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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting November 21, 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 to Meeting to Order.

## Roll Call

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

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

#### Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2017 Meeting

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by William Maxwell to approve the Minutes from the October 17, 2017 Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

#### **Approval of Quarterly Reports**

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to approve the Quarterly Reports as presented.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

#### Approval of Notary for Sam Neely and Pamela Curry

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve the Notary's for Sam Neely and Pamela Curry.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

## Audit Committee Report

# Van Buren County Audit Committee (VBCAC) Annual Report to the Van Buren County Commission on Committee Activities for the Fiscal Year Ended (FYE) June 30, 2017

On April 15, 2014 the County Commissioners of Van Buren County (Commissioners) approved a Resolution pursuant to the provision of Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) 9-3-405, hereby establishing an Audit Committee to provide independent review and oversight of the County's Financial reporting processes and the County's internal Controls, a review of the external auditor's report and follow up on management's corrective action, and compliance with laws, regulations, and ethics. The Audit Committee still consist of five (5) members:

June Rogers	Chairperson
Walter Hillis	Vice Chairperson
George Rogalle	Secretary
Barry Austin	
Don Hollingsworth	

Meetings of the Audit Committee have been held in accordance with provisions of T.C.A. 9-3-405, and the open meetings provisions of T.C.A. Title 8, Chapter 44. Meeting places and times have also been published in a local newspaper.

The Audit Committee has met three (3) times this fiscal year (July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017).

#### Meeting # 1 March 9, 2017:

The Audit Finding for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 was discussed. There was only one finding: (1) duties were not adequately segregated in four (4) different offices; however, each office had a written plan for segregation of duties on 6-30-2016 as required by Section 9-2-102(a), TCA.

Chairperson Rogers set up a meeting with Legislative Auditors from the Cookeville Office (for 3-21-2017) to discuss this finding and other questions from the VBC Audit Committee.

#### Meeting # 2 March 21, 2017:

Legislative Audit Manager Steve Reeder and Legislative Auditor Anita Scarlet met with the VBC Audit Committee to discuss the Audit Finding for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016, and to answer many questions posed by the Committee.

#### Meeting # 3 June 30, 2017:

Chairperson Rogers discussed a Meeting she had with Legislative Auditor Austin Lannom on 3-21-2017 subsequent to the VBC Audit Committee Meeting. Chairperson Rogers gave a positive

response to all questions posed by Austin Lannom, Legislative Auditor in charge of the VBC Audit FYE 2017.

The County Mayor Greg Wilson submitted a list of all entities receiving County Funds and the dollar amount each entity received. The Mayor also submitted annual reports prepared by these entities FYE 6-30-2016, as required by T.C.A. 5-9-109. The Committee reviewed these reports and they met the TCA requirements.

There are no recommendations from the Committee to the Commissioners at this time.

It should be understood that the Audit Committee is not an enforcement body.

# Respectfully Submitted, The Van Buren County Audit Committee

June Rogers, Chairperson	Walter Hillis, Vice Chairperson	<b>Barry Austin</b>
George Rogalle, Secretary	Don Hollingsworth	

Chairperson June Rogers and Secretary George Rogalle from the Audit Committee were present at the Meeting. Ms. Rogers addressed the full Commission stating, "All previous findings from Van Buren County last year audit have been corrected." "As far as this year the Audit hasn't come out yet." The Audit Committee has no recommendations to the Commission because of the corrections. Secretary George Rogalle wanted to add, as long as he had been on the Audit Committee the findings that have been going on for years have been eliminated.

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by William Maxwell to enter the Audit Committee Minutes into record. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

#### **Retainage Account**

Mayor Greg Wilson addressed the Full Commission asking for approval to open a retainage Account. The County is supposed to have a 5% deduction withheld from each payout on the New Administrative Building to put in an interest bearing account. The 5% has already been withheld it just hasn't been placed where it needed to have been. The purpose of this retainage account is to withhold 5% of each payout and when the Full Commission approves to accept the New Administrative Building the contractor will receive the final payment. According to Audit the County will receive a finding this year but if this is approved now the finding will fall off. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Zack Fletcher to direct the County Mayor to open this account.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

#### Old Business

None

## New Business

Mayor Greg Wilson bought forward all New Business that will need action taken by the Full Commission.

