment of Owen Vincent to the Board of Directors of Keep McMinn Beautiful.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to confirm the re-appointment of Owen Vincent to the Board of Directors of Keep McMinn Beautiful, along with a letter of recommendation from Keep McMinn Beautiful Director, Joy Rymer.

Resolution No. 07-021

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF OWEN VINCENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KEEP MCMINN BEAUTIFUL

WHEREAS, McMinn County has a Keep McMinn Beautiful board to provide for educational and civic programs that promote litter cleanup and recycling in McMinn County; and

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Resolution No. 07-021 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, as part of its duties and services, Keep McMinn Beautiful plays an important role in the Litter Grant program as required by the Tennessee Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates OWEN VINCENT for re-appointment as a member of the Keep McMinn Beautiful Board of Directors for a three year term beginning 3/1/07.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 19th DAY OF February 2007, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Hoback)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

None.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Justice Center Project.

Mr. Gentry said that they are nearing completion on the first draft of the program of work. The Court Design Consultant has met with the judges, law enforcement, clerks, District Attorney's staff and they should have a first draft within a month. They are running into some site limitations, i.e. parking issues are presenting challenges.

B. County Government Day.

Mr. Gentry said that the COATS/TCSA County Government Day is scheduled for April 17-18, 2007 and added that his secretary would be contacting the Commissioners.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

The following notary applications were submitted to the County Clerk's Office:

Notary Applications for February 2007

Donna K. Black
Kristine Boggess
Mitchell B. Boyd
William A. Buckley, Jr.
Ann Clark
Whitney D. Dalton
Barbara Elkins
Mary R. Fiegle
Jennifer M. Glaze
Carolyn J. Hobbs
Jolynn Hockman
Teresa A. Hodges
William R. Ingram, Jr.
Connie S. Lindner
Janet B. McKenzie
Nancy Miller
Christopher S. Moore
Louis M. Pascarella
Linda L. Rarick
Kathy S. Sherlin
Angela M. Thompson
Ann Webb
Robin M. Wright

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Millsaps, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Approval of McMinn County Road List.

Chairman Crews requested approval of the McMinn County Road List as submitted by the Highway Commissioner.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Masingale, to approve the County Road List.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, the Highway Commissioner said there were very few changes from last year.

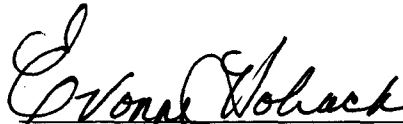
Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Swearing-in of Mr. Michael T. Williams as School Board Member.

Mr. Gentry said that the Commission is invited to the Swearing-in Ceremony for Mr. Mike Williams as the new School Board member scheduled for 9:00 am Friday, February 23, 2007.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



EVONNE HOBACK
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

jb 3-13-07
Deputy Clerk (date)