

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

The Van Buren County Commission met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Van Buren County Administration Facility & Justice Center. The following action was taken as recorded in Minute Book, "S".

Call to Order

Jarrold Campbell called the Meeting to Order.

Mayor Greg Wilson led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Also present: Standing in for County Attorney Howard Upchurch was Stacey Farmer, County Mayor Greg Wilson, County Clerk Lisa Rigsby, Financial Director Jessica Grissom, and Jay William with zoom and several Citizens from Van Buren County.

Approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2022 Meeting

Mickey Robinson made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Meeting. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Resignation of Michael Woodlee 1st District Commissioner

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Bill Mosley to accept this resignation.

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

Commissioner Brian Simmons stated he was contacted by Michael Woodlee and Mr. Woodlee stated, "He had to resign because he moved out of his district so he is no longer able to serve the 1st District." **Letter of Resignation as following:**

(No subject)

Michael Woodlee <woodleemichael@gmail.com>

Tue 1/25/2022 12:07 PM

To: Greg Wilson <mayorgwilson@outlook.com>

Good afternoon,

We have moved into our new home and are no longer residing within district 1, with that being said I am hereby resigning as a County Commissioner. It has been a great pleasure serving our very great County. The sale of our house was somewhat unexpected leaving us very little time to find something within district 1. Thank you and have a wonderful day. It has been a great experience working with you as well as the other commissioners.

Appointment of 1st District Commissioner Candidates are as following: Cale Crain, Dusty Madewell, Brian Hickerson, and Tim Harris. Tim Harris withdrew his name.

Chairman Joey Grissom announced the Candidates that the Full Commission will be voting on to replace Michael Woodlee in the 1st District to finish up Mr. Woodlee's term. Bill Mosley nominated Brian Hickerson. Chairman Grissom ask each candidate to come up and introduce themselves and accept questions from the Full Commission. All Candidates did come up and did very well introducing themselves and answering all questions. William Maxwell nominated Cale Crain. There were 2 nominations on the floor. Chairman Grissom ask if there were any more action. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson for all nominations to cease. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

1st Candidate: Cale Crain

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, and Robert Van Winkle voted yes. Bill Mosley abstained. 8-Yes votes, 1-Abstained.

2nd Candidate: Brian Hickerson

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Bill Mosley, and Brian Simmons voted yes. William Maxwell, Mickey Robinson, Henry Seamons, and Robert Van Winkle voted no. 5-Yes votes, 4-No votes.

The New Commissioner voted in was Cale Crain. Mayor Greg Wilson swore him in at that time and Commissioner Crain took his seat. All Candidates letters to the Full Commission are as following:

County Commissioner 1st District

MADE <dustymadewell@gmail.com>

Tue 2/8/2022 10:47 PM

To: mayorgwilson@outlook.com <mayorgwilson@outlook.com>

Mayor Wilson and the Board of Commissioners,

It would be a privilege for me to be considered and approved as a commissioner for my district. I am a native to Van Buren with a love for this county. I know being a commissioner is an important position. Being a commissioner has been on my mind for a few years now, but I have not had the green light to pursue the position. It has purely been because I felt others were better fit to serve than myself. However I feel that at this point in my life I am fully ready to fill a vacancy as commissioner. I would enjoy being able to get more involved with my local government and being an aid in whatever capacity I can be. As a young man with a family, I desire for our community to stay a great community to live and grow up in. I want to be a part of the board of commissioners to help aid in the decisions being made and continue to better our community. I feel that being self employed for 16 years now has given me experience with running a successful business and plenty of experience dealing with the public. I know these are two of many important parts of being a commissioner. I want you to know that I am someone that is continuing to learn and better myself to be the best I can be. I believe that I am viewed by those who know me as an honest individual. I would not take this position lightly or bring any bad light to the board or this county. Again, I hope to be considered for this position and to be given an opportunity to serve my community alongside you.

