

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administrative Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "R".

Call to Order

Sheriff Eddie Carter called the Meeting to Order.

Roll Call

Member present: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Michael Woodlee.

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

Approve Minutes from the November 19, 2019 Meeting

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve the Minutes from the November 19, 2019 Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Approval of Notary for Tony Daryl Turner

David Chandler a motion, second by Bill Mosley to approve the Notary for Tony Daryl Turner.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Michael Woodlee voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Approval of THDA Policies and Procedures Amendment

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES HM-19-17
VAN BUREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Van Buren County operates a program for the provision of funding under the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and is the recipient of a 2019 HOME Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby amend said Policies and Procedures effective January 15, 2020 as follows:

1. The HOME program will serve only residents who reside in Van Buren County and outside of any City limits within the County.
2. The other terms and provisions not amended hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

VAN BUREN COUNTY

Mayor Greg Wilson

Date

The THDA Policies and Procedures were approved at a previous Meeting but it included the City of Spencer so this will need to be amendment to indicate Van Buren County only. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to approve the THDA Policies and Procedures Amendment. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee A Report

Committee A

December 4, 2019

Roll Call:

Members present: Robert Van Winkle, Henry Seamons, David Chandler, Mickey Robinson, and Will Maxwell. Also, in attendance Mayor Greg Wilson, and EMS Director Tiwana Bricker

Jail ID Machine Purchase

The Sherriff Dept. had summited a request to purchase ID card equipment and software to make county employ ID Cards. Committee A suggested that the equipment be summited in form of a budget request for the 20/21 budget. **No Action Taken.**

Floor Buffer for Jail

A quote was summited to committee to purchase a floor buffer for the jail. Committee A suggested that the equipment be summited in form of a budget request for the 20/21 budget. **No Action Taken.**

EMS Medical Director

EMS Director Bricker addressed the committee about the need to obtain a new Medical Director to better serve our needs. Mayor Wilson suggested that we would have to bid this service out and would check into the proper process. EMS Director Bricker stated she would be working on bid specs in the meantime. **No Action Taken**

ARC Grant

Mayor Wilson advised the committee of an opportunity to apply for an ARC grant possibly to be used for fire equipment with a 30% match. **No Action Taken.**

Solid Waste Exemptions

David Thompson, 1600 Lemont Rd. **Move to \$7 Approved**

April Stewart, 546 Goforth Rd. **Approved**

Edith Grissom, 1235 Baker Mtn. Rd. **Approved**

Thelma Martin, 71 Mt. Elim Rd. **Approved**

Michael Stoner, 7170 Rocky River Rd. **Denied**

Anna LaVerne Grove, unknown, **Denied**

Mr. Seamons made the motion to approve the exemptions Seconded by Mr. Chandler All Voted Yes.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Chandler to Adjourn and seconded by Mr. Seamons All Voted Yes.

Committee A

January 18, 2020

Roll Call:

Members present: David Chandler, Mickey Robinson, Robert Van Winkle, Henry Seamons, and Will Maxwell. Mayor Greg Wilson also in attendance.

Budget Amendment

General Fund

51500-399 Increase by \$3,500 (Contracted Services)
51800-166 Increase by \$6,000 (Custodian)
51800-149 Decrease by \$6,000 (Labors)
51800-201 Increase by \$1,500 (Social Security)
51800-335 Increase by \$15,000 (Maintenance and repair of buildings)
51800-590 Increase by \$35,000 (Transfer Out)
54110-210 Increase by \$1,200 (Unemployment)
54210-210 Increase by \$2,500 (Unemployment)
39000—All Above will be Debit from Fund Balance to total \$58,700

Courthouse Jailhouse Maintenance

51800-338 Increase by \$1,000 (Vehicle Repair & Maint.)
51800-425 Increase by \$7,000 (Gasoline)
39000-- All above will be Debit from Fund Balance to total \$8,000

