

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the New Van Buren County Administrative Building. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "Q".

Call to Order

Chairman Joey Grissom called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Members present: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack Fletcher, Joey Grissom, Hugh Hillis, William Maxell, 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 March 20, 2018 Meeting

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

Approval of Notary for Michael Neal and Candice Hale

Lesa Bouldin made a motion, second by William Maxwell to approve Notaries for Michael Neal and Candice Hale. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee A Report

Committee A Meeting
April 10, 2018

Attending: Lesa Bouldin, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Robert Van Winkle, Will Maxwell
Also Attending: Jarrod Campbell and Greg Wilson

Discussed budget Amendments for the Sheriff's Department and Register of Deeds Office. Henry Seamons made the motion and Mickey Robinson second to approve the following transfers:

51600-317 Register of Deeds Data Processing for books – insurance paid for in the 2015/2016 budget in the amount of \$90,800 and in the Sheriff's Department 54110-338 Maintenance & Repair auto Insurance Check on Charger \$2494.00 and 54110-708 Communication equipment to pay for equipment grant (approved earlier) will receive all be 10% back \$10,112.00. All voted yes upon roll call.

Discussed a possible donation to the fire departments. It was decided no action would be taken at this time but would look at the possibility in the upcoming budget year.

Reviewed bids on remount. The bids were as follows:

\$135,543.00 Custom Truck & Body Works

\$140,266.84 Southeaster Specialties

\$137,350.00 Select Tech

The amounts were higher than had been projected and other options were discussed such as the possibility of purchase of a new ambulance in the upcoming fiscal year. Mickey Robinson made the motion and Robert Van Winkle second to reject all bids at this time and look at other options for the 2018/2019 budget year. All voted yes upon roll call.

Jail Administrator Jarrod Campbell presented the Committee with possible options to staffing at the new Jail. The budget Committee felt the need to focus on the necessary funding for this facility and set a meeting date to work with the Sheriff on the Jail budget April 19th @ 5:00 p.m. in the new Commission room.

With no other business to discuss Mickey Robinson made a motion and Will Maxwell second to adjourn.

Committee A Chairman Lesa Bouldin brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the Committee A Meeting on April 10, 2018.

Budget Amendments for Register of Deeds

Lesla Bouldin made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to approve the budget Amendment for the cost of the Books in the Register of Deeds Office, this was paid for by the Insurance money from the fire and the \$90,800.00 needs to be transferred.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack 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.

Sheriff's Department – Communication Equipment

Lesla Bouldin made a motion, second by William Maxwell to approve a transfer of 54110-708 Communication equipment in the amount of \$10,112.00.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack 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.

Ambulance remount

Ambulance Director Twianna Bricker got 3 bids for remount on one of the Ambulances. They are as following:

\$135,543.00 Custom Truck & Body Works

\$140,266.84 Southeaster Specialties

\$137,350.00 Select Tech

After much discussion on possibility of purchase a new ambulance or do the remount, William Maxwell made a motion, second by David Chandler to go with the remount with Select Tech at \$137,350.00 and except that bid to move forward.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack 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.

Committee B Report

Committee B Meeting

April 8, 2018

Present: David Chandler, Hugh Hillis, Joey Grissom, Zack Fletcher and Brian Simmons

Also Present: Mayor Greg Wilson

Item 1. Substantial completion of Administrative building

Allen Hill and Larry Bouldin have both now stated that the new Administrative building has reached substantial completion. We are near 97% to 98% complete. The County has a retention fund over \$500,000.00 that will be held till 100% completion; however Allen and Larry both suggest we sign off on substantial completion, if we do this the contractors will have 30 days to reach 100%. If the County does not the contractors could be able to turn over the new buildings utility bills. Committee B did a walkthrough of the Building and we feel we can sign off on substantial completion on the Administration building only, not the jail portion. A motion was made by David and second by Zach to present this to the full Commission for a vote. All voted yes.

Item 2. Library Repair

The Library is in need of repairs on leaking windows, roof leaks, water lines need to be replaced and the bricks in the lobby need repaired. The cost will probably be around \$4900.00 best guess at this time. Committee B feels these repairs should be made. We would like to direct the County Mayor to seek bids. Motion made by David, second by Zack to bring to full Commission for a vote. All were in favor. Motion passed.

