

**MINUTES OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY COMMISSION
VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Yvonna Sutton Fair Building. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "Q".

Call to Order

Sheriff Eddie Carter called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Members present: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle.

Also present: County Attorney Howard Upchurch, County Mayor Greg Wilson and County Clerk Lisa Rigsby.

Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2017 Meeting

Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by David Chandler to approve the Minutes from the August 15, 2017 Meeting as presented. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee B Report

Committee B Minutes
September 7, 2017

Committee B met on September 7, 2017, Members present were Brian Simmons, David Chandler, Hugh Hillis and Mayor Greg Wilson.

The First item on the agenda was properties from 2016 tax sale tracts. These tracts are located on Indian Trail and Iron Bridge areas of the Hawks Bluff Community. The Committee was presented with two options for joining these into larger tracts, to make them more appealing to potential buyers. After discussion it was decided to go with the second option where the tracts were put into the largest tracts. Motion was made by David and seconded by Hugh to present this option to the full Commission. All voted Yes.

Next we discussed the price to be set per acre. It was decided that \$500.00 per acre plus 5% to cover cost of real estate agency. Also it was decided to get bids from real estate agency's to handle the sale of the properties. David Chandler made a motion and seconded by Hugh Hillis. All voted in favor.

Under new business David Chandler brought up the fact that the new Senior Citizens van was just being parked out in the weather. Committee decided to bring to the Full Commission the possibility of purchasing a portable carport for the van.

With no more new or old business, Brian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hugh Hillis. All voted in favor.

Committee B Chairman Brian Simmons brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the September 7, 2017 Meeting.

Indian Trail & Iron Bridge

The County has property located on Indian Trail and Iron Bridge areas in Hawks Bluff Community from the 2016 tax sale. Chris Vick from Vick's Surveying, LLC addressed the Full Commission with two options in selling these tracts. There are 260 lots. With option one grouping the lots together there would be 40 tracks. With option two the lots would be larger and more appealing to potential buyers and the outcome would be 31 tracks. After much discussion on this matter the Full Commission felt Committee B picked the best option. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Lesa Bouldin to go with the option that Committee B recommended. (Larger lots with a total of 31 tracks)

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Set price per acre for the tracts

Committee B discussed a price per acre in the Hawks Bluff Community. All agreed on \$500.00 per acre with Real Estate Agency receiving 5%. The \$500.00 is only a minimum bid. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by William Maxwell to set the land sale at \$500.00 per acre.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

H & H Real Estate Bid

Mayor Greg Wilson received one bid to handle the sale of the properties at Hawks Bluff. It was H & H Real Estate with receiving 3% Commission. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by David Chandler to accept H & H Real Estate at a 3% Commission.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. William Maxwell voted no. 9-yes votes, 1-no vote. Motion passed.

Portable carport for Senior Citizens new van

Committee B felt that the new van that was purchased with Grant money needs to be covered because of the weather. Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by David Chandler to direct the County Mayor to get bids on a portable carport big enough to hold the Senior Citizens van and the County owned Jeep Compass, bringing this bid back to Committee A for approval.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Notary Approval for Connie Sue Robison

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve the Notary for Connie Sue Robison. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Bid opening for Farmers Market Building USDA Grant funded

County Mayor Greg Wilson only received one bid for the Farmers Market Building and it was Johnson Builders at \$68,000.00. The Farmers Market will be located at the old Administrative Site. The Building will be 42x80, ADA accessible, 12 stalls, with sidewalks included. David Chandler made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to accept the bid from Johnson Builders to construct the Farmers Market.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Old Business

Lesa Bouldin address the Commission with a letter that she had received for the Solid Waste Management stating that the County did meet the 25% reduction in Solid Waste. Lesa Bouldin stated, "This is a good thing so we can keep receiving our Grants." No action taken.

New Business

Courtroom Security Grant

Sheriff Eddie Carter address the Full Commission with a Grant Proposal, if received, it will be a 10% match for the County. The purpose of this Grant is to improve Courtroom Security and to provide a safe and secure facilities to conduct the business and duties of the Court. The Monetary award preference will be given to Counties with Courtrooms that do not currently meet the present minimum courtroom security standards. The Grant is a \$12,951.17 with a 10% match. Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to direct Sheriff Eddie Carter to apply for this Grant and to approve the 10% match from the County.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

9-11 Board

There is a vacancy on the 911 Board upon the passing of Jim Hall. Mr. Hall was an active member of this board. Mayor Wilson would like to appoint Cara Alexander. She is a Fall Creek Falls State Park Ranger and will be finishing out the term which will expire Spring of 2018. She resides in the 3rd District. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Zach Fletcher to accept Cara Alexander to the 911 Board.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Mooneyham Lonewood Community Center

Mayor Wilson and 3rd District Commissioners had spoken before about a Community Center in the Mooneyham Lonewood area. Mayor Wilson found two and half acres that Citizens Tri-County Bank owned across from the old school. He spoke with Citizens Tri-County Bank and they are willing to donate this property for a Community Center. Mayor Wilson is asking for approval to accept the property and add into the deed if Center is non-existent the property will automatically go back to Citizens Tri-County Bank. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to accept the property donated in the 3rd District by Citizens Tri-County Bank.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Library Board

Library Board Chairman Mickey Robinson come forward asking for approval to replace Mark Sparkman, Zeda Hillis and Chad Mooneyham by Shawn Roberts, Crystal Young and Jodi Hensley. Mickey Robinson made that in a form of a motion, second by Lesa Bouldin. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to adjourn. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourn at 6:37 p.m.