Thank you,
Dusty Madewell
878 Sparta St.
Spencer, TN 38585

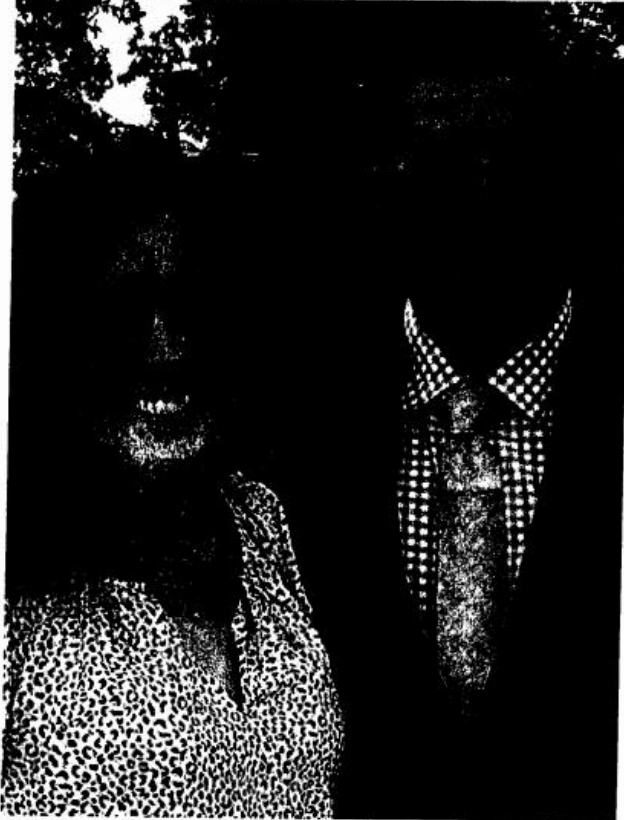
Appointment of District 1 Commissioner

Gmail <thevanburennews@gmail.com>

Tue 2/8/2022 9:20 PM

To: Dnchandler161@aol.com <Dnchandler161@aol.com>; seamonshenrt@gmail.com <seamonshenrt@gmail.com>; bgrissiom@blomand.net <bgrissiom@blomand.net>; Wrm2a1619@yahoo.com <Wrm2a1619@yahoo.com>; Brian Simmons <mountainmansimmons@gmail.com>; Greg Wilson <mayorgwilson@outlook.com>

I would like to have Bryan Hickerson's name added as consideration for appointment to fill the vacancy of the position of Commissioner of District 1.



Bryan Hickerson is married to Sarah Creasy Hickerson. He is:

- A Life Long resident of Van Burn County.
- A graduate of Leadership Van Buren.
- Has a working knowledge and understanding of Local Governmental Budgeting.
- Experienced in Local Governmental Budget and Accounting practices.
- Currently works in the field of Engineering and Power Distribution for Electrical Utilities.
- Experienced in working with Middle Tennessee Industrial Development Association.

Let me know if you have received this email and if I need to do anything else. You can reach me at [931-808-1069](tel:931-808-1069).

District 1

Cale S. Crain <Cale.S.Crain@tn.gov>

Wed 2/9/2022 9:20 AM

To: mayorgwilson@outlook.com <mayorgwilson@outlook.com>

Good Morning,

I would like to be appointed for the position of District 1 County Commissioner. If you need anything else from me just let me know.

Thank you,



Institution Sanitation Officer Cale Crain
Bledsoe County Correctional Complex
1045 Horsehead Rd.
Pikeville, TN 37367
423-881-6172

Notary approval of Krystle Rae Hunt

David Chandler made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to approve the Notary for Krystle Rae Hunt.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Bill Mosley, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Cale Crain voted yes. William Maxwell and Henry Seamons voted no. Mickey Robinson had to leave the meeting at 6:10 p.m. 7-Yes votes, 2-No votes. Motion passed.

Notary approval for Karla Faye Hutson

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Bill Mosley to approve the Notary for Karla Faye Hutson.

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

Quarterly Reports

William Maxwell made a motion, second by David Chandler to approve all Quarterly Reports as presented.

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

Budget Amendments (Correction from January Meeting.)

This Budget Amendment was approved in January but had the wrong number of Retirement line, this needs to be corrected from 210 to 204. William Maxwell made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to approve the correction in the minutes from line 210 to 204.

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle, and Cale Crain voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as following:**

Van Buren Co. Executive Highway Dept
 2021-2022 Budget Amendments Fund 131

| Function | Obj. | Description | Explanation | Debit | Credit |
|----------|------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| 66000 | 204 | Retirement | | | \$ 210.00 |
| 39000 | | Fund Balace | | \$ 210.00 | |
| | | | Total | \$ 210.00 | \$ 210.00 |

Was approved in January Commission meeting. Needs to be corrected. Retirement is 204 not 210
 Jps

2nd Correction of Budget Amendment (from August 2021 Meeting)

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Robert Van Winkle to create line item 122-54150-718. Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Bill Mosley, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle, and Cale Crain voted yes. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed. **Budget Amendment as following:**

Aug. 2021 minute

Transfer of Funds for the Sheriff's Department for new vehicles

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to approve the increase 101-51110-309, Contracts with Government Agent, by \$1,185.00 from County General Fund Balance for increase cost for the Police interceptors. (One vehicle will be paid for through the USDA Grant and the other will be paid for through the Drug Control Fund)

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

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Mickey Robinson to increase 101-54110-718 by \$37,199.00 from 122-21500-590 Drug Control for the purchase of the Police interceptors.

* 102-54150-718*

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

Committee B Reports

Committee B Meeting January 25, 2022

Members Present: Bill Mosley, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, Brian Simmons, Mayor Wilson.

Also Present: Melissa Harmon, also the owner of Fire Fly Acers, Several Citizens of the County.

Item 1 BDS real estate proposal.

Melissa Harmon spoke to member about 3 offers on the property she said the property had been shown 9 times to interested Parties, She has received 3 offers. Offer 1 was for 150,000.00.

