

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, December 19, 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 J. W. McPhail.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Scott Curtis.

4. ROLL CALL

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

Scott Curtis Present  
Dale Holbrook Present  
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 November 21, 2005 were provided to the Commissioners.

MOTION made by Commissioner McPhail, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2005.

Motion carried by voice vote.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

A. A Resolution to Approve and Award Pagers and Service Bid for Various County Departments.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award pagers and service bid for various County Departments, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of clarification from the vendor selected and a letter of recommendation from Fire Chief Coordinator.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-149

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD PAGERS AND SERVICE BID

FOR VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

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

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WHEREAS, McMinn County has invited bids for paging services for its volunteer rural fire departments and various other emergency services departments; and

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

WHEREAS, Scott Thompson, McMinn County Fire Coordinator recommends the bid be awarded to River City Wireless, the best bidder meeting specifications; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County approves the purchase of a maximum of 350 pagers to serve the volunteer fire departments at a cost of \$99.00 per pager and \$6.50 per month per group call number; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services Committee recommends to the McMinn County Commission that the bid be awarded to River City Wireless; and

WHEREAS, the funds shall be secured from savings in this years paging services and past budgeted communications capital funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of Scott Thompson, Fire Coordinator, and grants approval to the County Mayor to execute any and all documents required to consummate said purchase.

(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 Mason, to approve this resolution.

Mr. Luallen added that this had been approved by the Emergency Services Committee.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Bid for a 2006 Ford F-350 Chassis Type I Ambulance for McMinn County Ambulance Service.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the bid for a 2006 Ford F-350 Chassis Type I Ambulance for McMinn County Ambulance Service, along with a bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from Mr. Earl Ericsson, Director, McMinn County Ambulance Service. Mr. Luallen said this also has the approval of the Emergency Services Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-150

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE BID FOR A 2006 FORD F-350 CHASSIS TYPE I  
AMBULANCE FOR MCMINN COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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 Director, McMinn County Ambulance Service, requests to bid a *new* ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ericsson Director, McMinn County Ambulance Service, recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder Southeastern Specialty Vehicles from West Jefferson, N.C. in the amount of \$73,015.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the ambulance director.

(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 Bob Powers, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve and Award the Bid for Four Stryker MX-Pro Cots for McMinn County Ambulance Service.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve and award the bid for four Stryker MX-Pro cots for McMinn County Ambulance Service, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from Mr. Earl Ericsson, McMinn County Ambulance Service. Mr. Luallen added that this also has Emergency Services Committee approval.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-151

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AWARD THE BID FOR FOUR STRYKER MX-PRO COTS FOR  
MCMINN COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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

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WHEREAS, Earl Ericsson Director, McMinn County Ambulance Service, requests to bid for Stryker MX-Pro R3 Cots with IV Pole; and

WHEREAS, Earl Ericsson Director, McMinn County Ambulance Service, recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder meeting specifications Stryker of Johnson City, TN in the amount of \$13,392.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the recommendation of the ambulance director.

(Orig signed by John M. Genry)  
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. Resolution to Approve Personal Protective Equipment Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve personal protective equipment bid, as well as the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from Betty Hamby, Director of the Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Luallen said that this bid opening was held after the Emergency Services Committee met but added that it is to be awarded to the low bidder in the amount of \$27,233.60.

RESOLUTION 05-152

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT BID

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

WHEREAS, State of Tennessee Department of Military Homeland Security has approved grant funding for protective equipment to be used by the HazMat Team; and

WHEREAS, Betty Hamby McMinn County Emergency Management Director and Emergency Services Committee recommend the bid be awarded to Samson Industrial of Chattanooga, TN the only bidder in the amount of \$27,233.60.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19~ DAY OF DECEMBER 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 Vincent, and seconded by Commissioner McPhail, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, there was a discussion concerning "maintenance" money from State for Homeland Security. Mr. Gentry said that most of the Homeland Security money has been used to develop our hazmat program going but added that no one really knows the future of homeland security. Most likely, some sustainment money will be available.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. Resolution to Approve Cascade Air System Bid.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve Cascade Air System Bid, along with the bid summary sheet as well as the letter of recommendation from Betty Hamby, Director, Emergency Management Agency.