#### 911 Meeting

The 911 Board met with the City and County to discuss upgrading their mapping and computerized call system. This equipment is over 5 years old and 911 has been having some issues. The cost of the new equipment is \$21,800.00 and 911 for budget reason aren't in a position to comment to the upgrade at this time. After much discussion on this matter, the 911 Board is asking the County to provide 70% of the new equipment with the City paying the rest. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to approve \$15,400.00, 70% of the total of the new equipment.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons voted yes. Robert Van Winkle voted no. 6-yes votes, 1-no vote, Motion passed.

## **Resolution Number 385**

# RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VAN BUREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND PAYMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$\_\_\_\_\_ PURSUANT TO THE INFORMAL BID PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Van Buren County, Tennessee, (the "Local Government") has determined that it is necessary and desirable to issue Capital Outlay notes in order to provide funds for the following public works project: \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Project") at a cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ with an economic life of \_\_\_\_\_\_ years; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governing Body has determined that the project will promote or provide a traditional governmental activity or otherwise fulfill a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** under the provisions of Parts I, IV and VI of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Act"), local governments in Tennessee are authorized to finance the cost of this Project through the issuance and sale of interest-bearing Capital outlay notes upon the approval of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee; and

**WHEREAS,** the governing Body finds that it is advantageous to the Local Government to authorize the issuance of Capital Outlay notes to finance the cost of the Project;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Governing Body of the Van Buren County, Tennessee, as follows:

**Section 1.** That, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of the Project in and for the Local government, the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government is hereby authorized in accordance with the terms of this Resolution, and upon approval of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee, to issue and sell interest-bearing Capital Outlay notes in a principal amount not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) (the "Notes") by an informal bid process pursuant to the terms, provisions, and conditions permitted by law. The Notes shall be designated " \_\_\_\_\_\_ Capital Outlay Notes, series 201\_\_"; shall be numbered serially from 1 upwards; shall be dated as of the date of issuance; shall be in denomination(s) as agreed upon with the purchaser; shall be sold at not less than 99% of par value and accrued interest; and shall bear interest at a rate or rates not to exceed \_\_\_\_\_\_ per cent (\_\_\_%) per annum, and in no event shall the rate exceed the legal limit provided by law.

**Section 2.** That, the notes shall mature \_\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_) fiscal years after the fiscal year of issuance and, unless otherwise approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's

Designee, the Notes shall be amortized in an amount reflecting at least level debt service on the Notes approximately according to the following schedule:

Fiscal Year	Principal Amount
201_	\$ 
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
201_	
	\$ 

The final maturity of the Notes shall not exceed the reasonable expected economic life of the Project which is hereby estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_\_ years which at least equal to or greater than the life of the notes.

**Section 3.** That, the Notes shall be subject to redemption at the option of the Local Government, in whole or in part, at any time, at the principal amount and accrued interest to the date of redemption, without a premium, or, if sold at par, with or without a premium of not exceeding one percent (1%) of the principal amount.

**Section 4.** That, the Notes shall be direct general obligations of the Local Government, for which the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the notes, the full faith and credit of the Local Government is irrevocably pledged and the Local Government hereby pledges its taxing power as to all taxable property in the Local Government for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes. The Governing Body of the Local Government hereby authorizes the levy and collection of a special tax on all taxable property of the Local Government over and above all other taxes authorized by the Local Government to create a sinking fund to retire the Notes with interest as they mature in an amount necessary for that purpose.

**Section 5.** That, the Notes shall be executed in the name of the Local Government; shall bear the manual signature of the chief executive officer of the local Government and the manual signature of the city recorder together with the Local Government seal affixed thereon; and shall be payable as to principal and interest at the office of the city recorder or at the office of the paying

agent duly appointed by the Local Government. Proceeds of the Notes shall be deposited with the official designated by law as custodian of the funds. All proceeds shall be paid out for financing the Project pursuant to this Resolution and as required by law.

Section 6. That, the Notes will be issued in fully registered form and that at all times during which any Note remains outstanding and unpaid, the Local Government or its agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its office a note register for the registration, exchange or transfer of the Notes. The note register, if held by an agent of the Local Government, shall at all times be open for inspection by the Local Government or any duly authorized officer of the Local Government. Each Note shall have the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument and shall be transferable only upon the note register kept by the Local Government or its agent, by the registered owner of the Note in person or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon presentation and surrender to the Local Government or its agent together with a written instrument or transfer satisfactory to the Local Government duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's duly authorized attorney. Upon the transfer of any such Note, the Local Government shall issue in the name of the transferee a new registered note or notes of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity as the surrendered Notes. The Local Government shall not be obligated to make any such Note transfer during the fifteen (15) days next preceding an interest payment date on the Notes or, in the case of any redemption of the Notes, during the forty-five (45) days next preceding the date of redemption.

