

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, May 16, 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 Vincent.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Session on April 18, 2005 were provided to the Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve the Minutes of April 18, 2005.

Motion carried by voice vote.

5. PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. CLYDE WEBB.

Mr. Gentry, McMinn County Mayor, asked Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Webb to step forward in order to be recognized, and McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Randall Moss, presented the history of Highway 305 from Exit 52 to Highway 68 and Mr. Clyde Webb's support of this project. Mr. Moss presented the special road sign to be displayed commemorating the naming of this highway the "Clyde Webb Highway." Mr. Moss expressed his appreciation for Mr. Webb's many years of service to and a job well done for McMinn County.

Mr. Clyde Webb said it was an honor to have a road named after him, but added that a lot of people were involved with the project. Although he objected earlier to the highway being named after him personally, Mr. Webb said Mr. Moss caught him at a weak moment and he expressed his appreciation for this honor.

Chairman Crews expressed his appreciation to Mr. Webb for his service to the County and the State.

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Motion carried by voice vote.

7. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase of HVAC Unit at the Justice Center.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve emergency purchase of HVAC unit at the Justice Center, along with a copy of the requisition with the quotes received:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-046

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF HVAC UNIT JUSTICE CENTER

WHEREAS, McMinn County Justice Center incurred a mechanical problem with the roof top unit creating the replacement need, requiring an emergency purchase; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Maintenance Supervisor, Benny Bivens requests approval of payment to Webb Plumbing, Heating and Electric for this emergency purchase of \$7,200.00; and

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

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY 2005, that the payment for emergency purchase at-the justice center be hereby approved.

(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 Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve Emergency Purchase of Commercial Washer Justice Center.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the emergency purchase of a commercial washer at the Justice Center, as well as a copy of the requisition.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-047

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL WASHER JUSTICE CENTER

WHEREAS, McMinn County Justice Center incurred a mechanical problem with the commercial washer and the need for clean laundry requiring an emergency purchase; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Maintenance Supervisor, Benny Bivens requests approval of payment to O'Dell Equipment Inc. for this emergency purchase of \$6,968.00; and

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

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY 2005, that the payment for emergency purchase at the justice center be hereby approved.

(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 Pharmacy Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual pharmacy bid which runs from June 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005. The Commissioners were also provided with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from Sheriff Frisbie recommending the overall low bid from I. H. S. Pharmacy.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-048

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE SEMI-ANNUAL PHARMACY 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 Sheriff Department requests purchase of medical supplies, non prescription items and prescription drugs from I.H.S. Pharmacy for the period of June 1, 2005 through November 30, 2005; and

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

WHEREAS, Steve Frisbie, McMinn County Sheriff has recommended the bid be awarded to I.H.S. Pharmacy the best bidder meeting specifications.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Sheriff Steve Frisbie.

(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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Annual Pipe Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the annual pipe bid as well as the bid summary sheet and letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-049

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD ANNUAL PIPE BID

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, McMinn County Highway E2ommissioner, request to bid the annual pipe purchase for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and

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

WHEREAS, Randall Moss the McMinn County Highway Commissioner recommends awarding the bid of steel pipe to Contech of Englewood, TN and corrugated poly pipe to Advanced Drainage of Cleveland, TN, each being the lowest bidder meeting bid specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 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 Jack Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve and Award Annual Janitorial Products Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the annual janitorial products bid, along with the bid summary sheet as well as letters of recommendations from the Maintenance Department and the Sheriffs Department recommending the low bidder for each item. Mr. Luallen added that janitorial products will be approved separately by the school department.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-050

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD ANNUAL JANITORIAL PRODUCTS BID

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

WHEREAS, McMinn County has requested the purchase of Janitorial Products from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

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

WHEREAS, Benny Bivens, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor, and Tim Smith, Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Department, recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder in each category meeting specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the maintenance supervisor and the chief deputy concerning the janitorial bid.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)
County Clerk

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

Motion carried with one abstention by Commissioner McPhail because of possible conflict of interest.