RESOLUTION 05-153

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CASCADE AIR SYSTEM BID

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

WHEREAS, State of Tennessee Department of Military Homeland Security has approved grant funding for cascade air system to be used by the HazMat Team; and

WHEREAS, Betty Hamby, McMinn County Emergency Management Director and Emergency Services Committee recommend the bid be awarded to Samson Industrial of Chattanooga, TN in the amount of \$16,678.08.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19Th DAY OF DECEMBER 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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

F. A Resolution to Approve the Hydroseeding Bid at Landfill.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the hydroseeding bid at the Landfill, along with the bid summary sheet and a letter of recommendation from the Landfill Supervisor.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-154

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HYDROSEEDING BID AT LANDFILL

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 Landfill requests hydroseeding of approximately 30 acres, in order to carry out the functions of the department; and

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

WHEREAS, Stan Moses, McMinn County Landfill Supervisor has recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder McKinney Excavating, Inc. of Athens in the amount of \$849.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, that this Commiission does hereby approve the recommendation of the Landfill Supervisor.

(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.

G. A Resolution to Approve Payment of Inmate Medical Expenses to U.T. Medical Center.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve payment of inmate medical expenses to U.T. Medical Center as well as a copy of the bill representing a 40% discount.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-155

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INMATE MEDICAL EXPENSES TO  
U. T. MEDICAL CENTER

WHEREAS, McMinn County inmate experienced a self inflicted injury resulting in hospital services and surgery at a cost of \$5,207.11; 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 SPECIAL CALLED SESSION THIS THE ,TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, that the payment of medical expenses to U. T. Medical Center in the amount of \$5,207. 11 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 Masingale, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioners, the Sheriff stated that the prisoner was a State inmate and we will be reimbursed for this charge.

Motion carried by voice vote.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

A. A Resolution to Approve Contract Lease Agreement with Purkev's Office Supply.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve contract lease agreement with Purkev's Office Supply for the lease of a copier in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), as well as a copy of the requisition. Mr. Luahlen added that Commission approval is required because it is a contract and not on State contract.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-156

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PURKEY'S OFFICE SUPPLY

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, Betty Hamby of the EOC requests the approval of a two (2) year lease of a copier from Purkey's Office Supply at \$2,000.00 per contract.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005 that this Commission does hereby approve this contract lease agreement.

(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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that it is a total of \$2,000.00 for two years and is actually less then State contract.

Motion carried by voice vote.

B. A Resolution to Approve a Direct Appropriation Grant for Veterans Services.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve a direct appropriation grant for Veterans Services, along with a copy of the Letter of Agreement from the State of Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-157

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT FOR VETERANS SERVICES

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the duties of county government as prescribed by law, it is often in McMinn County's interest to accept direct appropriation grants; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs budget for the year of July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006 includes a \$1,200 direct appropriation grant for counties that have a certified service officer; and  
WHEREAS, this grant is to be used for operational expenses and enhancements; and

WHEREAS, there is no local match required.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005 that this Commission does hereby agree to approve acceptance of this grant for the Veterans Services Office in the amount of \$1,200.

(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. In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that this is a grant to counties that have a certified veterans service officer and added that there is no local match required. Motion carried by voice vote.

C. Resolutions to Approve the Testing and Inspection Contract with SimplexGrinnell for the Justice Center Intercom Communications System and the Life Safety System.

Mr. Luallen said that the next two resolutions are related. Mr. Benny Bivens, Maintenance Supervisor, recommends that McMinn County not renew its current contracts with SimplexGrinnell because based on his experience working on the systems, the many repairs were on the peripheral devices or after normal working hours and were not covered under the current contracts. The substantial savings should more than cover any repairs we would need to make at the market rate for labor and parts. Mr. Gentry added he is in agreement with this and said we just weren't getting our money's worth. He said he believes that this "pay as you go" is a good way to save some money and still be in compliance. In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, Mr. Gentry said that our Maintenance workers have been the ones who did most of the work anyway.

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A Resolution to Approve the Testing and Inspection Contract with SimplexGrinnell for the Justice Center Intercom Conimunications System.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the testing and inspection contract with SimplexGrinnell for the Justice Center Intercom Communications System.

Resolution No. 05-158

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TESTING AND INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH  
SIMPLEXGRINNELL FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER INTERCOM COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, McMinn County currently has a contract with SimplexGrinnell for maintenance, testing and inspection of the intercom communications systems; and

WHEREAS, the current annual contract is on the calendar year and costs approximately \$4,900.00; and

WHEREAS, the current contract's maintenance portion covers parts and labor for work performed on the 5120 Intercom System during normal business hours, excluding weekends and evenings and peripheral components; and

WHEREAS, upon the request of the County Mayor and agreement by the Sheriff, SimplexGrinnell has offered a testing and inspection only contract in the annual amount of \$796.00; and

WHEREAS, upon consulting with the county maintenance personnel, it is recommended we accept the contract and cover the parts and labor on a “pay as we go,” basis;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS „TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the contract with SimplexGrinnell for testing and inspection of the Intercom Communications System at the McMinn County Justice Center, and authorizes the County Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said contract.