**Section 7.** That, the Notes shall be in substantially the form authorized by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee and shall recite that the Notes are issued pursuant to Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated which is attached to this resolution as attachment 1.

**Section 8.** That, prior to the sale of the Notes, the Local Government shall submit a copy of this resolution authorizing the Notes to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee for approval and a copy of the proposed disclosure statement, if any, and a statement showing the estimated annual principal and interest requirements for the Notes and a detailed statement showing the estimated cost of issuance which shall include at least the following, if applicable: (1) fiscal agent and/or financial advisor fees; (2) bond counsel fees; (3) other legal charges if any; (4) credit enhancement fees; (5) trustee fees; (6) registration fees; (7) paying agent fees; (8) rating agency fees; (9) underwriters' discount or charges; (10) remarketing agent fees; (11) printing, advertising and other expenses; (12) the number of financial institutions contacted by telephone or by letter (which should be at least three) for the purpose of obtaining interest rates, and at least three institutions were contacted.

In its request for approval, the Local Government shall State and demonstrate that the proposed sale by the informal bid process is feasible, in the best interest of the Local Government, and that the Local Government should be able to amortize the proposed indebtedness together with all the obligations then outstanding.

**Section 9.** The Notes shall not be sold until receipt of the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee's written approval for the sale of the Notes.

**Section 10.** That the Notes may be designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations for the purpose of Section 265(b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**Section 11.** That, after the sale of the Notes, and for each year that any of the notes are outstanding, the Local Government shall prepare an annual budget and budget ordinances in a form consistent with accepted governmental standards and as approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee. The Budget shall be kept balanced during the life of the notes and shall appropriate sufficient monies to pay all annual debt service. The annual budget and ordinance shall be submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee immediately upon its adoption; however, it shall not become the official budget for the fiscal year until such budget is approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee in accordance with Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated (the "Statutes".) If the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's not comply with the Statutes, the Governing Body shall adjust its estimates or make additional tax levies sufficient to comply with the Statures, or as directed by the Comptroller of the Treasury of Comptroller's Designee.

**Section 12.** That, if any of the Notes shall remain unpaid at the end of \_\_\_\_\_\_ () years from the issue date, then the unpaid Notes shall be retired from the funds of the Local Government or be converted into bonds pursuant to Chapter 11 or Title 9 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, or any other law, or be otherwise liquidated as approval by the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee.

**Section 13.** That, all orders or Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed insofar as such conflict exists; and this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Duly passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017.

County Mayor Greg Wilson

ATTESTED:

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

## Attached 1 CAPITAL OUTLAY NOTE FORM

Registered Note #:		Registered \$
	Of the State of Tennessee	•
	Capital Outlay Note, Series 20	
DATED	INTEREST RATE	MATURITY DATE
, 20	%	, 20

 Registered Owner:
 \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Principal Sum:
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_\_

(Governing Body) of \_\_\_\_\_ The Tennessee (the Local Government) hereby acknowledges itself indebted, and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner hereof (named above), or registered assigns, the Principal Sum specified above on the Maturity Date specified above or according to an amortization schedule attached hereto (unless this note shall have been duly called for prior redemption and payment of the redemption price shall have been duly made or provided for), upon presentation and surrender to the Local government or its agent, and to pay interest on the Principal Sum on and thereafter on of each year at the Interest Rate per annum specified above or according to an amortization schedule attached hereto, by check, draft, or warrant mailed to the Registered Owner at the address of the Registered Owner as it appears on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day of the month next preceding the applicable payment date in the note register maintained by or soon behalf of the Local government. Both principal of and interest on this note are payable at the office of the of the Local Government or a paying agent duly appointed by the Local Government in lawful money of the United States of America.

This note is a direct obligation of the Local Government for the payment of which as to both principal and interest the full faith and credit of the Local Government is pledged.

This note is subject to redemption prior to its stated maturity in whole or in part at any time at the option of the Local Government upon payment of the principal amount of the note together with the interest accrued thereon to the date of redemption with a premium of \_\_\_\_\_\_% pf par value.