After no new business, motion was made by Hugh Hillis, second by David Chandler to adjourn and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Committee B Chairman Brian Simmons brought forward action that needs to be taken by the full Commission from the April 8, 2018 Meeting.

Approval of Substantial Completion of the New Administrative Building

After much discussion on this matter, Brian Simmons made a motion, second by David Chandler to sign off on the substantial completion on the Administration building only, with the retainage fee not to be given until the entire building is complete including the Jail, with the parking lot complete, moving can start.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack 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 Repairs

The Library is in need of repairs the cost will be around \$4,900.00. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to direct the County Mayor to seek bids for these repairs.

Upon roll call: Lesa Bouldin, David Chandler, Zack 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.

Recognition of 4-H Students

Chris Binkley was present to recognize our County Winners that excelled in 4-H this year. He wanted to share their "Fruits of their Labor" to the Full Commission.

At the beginning of every school year during 4-H Club enrollment, every student hears, "What you put into 4-H is what you will get from 4-H". Every year, each and every member is encouraged to participate in the variety of club activities; such as public speaking, demonstrations, posters, Clover Bowl, etc. Not only do these help with leadership, Citizenship, and teamwork, they improve each individual's confidence level. All of these learned skills helps "make the best better". This has been an exceptional year for the Van Buren County 4-H Program.

It all started this past fall when Gracie Austin, 4-H all-star member, declared her candidacy for the Central Region All-Star Council's Northeast Area Representative. During the Fall All-Star retreat, Gracie ran for this position and was elected for the position. As a part of her duties she represents Van Buren, White, Putnam, Clay, and Pickett Counties. She attends a variety of leadership trainings where she helps plan activities for the Central Region All-Star Council.

The Next big accomplishment was a state winning poster. Each year, all fourth through eighth grade students are asked to create a 4-H poster. Each classroom has one winner that will compete in the County contest. From there, the posters are narrowed down to three County winners that are sent to the regional contest. Aubrey May's "Get Rooted in 4-H" won at the regional level and was sent to the state contest where it won at the state level. Her poster was displayed at the State 4-H Congress event. Aubrey will receive twenty-five dollars and a rosette pin.

Also, at the state 4-H Congress event, Dylan Simmons participated in the state History Bowl contest. The History Bowl is much like the Clover Bowl. At this event Dylan was the first to earn 200 points to win the contest. For being the State History Bowl winner, Dylan won \$100 savings bond and a plaque that was donated by Janet Cluck, Dickson County Agent and County Director. Also, Dylan received a fifty dollar check from the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.

Lastly, at 4-H Congress Chloe' Ragland declared her candidacy for State 4-H Speaker of the House. During the week of Congress, Chloe' had to give several speeches in front of the Central Region Delegates and then all of the state 4-H Delegates. Two speeches were given at the State Capitol. On Tuesday of Congress all of the State Congress Delegates had the opportunity to vote for Governor, Speaker of the House, and Speaker of the Senate. With a run-off vote, Chloe' was elected to serve as the 4-H Speaker of the House. She will work with the State 4-H office to plan State 4-H events, including next year's Congress event.

These four 4-H members have put much time and effort into the 4-H program. Because of this, they all have received much back in return. All members are highly encouraged to work hard because 4-H does "make the best better".

Speaking for the full Commission, "We are very proud of all of our winners and the effort they have put forth in the 4-H program, Keep up the great work." Our Extension Program has exceptionally leaders, Chris Binkley, Paula Mae and Sharon Shockley. Thank you for all you do.

Old Business

None

New Business

County Attorney Howard Upchurch and County Mayor Wilson gave the Full Commission an update on TDEC and Fall Creek Falls. County Attorney Upchurch had filed a complaint with the State of Tennessee concerning the closing of Fall Creek Falls Inn, employment of County employees and revenue that would be lost due to the closing. Mr. Upchurch and Mayor Wilson have been going back and forth with the Attorney General for the last three months. TDEC has come through in some aspects not to what was wanted but it is going to help and benefit Van Buren County. They are going to reimburse Van Buren County \$200,000.00 per year for loss of revenue until the Inn is rebuilt and back up and running. There were three full time employees

that had no job placement so the County will employ the State workers and be reimbursed by the State of Tennessee until the Inn is back open.

Adjournment

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by William Maxwell to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.