(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 by voice vote.

(2) A Resolution to Approve the Testing and Inspection Contract with SimplexGrinnell for the Justice Center Life Safety System.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution to approve the testing and inspection contract with SimplexGrinnell for the Justice Center Life Safety System.

Resolution No. 05-159

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TESTING AND INSPECTION CONTRACT WITH  
SIMPLEXGRINNELL FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER LIFE SAFETY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, McMinn County currently has a contract with SimplexGrinnell for maintenance, testing and inspection of the fire alarm and security control systems; and

WHEREAS, the current annual contract is on the calendar year and costs approximately \$29,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the current contract’s maintenance portion covers parts and labor for work performed on the main control unit during normal business hours, excluding weekends and evenings and peripheral components (fire sensors and detectors); and

WHEREAS, upon the request of the County Mayor and agreement by the Sheriff, SimplexGrinnell has offered a testing and inspection only contract in the annual amount of \$5,650.00; and

WHEREAS, upon consulting with the county maintenance personnel, it is recommended we accept the contract and cover the parts and labor on a “pay as we go,” basis;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve the contract with SimplexGrinnell for testing and inspection of the Life Safety System at the McMinn County Justice Center, and authorizes the County Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said contract.

(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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. Resolution to Approve Transfer of Equipment from Highway Department to Board of Education.

Mr. Luallen presented the following resolution (although not a contract) to approve the transfer of equipment from Highway Department to Board of Education:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-160

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT FROM  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Board of Education is in need of a bucket truck; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Randall Moss requests to transfer one 1983 Ford Bucket Truck VIN 1FDNK64N3DVAO2659 to the McMinn County Board of Education Maintenance Department; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this request 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 Holbrook, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mr. Luallen requested approval of ten budget amendments involving three different funds and copies were provided to the Commissioners.

Fund: Road & Bridge Fund # 131			Date: December 15, 2005	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Other Local Revenues	Sale of Equipment	44530	2,922.00	
Operation & Maint. of Equip.	Diesel Fuel	63100-412		2,922.00

EXPLANATION: To budget additional revenue recognized in surplus sale and place in diesel fuel per Highway Commissioner.

MOTION made by Commissioner Vincent, 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
- Roger Masingale .Aye
- Gary Mason .Aye
- J. W. McPhail .Aye
- Bob Powers .Aye
- Jack Powers .Aye
- Owen Vincent .Aye
- Chairman David Crews .Aye

Fund: #189 Other Capital Projects			Date: December 15,2005	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Undesignated Fund Balance	39000	500,000.00	
Highway Capital Projects	Highway Construction	91120-713		500,000.00

EXPLANATION: To budget for FY 2006-07 paving projects to be completed in FY 2005-06.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

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

Mr. Luallen presented the following eight federal projects budget amendments and said they were approved at the School Board meeting on Dec 8, 2005.

Fund: Federal Projects # 142-Title V, Part A 05.01 # 576			Date: November 28, 2005	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Revenue	Innovative Ed. Program Strat.	47142	9,692.00	
Regular Instruction Teachers Program		71100-116		3,000.00
	Social Security	71100-201		186.00
	State Retirement	71100-204		165.00
	Unemployment Compen- sation	71100-210		11.00
	Employer Medicare	71100-212		44.00
	Instructional Supplies	71100-429		6,286.00

EXPLANATION: The enter revenue and expenditure amounts to be carried forward in the FY 05.06 budget. (School Board approval 12-8-05)

Fund: Federal Projects # 142-Title II, Part D-05.01 # 580			Date: November 29, 2005	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Other Federal Reserves	34440	468.87	
Revenue	Eisen. Prof. Dev. State	47189	7,632.00	
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	Other Supplies & Materials	72210-499		407.87
	In-Service/Staff Develop- ment	72210-524		7,693.00

EXPLANATION: To enter reserve. revenue. and expenditure amounts to be camed forward in the FY 05.06

Fund: Federal Projects # 142-Title III, 05.01, #581

Date: November 29, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Other Federal Reserves	34440	387.56	
Revenue	Other Federal Through State	47590	387.00	
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	Other Supplies & Materials	722 10-499		774.56

EXPLANATION: To enter reserve, revenue, and expenditures amounts to be carried forward in the FY 05.06 budget.  
 (School Board approval: 12/8/05)

Fund: Federal Projects, # 142-Title IV-PartA-05.01 # 585

Date: November 29, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Other Federal Reserves	34440	4,196.18	
Revenue	Other Federal Through State	47590	20,006.00	
Other Student Support	Other Salaries & Wages	72 130-189		18,164.80
	Contracts w/Private Agencies	72130-309		3,342.52
	Other Supplies & Materials	72130-499		2,694.86

