

MADISON COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, November 18, 2019

At a regular meeting of Madison County Board of Commissioners held at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center on Monday, November 18, 2019, 8:30 A.M. Reverend Christopher Rainer, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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| Carl Alexander | Aaron Ellison | Billy Spain |
| Jimmy Arnold | Tommy Gobbell | Terry Spearman |
| Brett Beckham | Arthur D Johnson, Jr | Doug Stephenson |
| Katie Brantley | Barbara Johnson | Mike Taylor |
| Claudell Brown | William Martin | Jeff Wall |
| Scott Brown | Luther Mercer | |
| Cyndi Bryant | Adrian Montague | |
| Jay Bush | James W Pearson | |
| Gary Deaton | Harold Petty | |

Present- 23 Absent – 2

Commissioners Compton and Hale absent

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Commissioner Claudell Brown made a motion to approve the minutes for October 21, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Brantley.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Deaton announced that the Christmas employee luncheon would be held on December 16, 2019.

Chairman Deaton also announced that Mr. Marty Clements, Director of EMA will retire on December 2, 2019.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
AND JARED MYRACLE**

Superintendent Ray Washington noted that for the second year Liberty High School had received the A.F. Bridges award for high school athletics.

Superintendent Washington reported that a visit from the state brought about some changes concerning ADA compliance at schools.

A Three-year Capital Plan has been submitted and detailed by schools.

A Grant has also been received in the amount of \$927,000.00 for Workforce Development with Jackson State Community College, TCAT and the Jackson-Madison School System.

JMCSS was one of six in the state to receive a career readiness. JMCSS will be a pilot for career readiness program.

Insurance Committee: Commissioner Mercer reported that Insurance Fund Balance as of this meeting is \$1,675,733.

The Insurance Committee recommended a Diabetes program with the LIFT, using Option #4.

- Disease Management Program (\$1,345 pmpy)
- Diabetic Medication (\$30,300 pm (entire diabetic population estimate))
- Diabetic
- App (included in program price above (\$40 pm))

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Excess/Resale Committee: Commissioner Pearson brought forth the following items:

1. Anthony & Angela Stokes made an offer in the amount of \$1,500.00 for property located at 1639 North Royal St.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

2. Mr. Charles Northcross made an offer in the amount of \$1,500.00 for property located at 116 Scallion Dr.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Property Committee: Commissioner Petty gave updates on the following items:

- Springbrook property concerning the CLB help with water from JEA an offer has been made to the property owners, it's now in the hands of the property owners.
- Waiting on POA on the Anderson property located on Christmasville Rd.

Conservation Board: Commissioner Petty reported the Conservation Board voted not to accept property offered by Mr. Savannah Williamson.

Outer Region Zoning: Commissioner Alexander reported that the Outer Region Zoning Board met to consider a rezoning request for property located at 1464 Highway 412 East in Beech Bluff, from FAR to General Commercial. The Outer Region Zoning Board voted to rezone the property.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Mayor's Report: Mayor Harris acknowledged that Mr. Marty Clements will be retiring on December 2 after 16 years as the Director of EMA. Marty has been instrumental in organizing the Veteran's Day Parade.

Mayor Harris gave accolades to Commissioner Jason Compton concerning the usage of the Sportsplex which is up 16% this year. This brings in more revenue with the Hotel/Motel and restaurants.

Commissioner Jeff Wall gave an update on the Truck or Treat for this year with more than 4 million pieces of candy being given out.

Mayor Harris also noted that the Public-Private Partnership is still moving forward with documentation.

Ms. Lori Nunnery gave a brief overview concerning tourism: this September (2019) was up 17% from last September (2018).

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE JACKSON-MADISON
COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD BY CLB, ONE-YEAR TERM
(TIMOTHY E. WILSON, INCUMBENT)**

Mayor Harris noted that Mr. R.E. Butts would like to serve on the board. Commissioner Walls made a motion to appoint Mr. R. E. Butts, seconded by Commissioner Beckham.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

**APPOINTMENT OF ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE MADISON COUNTY BOARD
OF HEALTH BY CLB, FOUR-YEAR TERM (JAMES EDMOND ROSS,
INCUMBENT)**

Commissioner Barbara Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. James Edmond Ross, seconded by Commissioner Brantley.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

ANY AMENDMENTS OR TRANSFERS TO THE GENERAL FUND, SCHOOL DEPT., CAPITAL PROJECTS, HIGHWAY DEPT., DEBT SERVICES, AND JUVENILE COURT SERVICES BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Commissioner Arthur Johnson noted that Items 1 and 6 (General Purpose School Fund #141) have been pulled from budget amendments.