Solid Waste Fund

55731 – 412 Increase \$10,000 (Diesel Fuel)
39000—All Above will be Debit from Fund Balance to total \$10,000

Ambulance Fund

55130-210 Increase by \$1,300 (Unemployment)
39000—All Above will be Debit from Fund Balance to total \$1,300

Mr. Chandler made motion to accept the amendments as presented. Seconded by Mr. Robinson:
All Voted Yes

Repair of the Burritt College Building

Mayor Wilson presented repairs that need to be made to the building from where we used the building as county offices after the fire. Bids are being taken and will look at at a future meeting

No Action Taken

Schedule Budget hearings

February 5, starting at 10am will be the first round of budget hearings.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Robinson to Adjourn and seconded by Mr. Chandler. All Voted Yes.

Committee A Chairman William Maxwell brought forward action that needs to be taken by the Full Commission from the December 4th and January 18th Meeting.

Budget Amendments

William Maxwell brought forward Budget Amendments that needs approval, **Listed as following:**

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William Maxwell made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve these Budget Amendments.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Michael Woodlee voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Committee B Report

Committee B Minutes

01-07-2020

Members present: Brian Simmons, Joey Grissom, Bill Mosley, and Terry Hickey.

Absent: Michael Woodlee

Also present: Mayor Greg Wilson

1. Mayor Wilson brought to the attention of Committee B that Commissioner Mosley requested to sell the 4 small Weigh Scales in Solid Waste after discussion it was decided to sell 3 and the Epson Printers as well through Gov.Deals with a \$1000.00 dollar reserve on each. Bill Mosley made the motion Terry Hickey seconded the motion all voted in favor of said motion.
2. Mayor Greg Wilson requested for the Burritt College building to advertise for bids to repair sheetrock, paint, and possibly new tile. Terry Hickey made a motion to approve to advertise for bids Bill Mosley seconded the said motion all voted yes.
3. Mayor Wilson ask to advertise bids for the scrubbing, waxing and sealing of all tile in the Administrative Building. Joey Grissom made the motion to advertise for this bid Terry Hickey seconded the said motion. All voted yes.

With no further business Chairman Simmons ask for a motion to adjourn. Bill Mosley made the motion Terry Hickey seconded the said motion all voted yes.

Committee B Chairman Brian Simmons brought forward action that needs to be taken from the Full Commission from the January 7, 2020 Meeting.

Solid Waste (4 weigh scales)

Solid Waste has 4 small weigh scales that aren't being used. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Michael Woodlee to sell 3 of the 4 scales and the Epson printers on Gov. Deals with a \$1000.00 reserve on each. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Repairs at Burritt College Building

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Terry Hickey to advertise for bids to repair sheetrock, paint, and possibly new tile. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

The floors at the New Administrative Building

Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Bill Mosley to advertise for bids on scrubbing, waxing and sealing of all tile in the Administrative Building. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Approval of Private Act for General Sessions Judge for Van Buren County 2022

The Full Commission has spoken for a while now about electing Van Buren County's own General Sessions Judge in 2022. This Judge would be a resident of Van Buren County. After much discussion on this matter, Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by David Chandler to table this till the next County Commission meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Resolution for Tennessee Downtown Education Revitalization Program

RESOLUTION NUMBER 415

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VAN BUREN COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TENNESSEE DOWNTOWNS PROGRAM, A DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION EDUCATION AND GRANT PROGRAM OFFIERED BY THE TENNESSEE MAIN STREET PROGRAM AND THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DDEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Downtowns Program has been created to help communities fully understand what it takes to embark on a comprehensive revitalization effort for downtown thought a 24-month education and Grant process; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development will be selecting Tennessee Cities to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns Program based on a competitive application process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF VAN BUREN COUNTY, that the County;

Endorses the submission of this application and agrees to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns Program if selected; and

Endorses the goal of Economic Revitalization of the Downtown within the context of the Preservation and Rehabilitation of its Historic Building; and

