

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called Session on Thursday, July 1,2004, at 12:00 noon, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Evonne Jones, as recorded:

David Crews - Present
Scott Curtis - Present
Dale Holbrook - Present
Jack King - Absent
Roger Masingale - Present
Gary Mason - Present
Bob Powers - Present
Jack Powers - Present
Owen Vincent - Present
Chairman David Crews - Present

5. FINAL APPROVAL OF THE FY 2004-2005 BUDGET

Commissioner Jack Powers, Chairman of the Budget Committee, presented the FY 2004-2005 Budget for final approval, including the following resolutions and a Legal Notice of intent to make appropriations to non-profit but not charitable organizations:

A. Resolution Making Appropriations for the Various Functions, Activities, Department, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of McMinn County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1,2004 and ending June 30,2005.

Resolution No. 04-095

RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS,
ACTIVITIES, DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES
OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1,2004 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2005

Section 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commission of McMinn County duly authorized, established and functioning in accordance with Chapter 325 of the Public Acts of 1981 of the State of Tennessee, assembled in called session on this 1st day of July, 2004, that the amounts hereinafter set out are hereby appropriated for the purposes of meeting the expense of the various functions, activities, departments, institutions, offices and agencies of McMinn County, Tennessee, for capital outlay and for meeting the payment of principal and interest on the County's debt maturing during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending July 30,2005, according to the following schedule.

FROM THE GENERAL FUND # 101

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

County Commission	\$ 78,140	
County Mayor	158,411	
County Attorney	21,370	
Election Commission	180,655	
Register of Deeds	35,247	
Planning Commission	18,720	
County Buildings	<u>308,493</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		<u>\$ 801,036</u>

FINANCE

Accounting and Budgeting	\$358,319	
Purchasing (Fuel)	10,000	
Property Assessor's Office	277,926	
Office of County Trustee	42,215	
Office of County Clerk	52,900	
Other Finance (Auditing)	<u>23,500</u>	
TOTAL FINANCE		<u>\$ 764,860</u>

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Circuit Court	\$ 47,261	
General Sessions Court	144,558	
Chancery Court	<u>181,268</u>	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE		<u>\$ 373,087</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheriff's Department	\$1,137,133	
Special Patrols (SRO)	217,000	
Jail	960,770	
Juvenile Services	267,493	
Work Release Program (Community Service)	32,638	
Fire Prevention and Control	158,650	
Civil Defense	309,000	
Rescue Squad	14,200	
Other Emergency Management	317,875	
County Medical Examiner	35,000	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		<u>\$3,449,759</u>

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Local Health Center	\$325,385	
Ambulance Service	385,183	
Other Local Health Services	93,159	
General Welfare Assistance	22,650	
Waste Removal (Litter Grant)	47,530	
Keep McMinn Beautiful	<u>35,380</u>	
TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE		<u>\$ 909,287</u>

SOCIAL CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES:

Libraries	\$ 128,728	
Parks	72,606	
Other Social, Cultural & Recreational	6,073	
TOTAL SOCIAL CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES:		<u>\$ 207,407</u>

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES:

Agricultural Extension Service	\$116,401	
Soil Conservation	22,680	
Other Agriculture & Natural Resources (Water Quality)	<u>16,618</u>	
TOTAL AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES		<u>\$ 155,699</u>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE

Other Debt Service (Woods Memorial Hospital)	\$ <u>184,391</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEBT SERVICE		<u>\$ 184,391</u>

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Tourism	\$ 54,500	
Industrial Development	87,992	
Airport	33,000	
Veterans' Services	52,598	
Other Charges	303,500	
Employee Benefits	<u>1,070,950</u>	
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT		<u>\$ 1,602,540</u>

OPERATING TRANSFERS:

Operating Transfers- General Government	\$ <u>100,000</u>	
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS		\$ <u>100,000</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

FROM THE SOLID WASTE SANITATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND # 116

Landfill Operation and Maintenance	\$ <u>350,000</u>	
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TOTAL SOLID WASTE/SANITATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

FROM THE DRUG CONTROL FUND # 122

Drug Enforcement	\$ <u>94,735</u>	
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TOTAL DRUG CONTROL FUND		\$ <u>94,735</u>
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FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND # 131

Administration	\$ 157,4%	
Highway & Bridge Maintenance	1,797,018	
Operation & Maintenance	439,319	
Other Charges	203,368	
Employee Benefits	483,004	
Capital Outlay	748,247	
Debt Service	<u>1,000</u>	

TOTAL ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND		\$ <u>3,829,446</u>
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FROM THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND # 141

Regular Education Program	\$15,518,992
Alternate Instruction Program	149,043
Special Education Program	1,858,528
Vocational Education Program	1,732,742
Student Body Education Program	30,000
Attendance	112,607
Health Services	26,150
Other Student Support	961,194
Regular Education Program Support	1,332,295
Special Education Program Support	181,705
Vocational Education Support	121,884
Other Programs (Vocational Rehab)	94,554
Board of Education Services	440,807
Office of the Superintendent	300,804
Office of the Principal	1,831,780
Operation of Plant	2,219,099
Maintenance of Plant	477,548
Transportation	1,588,130
Regular Capital Outlay	<u>486,000</u>

TOTAL GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND \$29,463,862

FROM THE SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND #142

Regular Education Program	\$ 910,275
Special Education Program	673,694
Vocational Education Program	148,247
Other Student Support	55,359
Regular Education Program Support	224,281
Special Education Program Support	181,082
Transportation	<u>126,373</u>

TOTAL SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS FUND \$2,319,311

FROM TITLE SCHOOLS CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND #143

Food Services \$ 2,043,050

TOTAL SCHOOLS CENTRAL CAFETERIA FUND \$2,043,050

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FROM THE DEBT SERVICE FUND # 151

Principal on Bonds	\$ 330,000
Interest on Bonds	34,770
Principal on Notes	14,025
Interest on Notes	421
Other	

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND \$388,216

FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND # 171

Economic and Community Development	\$ <u>100</u>
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TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$100

FROM THE OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND # 189

General Administration Projects	\$ 1,620,000
Administration of Justice Projects	30,000
Public Health Projects	400,000
Highway Capital Projects	500,000
Education Capital Projects	<u>1,200,000</u>

TOTAL OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND \$3,750,000

FROM THE SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND # 207

Landfill Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,421,231
Other Waste Disposal (Landfill Development)	610,000
Landfill Post Closure Care Costs	72,500
Other Charges	35,935
Employee Benefits	<u>115,661</u>

TOTAL SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND \$2,255,327

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriations from each fund are made contingent on the available revenues and surplus. If the revenues actually received for the year 2004-2005, together with any existing surplus in such fund, or less any existing deficit in such fund, shall be less than the aggregate amount herein appropriated from such fund, then the expenditures herein authorized shall be reduced so as not to exceed such amount.

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Section 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriation for the School Department from local sources is in the amount of \$9,958,458 which will be paid by McMinn County from the tax levy, sales tax and other revenues. The remaining balance of \$19,172,526 which is shown in the budget is an estimated amount which is to be received from the State and Federal Governments provided our Local School System meets certain qualifying standards as set up by said State and Federal Governments, and is not an appropriation from McMinn County. If the revenues actually received from the State and Federal Governments are less than the estimated amounts shown then the expenditures herein authorized to be paid from such sources shall be reduced so as not to exceed the amount actually received.

Section 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there are also hereby appropriated certain portions of the commissions and fees for collecting taxes and licenses and for administering other funds which the County Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, County Register, Sheriff and the Clerk and Master and their officially authorized deputies and assistants may severally be entitled to receive under state laws heretofore and hereafter enacted. Expenditures out of commissions, and/or fees collected by the County Trustee, County Clerk, Clerk and Master, County Register and the Sheriff may be made for such purposes and in such amounts as may be authorized by existing law or by valid order of any court having power to make such authorizations. Any excess commissions and/or fees collected over and above the expenditure duly and conclusively authorized to be paid therefrom shall be paid over to the County Trustee to the credit of the County General Fund as provided by law.

