

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION

JANUARY 25, 2021

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the County Commission met electronically on Monday January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Present and presiding, Chairman Greg Matherly, County Clerk Kathy Storey, County Attorney Allyson Wilkinson and Commissioners to wit.

Commissioners present:

Steve Light, Kent Harris, Jerome Fitzgerald, Danny Edens, Bryan Davenport, Greg Matherly, Larry Cate, Freddie Malone, Suzy Williams, Phil Carriger, Jodi Jones, Robbie Tester, Kenneth Huffine, Jim Wheeler, Mike Ford

Commissioners absent:

None

After the Call to Order, the Invocation was led by Carriger and the pledge to the flag was led by Wheeler.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Ford and seconded by Carriger to determine meeting an essential function of governing body and approve agenda. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

James Gorman- 114 Industrial Rd Gray

Tim Hicks- 110 Industrial Rd Gray

Andrew and Samuel Hiester- 401 Lincolnshire Circle Kingsport

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-01-01

RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 12, PARCEL 049.00 IN THE 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY JAMES L. AND DAWN C. GORMAN

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Carriger to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:
None

RESOLUTION 21-01-02

RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 12, PARCEL 047.00, IN THE 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY BOBBY HICKS FAMILY TRUST

Motion was made by Light and seconded by Ford to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

RESOLUTION 21-01-03

RESOLUTION REZONING TAX MAP 12, PARCEL 187.00 IN THE 12TH CIVIL DISTRICT PRESENTLY OWNED BY ANDREW C. AND SAMUEL J, HIESTER

Motion was made by Ford and seconded by Carriger to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATIONS

UT Extension Washington County Report to the People

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Light and seconded by Tester to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

RESOLUTION 21-01-04

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY MAYOR'S
APPOINTMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Malone to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

RESOLUTION 21-01-05

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Motion was made by Ford and seconded by Carriger to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

RESOLUTION 21-01-06

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Motion was made by Malone and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

RESOLUTION 21-01-07

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Light to defer to Public Works.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

COUNTY MAYOR

No written report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

No written report.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

No written report.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

No written report.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

BEER BOARD

No meeting.

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-01-08

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR
APPALACHIAN RC&D COUNCIL**

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Light to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Carriger, Jones,
Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioner absent:
Williams

RESOLUTION 21-01-09

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE AND ACCEPT
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, TENNESSEE FOR PROJECT
MERCURY**

Motion was made by Carriger and seconded by Huffine to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

Tester

Commissioners absent:

None

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

No meeting.

COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Minutes in packet.

COURTROOM SECURITY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION & BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-01-10

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE WELLNESS PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES
COVERED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN**

Motion was made by Cate and seconded by Davenport to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams,
Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

HEALTH, EDUCATION & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-01-11

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORIZATION OF UP TO \$3,000 IN
FUNDING TO THE FIRST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR
WORK READY TESTING FEES TO PARTICIPANTS THAT CANNOT
AFFORD THE \$75.00 FEE**

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Davenport to adopt the resolution.
Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

RESOLUTION 21-01-12

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DRUG DEALER LIABILITY ACT LAWSUIT

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Williams to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
Light, Harris

Commissioners absent:
None

RESOLUTION 21-01-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY RETURN WASHINGTON COUNTY'S DEED BOOK A, AUTHORIZING COUNTY ARCHIVIST AND COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY IN RECOVERY EFFORTS, AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SERVING WASHINGTON COUNTY

Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Ford to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

No meeting.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

No meeting.

PUBLIC RECORDS COMMISSION

No meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

No meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

RESOLUTION 21-01-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAVING SERVICES BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE ACCESS ENTRANCE TO INDOOR BATTING AND PITCHING FACILITIES AT DAVID CROCKETT HIGH SCHOOL

Motion was made by Davenport and seconded by Edens to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:

None

Commissioners absent:

None

PURCHASING COMMISSION

No meeting.

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

No meeting.

RULES COMMITTEE

No meeting.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

No meeting.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR RESALE OF LAND

No meeting.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes in packet.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NOTARIES

RESOLUTION 21-01-15

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELECTION OF NOTARIES PUBLIC FOR APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Jones to adopt the resolution. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:

Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None

NEW BUSINESS


None.

Motion was made by Edens and seconded by Light to adjourn. Motion passed with the following roll call vote.

Commissioners voting for:
Light, Harris, Fitzgerald, Edens, Davenport, Matherly, Cate, Malone, Williams, Carriger, Jones, Tester, Huffine, Wheeler, Ford

Commissioners voting against:
None

Commissioners absent:
None



Kathy Storey, County Clerk