This note is issued under the authority of Parts I, IV, and VI of Title 9, Chapter 21, Tennessee Code Annotated, and a Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body of the Local Government meeting in session on the \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "Resolution") to provide funds to finance the cost of public works projects referenced in the Resolution.

This note shall have the qualities and incidents of a negotiable instrument and shall be transferable only upon the note register kept by the Local Government or its agent, by the Registered Owner of the note in person or by the Registered Owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon presentation and surrender to the Local government or its agent of the note together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the local Government duly executed by the Registered Owner or the Roistered Owner's duly authorized attorney but only in the manner as provided in the Resolution of the local Government authorizing the issuance of this note and upon surrender hereof for cancellation. Upon the transfer of any such note, the Local Government or its agent shall issue in the name of the transferee a new registered note or notes of the same aggregate principal amount and maturity as the surrendered note. The Local Government shall not be obligated to make any such Note transfer during the fifteen (15) days next preceding an interest payment date on the Notes or, in the case of any redemption of the Notes, during the forty-five (45) days next preceding the date of redemption.

Title 9, Chapter 21, Section 117, Tennessee Code Annotated provides that this note and interest thereon are exempt from taxation by the State of Tennessee or by any County, municipality or taxing district of the State, except for inheritance, transfer and estate taxes and except as otherwise provided under the laws of the State of Tennessee.

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, RECITED AND DECLARED** that all acts, conditions and things required to exist, happen and be performed precedent to and in the issuance of this note exist, have happened and have been performed in due time, form and manner as required by the Constitutional and laws of the State of Tennessee, and that the amount of this note, together with all other indebtedness of the Local Government, does not exceed any Constitutional or statutory limitation thereon, and that this note is within every constitutional and statutory limitation.

IN WITHNESS WHEREOF, the Governing Body of the Local Government has caused this not to be executed in the name of the Local Government by the Manual signature of the \_\_\_\_\_\_, and countersigned and attested by the manual signature of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Seal of the Local Government affixed hereto or imprinted hereon, and this note to be dated as of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

County Mayor Greg Wilson

ATTESTED:

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

#### ASSIGNMENT

Note No. R-\_\_\_\_\_. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

For Value Received, the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

(Name and address of assignee)

(Please indicate social security or other tax identifying number of assignee)

The within-mentioned note and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_\_, attorney—in-fact, to transfer the same on the note register in the office of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ or the agent of the Local Government with full power of substitution in the premises.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Assignor:

\_\_\_\_\_ Address:

Signature Guaranteed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The signature as to this assignment must correspond with the name as written on the face of the within note in every particular, without alteration, enlargement or any change whatsoever.

INFORMAL BID ATTACHMENT FOR \$ _	(amount)
	(description)
INFORMAL BID (	CAPTIAL OUTLAY NOTES

As required by Title 9, Chapter 21, Part 609, Tennessee Code Annotated, this information is being submitted to the Comptroller of the Treasury or Comptroller's Designee to request approval to issue these notes by the informal bid process:

- 1. The informal bid process is feasible.
- 2. The informal bed process is in the best interest of the Local Government.
- 3. The Local Government will be able to amortize these notes together with all other outstanding obligations.
- 4. Interest rate proposals \_\_\_\_\_\_ have been obtained in writing from the following financial institutions (at least three):

1	 4
2.	 5
3	 6

5.\_\_\_\_\_ There are no issuance costs associated with the sale of these notes.6. There are issuance costs, and they are itemized as follows:

	Lender	Lender	Lender	Lender	Lender	Lender
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Financial advisor fees:						
Legal counsel fees:						
Credit enhancement fees:						
Registration fees:						
Paying agent fees:						
Rating agency fees:						
Underwriter's fees:						
Remarketing agent fees: _						
Printing and advertising: _						
Other expenses:						
Total Cost of Issuance						

Attached is the support to show that the informal bid process is feasible, how it is in the best interest of the local government, a before and after debt portfolio to show it can be amortized with all other outstanding obligation.

Signed: \_\_\_

(Chief Executive Officer)

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve this Resolution as presented.

