

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 7:30 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 Owen Vincent.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

4. ROLL CALL

Scott Curtis Present  
Dale Holbrook Present  
Jack King Absent  
Roger Masingale Present  
Gary Mason Present  
J. W. McPhail Present  
Bob Powers Present  
Jack Powers Present  
Owen Vincent Present  
Chairman David Crews Present

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on February 21, 2005 were provided to the Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve the Minutes of February 21, 2005.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve Purchase of Respirator Tester and Equipment for Emergency Management.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the purchase of respirator tester and equipment for Emergency Management as well as a copy of the requisition. Mr. Luallen explained that this is a sole source provider and added that Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures require County Commission approval for expenses over \$5,000.00.

Resolution No. 05-0 19

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF RESPIRATOR TESTER AND EQUIPMENT  
FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, McMinn Emergency Management Director Betty Hamby requests purchase of respirator tester and equipment for Emergency Management Agency; and

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WHEREAS, TSI Inc. is the sole source provider for this equipment; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment totals \$8,145.00; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Financial Management Committee Policies and Procedures, expenses over \$5,000.00 require County Commission approval.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of March, 2005, the purchase of equipment from TSI, Inc. for Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$8,145.00 is hereby approved.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. 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 the annual bid for installation of new or used guardrail, as well as the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner to accept the bid from Tennessee Guardrail, Inc., the only bidder.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-020

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 or used guardrail for period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, 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 Tennessee Guardrail, Inc. the only bidder.

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Resolution No. 05-020 (Cont'd):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Highway Commissioner.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, 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, as well as the bid summary sheet and letters of recommendation from the various departments.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-02 1

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 grease for April 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, to the low bidder for each item from Parman Lubricants through Sweetwater Valley Oil and Hunter Oil, 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, recommends bid be awarded to low bidder of each item meeting specifications determined by the time of delivery, the remaining department heads (Arnold Sledge Board of Education Supervisor, Stan Moses Landfill Supervisor and Steve Frisbie Sheriff) recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder for each item.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the McMinn County Supervisors and Department Heads.

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

Attest:

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

In response to a question from Commissioner McPhail, the Highway Commissioner said that they usually have one-day delivery.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW ANT) APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve the Contract Between McMinn County and the State of Tennessee Department of the Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency for Funding of Emergency Management Assistance.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the contract between McMinn County and the State of Tennessee Department of the Military and Tennessee Emergency Management Agency for funding of emergency management assistance. Mr. Luallen added that this grant is for \$16,301.00 to assist in the administrative duties of the Director of Emergency Management.

Resolution No. 05-022

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
MCMINN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND TENNESSEE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY, FOR FUNDING OF EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

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 desires to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to acquire \$16,301.00 in grant funding applicable to the administrative duties of the McMinn County Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract is for the period commencing on October 1, 2004 and ending on September 30, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 21St DAY OF MARCH 2005 that this Commission does hereby agree to enter into contract with Tennessee Emergency Management Agent to receive grant funding of \$16,301.00 for Emergency Management Assistance.

AND FURTHERMORE RESOLVES to grant authority to the County Mayor or his designee to carry out the duties of said contract.

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

Attest:

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of one budget amendment and a copy was provided to each Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Regular Instruction Teachers Program		71100-116		9,336.05
	Social Security	71100-201		607.60
	State Retirement	71100-204		445.50
	Unemployment Compensation	71100-210		42.48
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	Employer Medicare	71100-212		142.10
	Library Books	72210-423		13,382.33
	In Service/Staff Development	722 10-524		89.00
Reserve	Res. for Inno. Ed. Prog. Strat.	34420	24,045.06	

EXPLANATION: To enter the Title V, Part A, 04.01 carryover balance into the FY 04.05 budget. School Board approval 3/10/05.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

- Scott Curtis Aye
- Dale Holbrook Aye
- Jack King Absent
- Roger Masingale Aye
- Gary Mason Aye
- J. W. McPhail Aye
- Bob Powers—Aye
- Jack Powers Aye
- Owen Vincent Aye
- Chairman David Crews Aye

9. MCMINN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MR. HAL BUTTRAM

Mr. Gentry said that they had requested to be on the agenda in order to make a presentation, but added that they call back later and requested that this be cancelled for tonight.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Comments by Ms. Cynthia Watson, President of the McMinn County Education Association.

Ms. Cynthia Watson, President of the McMinn County Education Association, presented the Commission with a letter outlining the differences between the salaries of McMinn County teachers and the salaries of other school systems, especially highlighting the differences between McMinn County and Athens City teacher salaries. In some cases, Mr. Watson said that the more tenure you have a McMinn County teacher could be behind \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00 by the time you reach the highest salary step. Mr. Watson requested the Commission's consideration in working with the School Board to see if they can increase teachers' salaries.

