

Cannon County,  
Tennessee  
Board of  
Commissioners  
Legislative Minutes

November 5, 2020

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 5, 2020 in the Courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

Prayer and Pledge - Prayer was led by Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey and Pledge was led by Commissioner Jim Bush.

Roll Call - (Present) Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey.  
(Absent) Krystal Alexander.

Approve/Change Agenda - Commissioner Floyd stated that she has not finished her study on Greenbelt Properties and will let Chairman Mitchell know when she would like this item put back on the agenda.

Commissioner Randy Gannon made a motion to approve with changes. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Consent Agenda - A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve the minutes from the October meeting and approve the notary applications of Lisa Lawson, April Miller, Jerry Matthews. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Public Comment - No public comment

Old Business/Tabled Items -

Committee Appointments (BZA and Beer Board)- BZA - Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey said that he had a conversation with Nathan Luna and he did not feel that he had a conflict of interest. Commissioner Mahaffey said that the law does not forbid Mr. Luna to serve as the Chairman of the BZA. A motion to approve the BZA committee was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey.

Beer Board - Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey said that since the new 5th district member is not present he recommends waiting for her input. Commissioner Randy Gannon made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Inter Local Agreement between Cannon County and Town of Woodbury - This agreement was tabled at the last meeting. TCA requires the county to have an agreement with the city or bill them for property appraisal. The bill for the property appraisal is approximately \$13,000. Currently the Woodbury Fire Dept responds to calls within a 5 mile radius. When needed the Woodbury Fire Dept aids the County Fire Departments outside of that 5 mile radius. The cost incurred by the city of this assistance is approximately \$19,000 per year. The Town of Woodbury will continue to aid the County Fire Depts regardless of the outcome of this agreement. Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to send them a yearly bill for their property appraisal. Commissioner Jeannine Floyd seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Jim Bush, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Motion failed by a vote of 4 for, 5 against. It was decided to be put back on the agenda for the December meeting.

Approve Sale of two Fire Trucks (1978 & 1985) - Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to approve the sale of 1978 Short Mountain fire truck and the money from that sale will go back to that department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0. Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to allow Westside Fire Dept to sell the 1985 tanker truck and the proceeds of that sale to go back to the Westside Fire Dept. funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Energy Efficient Schools Initiative (Director William Curtis) - Director William Curtis reported that they had received the Program Grant from the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative with the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Randy Gannon made a motion that the Cannon County Schools can go into an agreement for the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Program with it being their responsibility to pay the payment. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded that motion. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Jeannine Floyd. Motion carried by a vote of 8 for 1 against.

Approve Volunteer Fire Department to Apply for CDBG Grant - Tim Bell spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department is asking for the approval of the Commission to apply for the CDBG grant. This grant is a 80/20% match. The fire services breathing apparatuses are at the end of its lifespan. The need is around \$400,000 and the grant is for \$350,000. The 20% match would be \$70,000 but Mr. Bell said that they could also apply for USDA Grant and could possibly receive \$20,000 and \$10,000 through the 3 star program. Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to approve the Volunteer Fire Department to apply for

CDBG, USDA Rural Development, and any other grants available. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Approve new contract for maintenance on Courthouse Elevator/Chair Lift - This item was decided to be tabled until next month.

Approve destruction of old files and bills for the Finance Department - Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to give Diane authority to destroy paid invoices 5 years old and back excluding solid waste. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeannine Floyd. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Support Grant Expenditures Approval - BOE \$30,000 to purchase a school bus. Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 8 for 1 against.

#### Budget Amendments-

Board of Education - Resolution BOE 20/21-1 Increase Revenues (46590) Other State Education Funds \$830.00, Increase Expenditures (72130 790) Other Student Support-Equipment \$38,475.00, Decrease Expenditures (72620 701) Maintenance of Plant-Equipment Admin Equip \$37,645.00. At the time the budget was passed the Safe Schools Grant had not been awarded. The grant is for \$830.00 more than budgeted and proceeds need to be expended in a different category. A motion to approve BOE 20/21-1, 14a was made by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Resolution BOE 20/21-2 Increase Revenues (46590) Other State Education Funds \$10,000.00, Decrease Fund Balance (39000) Unassigned Fund Balance \$57,591.00, Increase Expenditures (72710 729) Transportation Equipment \$67,591.00. A bus was totaled and no bus was purchased to replace it before the end of the year. Also, the Seat Restraint Grant was received from the state in the amount of \$10,000. This amendment is contingent upon receiving \$30,000 from the county's COVID relief funds toward the purchase of a new bus. A motion was made by Commissioner Randy Gannon, and seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve

BOE 20/21-2. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Resolution BOE 20/21-3 Increase Revenues (44170) Miscellaneous Refunds \$4,713.00, Increase Expenditures (72510 316) Contribution to County Finance Office \$4,713.00. When Darlene Witty and Douglas Jennings were transferred to the county's finance office the amount of their insurance increased. The county's insurance is more than the BOE's insurance. This amount will increase their salaries to make up the difference. A motion was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, Seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon to approve BOE 20/21-3. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

County General - County Executive legal services in the amount of \$2,500.00, Sheriff's Department motor vehicle insurance recovery in the amount of \$6,657.00, Litter Grant accountant/bookkeepers in the amount of \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve 20/21-4 County Executive, Sheriff's Dept and Litter Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Capital Projects Fund - CARES Act in the amount of \$216,930.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush to accept 20/21-5. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 9-0.

Pemberton Lawsuit Update - Commissioner Corey Davenport asked for an update on the Pemberton Lawsuit. County Executive Brent Bush said the lawsuit will go before a judge January 17, 2021 in Murfreesboro. According to Commissioner Davenport there is currently a bill for \$450.00 in fees. Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion that the finance dept does not pay any fees, legal fees, attorney fees out of any fund that relates to tax dollars for the Pemberton lawsuit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Corey Davenport, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed. Pass Vote resulting in a No Vote: Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion Failed. Commissioner Davenport stated that he would put this back on the agenda for December.

Adjourn - Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Motion was carried by a voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