EXPLANATION: To enter reserve, revenue, and expenditure amounts to be carried forward in the FY 05.06 budget.  
 (School Board approval: 12/8/05)

Fund: Federal Projects, # 142-Title II, Part A, 05.01 #579

Date: November 29, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Other Federal Reserves	34440	37,571.15	
Revenue	Eisen. Prof. Dev. State Grant	47189	64,419.00	

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DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		52,398.42
	Social Security	71100-201		1,311.83
	State Retirement	71100-204		1,464.85
	Life Insurance	71100-206		214.66
	Medical Insurance	71100-207		8,117.27
	Unemployment Compensation	71100-210		30.02
	Employer Medicare	71100-212		306.52
	Other Fringe Benefits	71100-299		33.38
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	In Service/Staff	72210-524		41,042.90

EXPLANATION: To enter reserve, revenue, and expenditure amounts to be carried forward in the FY 05.06 budget.

(School Board approval: 12/8/05)

Fund: Federal Projects, # 142-Title I, Part A, 05.01 #571

Date: November 30, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve Revenue	~.es. For Title I Grants	34410	6,177.50	
	Title I Grants	47141	99,900.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		44,319.32
	Educational Assistants	71100-163		5,554.40
	Social Security	71100-201		2,776.72
	State Retirement	71100-204		2,408.07
	Life Insurance	71100-206		352.45
	Medical Insurance	71100-207		21,929.84
	Unemployment Compensation	71100-210		189.54
	Employer Medicare	71100-212		649.40
	Other Fringe Benefits	71100-299		64.94

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	Supervisor/Director	72210-105		15,939.93
	Secretary	72210-161		5,987.01
	Social Security	72210-201		1,359.48
	State Retirement	722 10-204		1,225.75
	Life Insurance	72210-206		49.59
	Medical Insurance	72210-207		2,399.40
	Unemployment Compensation	72210-210		49.34
	Employer Medicare	72210-212		317.93
	Other Fringe Benefits	72210-299		9.99
	Other Supplies & Materials	72210-499		494.40

EXPLANATION: To enter reserve, revenue, and expenditure amounts to be carried forward in the FY 05.06 budget. (School Board approval: 12/8/05)

Fund: Federal Projects # 142 SLC Planning Grant 05.01, # 501			Date: December 2, 2005	
DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Other Federal Reserves	34440	56.69	
Revenue	Other Direct Federal Revenue	47990	16,800.00	
Other Student Support	Travel	72 130-355		11,000.00
	Other Supplies & Materials	72130-499		856.69
	In-Service/Staff Development	72130-524		5,000.00

EXPLANATION: To enter the carryover budget for the Smaller Learning Communities Program Planning Grant that was awarded to the McMinn County School System by the U.S. Department of Education on 9/30/04. (School Board approval: 12/8/05)

Fund: Federal Projects, # 142-Title I, Part A, 05-2 1

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Date: December 2, 2005

DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT	FOLIO	DEBIT	CREDIT
Reserve	Res. for Title I Grants	34410	456.31	
Revenue	Title I Grants to States	47141	101,371.00	
Regular Instruction Program	Teachers	71100-116		74,356.28
	Educational Assistants	71100-163		5,554.40
	Social Security	71100-201		2,604.47
	State Retirement	71100-204		2,537.98
	Life Insurance	71100-206		135.20
	Medical Insurance	71100-207		6,891.62
	Employer Medicare	71100-212		609.11
	Other Fringe Benefits	71100-299		24.97
Reg. Instruc. Program Support	Supervisor/Director	72210-105		5,328.25
	Secretary	72210-161		1,995.67
	Social Security	72210-201		454.09
	State Retirement	71110-204		409.41
	Life Insurance	72210-206		16.53
	Medical Insurance	72210-207		799.80
	Employer Medicare	72210-212		106.20
	Other Fringe Benefits	72210-299		3.33

EXPLANATION: To enter the Title I, Part A, 05.21 budget. (School Board approval: 12/8/05)

MOTION made by Commissioner Holbrook, 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
- Roger Masingale .Aye
- Gary Mason .Aye
- J. W. McPhail .Aye
- Bob Powers .Aye
- Jack Powers .Aye

9. RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR 4TH DISTRICT VACANCY ON MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Crews acknowledged receipt of four applications for the 4th District vacancy on the McMinn County Board of Commissioners. These applications were distributed to the Commissioners and it was suggested by Commissioner Mason that the Commission conduct personal interviews, as has been done in the past. The County Attorney suggested that a time-limit be set for each candidate to answer questions and after all four have been interviewed, nominations could be made from the floor.