Section 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Funds which are received by the County and which are to be apportioned to City Schools within the County shall be paid over to the Cities by the County Trustee in accordance with existing law.

Section 6. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Mayor is hereby authorized to borrow money on tax anticipation notes provided such notes are first approved by the Director of Local Finance, to pay the expenses herein authorized until the taxes and other revenues for the fiscal year 2004-2005 have been collected, not to exceed 60% of the appropriations. The proceeds of loans for each of the individual funds shall be used only to pay the expenses and other requirements of the fund for which the loan is made and the loan shall be paid out of revenues of the fund for which money is borrowed. The notes evidencing the loans authorized under this section shall be issued under the authority of TCA-9-21-801 et. seq. Said notes shall be signed by the County Mayor and countersigned by the County Clerk with the seal of the County attached thereto, and shall mature and be paid in full without renewal not later than June 30,2005.

Section 7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any appropriation made by this resolution which covers the same purpose for which a specific appropriation is made by statute is made in lieu of, but not in addition to, said statutory appropriation. The salary, wages or other remuneration of each officer, employee or agent of the County shall not be in excess of the amount authorized by existing law or as provision for such salaries wages or other remuneration hereby authorized shall in no case be construed as permitting expenditures for any Department, Agency, Office, or Division of the County in excess of that appropriated herein for such Department Agency, Office or Division of the County. Such appropriation shall constitute the limit to the expenditures of any Department, Agency, Office or Division of the County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005. All purchases, expenditures and obligation, against the amounts herein appropriated shall be made in accordance with existing laws governing same.

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Section 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the delinquent county property taxes for the year 2003 and prior years and the interest and penalty hereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2005, shall be apportioned to the various county funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2003. The Clerk and Master, the County Trustee, and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized and directed to make such apportionment accordingly.

Section 9. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse, and be of no further force and effect at the end of the fiscal year at June 30,2005.

Section 10. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following non-profit organizations are included in the appropriations from the General Fund # 101. The funding amounts are detailed below per the requirement of the State of Tennessee, Comptroller of the Treasury. Payments to these non-profit organizations may not exceed the amount appropriated.

McMinn County Rescue Squad	\$ 6,100.00
Etowah Rescue Squad	6,100.00
Englewood Rescue Squad	2,000.00
TEAM Evaluation Center	9,196.00
Hiwassee Mental Health	7,000.00
Tri-County Center	10,500.00
McMinn Senior Citizens	20,000.00
Regional Humane Society	750.00
Contact of McMinn, Monroe, & Meigs County	1,200.00
Behavioral Research Institute	1,260.00
Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency	5,000.00
McMinn County Library Board	128,728.00
Athens Council for the Arts	2,500.00
Etowah Arts Commission	2,500.00
McMinn Historical Society	1,073.00
Tennessee Overhill Heritage	12,000.00
McMinn County Economic Development Authority	60,000.00
Sweetwater Creek Watershed District	600.00
Mouse Creek/Spring Creek Watershed District	1,000.00
Junior Achievement of McMinn & Bradley Counties	<u>300.00</u>
<u>TOTAL NON-PROFIT FUNDING</u>	<u>\$277,807.00</u>

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Section 11. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1,2004. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the County Commission.

PASSED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2004

(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 Mason, to approve this resolution.

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

B. Resolution Fixing the Tax Levy for McMinn County, Tennessee for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2004

Commissioner Jack Powers presented the following resolution fixing the tax levy for McMinn County for FY 2004-2005 at \$1.90 per \$100.00 of assessed taxable property:

Resolution No. 04-096

RESOLUTION FIXING THE TAX LEVY FOR MCMJNN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,2004

Section I. BE IT RESOLVED, by the McMinn County Commission of McMinn County, Tennessee, assembled in called session on this the 1st day of July, 2004, that the combined property tax for McMinn County, Tennessee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1,2004, shall be \$1.90 on each hundred dollars of assessed taxable property within said County.