Chairman David Crews thanked Ms. Watson for her presentation and added that her request would be noted. Chairman Crews also said that they do believe in supporting education and that 66% of their budget goes to the schools but added all budgets are limited.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Honor Connie Allen for Her Service as Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful.

Mr. Gentry explained that each year McMinn County receives a litter grant and by State mandate twenty-five percent must be spent on education and for the past several years this money has been given to our local Keep America Beautiful affiliate. Since Mrs. Allen became the Executive Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful nine years ago, this organization has seen phenomenal growth and she has received numerous state and national awards. Mr. Gentry read the following resolution and requested its approval.

Resolution No. 05-023

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR CONNIE ALLEN  
FOR HER SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF KEEP MCMINN BEAUTIFUL

WHEREAS, Connie Allen has served as the Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful for nine years, from 1996 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Connie Allen, KIMB has won numerous state and national awards of distinction, including being named to the Keep America Beautiful President's Council and winning their annual Most Innovative Program Award; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen is a noted citizen and civic leader, and as Director of KMB has worked diligently to promote litter education and community values for McMinn County, improving the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen was honored by Keep Tennessee Beautiful with the Martin Kennedy Leadership Award, their highest individual award of distinction; and

WHEREAS, Connie Allen has recently elected to resign her position as KMB Director to assume the duties of Executive Director of United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties; and

WHEREAS, it is resolved that Connie Allen is honored for her faithful service to the citizens of McMinn County, and while her leadership and dedication to KMB will be sorely missed, we look forward to her guidance and oversight of the local United Way chapter.

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Resolution No. 05-023 (Cont'd)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH 2005, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES HONOR AND COMMEND CONNIE ALLEN FOR HER CONTINUED SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO THE CITIZENS OF MCMINN COUNTY.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Mrs. Connie Allen thanked the Commission for this resolution and said that she has enjoyed her job tremendously and added that she never looked at it as a job but rather as community service to McMinn County. Mrs. Allen said that a group's success is never attributed to just one person and said that she has had about fifty board members that have contributed to Keep McMinn Beautiful in the past nine years. Mrs. Allen did comment on the special contributions of Mr. John Gentry, Commissioner Owen Vincent and Mr. Joe Guy.

Chairman Crews thanked Mrs. Allen for a job well done.

B. A Resolution in Support of a Proposed Bill to Set Retirement Benefits at 25 Years of Service and/or 55 years of Age for Local Law Enforcement Officers in Tennessee Who Participate in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement Program.

At Mr. Gentry's request, Sheriff Frisbie presented and explained the following resolution in support of a proposed bill to set the retirement benefits at 25 years of service and/or 55 years of age for local law enforcement officers in Tennessee who participate in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement Program. Sheriff Frisbie said that this is supported by the Sheriffs Association and Sheriff Frisbie requested the support of the County Commission.

Resolution No. 05-024

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A PROPOSED BILL TO SET RETIREMENT  
BENEFITS AT 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AND/OR 55 YEARS OF AGE FOR  
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN TENNESSEE WHO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE TENNESSEE CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, local law enforcement officers who currently participate in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System do not have access to retirement benefits until 30 years of service or after 5 years vesting at age 60;  
and

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Resolution No. 05-024 (Cont'd):

WHEREAS, House Bill 405 has been filed in the Tennessee General Assembly which would allow local law enforcement officers in Tennessee who participate in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System to enjoy retirement benefits at age 55 and/or 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Sheriff Steve Frisbie has expressed his support of such legislation, in that such legislation would benefit officers retirement as well as provide incentives for local law enforcement employees; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this legislation would greatly benefit the local law enforcement officers in McMinn County who participate in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 21ST DAY OF MARCH 2005, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES SUPPORT THIS PENDING LEGISLATION, AND DOES URGE THE MEMBERS OF THE TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE TO IMMEDIATELY PASS THE LEGISLATION DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION, the public welfare requiring it.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)  
County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

In response to a question from Commissioner Vincent, Sheriff Frisbie said an individual could start drawing retirement after 25 years or after 5 years vesting at age 55, whichever comes first.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

## 12. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

### A. Resolutions to Confirm Appointments to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

Mr. Gentry said that Mr. George Clark and Mr. Wayne Williams passed away last year and another member, Mr. David Allen, moved to another county and Mr. Gentry presented the following three resolutions to confirm the appointments of Tim Poteet, Jim Majors and Shirley Woodcock to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

(1) A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Tim Poteet to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

Mr. Gentry explained that Mr. Poteet's appointment is actually a reappointment because his present term has expired:

Resolution No. 05-025

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM POTEET TO THE McMinn COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND BOARD

WHEREAS, McMinn County has an Industrial Development Bond Board to provide for the review of the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds and notes subject to the appropriate rules and regulations as promulgated by the Tennessee Code; and

WHEREAS, state law grants authority to the County Mayor to appoint members to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board upon confirmation by the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates TIM POTEET to serve as a member of the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board, to a term which will expire May 10, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMinn COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2005, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

(2) A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Jim Majors to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

Mr. Gentry said that after he had asked Mr. Majors to serve, Mr. Majors had his car accident. Mr. Gentry would still like to submit his name by faith that Mr. Majors will recover and serve.