It was decided to begin next month's Commission meeting at 7:00 pm in order for the candidates to appear before the Commission so that the Commission may make the selection and whoever is selected may participate in the regular session at 7:30 pm.

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to schedule the Commission meeting at 7:00 pm on January 16, 2006 in order for the 4th District vacancy to be filled.

Chairman Crews invited applicants Jack Clark, Jeannie King, Jimmy Bull and Howard Whittaker to this meeting. In response to a question from Commissioner McPhail, Mr. Gentry said that Johnny Lipps, who had earlier expressed his interest in filling this position, notified them that he did not wish to be considered.

Motion carried by voice vote.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

11. RESOLUTIONS

A. Consideration of Resolution to Approve the Closing of a Portion of County Road 134. Along with the Adjacent Railroad Crossing.

Mr. Gentry presented a resolution to approve the closing of a portion of County Road 134, along with the adjacent railroad crossing. A letter of recommendation from the Highway Commissioner was also included.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob Powers, and it was seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve this resolution; however, after some discussion regarding the necessity to notify the property owners (Martha Wome and Irene Hillman), it was decided to delay consideration of this resolution until property owners are notified. It was agreed that the Highway Commissioner will provide addresses of the property owners to the County Attorney in order for proper notification to be made.

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

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the addition of .5 mile of County Road 265 to the McMinn County Highway Department Road maintenance system.

Resolution No. 05-1 61

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, certain changes and additions to the county road list are often necessary; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Commissioner of Highways that the following road be added to the Road Maintenance System:

1. County Road 265 (Sunnyside Drive), .50 miles, Phase 2 has recently been completed on this Class 1 Road. Phase 1 will not be added to the county road system until certain drainage problems are corrected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN SESSION ON THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, 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:

(Orici signed by Evonne Jones)  
County Clerk

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

C. A Resolution to Approve the Purchase of EMS Communications System Components and Installation.

Mr. Gentry presented and explained the following resolution to approve the purchase of EMS communications system components and installation and added that this was approved by the Emergency Services Committee.

Resolution No. 05-162

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EMS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, McMinn County Emergency Medical Services has been notified by the State Department of Health that they are to cease using the State EMS radio frequency for daily traffic; and

WHEREAS, a new radio system is now required for EMS, a license for which has already been approved pending the placement of a new radio antenna; and

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WHEREAS, in order to properly plan for the communications needs for EMS and County Rural Fire, it has been approved by the Emergency Services Committee to seek a proper radio system compatible with an eventual voted receiver system; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of EMS Director Earl Ericsson to purchase a high performance UHF continuous duty repeater, transmitter, antenna, cable and other necessary components to render the system operational, at an approximate cost of \$11,500.00; and

WHEREAS, if it is determined this system does not provide adequate coverage, advanced approval is granted to procure a combiner for the Starr Mountain site and a backup system to be placed at a location determined to provide the best coverage possible; and

WHEREAS; these components shall be purchased off state contract if applicable, or otherwise procured under standard McMinn County bid procedures, with any state contract product over \$5,000.00 (combiner \$10,485.00) being approved in advance as to meet the March 2006 frequency activation deadline; and

WHEREAS, funding shall be provided through the Ambulance Equipment Reserve,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, THAT THE COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE COMPONENTS AND INSTALLATION OF AN EMS RADIO SYSTEM SUBJECT TO ALL APPROPRIATE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES 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 Masingale, and seconded by Commissioner Curtis, to approve this resolution.

In response to a question from Commissioner McPhail concerning the fifth paragraph of the resolution, Mr. Gentry explained that this system may be expanded for use with a voter system, and we will request all components to be compatible.

Motion carried by voice vote.

D. A Resolution to Approve the Application Regarding Funding and Placement of a Rural Fire Hydrant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to fund and place a rural fire hydrant at the intersection of Highway 68 and County Road 250.

Resolution No. 05-163

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION REGARDING FUNDING AND PLACEMENT OF A  
RURAL FIRE HYDRANT

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential means of fighting fires in McMinn County, it is necessary to provide fire hydrants to rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of McMinn County to aid in the funding of the placement of two rural fire hydrants per year in each fire district; and

WHEREAS, the following application has been recommended for approval by the Rural Fire Committee:

As a service to the citizens of McMinn County, the McMinn County Commission approves a grant for payment toward the installation of two fire hydrants per fire district per fiscal year. The grant amount is \$1,500.00, based on available funds and approval of the Budget Committee.