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The total tax rate of \$1.90 on each one hundred dollars of assessed taxable property herein fixed is to provide revenue for each of the following funds and otherwise conform to the following levies:

General Fund	\$.4020
Road & Bridge Fund	.1487
McMinn School Fund	.7203
Athens School Fund	.1962
Etowah School Fund	.0438
Other Capital Projects Fund	<u>.3890</u>
TOTAL	<u>1.9000</u>

Section II. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the McMinn County Trustee is hereby authorized to prepare tax statements for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 "rounded off" to the nearest full dollar amount as authorized by TCA 67-5-102.

Section III. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessment was based on the Property Assessment and Classification Act of 1973 as follows:

Farm & Residential Property	25%
Personal Property	30%
Industrial & Commercial Property	40%
Public Utilities	55%

Section IV. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby levied by and for the use of McMinn County, Tennessee, a Business Tax upon merchants and other vocations, occupations and businesses, doing a business, or exercising a taxable business in McMinn County, Tennessee, under the Business Tax Act of 1971, State of Tennessee. In accordance with said Act, the business taxes hereby levied shall be in the same amount as are levied by the State of Tennessee, and proceeds of said taiherein levied shall accrue to the various funds as designated by the County Commission, except where otherwise provided by statute.

Section V. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2004. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the County Commission.

PASSED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2004.

(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 Vincent, to approve this resolution.

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

C. Legal Notice - McMinn County. Tennessee Intent to Make Appropriations to Non-Profit But Not Charitable Organizations.

Commissioner Jack Powers presented the following legal notice that McMinn County intends to appropriate funds during FY 2004-2005 to the following non-profit but not charitable organizations for the purpose listed:

LEGAL NOTICE

MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE INTENT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS TO
NON-PROFIT BUT NOT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

Per the requirements of T.C.A. 5-9-109 notice is hereby given that McMinn County intends to appropriate funds during FY 2004 - 2005 to the following non-profit but not charitable organizations for the purpose listed:

- ORGANIZATION: McMinn County Economic Development Authority
AMOUNT: \$60,000.00
PURPOSE: Increase employment by promoting and recruiting industry to locate in or remain in County.
- ORGANIZATION: Etowah Arts Council
AMOUNT: \$ 2,500.00
PURPOSE: To provide artistic and cultural resources to the students and residents of McMinn County.
- ORGANIZATION: Athens Area Council for the Arts
AMOUNT: \$2,500.00
PURPOSE: To provide artistic and cultural resources to the students and residents of McMinn County.
- ORGANIZATION: McMinn Regional Humane Society
AMOUNT: \$750.00
PURPOSE: Support of County-Wide Spay/Neuter Program.
- ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Overhill Heritage Tourism Project
AMOUNT: \$12,000.00
PURPOSE: Heritage Tourism Development and it's relationship to Rural Economic Development issues
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LEGAL NOTICE (Cont'd)

MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE INTENT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS TO
NON-PROFIT BUT NOT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

- ORGANIZATION: Sweetwater Creek Watershed District
AMOUNT: \$600.00
PURPOSE: To improve Water Management within the District
- ORGANIZATION: Mouse Creek/Spring Creek Watershed District
AMOUNT: \$1,000.00
PURPOSE: To improve Water Management within the District.
- ORGANIZATION: Junior Achievement of McMinn and Bradley County
AMOUNT: \$300.00
PURPOSE: To provide Business Related Experiences and Education in McMinn County Schools
- ORGANIZATION: Contact of McMinn, Meigs and Monroe Counties
AMOUNT: \$1,200.00
PURPOSE: To provide a 24-hour Help-Line for the Troubled, Lonely and Suicidal citizens of the County
- ORGANIZATION: McMinn Historical Society
AMOUNT: \$ 1,073.00
PURPOSE: Partial Support of Telephone and Internet Services

As required by TCA 5-9-109 this appropriation will be considered by the McMinn County Commission at their regular meeting on July 19,2004.

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Holbrook, to approve this legal notice.