Resolution No. 05-026

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF Jim Majors TO THE McMinn COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND BOARD

WHEREAS, McMinn County has an Industrial Development Bond Board to provide for the review of the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds and notes subject to the appropriate rules and regulations as promulgated by the Tennessee Code; and

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Resolution No. 05-026 (Cont'd)

WHEREAS, state law grants authority to the County Mayor to appoint members to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board upon confirmation by the county legislative body; and

WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates JIM MAJORS to serve as a member of the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board, to fulfill the term left vacant by David Allen, which will expire November 25, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2005, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

(3) A Resolution to Confirm the Appointment of Shirley Woodcock to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to confirm the appointment of Shirley Woodcock to fulfill the term left vacant by George Clark.

Resolution No. 05-027

A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF SHIRLEY WOODCOCK TO THE McMINN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND BOARD

WHEREAS, McMinn County has an Industrial Development Bond Board to provide for the review of the issuance of Industrial Development Bonds and notes subject to the appropriate rules and regulations as promulgated by the Tennessee Code; and

WHEREAS, state law grants authority to the County Mayor to appoint members to the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board upon confirmation by the county legislative body; and

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WHEREAS, John M. Gentry as McMinn County Mayor, nominates SHIRLEY WOODCOCK to serve as a member of the McMinn County Industrial Development Bond Board, to fulfill the term left vacant by the death of George Clark, which will expire November 25, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2005, that this commission does hereby confirm this appointment.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Comments by Commissioner Mason Recognizing Prospective Eagle Scout Ben Axley.

Commissioner Mason recognized prospective Eagle Scout Ben Axley who was in the audience as part of the requirements to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He was applauded.

B. Budget Committee Commissioner Jack Powers.

Commissioner Jack Powers said that the Budget Committee met prior to this meeting and made some recommendations to begin the budget process. They approved the letters and forms to be mailed to each Department head with a recommendation of a 2% salary increase. Commissioner Powers said that they discussed the longevity increases which is at \$525.00 and the Budget Committee recommends that this be frozen at this amount until further notice.

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Woods Memorial Hospital District Financial Report as of January 31, 2005.

Commissioner Jack Powers referred to the Woods Memorial Hospital District's Financial Report as of January 31, 2005 which was provided to each Commissioner. Commissioner Jack Powers offered to try to answer questions and said that the Hospital Board will be meeting tomorrow night because of Spring Break next week. Commissioner Powers said things are not any better but Mr. Gentry said that they did send in two checks for the ambulance service.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Comments Regarding the Governor's Three-Star Program.

Mr. Gentry said they are of working on this designation but in the process they knew that there was one disqualifying event, i.e. the City of Athens' sewage moratorium. Mr. Gentry said AUB has been making progress to remove the moratorium and he read an email from Joe Barker, Assistant Director of ECD which stated that as long as they continue to make progress under the proposed timeline they should be eligible for 3-star certification. Mr. Gentry expressed his appreciation to AUB for taking the steps to address this issue and to ECD for recognizing and allowing us to move forward.

B. Bio-Diesel Meeting Announcement.

Mr. Gentry announced that there would be an Bio-Diesel Meeting on March 29, 2005, at 9:00 am in the E.G. Fisher Library's Community Room. This meeting will be an informational meeting and will last about 2 hours. Mr. Gentry said that AUB is already using bio-diesel fuel and the County school system will be looking at this for their 55 diesel buses.

C. Annual Planning Meeting Held Saturday, March 19, 2005.

Mr. Gentry expressed his appreciation for everyone's participation at the annual planning meeting on Saturday and added that he feels it was a very successful meeting.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for March 2005

Freddie Anne Bettis  
Connie E. Breeding  
Alice F. Cansler  
Darlene Cass  
T. R. Casteel  
Amanda R. Evans  
Alfred M. Hacker  
Leon Hammond  
Tara Lynette Jackson.  
Annette Johnson  
Christy L. King  
April Michelle Lairmore  
Glynda J. Liles  
Linda Kay Martin  
Carolyn P. Miller  
Alice Thomas  
Tara Lynn Thompson

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve these notary applications.

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

A. Comments by Commissioner McPhail Regarding Excellent Coverage by DPA Reporter.

Commissioner McPhail expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ryan Harris, a reporter with *The Daily Post Athenian*, for his excellent coverage of the McMinn County planning session as reported in today's DPA.

B. Comments by Mr. David Hutson.

Mr. David Hutson commended the Commissioners for their efforts in keeping McMinn County debt free. In response to a question from Commissioner McPhail, Mr. Gentry said that the State does not know of another county that is debt-free.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk

~ /s/ [Signature]  
(date)