

BLEDSON COUNTY COMMISSION, REGULAR SESSION, JULY 17, 2023

THE BLEDSON COUNTY COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON JULY 17, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE JUDGE EDWARD H. SAPP COURTROOM. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WERE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN JOHNNY SWAFFORD, COUNTY MAYOR GREGG RIDLEY, COUNTY CLERK GENESE SAPP, COUNTY ATTORNEY HOWARD UPCHURCH AND DEPUTY THOMAS WATSON.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE TIM CAMPBELL, HEATH HUDSON, TANYA ROBERSON, ROGER SIMMONS, RUTH BURTON, ROBERT REECE, SHAWNA FARMER, ROY C. DEBORD AND ANDREW SWAFFORD.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED:

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP, THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 17, 2023 MEETING AND THE JUNE 20, 2023 MEETING WERE APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUTH BURTON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TANYA ROBERSON, SUZANNE MATTHEWS AND LAURA BELLMAN WERE APPROVED AS NOTARIES BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY TANYA ROBERSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JUNIOR HANKINS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDREW SWAFFORD TO APPROVE THE STATE OF TENNESSEE OPTION TO PURCHASE/GIFT TR#22-12-011 IN BLEDSON COUNTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS HWY. 127 BY-PASS FOR THE NEW PIKEVILLE TCAT AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED AFTER THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEWS WITH THE STIPULATION IF CONSTRUCTION HASN'T STARTED IN 3 YEARS OF TRANSFER DATE THE PROPERTY REVERTS BACK TO BLEDSON COUNTY PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE, THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY RONNIE SAPP TO SURPLUS THE OLD CHAIRS THAT WERE REMOVED FROM THE CHANCERY COURTROOM PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD TO ACCEPT THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RESOLUTION PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TANYA ROBERSON, QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS WERE ACCEPTED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO TABLE ITEM 9 (ACTION TO ADD 4-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD HIGHWAY 28 AND LOWES GAP) AND ITEM 10 (REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON BIG RIDGE ROAD AND SWAFFORD ROAD TO 20 MPH) ON THE AGENDA UNTIL REVIEWED BY THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE TO SELL THE OLD BLEDSOE COUNTY JAIL BY SEALED BIDS WITH A \$300,000.00 RESERVE AND WITH THE HIGHEST BID ABOVE \$300,000.00 TO BE ACCEPTED PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEATH HUDSON TO APPOINT MATTHEW COLVARD TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD. HE IS TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF BOARD MEMBER WAYNE GRIFFITH. THIS SEAT WAS LEFT VACANT AFTER MR. GRIFFITH'S UNTIMELY DEATH. THE MOTION PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHAWNA FARMER TO APPROVE THE BRAYTON VFD PURCHASING PROPERTY IN THE HENDON COMMUNITY FOR FUTURE EXPANSION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 USING MONIES FROM THE COVID GRANT FUNDING PASSED BY A 13 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RUTH BURTON, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY A VOICE VOTE.