F. A Resolution to Approve and Award Semi-Annual ReQuirements Bid for Paper-Plastics Products.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the semi-annual requirements bid for paper-plastics products for the bid period July 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. Mr. Luallen also provided the Commissioners with a bid summary sheet and letters of recommendation from the Maintenance Department and the Sheriffs Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-051

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD SEMI-ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS BID FOR PAPER-
PLASTICS PRODUCTS

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

WHEREAS, the Courthouse Maintenance Department and Sheriffs Department requests the purchase of Paper and Plastic Products from July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, to properly carry out the functions of the department; and

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

WHEREAS, Benny Bivens, Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor and Tim Smith Chief Deputy of the Sheriffs Department recommends the bid be awarded to the best bidder meeting specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Chief Deputy and Maintenance Supervisor.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)
County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve this resolution. Motion carried with one abstention by Commissioner McPhail because of possible conflict of interest.

G. Resolution to Approve Hand-Held Thermal Imaging Camera Bid McMinn County Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve hand-held thermal imaging camera bid, as well as the bid summary and a letter of recommendation from the McMinn County Emergency Management Agency.

RESOLUTION 05-052

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE HAND-HELD THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA BID

WHEREAS, McMinn County has been designated by the Regional Homeland Security Council to provide air support for this region; and

WHEREAS, State of Tennessee Department of Military Homeland Security has approved grant funding of \$15,000 for a hand-held thermal imaging camera to be used by the sheriff department for searches and investigations; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Hamby, McMinn County Emergency Management Director, recommends the bid be awarded to Technical Automation Service Company for the amount of \$13,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16~ DAY OF MAY, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Betty Hamby.

(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.

After some discussion concerning why this particular camera was chosen over the less expensive one, this motion was tabled until more information could be presented as to why this particular camera is needed.

Later in this meeting, Lieutenant Bill Earner, with the Sheriff's Department, explained why they preferred the Raytheon Thermal Eye camera. He said this is a hand-held camera used for night searches and this camera has a greater projection (up to 3,000 feet) with an LCL color screen. This camera also comes with accessories which do not come with the other camera, i.e. spare battery backup, video and audio connections and can be used with a video camera. In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Earner said it is very user friendly. Commissioner Mason suggested that Mr. Earner bring it to a future Commission meeting and demonstrate its use.

Earlier motion carried by voice vote.

H. A Resolution to Approve UHF and VHF Portable 32 Channel Radio Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the UHF and VHF portable 32 channel radio bid, along with the bid summary sheet as well as the letter of recommendation from the McMinn County Emergency Management Agency.

RESOLUTION 05-053

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE UHF AND VHF PORTABLE 32 CHANNEL

RADIO BID

WHEREAS, McMinn County has been designated by the Regional Homeland Security Council to provide air support for this region; and

WHEREAS, State of Tennessee Department of Military Homeland Security has approved grant funding of \$5,840 for UHF and VHF portable, 32 Channel Radios to be used by City of Athens and Rural Fire and Rescue Agencies for communications interoperability; and

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WHEREAS, Betty Hamby McMinn County Emergency Management Director, recommends the bid be awarded to Tn-County Communications for the amount of \$4,305.60.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Betty Hamby.

(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 Vincent, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Chairman Crews, this radio was chosen because it is the same brand as earlier radios purchased and Mrs. Hamby prefers to keep the radios standard, and Commissioner Vincent added that this proves to be cost effective in the long run.

I. Resolution to Approve and Award Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator Bid.

Mr. Luallen referred to two resolutions, one to approve three refurbished cardiac monitor/defibrillators and the other to approve three new cardiac monitor/defibrillators and Mr. Luallen said that Mr. Earl Ericsson, EMS Director, and also a representative, Mr. Steve Williams, from Zoll Medical, were available to answer questions regarding the difference between refurbished and new as well as the benefit of choosing one or the other.