Upon roll call: Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

#### **RESOLUTION NUMBER 386**

# A RESOLUTION TO APPLY TO THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE SELECT TENNESSEE PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** Van Buren County is eligible for grant funds under the Site Development Grant administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS,** the County is eligible for a maximum grant of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) under the Site development Grant program; and

**WHEREAS,** the County needs to perform site work on the BDS industrial site in order to market the site and promote job creation; and

**WHEREAS,** the physical development of industrial property including clearing and grading and pad development is eligible under the Site Development Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the County has agreed to pay the required 5% match on the grant amount received and any project overage; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by Van Buren County:

- 1. The County Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to:
  - A. Execute and submit an application for Site Development Grant funds to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to perform site work on the BDS site purchased by the County for industrial development.
  - B. Enter into the necessary agreements with the Tennessee Department of economic and Community Development to receive and administer said grant funds.
  - C. Execute necessary agreements for administrative services without further action by the Board, contingent upon approval by the funding agencies.
- The Upper Cumberland Development District (UCDD) shall prepare all necessary documents for the completion of said application for the proposed project at no charge to the Board. Should said Site Development Grant be approved, UCDD shall be engaged to perform all administrative services for said project upon approval of the State funding agency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately, the public welfare requiring it.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017, the Public welfare requiring it.

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

County Mayor Greg Wilson

William made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to approve this Resolution for entering this grant for Site development.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

## STATE OF TENNESSEE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY OFFICE OF STATE AND LOCAL FINANCE SUTIE 1600 JAMES K. POLK STAE OFFICE BUILDING 505 DEADERICK STREET NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37243-1402 PHONE (615) 401-7872 FAX (615) 741-5986

November 17, 2017

Honorable Greg Wilson, County Mayor And Honorable Board of Commissioner Van Buren County P.O. Box 217 Spencer, Tennessee 38585

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of the Board:

This letter acknowledges receipt of a certified copy of the fiscal year 2018 budget.

We have reviewed the budget and have determined that projected revenues and other available funds are sufficient to meet anticipated expenditures. Our review of the budget is based solely on the information we have received and is for determining that the budget appears to be balanced. With regard to programs included in the budget such as education, roads, and corrections, we have not attempted to determine that the local government has complied with specific program statutes or guidelines, or with any financing requirements prescribed by any State or federal agency. A property tax rate may be included in this budget, and we would recommend that local government officials be certain that all program requirements have been met before initiating the tax collection process.

This letter constitutes approval, by this office, for the County's fiscal year 2018 budget as adopted by the County Commission.

If you should have any questions or we may be of assistance, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely, Sandra Thompson Director of the Office of state and Local Finance

Cc: Mr. Bryan Burklin, Assistant director, Division of Local Government Audit, COT

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to enter this letter into the Minutes of the Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

# Home Care & Hospice Month, for the record:

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, home care services provide high quality and compassionate health care services to more than 5 million Americans annually, especially in times of Community or personal health crisis; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of Americans want to age in place and home care is the preferred method of health care delivery among the disabled, elderly, and chronically ill individuals eager to live independently in their own homes as long as the possibly can.

WHEREAS, home care services allow families to stay together, and provide for grater health, dignity and comfort in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, home care in the U.S. is a growing alternative to hospitalization or other institution based forms of health care for acute and chronic illnesses, providing care to millions of Americans each year; and

**WHEREAS,** two million everyday hero-including home care nurses, therapists, and aidestraveled 7.6 billion miles in 2016 to deliver care and worked tirelessly to provide professional support to millions of Americans in need to quality health services; and **WHEREAS**, these dedicated home care professionals and volunteers form a support network that continues to play a vital role in health care delivery for our nations disabled, infirm, and aging population; and

**WHEREAS,** Home care & Hospice Agencies serving Cumberland County, the National Association for Home Care & Hospice and thousands of home care agencies across the U.S. have declared the month of November, 2017 as National Home care Month and are calling on all Americans to observe these occasions with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

# **HOME CARE & HOSPICE MONTH**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Greg Wilson, Mayor of Van Buren County Tennessee do hereby proclaim November 2017 as NATIONAL HOME CARE MONTH in Van Buren County and encourage the support and participation of all citizens in learning more about the home care and hospice concepts of care for the elderly, disabled, and infirm.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Greg Wilson, Mayor of Van Buren County

Date

# Planning Commission

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to appoint Brian Simmons to the Planning Committee. (Replacing Zack Fletcher) term ending in August 31, 2018

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, Zack Fletcher, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. Brian Simmons abstained. 5-yes votes, 1-abstained. Motion passed.

## <u>Adjournment</u>

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.