

Cannon County,
Tennessee
Board of
Commissioners
Legislative Minutes

January 9, 2021

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order Saturday 9, 2021 in the courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

Prayer and Pledge - Prayer was led by Commissioner Greg Mitchell, Pledge was led by Commissioner Randy Gannon.

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

Approve/Change Agenda - Chairman Greg Mitchell added the Covid Policy and Commissioner Corey Davenport added the Auburntown Bridge. Commissioner Randy Gannon made a motion to add 15a and 15b to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brent Brandon. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Approve Agenda - Motion to approve agenda was made by Commissioner Randy Gannon, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Consent Agenda - Commissioner Karen Ashford made a motion to approve (A) minutes from the November 2020 meeting, and (B) notary applications of Lisa M. Baird, Anthony J. Cain, Pamela D Cunningham, Tracey Gullett, Tammy Jones, Cynthia B. Judkins, Steve A. Smith. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Public Comment - Chairman Greg Mitchell read a letter written by Susan E. Trail expressing gratitude to the teams of services in this community. Ms. Trail and family wanted to thank the Ambulance Center, Roy Sullivan and 911 Dispatch, Tim Bell and the rescue team that aided in the search for Maddi Morris on January 5, 2021.

Old Business/Tabled Items - (appoint member to the beer board) A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport and seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon to table this item until February. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

(approve elevator contract)- The elevator contract is with United Elevator Services for a term of 3 years and shall renew unless terminated by either party at least 90 days in advance of the anniversary date. The cost of agreement is bi-annually in advance at a rate of \$315.00 per visit or \$630.00 per year. Commissioner Mahaffey asked if the Finance Dept would request the company drop the 90 notice. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jeannine Floyd, Jim Bush, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion was carried by a vote of 6 for, 4 against.

Budget Amendments- County General Resolution BA20/21-6

Election Office in the amount of \$25,000.00 (46980) State Grant to other charges

Finance Dept in the amount of \$9,809.00 Misc Receipts (refund from Local Govt) to Maintenance Agreement

Finance Dept in the amount of \$4,713.00 Misc Receipts (rec'd from BOE) to Accountants/Bookkeepers

County Court Clerk in the amount of \$4,552.00 from secretaries to Medical Insurance

Sheriff's Dept in the amount of \$90,415.60 from insurance recovery to Motor Vehicles and Other Construction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon to approve all amendments. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 10 for.

Cannon County Budget Policy - Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to approve the Budget Policy with the change of date that the policy was adopted. 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, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 10 for.

Finance Director, Diane Hickman gave an update on the Governor's Grant, Cares Act money and grants and claims. Commissioner Corey Davenport said the ADA committee will meet to prioritize the items relating to ADA before it goes to the budget committee. County Executive Brent Bush gave an update on the solid waste project stating there could be additional \$2,500 in cost but would be taken from the solid waste budget. Commissioner Randy Gannon asked about the drop ceilings in the old hospital and Neal Applebaum explained the asbestos is being removed before addressing the drop ceilings. Meeting notices and publications were also discussed and County Attorney Jonathon Fagan will research the law on notices.

Add Abbie Dobson to the HR Policy & Procedure Committee - A motion to approve Abbie Dobson to the HR Policy and Procedure Committee was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion carried by a vote of 10 for.

A.D.A. Compliance Updates/Resolution - A resolution was presented for the ADA transition plan and self evaluation plan. This resolution identifies \$_____ over a 20 year period to correct the ADA deficiencies. County Executive Brent Bush explained that the county received an extension but would need to adopt something within the next 90 days. The ADA deficiencies have been identified as \$1.5 million. He also explained that figure is subject to change according to what buildings the county owns. Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to

accept the document. The motion was withdrawn. Commissioner Jim Bush made another motion to table and send this to the finance committee, budget committee, ADA committee to overlook the projected figures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Motion was approved by a voice vote.

Cannon County Courthouse Security Update & TN Supreme Court Ordered Mask Mandate - Sheriff Darrell Young

Sheriff Darrell Young stated that the TN Supreme Court has issued a mask mandate for all court proceedings. Sheriff Young is responsible for the security of the courthouse and some changes that have been put into place is for the safety of the citizens and employees. There is only one entrance into the courthouse with an officer on duty at that door and two more officers on court days. Anyone entering will be required to go through security and no weapons will be allowed inside the building. Also all of the locks have been changed and new keys have been issued to employees. Anyone with a key has to sign for that key and is responsible for it. The keys that have been issued are not able to be duplicated.

Approve County Roads - A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush to accept the County Roads List, 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, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion was carried by a vote of 10 for, 0 against.

Approve Speed Limit on Petty Gap Rd - A motion to set the speed limit on Petty Gap Rd. to 30 mph and also have children at play signs was made by Commissioner Jim Bush. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kristal Alexander, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion was carried by a vote of 10 for, 0 against.

City of Woodbury Property Assessment Invoice - Without any agreement with the city the County Executive is required to send an invoice for the city's property assessment. Also without an agreement if the Woodbury Fire Dept leaves the city limits they will charge the county for fire assistance. Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion for Cannon County to forego the assessment on property in the city to offset the cost of the city and its mutual aid services outside the city limits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. After the motion Commissioner Reed made a statement that his motion is not about the money it is to try to have some appearance of civility between two governments that have suddenly reached each other by the throat. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Krystal Alexander. Voting Nay: Jeannine Floyd, Jim Bush, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion was approved by a vote of 7 For, 3 Against.

Pemberton Lawsuit - There was no discussion.

Budget Amendments - FFCRA Leave expired on December 31, 2020 in accordance with federal law, found at Families First Coronavirus Response Act. That policy provided up to two weeks (up to 80 hours)(120 hours for EMS employees) of paid leave for our employees who satisfied the statute. This local Covid-19 Leave policy applies only if the employee has not exhausted his or her FFCRA Leave under Resolution #2020-10 FFCRA Leave. To demonstrate eligibility for the leave, the employee shall provide proof of Covid-19 testing or other suitable documentation for the circumstances. This policy will be in effect from January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 unless amended or extended by future resolution. If the state or federal government issues a mandate for Covid-19 related leave after adoption of this Local Covid-19 Leave Policy, such mandated leave will replace this policy entirely and this policy simultaneously will expire. A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve Resolution 2021-2 FFCRA. 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, Krystal Alexander. Voting Nay: Ronnie Mahaffey Motion was approved by a vote of 9 For, 1 Against.

Auburntown Bridge - Commissioner Corey Davenport addressed the graffiti problem on the bridge over Auburntown Rd. The bridge is named the First Lieutenant Frank B. Walkup IV Memorial Bridge to honor his life and death in the service of the United States. The Commission had allocated \$5,000 in the budget to paint a mural on the bridge but the state would not approve the mural. Commissioner Davenport stated that he and Sheriff Darrell Young had come up with an idea to put cameras up to identify the people that are vandalizing the bridge. The estimated cost of the cameras is \$2,000 to \$3,000 and would be monitored from the Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Jim Bush asked if the Finance Dept could get three bids for the budget committee.

Adjourn - Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.