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

On behalf of the Budget Committee, Commissioner Jack Powers expressed his appreciation for the cooperation from everyone during the budget process, including the Finance Director and his staff, the County Mayor and his staff, as well as each member of the Budget Committee.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. Resolution to Approve Payment of Inmate Medical Expenses to Woods Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve payment of inmate medical expenses to Woods Memorial Hospital. Mr. Luallen said that this inmate fell off her top bunk and crushed her elbow. Mr. J Luallen added that the original invoice exceeded \$9,000.00, but they were able to get it discounted to \$5,325.49

RESOLUTION NO. 04-097

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES TO WOODS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, McMinn County inmate experienced a shattered elbow from a fall from a bunk in her cell resulting in surgery and hospitalization at a cost of \$5,325.49; 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 CALLED SESSION THIS THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2004, that the payment of medical expenses to Woods Memorial Hospital in the amount of \$5,325.49 be hereby approved.

(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 by voice vote.

B. Insurance Bids and Accept Insurance A Resolution to Reject Committee Recommendation.

Commissioner Jack Powers said the Insurance Committee met prior to this meeting and he presented the following resolution to reject insurance bids and accept the Insurance Committee recommendation.

Resolution No. 04-098

A RESOLUTION TO REJECT INSURANCE BIDS AND ACCEPT INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, McMinn County has let for bid and received such competitive bids on General Liability Commercial Package and Workers Compensation insurance coverage for FY 2004-05; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Insurance Committee, after having reviewed the competitive bids, has made the recommendation to reject all bids; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Insurance Committee also recommended allowing the County Mayor and Finance Director to negotiate the insurance package price under the authority granted under TCA 29-20-407 ; and

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WHEREAS, the County Mayor recommends the following proposal as agreed upon by Athens Insurance, as follows:

-General Liability Commercial Package and Workers Compensation: \$245,000
-Law Enforcement Liability: \$43,000
for a total of \$288000; and

WHEREAS, the current Law Enforcement Liability provided by JWF will be dropped with a credit to McMinn County in the amount of approximately \$33,000; and

WHEREAS, this proposal is recommended by the County Mayor based upon:

1. premium price
2. inclusion of earthquake and earth movement coverage
3. continuity of coverage
4. positive past performance of Athens Insurance and the Local Government Insurance Pool
5. a 10-year average yearly premium increase of just 2.2%, while the county added significant amounts of property, i.e. airport terminal, t-hangars and annex
6. the agreement that the Local Government Insurance Pool Law shall pick up prior acts on the law enforcement coverage, and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Steve Frisbie recommends changing to the Local Government Law Enforcement package based on its substantial premium savings, lower deductible, higher coverage limits and commitment to cover prior claims, and

WHEREAS, for FY 2004-05, McMinn County shall incur an adjusted cost of \$255,000 for General Liability Commercial, Workers Compensation and Law Enforcement Liability, a substantial savings of over \$150,000 from previous yearly coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN CALLED SESSION THIS THE 1st DAY OF JULY 2004, THAT THE COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THE REJECTION OF INSURANCE BIDS AND DOES APPROVE THE PROPOSAL TO REMAIN WITH THE PACKAGE PROVIDED THROUGH ATHENS INSURANCE AS STIPULATED ABOVE BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY MAYOR, SHERIFF AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, the public welfare demanding it.

(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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Chairman Crews added that this is a significant savings to what we had been paying.

Motion carried by voice vote.

In response to a question from Commissioner Vincent, Mr. Gentry explained the difference in law enforcement coverage.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

Fund: Other Capital Projects # 189

Date: June 30,2004

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
State of Tennessee General Admin. Proj.	Airport Maintenance “	46120 91110-702	352,440.00	352,400.00

EXPLANATION: To budget revenue and expenditures related to State of Tennessee Grant for Airport Improvement. Commission approval 4/15/02. Local match is also budgeted in 91110-702.

