

BLEDSOE COUNTY COMMISSION, REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 24, 2022

THE BLEDSOE COUNTY COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 22, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE HONORABLE JUDGE EDWARD H. SAPP COURTROOM. PRESENT AND PRESIDING WERE ACTING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN RONNIE SAPP, MAYOR GREGG RIDLEY, COUNTY CLERK GENESE SAPP, COUNTY ATTORNEY HOWARD UPCHURCH, SHERIFF JIMMY MORRIS AND CHIEF DEPUTY CHRIS HOLLAND.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT WERE TIM CAMPBELL, HEATH HUDSON, TANYA ROBERSON, ROGER SIMMONS, PERRY SWAFFORD, JOHNNY SWAFFORD, JUNIOR HANKINS, ROBERT REECE, SHAWNA FARMER, AND ANDREW SWAFFORD.

COMMISSIONERS RUTH BURTON AND ROBBIE TAYLOR WERE ABSENT.

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS TO NOMINATE JOHNNY MACK SWAFFORD AS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER TANYA ROBERSON TO NOMINATE TIM CAMPBELL AS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN. UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TIM CAMPBELL NOMINATIONS CEASED BY A VOICE VOTE AND COMMISSIONER JOHNNY MACK SWAFFORD WAS NOMINATED AS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BY A 9 YEA 2 NAY VOTE.

COMMISSIONER CHAIR ELECT JOHNNY MACK SWAFFORD IMMEDIATELY BEGAN PRESIDING OVER THE MEETING AND THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED:

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS TO NOMINATE RONNIE SAPP AS CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM, A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD TO CEASE NOMINATIONS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE. COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP WAS NOMINATED AS CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO ACCEPT THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP, THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2022 MEETING WERE APPROVED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP, SUSAN BILBREY, REBECCA BROWN, BARBARA DAVIS, LARINDA HARLAN, REGINA RAMIREZ, SHARLENE ROBERSON, BARBARA YOUNG, TISHA FREDERICK, TRACEY CAGLE, AND ROBERT DEAN ANGEL WERE APPROVED AS NOTARIES BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TANYA

ROBERSON TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE COUNTY GENERAL PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHAWNA FARMER TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE SCHOOLS PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO ACCEPT THE TDEC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS TO APPROVE THE SEQUATCHIE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEASE PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PERRY SWAFFORD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEATH HUDSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO BAR ALL SEXUAL OFFENDERS FROM SERVING AS A FIREFIGHTER OR RESCUE SQUAD FOR BLEDSOE COUNTY PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO HAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY HOWARD UPCHURCH MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEFS AND DRAW UP A MUTUAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ANYONE WANTING TO BE A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, RESCUE MEMBER OR ANYTHING FOR THE COUNTY PARTICIPATING AS A VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEATH HUDSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE STANDARDS FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS IN BLEDSOE COUNTY TENNESSEE PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROGER SIMMONS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A 4% OCCUPANCY TAX IN BLEDSOE COUNTY PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNIOR HANKINS TO APPROVE THE WATERLINE BIDS FOR BIG SPRING GAP, CARMACK SAPP ROAD AND MYERS LOOP ROAD AND ALSO GIVE THE COUNTY MAYOR AUTHORITY TO USE THE EXCESS MONIES OF

\$343,000.00 ON FREDA BROWN ROAD PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM CAMPBELL AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP TO AUTHORIZE "NO METAL DETECTING" SIGNS BE ERECTED AT ALL COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING AND CENTERS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TANYA ROBERSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNIOR LEE HANKINS TO APPROVE THE LIST OF ITEMS NOT FOUND IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS INVENTORY PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HEATH HUDSON AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROBERT REECE TO KEEP THE BEER PERMIT RESTRICTION "AS IS" PASSED BY AN 11 YEA VOTE.

UPON MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RONNIE SAPP AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNIOR LEE HANKINS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED BY A VOICE VOTE.