But that offer has been withdrawn, offer 2 was for 170,000.00 but this offer is contingent on the party selling their current Home and is a verbal offer. Offer 3 is a cash offer for 160,000.00 and party has signed a contract. After discussion Bill Mosley Made a motion for a counter offer of 275,000.00 this motion did not receive a second so motion failed. After additional Discussion a motion was made by Terry Hickey to make a Counter offer of 212,000.00 motion was second by Joey Grissom. Roll call vote as follows: Bill Mosley NO Terry Hickey YES Joey Grissom YES Brian Simmons YES motion passed to bring Counter to full commission.

Item 2 Remodel Masonic building to be used as a daycare.

We have been approached by 3 different parties in the last few months about renting the masonic building for a daycare. This would require Between 27,000.00 and 32,000.00 dollar to bring the building Up to standers for a daycare facility. We have now learned we would be permitted to use covid 19 grant money to do this Work. After discussion we feel this would be an asset to the Citizens of Van Buren County since demand is so high for Daycare in our county. We discussed that the upper level of the building could be used as the care area and the lower Level would have to be used as a kitchen area only. Motion made by Terry and seconded by Joey to bring to full Commission for approval. Roll call vote all voted in favor.

New business

Piney Creek Road, discussion was held to extend Piney Creek Road by 900 feet. This is already a County road and appears on our road list and maps. Motion made by Bill Mosley to send to Full commission second by Terry all voted in favor.

Terry made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bill all voted in favor.

Committee B Chairman Brian Simmons brought forward action that needs to be taken from the Full Commission from the January 25, 2022 Committee B Meeting.

Remodel Masonic building to be used as a daycare

The County Commission has been approached by several different parties interested in renting the Masonic building for a daycare. The Commission requested that Mayor Wilson get an amount it would take to bring this building up to standards for a daycare. The amount came in to be from \$27,000.00 to \$32,000.00 and the Mayor has informed the Commission that the America Rescue Plan (Covid Grant) has lifted its restrictions to where if the Commission submits a detailed plan of what the money will be used for that money will be allowed. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Terry Hickey to go ahead and get this started. Mayor Wilson will be taking bids for the building to be brought up to standards for a daycare.

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

Piney Creek Road

Piney Creek Road is already a County Road and is also on the Road Maps. Committee B would like to extend the Road an extra 900 feet. Committee B has already spoken to the Road Superintendent and he has no problem with this. Brian Simmons made a motion, second by Bill Mosley to approve this.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

The Old BDS Property

Melissa Harmon presented to the Full Commission the 2 offers on the old BDS property owned by the County. The 1st offer at \$170,000.00 was rejected by the Full Commission at the last County Commission Meeting so the offer was up to \$225,000.00 however it is still on the contingency of the sale of his home. His plans with the property is to open an Auto replace Fabrication Shop, specializing in off the road vehicles. The land will be turned into a motor sports complex for events which will bring together the Community and bring in other people from all over the Nation to boost the local economy. Aaron is a married man with kids and he will be also putting a home on this property. His home will go on the Market if this offer is accepted. He will put his current home on the market if this offer is accepted.

2nd Offer

Mrs. Harmon explained to the Full Commission that we have another competing offer that came in last night. Melisa Harmon introduced Jason to come up and tell what his ideas are with the property. His offer is \$220,000.00, He already has a loan approved on a home and we are kind of using that approval at this moment. The Bank is still working on his loan. He has no contingencies with no inspections. Last year Jason started a non-profit business and the purpose of this is for families who depend on their vehicles for medical reasons to get to school and visit family. Jason stated, "I work for Metro Nashville Police Department and I see a lot of crashes, unfortunately deaths are cause by thing that could have been prevented if people could afford to do up keep to their vehicle to keep them safe and operable on the roads."

Commissioner Terry Hickey spoke up and ask, "The 1st offer has to sell his house before he can purchase and the 2nd offer is ready to buy it now?" Melissa Harmon stated, "Correct, and the offers differs by \$5000.00." Terry Hickey made a motion, second by William Maxwell to except this offer of \$220,000.00 on the BDS Property and sale it within 30 days. (Both offers want the Property to be cleaned before they take over.)

Upon roll call: David Chandler, Joey Grissom, Terry Hickey, William Maxwell, Henry Seamons, Brian Simmons, Robert Van Winkle and Cale Crain voted yes. Bill Mosley voted no. 8-Yes votes, 1-No vote. No changes to any yes vote. Motion passed.

Fund Balance Report from Mayor Wilson

Mayor Wilson gave each Commissioner a Trial Balance Report and went over each Fund Balance for the Commission and the public.

- The Mayor went over the American Rescue Plan (Covid) money the amount and how it can be used.
- Purchasing the County's roll off truck with the Covid money. (\$125,000.00)
- TDEC Infrastructure Grant in the amount of 2.3 million dollars. (Water line projects) The Plan has to be sent in by May 2022. A Committee has been set up and will meet with the 3 Utility Districts to decide and work on a Plan.

Approve Cale Crain to Committee B (Grounds)

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Brian Simmons to approve placing Cale Crain to Committee B in replacing Michael Woodlee. All agreed by voice vote. Motion passed.

Adjournment

William Maxwell made a motion, second by Henry Seamons to adjourn. All approved by voice vote. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Chairman Joey Grissom

County Clerk Lisa Rigsby