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| General Purpose Schools Fund #141 | \$2,000.00 |
| Other State Revenues | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
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| General Purpose Schools Fund #141 | \$10,661.00 |
| FAST Grant | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
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| General Purpose Schools Fund #141 | \$83,675.00 |
| Safe Schools Act Grant | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
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| School Federal Projects Fund #142 | \$26,320.00 |
| Title I-A Grant | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |
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| School Federal Projects Fund #142 | \$193,420.00 |
| ATSI Grant | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
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| School Federal Projects Fund #142 | \$12,800.00 |
| 21st Century Remaining Funds Grant | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |
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| Food Service Fund #143 | \$50,000.00 |
| Transfer from Food Supplies to Food Service Equipment | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |
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| Education Capital Fund #177 | \$1,805,149.00 |
| Appropriate fund balance for roof projects and other projects | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

In-House Amendments

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| General Fund – Circuit Court | \$10,000.00 |
| General Fund – Health Dept.-Rabies | \$2,180.00 |
| General Fund – County Clerk | \$3,500.00 |
| General Fund – Sheriff’s Dept. | \$2,895.00 |
| General Fund – Sheriff’s Dept | \$4,800.00 |
| General Fund – Sheriff’s Dept | \$208.00 |
| General Fund – Sheriff’s Dept | \$7,216.34 |
| General Fund – Sheriff’s Dept | \$8,000.00 |
| General Purpose School – School Dept. | \$850.00 |
| General Purpose School – School Dept. | \$24,000.00 |
| Special Purpose Fund – Health Dept. | \$2,500.00 |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |
| Amendments Approved – Unanimous voice vote | |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$9,334.67 |
| Community Correction – Special Purpose Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$45.00 |
| Building – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$49.75 |
| Maintenance – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$65.15 |
| Maintenance – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$13,602.40 |
| Sheriff’s Dept. – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$4,456.00 |
| Fire Dept. – General Fund | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$11,268.354 |
| Fire Dept. – General Fund | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |

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| Insurance Recovery/Refunds | \$13,670.00 |
| Fire Dept. – General Fund | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |
| New Programs | \$3,000.00 |
| Archives/Preservation of Records – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$21,300.00 |
| Finance – Special Revenue | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$1,200.00 |
| Agricultural Extension – General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$99,500.00 |
| Health Dept. Special Purpose | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$24,514.47 |
| Health Dept. Special Purpose | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$55,952.66 |
| Sheriff’s Dept. General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| New Programs | \$19,704.69 |
| Sheriff’s Dept. General Fund | (new money) |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | Unanimous voice vote |
| Transfers | \$103,417.00 |
| Health Dept – Special Fund | Unanimous voice vote |
| COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION | |

Fund Balance **\$58,282.18**
Sheriff's Dept. – General Fund **Roll Call vote**
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

ROLL CALL – Sheriff's Dept.

AYE

Carl Alexander
 Scott Brown
 Jay Bush
 Gary Deaton
 Aaron Ellison
 Tommy Gobbell
 Arthur D Johnson, Jr
 Barbara Johnson
 William Martin
 Luther Mercer

Adrian Montague
 James W Pearson
 Harold Petty
 Billy Spain
 Terry Spearman
 Jeff Wall

PASSED

Claudell Brown
 Cyndi Bryant

NAY

Jimmy Arnold
 Brett Beckham
 Katie Brantley
 Doug Stephenson
 Mike Taylor

ABSENT

Jason Compton
 Joey Hale

AYES – 16 NAYS – 5 PASSED – 2 ABSENT – 2
MOTION CARRIED

Fund Balance **\$16,326.00**
Sheriff's Dept. – Capital Projects **Unanimous voice vote**
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

General Fund **\$5,000.00**
Crimestoppers Law Enforcement Ball **Majority voice vote**
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION Commissioner Claudell Brown voted nay

General Fund **\$846.51**
Highway- pothole repairs to Madison **Unanimous voice vote**
Technology Dr.
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Sheriff Mehr asked the Financial Management Committee to allow the Sheriff's Dept. to donate an old Sheriff's car to Decatur County. The Financial Management recommended donating the vehicle.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

SUSPEND RULES

Commissioner Petty made a motion to suspend Rules, seconded by Commissioner Alexander.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Finance Director Ms. Karen Bell explained that in the Budget for 2019-2020 that an extra principle payment had been approved. After looking at paying the extra principle payment versus debt refunding the county would save more on the refunding.