Mr. Williams explained that refurbished units are ones that have been brought back to the factory and have been upgraded to include newest software revisions that the hardware is equipped to handle. They are tested to insure that everything else is working and they are resold. Typically a refurbished unit has a 6-month warranty and a new unit has a 1-year warranty. Mr. Williams added that he did include an additional 1-year warranty on the refurbished unit and therefore we actually have an 18-month warranty on the refurbished and 2-years on the new. Mr. Williams also gave the Commission some statistics concerning the counties who purchase refurbished.

Mr. Gentry said that the Ambulance Committee voted to bid out refurbished units, but added that the State may in the future insist on a certain type of monitor/defibrillator be purchased new and Mr. Williams explained some of the background of this. In response to a question from Mr. Gentry concerning the history of problems on both types of units, Mr. Williams said that the biggest issue is the warranty. In response to questions from Commissioners, Mr. Williams explained the computerized makeup of these units as well as why a unit ends up being refurbished, typically because of a lack of communication between buyer and seller or because they are traded in on upgrades. Mr. Williams also explained that they don't usually have a lot of them and buyers might have to wait for a refurbished unit.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vincent, Mr. Ericsson, EMS Director, said that he never had any problems with refurbished units in his many years of experience in several other locations and he would be pleased to purchase refurbished. In response to a question from Chairman Crews, Mr. Ericsson said that the lower bid did not meet the bid specifications.

The following resolution was presented for approval:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-054

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD CARDIAC MONITOR/DEFIBRILLATOR BID

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

WHEREAS, Earl Ericsson, EMS Director, requests the purchase of three refurbished cardiac monitor/defibrillators; and

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

WHEREAS, Earl Ericsson, EMS Director, recommends the bid be awarded to Zoll Medical for the total amount of \$ 41,799.60 the best bidder meeting specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16TH DAY OF MAY 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the EMS Director.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)

McMinn County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)
 County Clerk

MOTION made by Commissioner Vincent, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve this resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS None.

9. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of two budget amendments with Federal Projects and a copy was provided to each Commissioner.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142-IDEA-B, 04.21 # 593

Date: April 21, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Special Education Program	Educational Assistants	71200-163		10,000.00
	Contracts with Private Agenc.	71200-312		50,000.00
	Other Contracted Services	71200-399		50,000.00
	Instruc. Supplies & Materials	7 1200-429	50,000.00	
	Other Supplies and Materials	7 1200-499	60,000.00	

EXPLANATION: To enter Amendment No. 1 to the IDEA-B, 04.21 budget. This amendment was approved by the State April 1, 2005. School Board Approval 5-10-05.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 Smaller Learning Communities Program
Grant, 05-01, # 501

Date: April 26, 2005 Planning

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Student Support	Other Contracted Services	72130-399	5,000.00	
	In Service-Staff Development	72130-524	5,000.00	
	Travel	72130-355		10,000.00

EXPLANATION:

To enter budget revision # I to the Smaller Learning Communities Program Planning Grant. This revision has been approved by the U. S. Department of Education. School Board approval: 5/10/05.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to approve these budget amendments.

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

10. SKILLS USA (FORMERLY VICA) MR. CARL CREASMAN/MR. BOBBY MOSES

Mr. Carl Creasman, who had previously given a presentation on parliamentary order, commended the Commission on their parliamentary procedures.

Mr. Creasman, representing the local chapter of the Skills USA, formerly Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), introduced Mr. Bobby Moses who is the new Skills USA Advisor in training. Mr. Creasman said that they have been very successful in their quiz bowl team for Skills USA, but it takes money to continue to be successful and he added that they need the Commission's help. He requested a donation to help pay for the expenses incurred at the national conference. Mr. Bobby Moses introduced several young Skills USA members and commented on their accomplishments. Mr. Moses said that their budget this year is \$7,500.00.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to donate \$1,000.00 with the funds to come from the Commissioners' Contingency Fund.

Motion carried by voice vote.

There were also several personal contributions from the group assembled.

II. TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG COURT - MS. SHARI YOUNG

•Ms. Shari Young, Assistant Attorney General in the 10th Judicial District, addressed the Commission and gave them some background concerning her work in prosecuting drug crimes for the past eleven years. She explained at length how the drug court, which is part of the criminal court, became operational and how it is funded and how the post-conviction drug court works. Ms. Young also answered questions of Commissioners concerning the criminal court process.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, referring to the resolution approving a \$2,500 match for the administration of a Byrne Grant for funding of the 10th Judicial District Drug Court, Ms. Young said that the request for this \$2,500 match is a one-time request to help them get started, but added that they are interested in finding office space in McMinn County. This resolution was approved later in this meeting.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Comments Regarding Skills USA Donation.

Mr. David Hutson said that he feels that, as worthy as the Skills USA program is, we have done a disservice to our children by setting an example that if you need help you ask your government and not rely on yourself. Mr. Hutson said he appreciates the way these children represent the County well but he feels that we need to teach them self-reliance and he doesn't think this is the purpose of government.

Mr. Carl Creasman said that these young people have worked all year and have been out raising money and contribute a significant amount personally. Commissioner Mason added that contributions are not normally made for state or regional competitions but if a worthy group makes it to the national level, the Commission tries to chip in. Mr. Creasman assured the group that McMinn County is nationally known because of this Quiz Bowl team.

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution Approving a \$2,500 Match for the Administration of a Byrne Grant for Fundin2 of the 10th Judicial District Drug Court.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution approving a \$2,500 match for the administration of a Byrne Grant for the funding of the 10th Judicial District Drug Court, as discussed earlier by Ms. Shari Young. Mr. Gentry said funds would come out of litigation tax revenue.

Resolution No. 05-055

RESOLUTION APPROVING A \$2500 MATCH
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A
BYRNE GRANT FOR FUNDING OF THE
10th JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG COURT

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has made available the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program to improve the local justice delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney General for the 10th Judicial District has been awarded said Byrne Grant to fund the operation of a Drug Court in the district; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney General has requested that McMinn County Director of Finance approve \$2500 as McMinn County's portion of the matching funds for this Byrne Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 16th DAY OF MAY 2005, that this commission does hereby approve \$2500 as McMinn County's matching funds for the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant awarded to the District Attorney General's Office of the 10th Judicial District for operation of a Drug Court, the public welfare requiring it.

(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 Endorse the Findings and Recommendations of the Tennessee County Services Association Jail Cost Study Committee.

Mr. Gentry recommended approval of the following resolution to endorse the findings and recommendations of the Tennessee County Services Association Jail Cost Study Committee. Mr. Gentry particularly mentioned working on the health care for inmates recommendation trying to find some kind of universal charge basis for County jails across the State.

Resolution No. 05-056

A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TENNESSEE COUNTY SERVICES ASSOCIATION JAIL COST STUDY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the operation and administration of the county jail makes up a significant portion of a county government's budget and is a complicated and burdensome task; and

WHEREAS, many counties in our State are dealing with significant challenges related to the construction or expansion of jail facilities, renovation or management of antiquated facilities, rapidly growing jail populations, and health care challenges related to inmates; and

WHEREAS, proactive and forward-thinking legislation could provide tools to county governments to help counties address the challenges of operating a local correctional facility; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee County Services Association convened a study committee to examine correctional issues for county governments and to make recommendations regarding potential cost savings for counties; and

WHEREAS, that study committee dutifully reported its findings and recommendations, has identified several proposed reforms which could ease administration and reduce the costs of managing jails, and is continuing to study further issues regarding local correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Sheriffs Association has endorsed the recommendations of the Jail Cost Study Committee and agreed to participate in the committee's on-going efforts; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body of McMinn County has reviewed the March 15, 2005 report of the Jail Cost Study Committee which was delivered to the board of directors of the Tennessee County Services Association and agrees with its findings and endorses the recommendations of the study committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of McMinn County, meeting in Regular Session on the 16th day of May, 2005, that McMinn County hereby endorses the findings and recommendations of the TCSA Jail Cost Study Committee and urges the Tennessee County Services Association to take all necessary steps to move forward with developing legislative initiatives to enact the reforms and recommendations of the study committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Tennessee County Services Association.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2005.