I, Alvin Shoemaker, as Chief of Union Grove 9 Fire District, wish to request the placement of a fire hydrant at the following location:

Highway 68 and County Road 250

(sketch of location attached to original signed form)

This form stands as a Hold Harmless agreement whereas McMinn County Rural Fire is not responsible for any fees relating to maintenance of said fire hydrant. The undersigned applicant understands that this hydrant, should its funding be approved by the McMinn County Commission, will be installed by the local utility provider, and may or may not be maintained by the utility. The person/group making this request accepts the responsibility of maintaining this hydrant, which could include, but not be limited to: painting, mowing, arranging hydrant testing, keeping maintenance records etc.

Signature: (Orig signed by Alvin Shoemaker)

Address: 920 County Road 316

Telephone: (865) 755 3172

Date of Request: 12-1-05

As Rural Fire District Chief, I approve this recommendation:

\_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

(Cont'd)

As Utility provider, it is agreed that the installation of this hydrant must be completed and billed to McMinn County within the fiscal year following the year in which the application is approved. If the installation is not completed and billed to McMinn County within that time, this utility provider will assume all costs incurred for the installation of the approved hydrant, including costs involving installation, materials, etc.

Utility Provider Authorizing Signature (Orig signed)

This hydrant was approved by the McMinn County Commission on December 19, 2005 Approving

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve this Fire Hydrant request.

(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 McPhaih, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

E. A Resolution to Approve the Application Regarding Funding and Placement of a Rural Fire Hydrant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to fund and place a rural fire hydrant in District 2, Niota.

Resolution No. 05-164

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION REGARDING FUNDING AND PLACEMENT OF A  
RURAL FIRE HYDRANT

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform the essential means of fighting fires in McMinn County, it is necessary to provide fire hydrants to rural areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of McMinn County to aid in the funding of the placement of two rural fire hydrants per year in each fire district; and

WHEREAS, the following application has been recommended for approval by the Rural Fire Committee:

As a service to the citizens of McMinn County, the McMinn County Commission approves a grant for payment toward the installation of two fire hydrants per fire district per fiscal year. The grant amount is \$1,500.00, based on available funds and approval of the Budget Committee.

I, L. S. Lee, Jr., as Chief of Niota Rural VFD Fire District 2, wish to request the placement of a fire hydrant at the following location:

(see letter and sketch of location attached to original signed resolution)

This form stands as a Hold Harmless agreement whereas McMinn County Rural Fire is not responsible for any fees relating to maintenance of said fire hydrant. The undersigned applicant understands that this hydrant, should its funding be approved by the McMinn County Commission, will be installed by the local utility provider, and may or may not be maintained by the utility. The person/group making this request accepts the responsibility of maintaining this hydrant, which could include, but not be limited to: painting, mowing, arranging hydrant testing, keeping maintenance records etc.

Signature: (Orig signed by L. S. Lee)

Address: 10 Lee St., Niota, TN 37826

Telephone: (423) 568 2278

Date of Request: 11-10-05

As Rural Fire District Chief, I approve this recommendation:

(Orig signed by L. S. Lee) District 2

(Cont'd)

As Utility provider, it is agreed that the installation of this hydrant must be completed and billed to McMinn County within the fiscal year following the year in which the application is approved. If the installation is not completed and billed to McMinn County within that time, this utility provider will assume all costs incurred for the installation of the approved hydrant, including costs involving installation, materials, etc.

Utility Provider Authorizing Signature (Orig signed by Eva Brakebill, Water Commissioner)

This hydrant was approved by the McMinn County Commission on December 19, 2005

Approving Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this Commission does hereby approve this Fire Hydrant request.

(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.

F. A Resolution to Honor Woods Memorial Hospital on Its 40-Year Anniversary.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to honor Woods Memorial Hospital on its 40-year anniversary.

Resolution No. 05-165

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR WOODS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
ON ITS 40-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Woods Memorial Hospital District was established in 1965 through the Hill-Burton Act, and has served the citizens of southeast Tennessee for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Woods Memorial Hospital has continually expanded its services since 1965, to include hospitalization, surgery, emergency care, nursing home facilities, birthing, dialysis, home health, and wound care; and

WHEREAS, Woods Memorial Hospital has reinvented itself over the years in order to respond to the needs of the citizens in the McMinn County area, and has long surpassed its original vision and purpose; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County is fortunate to have a facility such as Woods Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, it is resolved that Woods Memorial Hospital District is praised for its faithful and quality service to the citizens of McMinn County, and is congratulated on its 40-year Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES HONOR AND COMMEND WOODS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MCMINN COUNTY AND SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE.