MOTION made by Commissioner Mason, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, 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. RESOLUTIONS

A. A Resolution to Approve the Addition of Roads to the McMinn County Highway Department Road Maintenance System.

Mr. Gentry presented and explained the following resolution to approve the addition of roads to the McMinn County Highway Department road maintenance system:

Resolution No. 04-099

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
THE ADDITION OF ROADS TO THE MCMINN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ROAD
MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a Road Maintenance System has been adopted by the McMinn County Highway Department to continue the efficient maintenance of McMinn County roads; and

WHEREAS, due to a recent savings in funds related to the paving of one mile of CR 571 by the Tennessee Department of Aeronautics, certain other county roads may be added to the county Paving Plan for FY 2004-05; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Commissioner of Highways that the following roads be added to the Road Maintenance System: County Roads 588, 587, and 582.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN SESSION ON THIS 1st DAY OF JULY 2004, THAT THE MCMINN COUNTY COMMISSION APPROVES THE ADDITION OF ROADS TO THE ROADWAY MAINTENANCE SYSTEM, 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 Vincent, and seconded by Commissioner Jack Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Commend Local Law Enforcement Agencies and Judicial System of McMinn County in Their Continuing Struggle to Combat the Illicit Drug Methamphetamine.

At Commissioner King's recommendation, Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to commend local law enforcement agencies and judicial system of McMinn County in their continuing struggle to combat the illicit drug methamphetamine.

Resolution No. 04-100

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND JUDICIAL SYSTEM
OF MCMINN COUNTY IN THEIR CONTINUING STRUGGLE TO COMBAT THE ILLICIT DRUG
METHAMPHETAMINE

WHEREAS, Methamphetamine is the second most widely abused illicit drug in the world and most prevalent synthetic drug manufactured in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Methamphetamine is a highly addictive stimulant that can be smoked, snorted, injected, or taken orally, and is a violent drug that can cause fatal health disorders such as brain damage, liver damage, chronic depression, paranoia, and other physical and mental problems, resulting in damage and destruction of family life and excessive costs to society; and

WHEREAS, the local law enforcement agencies and judicial system in McMinn County, including the Police Departments in Athens, Calhoun, Englewood, Etowah, and Niota, the McMinn County Sheriffs Department, the 10-1-1 Judicial Drug Task Force, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and the District Attorney General's Office, are to be commended for the efforts put forth to investigate, arrest, and prosecute violators involved in methamphetamine production and distribution, and further commend these agencies for their efforts to see that violators be punished to the fullest extent allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN SESSION THIS THE 1st DAY OF JULY 2004, that this Commission does hereby commend the local law enforcement agencies in McMinn County for their ongoing efforts to battle the manufacture, sale, and use of Methamphetamine.

(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.

C. A Resolution to Approve the Grant of \$500.00 to EK Baker School.

Commissioner Bob Powers presented the following resolution to approve the recreation Grant of \$500.00 to EK Baker School.

Resolution No. 04-101

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT OF \$ 500.00 TO
EK BAKER SCHOOL

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the McMinn County Recreation Committee to assist in providing support for youth athletics in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS; BK Baker School PTO is currently in need of funds to assist in the purchase of playground equipment for the use of both the school and the community; and

WHEREAS, EK Baker School PTO has requested a grant of \$500.00 to assist in the purchase of playground equipment, from FY 2003-04.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 1st DAY OF JULY 2004, that this Commission does hereby approve this request for a McMinn County Recreation Grant, the public welfare demanding it.

(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.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. ELECTIONS. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

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

None.

12. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. Comments Concerning 2004-2005 Budget.

Mr. Gentry expressed his appreciation to all involved in the budget process and he said that it is significant that there is no tax increase. He mentioned that there are some possible issues next year related to the Department of Education with the State of Tennessee that could make the budget process more difficult.

B. Comments Concerning Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List.

Mr. Gentry also said that McMinn County has been placed on an initial unofficial list by the EPA of nine counties in East Tennessee to be in violation of a type of air pollution. Final designation on an official list will be in November 2004. Mr. Gentry explained what this could mean, e.g. possibility of vehicle emission testing, but added that details are still unknown and that this is being worked on.

C. Lunch Announced at Country Patch Restaurant.

Mr. Gentry reminded all the Commissioners that lunch would be served following this meeting at the Country Patch Restaurant.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

EVONNE JONES
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

Deputy Clerk

Date