(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 Vincent, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Resolution to Adopt the Three-Star Strategic Economic Development Plan.

Mr. Gentry presented and explained the following resolution to adopt the Three-Star Strategic Economic Development Plan. Mr. Gentry added that this resolution does not take any authority away from the County Commission, but this plan can be used as a resource in the future. The next phase in the plan is to do an audit of our goals on May 20, 2005 with the final review on June 3, 2005 to determine if we will be a three-star community.

Resolution No. 05-057
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE THREE-STAR STRATEGIC
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Three-Star Program was developed to meet the needs and challenges of the evolving economic environment in urban and rural communities and to partner with communities to create opportunities for sustained economic growth; and

WHEREAS, communities seeking certification as a Three-Star community must meet certain criteria, including the adopting of a five-year strategic economic development plan; and

WHEREAS, in achieving the mission of the Three-Star Program, the Department of Economic and Community Development commits to assist communities in developing and implementing a strategic economic plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the legislative body of McMinn County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session this the 16th day of May 2005 at Athens, Tennessee, that:

Section 1. The McMinn County Commission declares that the county has adopted a five-year economic development plan to be updated annually.

Section 2. The strategic economic development plan includes the county's economic goals in promoting economic growth, a plan to accomplish those goals and a projected timeline in achieving those goals.

Section 3. The strategic economic development plan addresses the county's goals pertaining to existing industry, manufacturing recruitment, workforce development, retail/service, tourism, agriculture, infrastructure assessment and educational assessment.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2005.

(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 McPhail, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Holbrook, Mr. Gentry reiterated that adopting the Three-Star plan does not obligate the Commission to fund the plan. It is a resource for the Commission to use when planning for the County's future.

Motion Carried by a voice vote

D. A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Chancellor Earl Henley for His Dedicated Service to the People of Calhoun and McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution recognizing and honoring Chancellor Earl Henley, who recently passed away, for his service to McMinn County. Mr. Gentry added that this will be presented to his family.

Resolution No. 05-058

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CHANCELLOR EARL HENLEY FOR HIS DEDICATED

SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
CALHOUN AND MCMINN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Chancellor Earl Henley passed away on the 6th day of May, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Earl Henley served as chancellor in McMinn, Bradley, Polk, and Monroe counties, later the 10th Judicial District, from 1969 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Earl Henley's commitment to his community was evident by his many years of dedication to public service as a World War II combat veteran, a local attorney, a member of the Board of Trustees of Emory and Henry, Hiwassee, and Tennessee Wesleyan Colleges, and as Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Earl Henley embodied the best qualities of the citizens of McMinn County, and, while he leaves his successors a legacy of sound judgment, leadership, courage and compassion, he will nonetheless be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF THE MCMINN COUNTY COMMISSION, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 16th DAY OF MAY 2005, that this Commission recognizes and honors the contributions made by Chancellor Earl Henley to the people of the 10th Judicial District and McMinn County by means of his dedicated and distinguished service.

(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 Vincent, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Honor and Commend McMinn County Amateur Radio Operators.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to honor and commend McMinn County Amateur Radio Operators. This resolution, which thanks them for their service to the community, will be presented at their field days in June and Mr. Gentry encouraged the Commissioners to go by to see their operations.

Resolution No. 05-059

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND COMMEND

MCMINN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Whereas , the County of McMinn has more than 100 licensed Amateur Radio operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications; and

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WHEREAS, these McMinn County Area Amateur Radio operators donate these services free of charge to the County in the interest of the citizens of the County as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio operators are on alert for any emergency, local or worldwide, and practice their communication skills during the American Radio Relay League, Inc's Field Day exercise; and

WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place June 25th and the 26th, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION, THIS THE 16th DAY OF MAY 2005, THAT THE MCMINN COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE HONORED AND COMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE TO MCMINN COUNTY'S CITIZENS.