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

Attest:

(Orig signed by Evonne Jones)

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

G. A Resolution to Honor Jerry Frady Upon His Retirement from the Natural Resource Conservation Service

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to honor Jerry Frady upon his retirement from the Natural Resource Conservation Service after 34 years of service. Mr. Gentry said that anyone that had the opportunity to work with Mr. Frady knew he was a gentleman in a position that didn't always have good news to bear. Commissioner Mason said he attended his retirement luncheon and added that there were many well wishers in attendance.

Resolution No. 05-166

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR JERRY FRADY  
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE

WHEREAS, Jerry Frady has served as district conservationist for McMinn and Meigs Counties of the Natural Resources Conservation Service for 34 years, from 1971 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Frady has served the citizens of the McMinn County and East Tennessee area in the

NRCS as a soil scientist, soil conservationist, and district conservationist; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Frady's work has impacted thousands of people regarding such important issues as watershed studies, soil studies, erosion, water quality, and has worked diligently in the guidance and direction of good management practices for landowners; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Frady has made a decision to retire from the NRCS after 34 years of service; and

WHEREAS, it is resolved that Jerry Frady is praised for his faithful service to the citizens of McMinn County, his wisdom, dedication, and compassion throughout his career as a public servant, and as a guiding member of the NRCS, he will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, THAT THIS COMMISSION DOES HONOR AND COMMEND JERRY FRADY UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION 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 McPhail, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

H. A Resolution to Approve the Recreation Grant of \$500.00 to the City of Niota.

Mr. Gentry said that the Recreation Committee met earlier this evening and approved the following resolution to approve the recreation grant of \$500.00 to the City of Niota to assist in the repair and renovation of basketball goals at Niota City Park.

Resolution No. 05-167

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT OF \$500.00 TO  
THE CITY OF NIOTA

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

WHEREAS; the City of Niota is currently in need of funds to assist in the repair .and renovation of basketball goals at Niota City Park; and

WHEREAS, Niota has requested a FY 2005-06 recreation grant of \$500.00 to assist in the funding of the above project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, 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 Mason, to approve this resolution.

Motion carried by voice vote.

I. A Resolution Authorizing the Solid Waste Director to Apply for a Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution authorizing the Solid Waste Director to apply for a Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant and he said this was approved earlier this evening by the Recreation Committee. Mr. Gentry said that this is a fund that the State had frozen in the past few years but they have reopened this grant. Mr. Gentry added that this is intended for the costs associated with ball field lighting and paving of parking lots at Cooke Park in order to complete the Little League Baseball field which was started three years ago. This grant is a 50/50 match.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-168

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR A LOCAL  
PARKS AND RECREATION FUND GRANT

WHEREAS, The State of Tennessee offers grant funding for public park improvements through the Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) Grant; and

WHEREAS, Solid Waste Director Stan Moses has requested authority to apply for a LPRF Grant to fund improvements at Cooke Park; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are intended for the costs associated with ball field lighting (\$25,000) and paving of parking lots (\$75,000), for a total grant request of \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the LPRF grant is a 50/50 match, leaving McMinn County's portion of the project to be \$50,000.00, to be funded by budgeted capital outlay funds for recreation enhancement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF McMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005, that this board does authorize the Solid Waste Director to apply for a LPRF Grant to assist in improvements at Cooke Park, and authorizes the County Mayor to execute all necessary documentation to apply for the LPRF Grant, the public welfare requiring it.

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

Attest:

(Orici 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.

J. A Resolution to ADDrove the McMinn County Sheriffs Reauest to Let for Bid an Electronic Finc~er~rint Machine.

Mr. Gentry presented the following resolution to approve the McMinn County Sheriffs request to let for bid an electronic fingerprint machine and referred to a letter from the Sheriff which was provided to the Commissioners. Mr. Gentry said that usually the Commission is not asked to approve things until we have an actual bid, but the Sheriff is requesting the Commission to provide some additional funding as detailed in the resolution. Mr. Gentry added that the grant application was approved a few months ago by the Commission but TBI standards have changed with regard to sex offender registry and this machine is a full hand scan system in order to comply with the new standards.

Resolution No. 05-169

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
THE MCMINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO LET FOR BID AN  
ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT MACHINE

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Sheriff has stated that his current electronic fingerprint machine has experienced maintenance problems and is now outdated; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has sought grant funding of \$15,000.00 as well as \$14,333.00 from McMinn County's municipalities to assist in the funding of an electronic fingerprint machine, which will make up \$29,333.00 of the total estimated cost of \$46,850.00; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff has previously committed \$5,000.00 in the Grant application from the Drug Fund as his portion of the grant match, and has requested \$12,517.00 from McMinn County to assume the remaining cost of the fingerprint machine; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff also requests that such an electronic fingerprint machine shall be put for bid based upon the specifications recommended by the Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION THIS THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2005 THAT THE COMMISSION DOES APPROVE THIS REQUEST TO PUT FOR BID AN ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT MACHINE.