Endorses the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee members participation in all required Meetings/Training Session for the Tennessee Downtowns Program; and

Endorses Van Buren County as the non-profit organization to house the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee and serve as the financial conduit for Associated Grants.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

MAYOR GREG WILSON

COUNTY CLERK LISA RIGSBY

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to approve the Resolution for Tennessee Downtown Education Revitalization Program.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Michael Woodlee voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

2020 Fair Board Members for approval

There were many members of the Van Buren County Fair Board present at the Meeting. Fair Board Chairman Lesa Bouldin introduced the members present to the Full Commission also giving them an update of their ongoing progress and a financial report. Ms. Bouldin asked for approval of Deborah Cole, Cheryl McGuire, Cale Crain, Johnny Ferguson, Andrew Dodson and Destiny Guy to be added to this Board. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Michael Woodlee for approval of said members to be added to the Van Buren County Fair Board. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. **The following are the 2020 Fair Board Member for the record:**

Lesa Bouldin	Drew Campbell	Andrew Dodson
Penny Baker	Crystal Young	Destiny Guy
Shawn Roberts	Leon DeWeese	Mickey Robinson
Deborah Cole	Rip Van Winkle	Katina Simmons
Joan Moffitt	Tabitha Robinson	Johnny Ferguson
Kendra Farmer Kirby	Cheryl McGuire	
Karla Yates	Cale Crain	

Library Board Appointments

Interim Chairman Shawn Roberts of the Van Buren County Library Board bought forward two names to be added to the existing Library Board to finishes out terms: **Marlene Delong and Shirley Cummings with terms ending April 2020.** William Maxwell move to approve those members to the Library Board with Brian Simmons seconded. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 416

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE SUPPORT TO LEGISLATION WHICH DIRECTS TENNCARE TO REIMBURSE GROUND AMBULANCE PROVIDERS AT A RATE NOT LESS THAN THE CURRENT MEDICARE FEE SCHEDULE AND ADDING FUNDING TO THE 2020-2021 STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, with the growth of our great State and the need for more and more services of all kinds, especially emergency medical services and the continuing rising costs of medical care, our agencies are constantly searching for more resources; and

WHEREAS, more rural hospitals are being closed and community clinics are being downsized, requiring great needs for ambulance services as the first line of care providers and transportation from remote areas; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid (TennCare) reimbursement has not increased since the inception of the TN Medicaid managed care system; and

WHEREAS, Medicare rates do not reflect the actual cost to operate ambulance services and TennCare rates are, in most cases, half of what Medicare provides, forcing limitations of services and placing a greater burden on local agencies and Citizens; and

WHEREAS, ambulance services throughout the State, in order to meet growing emergency needs and reduce the burden on the local governments and taxpayers need assistance in improving funding for these lifesaving services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Van Buren County Board of County Commissioners Meeting in regular session on this the 21st day of January, 2020, that this body does hereby ask that we show our support for Legislation which directs TennCare to reimburse ground ambulance providers at a rate not less than the current Medicare fee schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body does hereby pray that our State Representatives and Senators be contacted and encouraged to support Legislation which directs TennCare to reimburse ground ambulance providers at a rate not less than the current Medicare fee schedule; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our delegates also request that the funding for this much needed change be provided within the Governor's FY-2021 budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that through this increased funding does not cover the full cost of services, it will begin an effort to aid our Communities as demand continues to increase for EMS system resources across the State including the costs of maintaining staff, equipment and training for pre-hospital emergency medical services, and filling the gap of the reduction in

hospitals throughout Tennessee that is rendering EMS systems as the first line of care for many Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall send copies of this Resolution to the members of the General assembly representing Van Buren County.

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2020.

Vote Count Yes: 10 No: 0

APPROVED:

County Mayor Greg Wilson

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby

William Maxwell moved to approve this Resolution as presented, seconded by David Chandler. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by William Maxwell to adjourn. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chairman Joey Grissom

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby