

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Yvonne 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, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons and Robert Van Winkle. Zach Fletcher was absent.

Also present: County Attorney Howard Upchurch and County Clerk Lisa Rigsby.

Approval of Minutes from the February 20, 2018 Meeting

Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to approve the Minutes as presented. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Approval of Notary Renewal for Karla Hutson

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by William Maxwell to approve Notary Renewal for Karla Hutson. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee A Report

Committee

3/6/2018

Attending: Lesa Bouldin, Henry Seamons, Robert VanWinkle, Will Maxwell

Also Attending: Greg Wilson, Mayor, Lisa Luck UCDD, Sheriff Eddie Carter, Joey Grissom

After review of the Van Buren County 2017 APR **Will Maxwell made the motion and Robert VanWinkle second to approve the APR as presented. All voted yes upon roll call.**

Discussed the need for additional personnel at the new Jail. The committee along with the Sherriff will be looking at the needs more closely and possible sources of additional revenue. Housing state inmates (15) will generate approximately \$202,500.

The committee discussed revenue sources for General Debt Service. Along with the proposed increase in tickets/fines there will be new revenues from the state. The projected payment on the new building is \$418,000.

Discussed the purchase of a new ambulance. After reviewing possible options and immediate need **Henry Seamons made the motion to take to the full commission to approve the Resolution needed to approve the final payment for the Van Buren County Administrative/Justice Building in the amount of \$1.5 million and to include with this the purchase of a new ambulance not to exceed the amount of \$182,000. This motion was second by Will Maxwell and voted yes by all upon roll call.**

Discussed holding a work session for the full commission on March 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the new administrative building for a final walk through.

With no other business to conduct Henry Seamons made the motion and Will Maxwell second to adjourn. This motion was approved by regular voting sign.

Henry Seamons made the motion and Will Maxwell second to adjourn, all voted yes by regular sign.

Committee A 03-15-2018

Attending: Lesa Bouldin, Henry Seamons, and Robert Van Winkle.

Also Attending: Mayor Greg Wilson

A short Meeting was held prior to the Walk through of the new facility with the Architects by the County Commission.

After discussing the need for additional money in the Solid Waste Fund due to truck repairs and the monitoring of the old Landfill, **Mickey Robinson made the motion and Henry Seamons second to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund – fund balance to increase line 116-55731-336 Maintenance & Repair from \$9000 to \$17,000 and increase the Solid Waste fund balance by \$8000 which will go to pay landfill operations. All members present voted yes upon roll call.**

Discussed the new HVAC unit at the Burritt Memorial Library. After **discussion Henry Seamons made the motion and Robert Van Winkle second to ask the Commission to direct Attorney Howard Upchurch to send Hiller a letter stating our concerns. All voted yes upon roll call.**

Mickey Robinson made the motion and Henry Seamons second to adjourn, all voted yes by regular sign.

Committee A Chairman Lesa Bouldin brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the Committee A Meetings on 3-06-2018 and 03-15-2018.

New Ambulance (\$182,000.00) Administrative/Justice Building (1.5 million)

Lesla Bouldin made a motion, second by William Maxwell to approve the Resolution needed to approve the final payment for the Van Buren County Administrative/Justice Building in the amount of \$1.5 million and to include with this the purchase of a new Ambulance not to exceed the amount of \$182,000.00.

Upon roll call: Lesla Bouldin, David Chandler, 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.

Solid Waste Fund

Lesla Bouldin made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to transfer \$16,000.00 from the General Fund, fund balance to increase line 116-55731-336 Maintenance & Repairs from &9,000.00 to \$17,000 and increase the Solid Waste Fund balance by \$8,000.00 which will go to pay landfill operations.

Upon roll call: Lesla Bouldin, David Chandler, 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.

HVAC at the Library

The Full Commission discussed the new HVAC unit at the Library. The new unit has had several unexpected problems for it to be a new unit. After much discussion on this matter, the full Commission decided to direct the County Attorney Howard Upchurch to send Hiller Heating and Electric a letter stating the Commission's concerns about the new unit.

Committee B Report

Committee B

March 6, 2018

Present: Mayor Wilson, Zach Fletcher, Joey Grissom, David Chandler, Brian Simmons. Absent: Hugh Hillis.

Item 1. Mayor Wilson brought to our attention that he had 3 different people approach him interested in purchasing the old jail after it is vacated. We had voted earlier to wait 30 days to put it up for sale. The Mayor asked, "As soon as it was vacated could we go ahead and get a land survey and check on getting an appraisal during this 30 day period, as soon as it was up it would

be ready to market.” Motion made by Joey, second by Zach to bring to full commission all voted in favor.

Item 2. Court House

As soon as the Court house is vacated during the 30 day wait period could the Mayor start the process of turning it over to the Heritage Foundation? Motion made by Zach, second by David to bring to full Commission, all voted in favor.

Item 3. Burritt Building Closure

The building is in need of a lot of repair. Brick and mortar are falling from the entire building, things are falling off the walls. The upstairs area is very uneven. The Mayor has applied for a \$70,000.00 grant for repairs on the building. Once the building is vacated we would like to use the grant to do repairs to the building. We would move Darleen with UCHRA and Melba with the Seniors Program to the Mason building. Move the Ag and 4-H offices downstairs till their new building is finished and once they’re finished turn the building over to the Heritage Foundation. Motion made by David, second by Zach to bring this proposal to full Commission. All were in favor.

Item 4. Several of the residents on Spokelay Road have approached Commissioner Simmons asking that there be a speed limit posted on the road. This is a very narrow road and there is a massive logging operation going on in this area at this time. Log trucks are coming in and out at all times of the day and are traveling at high rates of speed. This is causing concern with these citizens. At this time there is no posted speed limit. After discussion Committee B suggest that a speed limit of 25 MPH be set for this road and contact Randy Oakes to post these signs. A motion was made by Joey and second by David to present this to full Commission. All vote in favor.

Item 5. Agriculture Building, no action taken.

Item 6. Dates for work session for Walk through of New Building. In a Committee A Meeting a date of 3/16/2018 was suggested by its members. This date was discussed with members of Committee B and they agree that this date is good with most members as well. The time discussed was 5:30 p.m.

New Business, Ten Commandments to be posted in front of New Building.

Committee B discussed the posting of the Ten Commandments in front of the New Building. The cost of the monument would be \$1,000.00 a motion was made by David and second by Zach to bring this to full Commission for vote. All members of Committee B were in favor.

Committee B Chairman Brian Simmons brought forward action that needs to be taken by the full Commission form the March 6, 2018 Meeting.

Courthouse

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Hugh Hillis that as soon as the Courthouse is vacated during the 30 days wait period that the Mayor start the process of turning it over to the Heritage Foundation.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, 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.

Spokelay Road

Commissioner Simmons has had residents on Spokely Road approach him with concerns of the massive logging operation going on in this area at this time. The road is very narrow and the trucks are traveling at high speeds. Commissioners asked if all people on this road were in agreement on this road being posted. Mr. Simmons stated, 'yes". Brian Simmons made a motion, second by David Chandler to approve a 25 mph speed limit sign on this road. All agreed with voice vote. Motion passed.

Ten Commandments

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to approve the posting of the Ten Commandments with the cost being \$1,000.00 for the monument. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Acceptance of Administrative Building

Lesla Bouldin made a motion, second by Hugh Hillis to postpone this until April 17, 2018 Meeting or Special Called Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

Parks and Recreation

Ben Farmer was present from Farmer/Morgan, L.L.C. and passed out a summary of Van Buren County Parks and Recreation Master Plan that he has been working on for our County. This plan is intended to serve as a guide for future development and redevelopment of recreational opportunities for Van Buren County. This plan will help us to be eligible for grant money and is a requirement. The summary includes 15 to 20 years of future work for Van Buren County. After much discussion, Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to accept the Van Buren County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, 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.

Cardiac monitors from the Ambulance Service

Ambulance Director Tiwana Bricker came before the Full Commission asking for permission to donate two Heart monitors to the Piney Fire Department. The monitors are out date and are no use to the Ambulance Service. Director Bricker would like to donate them to Piney Fire Department because they have several paramedics who respond routinely on calls. The Fire Department can trade these monitors in on an updated monitor. These monitors can recognize certain heart attacks and the Ambulance can be notified in route, which then the hospital can be notified faster. William Maxwell made a motion, second by David Chandler to surplus as said equipment as well as donate to the Fire Department. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Subway

The County made a deed a year ago to Susan Anderson (Subway Lot). With that deed the County retained a right of first refusal, if she elects to sale the property and the right of first refusal for 5 years or until she can construct a restaurants or commercial business. Mrs. Anderson is in the process of doing so, funding for this is coming from Citizens Tri-County Bank. County Attorney Howard Upchurch was contacted by a Representative of Citizens Tri-County Bank stating that the approval cannot be given or any advanced proceeds before or unless the County releases and convey the right of first refusal to that real property. David Chandler made a motion, second by Lesa Bouldin to authorize County Mayor Greg Wilson to execute an appropriate instrument for the purpose to subordinate our rights to Citizens Tri-County Bank.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, 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.

Adjournment

David Chandler made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.