Commissioner Arthur Johnson made a motion to do the refunding of the debt, seconded by Commissioner Mercer.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

SUSPEND RULES

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to suspend Rules, seconded by Commissioner Mercer.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Sheriff's Department requested a line item transfer from Fund 101 (other contracted services) \$50,000.00 to Fund 101 (drugs and medical supplies) \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Claudell Brown made a motion to approve the request from the Sheriff's Dept., seconded by Commissioner Martin.

MOTION CARRIED: Majority voice vote

Commissioner Arnold passed

NOTARIES PUBLIC

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| Michael L Weinman | Kelley Kee | Brian P McDaniel |
| Marty R Phillips | Amy R Keymon | P B Wood |
| Jeffery Stokes | Debra A Hill | John Gwatney |
| Heather Beecham | Shelby Allen | Brian James |
| Robert Burrow | Kendall Cooper Thompson | Loretta McMullin-Anderson |
| Celia Allen | Valrie Butler | Carolyn J Smith |
| Brandi Ragan | Trudy Jane Lively | Jasmine K Maclin |
| Antonio Reaves | Amanda Gentry | Javanna Wilkes |
| Zachary Pendergrass | Brandy Bendall | Jesse Allison |
| Spencer Pratt | Sabra E Bledsoe | |

Commissioner Petty made a motion to approve the Notaries Public as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Claudell Brown.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

CLOSED SESSION WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY

Closed - 9:10 A.M.

Back in Session – 10:20 A.M.

SUSPEND RULES

Commissioner Mercer made a motion to suspend Rules, seconded by Commissioner Arthur D Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

Commissioner Arthur D. Johnson made a motion to accept the proposition that Attorney Moroney proposed to the CLB concerning the lawsuit filed by CJC employee Natasha Grayson concerning violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, seconded by Commissioner Ellison. The CLB has agreed to settle the lawsuit over the overtime practices at the CJC for \$1.3 million.

Commissioner Stephenson made an amendment to the motion, that the Sheriff's Department pay \$1million of the \$1.3 million, seconded by Scott Brown.

ROLL CALL – AMENDMENT TO MOTION

AYE

Carl Alexander
 Jimmy Arnold
 Brett Beckham
 Claudell Brown
 Scott Brown
 Jay Bush
 Gary Deaton
 Tommy Gobbell
 Arthur D Johnson, Jr
 Barbara Johnson

Adrian Montague
 Billy Spain
 Terry Spearman
 Doug Stephenson
 Mike Taylor
 Jeff Wall

PASSED

Cyndi Bryant

NAY

Katie Brantley
 Aaron Ellison
 William Martin
 Luther Mercer
 James W Pearson
 Harold Petty

ABSENT

Jason Compton
 Joey Hale

AYES – 16 NAYS – 6 PASSED – 1 ABSENT -2

MOTION CARRIED

Vote on original Motion

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MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

**ANY AND ALL MATTERS RELATED TO OR CONNECTED WITH MATTERS
SET FORTH IN ITEMS ONE (1) THROUGH FOURTEEN (14)**

Mr. Tony White, Deputy Mayor, brought forth a contract with JEA and IT Dept. concerning the internet and phone service. The savings for this service would be approximately \$26,219.00. Mr. White gave a brief summary of the overall savings and what the contract would provide.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve this contract, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous voice vote

ADJOURNMENT ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

Carl Alexander
Jimmy Arnold
Brett Beckham
Katie Brantley
Claudell Brown
Scott Brown
Cyndi Bryant
Gary Deaton
Aaron Ellison

Tommy Gobbell
Arthur D Johnson, Jr
Barbara Johnson
William Martin
Luther Mercer
Adrian Montague
James W Pearson
Harold Petty
Billy Spain

Terry Spearman
Doug Stephenson
Mike Taylor
Jeff Wall

Present – 22 Absent – 3

Commissioners Bush, Compton and Hale absent

ADJOURNED AT 10:37 A.M.