AND FURTHER, BY APPROVAL OF THIS RESOLUTION, MCMINN COUNTY AGREES TO PROVIDE A MATCH OF \$12,517.00 TOWARD AN ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINT MACHINE, AND THAT SUCH MACHINE BE PUT FOR BID BASED UPON THE SPECIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SHERIFF, 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 Holbrook, and seconded by Commissioner Bob Powers, to grant authority bid that project out and also to provide \$12,517.00 to assume the remaining costs of the fingerprint machine.

In response to a question from Commissioner Jack Powers, the Sheriff stated that only the cost of the purchase will be prorated among the cities which will use the machine.

12. ELECTIONS. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS None.

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

A. Comments from Commissioner McPhail.

Commissioner McPhail wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

B. Properties Committee Commissioner Mason.

The Properties Committee met last week and said that for quite a few years they have discussed what kind of surface is best for the Expo arena. Commissioner Mason said he has some samples of sand and the Properties Committee would like to go out for bid for seventy 20-ton loads. Commissioner Mason also said they discussed some wave breakers which would keep the sand in place in case of water problems.

C. Airport Committee Commissioner Vincent.

Commissioner Vincent said that an Airport Committee will be scheduled in January, and Chairman Crews referred to a letter to Mr. Gentry, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner, signed by several pilots supporting the recent improvements at the airport.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

A. A Report on the McMinn County Health Council Regarding 3-Star Compliance.

Mr. Gentry said under 3-Star guidelines, a health care committee is to monitor the effectiveness and economic status of local health care and to work to ensure the presence of a coordinated effort with the local health care facilities and agencies that are addressing health care needs and services. Mr. Gentry referred to a report on the McMinn County Health Council, dated November 19, 2005, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

B. Woods Memorial Hospital District's Monthly Financial Report as of October 31, 2005.

Mr. Gentry referred to the Woods Hospital financial reports which were sent to the County Commissioners in their packet.

C. Riceville Utility District of McMinn County. Tennessee Audit Report for Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2005.

Mr. Gentry referred to the Riceville Utility District's Audit, a copy of which was provided to each Commissioner.

D. McMinn CounW Commission's Annual Planning Session.

Mr. Gentry said that they are looking at two dates for their annual planning session: Saturday, March 18, 2006 or Saturday, March 25, 2006. Mr. Gentry requested the Commissioners to look at their calendars and let him know if either date is a conflict. He added that this year they would like devote extra focus on emergency services, e.g. the county has added over 10,000 residents since the current ambulance contract was written and perhaps we need to try to think five years at a time as we do with our capital outlay budget.

E. December 19, 2005 Letter of Appreciation from Several Pilots Regarding Improvements at the McMinn County Airport.

Mr. Gentry referred to this letter which contrasted some negative criticism regarding safety at the airport. Mr. Gentry said that there will be a meeting in early January regarding this project.

F. Associated Press Article Regarding Air Quality in McMinn County.

Mr. Gentry said he feels that the article was quite irresponsible because they used old data and added that air quality in this county is improving every year according to the State and they have the data to confirm.

G. Animal Shelter Procedures and Hours.

Mr. Gentry referred to the new Animal Shelter Procedures and Hours and said that the Animal Shelter will be accepting county animals officially on January 9, 2006 and added that the hours are the same as for the city of Athens residents.

H. Resolution to be Considered Next Month Regarding CDBG Grant Application.

Mr. Gentry said that next month they will be bringing for consideration a resolution regarding CDBG Grant application. He said that traditionally they have always done waterline extensions but he said they have the potential to be doing something different this year with a proposed sewage line extension to the Riceville Elementary School. He added that he hopes to have Development District Staff here to explain at that meeting.

Mr. Gentry also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and added that there have been some tough struggles here at the end of the year but overall the year has gone very well. He also said that the newly appointed committee on the jail study ..the expansion and moving court ..will meet after the first of the year.

15. APPROVAL OF NOTARY APPLICATIONS

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

Notary Applications for December 2005

Angie A. Barnett  
Carol Elliott  
Theda Cate Galyon  
Debora Ann Goins  
Garhinda Moses  
Robin Rollins  
Nikki Settles  
Diane H. Torbett  
Dawn M. Varner  
Shanda W. Wade  
Paul Webb  
Candace D. Wilson

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.



~VONNE JONF~K  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:  
Deputy Clerk

Date