(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 McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

15. ELECTIONS. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS None.

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

A. Budget Committee Commissioner Jack Powers.

Commissioner Jack Powers said that the Budget Committee met just prior to this meeting to begin the budget process. He said their next meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2005 and Commissioner Powers said he would be keeping the Commission informed of progress.

B. Comments by Commissioner Jack Powers Concerning the Woods HosDital Board Meeting.

Commissioner Jack Powers said that the Woods Hospital Board met on May 12, 2005 and discussed the Geriatric Psychiatric Program. Commissioner Powers said that they have space available now to begin the program with 5-6 beds and will not need the line of credit immediately. Although this report is not official, Commissioner Powers said that Mr. Southerland indicated that the hospital is having a good month.

C. Recreation Committee Commissioner Bob Powers.

Commissioner Bob Powers said that a Recreation Committee meeting was held prior to this meeting. They reviewed a grant request from \$500.00 for E. K. Baker to buy some new school playground equipment. Commissioner Powers said that the Recreation Committee recommends approval.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. AirPort Committee Commissioner Vincent.

Commissioner Vincent presented the following resolution authorizing the County Mayor to secure grant funds for airport improvements:

Resolution No. 05-060

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SECURE
GRANT FUNDS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, McMinn County Airport is vital to the economic development of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County, in the past has partnered with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics to upgrade and expand the McMinn County Airport; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County has developed a new airport layout plan; and

WHEREAS, in the development of this plan, several deficiencies were identified and which need to be addressed in order to continue to further upgrade our airport facilities to meet the needs of our businesses and industries; and

WHEREAS, some of these deficiencies are as follows:

- a. Runway Safety Areas
- b. Object Free Areas
- c. Location of County Road 552; and
- d. Aircraft Storage

WHEREAS, some of the activities required or needed for the McMinn County Airport are as follows:

Road relocation/construction
Apron and taxiway construction
Acquire runway object free areas
Extend parallel taxiways, other taxiways
Safety and security enhancements
Engineering for approved projects
Environmental assessment
Hangar construction

WHEREAS, it is the desire of McMinn County to ask the State Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics to participate with McMinn County to remove these deficiencies.

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of these improvements is \$2,000,000 and the estimated cost to McMinn County is \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, matching funds for these projects are allocated in the County's Capital Projects fund; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of McMinn County to ask the State Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics to participate with McMinn County to remove these deficiencies.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the McMinn County Commission in regular session on this 16th day of May 2005, that the Commission does hereby authorize the McMinn County Mayor to apply for funding required to alleviate the aforementioned deficiencies and be it further resolved that he is authorized to perform any duties necessary for the conduct of the project or projects when approved by the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division.

(Orig signed by John M. Gentry)

County Mayor

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)

County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

17. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Family Readiness Support Group Recognized.

Mr. Gentry said he had the honor to participate in an awards ceremony that recognized McMinn County for the special support of the soldiers of the 278th National Guard unit by the Family Readiness Group. This plaque will be placed next to the photograph of the 278th members which is on display in the Courthouse.

B. Woods Memorial Hospital District Monthly Financial Report as of March 31, 2005.

Mr. Gentry referred to the Woods Memorial Hospital District's monthly financial report as of March 31, 2005 which was provided to each Commissioner.

18. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for May 2005

Lindsey Brooke Brady
M. Susan Burns
Barry M. Curran
Kay German
Ama B. Harris
Margaret W. Hassell
Kim K. Helms

(Cont'd)

Notary Applications for May 2005 (Cont'd)

Linda H. Mashburn
Robin D. Melton
Michelle M. Millsaps
Lisa C. Moates
Lance W. Parr
Penny Rose
David Siklosi
Kimberly M. Stewart
Jerry W. Webb
Kris Williams

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

McMinn County Clerk

Attest:
Deputy Clerk

(date)