

January 9, 2023

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

The Williamson County Commission, the Legislative Body of Williamson County, was called to order by Chairman Brian Beathard on January 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Complex, Franklin, Tennessee.

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The invocation was given by Commissioner Graves.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led Commissioner Mason.

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ROLL CALL

County Clerk Jeff Whidby announced 24 'present' and 0 'absent' as follows:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

\*Commissioner Sturgeon participated in the meeting remotely via Webex.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Torres moved to approve the minutes of the regular November 14, 2022, meeting of the Williamson County Commission, the Legislative Body of Williamson County. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Smith. Motion passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 'Yes' and 0 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

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CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Chairman Beathard explained the rules for Citizens Communication. Eleven individuals signed up to address the Commission.

Bill Petty, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Karen Cochran, Franklin, addressed the Commission and stated her support of Resolution No. 1-23-16, Resolution of Support for State Legislation that Would Permit Local Governments in Tennessee to Provide Tax Relief for Certain Historical Commercial Properties.

Frank Limpus, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Sharon Spiegel, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Elise Farrell, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Heidi Hood, Franklin, addressed the Commission and stated her support of Resolution No. 1-23-16, Resolution of Support for State Legislation that Would Permit Local Governments in Tennessee to Provide Tax Relief for Certain Historical Commercial Properties.

Rozanne Jackson, Franklin, addressed the Commission and stated her support of Resolution No. 1-23-16, Resolution of Support for State Legislation that Would Permit Local Governments in Tennessee to Provide Tax Relief for Certain Historical Commercial Properties.

Valerie Williams, Brentwood, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Laura Turner, Franklin, addressed the Commission and asked that the County take measures to protect historical places and artifacts across the County.

Joni Cole, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

Rudy Johnson, Franklin, addressed the Commission regarding new voting machines in the County.

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COMMUNICATIONS and MESSAGES

Chairman Beathard stated that Resolution No. 1-23-1, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2022-23 Juvenile Services Budget by \$5,837.04 – Revenues to Come From County General Budget, has been pulled at the request of Judge Guffee.

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Chairman Beathard asked if there were any objections to moving Resolution No. 1-23-1, Resolution of Support for State Legislation to Create a Tax Classification Bracket for Certain Commercial and Residential Historical Properties, forward on the Agenda. There were no objections. Chairman Beathard stated that Resolution No. 1-23-1 would be heard as the first Resolution on the Agenda.

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REPORT

COUNTY MAYOR

Mayor Anderson introduced Clair Cochran as the new Human Resources Director for the County.

Ms. Cochran thanked Mayor Anderson for the opportunity and stated she is looking forward to serve in her new role.

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Mayor Anderson asked Phoebe Reilly, Budget Director, to give the financial report.

Ms. Reilly stated that each Commissioner received Form CT-0253, regarding \$71,580,000 in County District School Bonds, Series 2022. (Copies of Form CT-0253 are on file in the Clerk's office.)

Ms. Reilly stated that each Commissioner received Form CT-0253, regarding \$46,050,000 in General Obligation Public Improvement and School Bonds, Series 2022. (Copies of Form CT-0253 are on file in the Clerk's office.)

Ms. Reilly stated that the October and November Budget Reports show that everything is on track. She stated that the Cool Springs Marriot Conference Center reports for October and November show positive collections for the County. Ms. Reilly stated that the Privilege Tax Report for November shows an increase in collections compared to the total collections in October. She also stated that the County has approximately \$60,645,000 in Education Impact Fees that can be used by the County.

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Mayor Anderson asked Matt Largen, Williamson Inc., CEO, to address the Commission.

Mr. Largen stated that business is going well in the County and stated that there were 69 ribbon cutting events across the County last year. Mr. Largen provided information to the Commission regarding businesses in the County (Information on file in the Clerk's office).

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## SCHOOLS

Director of Schools Jason Golden stated that the School System is currently working on its new Five Year Plan. He stated that the current school year has been very good so far.

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## WILLIAMSON MEDICAL CENTER

Chief Executive Officer Phil Mazzuca provided an update on various construction projects currently underway at Williamson Medical Center.

Chief Financial Officer Mike Jenness stated that November was a strong month financially for Williamson Medical Center and stated that the hospital's cash position is very strong with a debt ratio of 3.23.

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## ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### COUNTY MAYOR:

STORM WATER APPEALS BOARD

Three Year Term - Expiring 1/24

Term Expiring – Davis Lamb  
Term Expiring – Brad Hoot  
Term Expiring – Liz McLaurin

Nomination – Davis Lamb  
Nomination – Brad Hoot  
Nomination – Liz McLaurin

Commissioner Steve Smith moved to accept the above nominations to the Storm Water Appeals Board. Seconded by Commissioner Guffee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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COUNTY COMMISSION:

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

To Fill an Unexpired Term – Expiring 3/27

Resigned – Dave Ausbrooks

Nomination – Matthew Roberts

Commissioner Guffee moved to accept Matthew Roberts to the Zoning Appeals Board, seconded by Commissioner Sanford. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were placed on the Consent Agenda:

NOTARIES

**NEW**

BALDONI, ALISON  
BRADSHAW, SEAN P.  
BRADY, STEVEN JABAAR  
BUCKLER, ALEX WAYNE  
CARTER, RILEY BLAKE  
COLAGROSS, DENISE  
COLLINS, KRISTY S.  
CRONAN, LANE  
CUADRA, JACQUELINE  
DAVIS, BRANDI LEE  
DOVER, LORAIN  
DUFF, DEBRA L.  
ENGLAND, KATHRYN McNABB  
ENGLE, KRISTY  
FERGUSON, MAGAN ALYSHA  
FRANKLIN, CLAYTON FRANKLIN  
FU, YACHI  
GAILEY, MIA B.  
GAVECK, STEPHANIE DENA

**NEW**

GIPSON, JENNIFER HILARY  
GONZALES, ALBERTO R.  
GONZALEZ, SARAH BETH  
GRAY, CAITLIN ALEXANDRA  
GRISHAM, MELISSA S.  
HATCHETT, BRIDGET FIELDS  
HINCA, MALIA GRACE  
HOOD, NATALIE H.  
HOSFORD, BRAYDEN RAINEY  
HUNTER, MEGHAN ASHLEY  
JEFFERSON, CANDICE M.  
JEFFERSON, CARLOS AVERY  
JELONEK, RACHAEL MARIE  
JOHNSON, CATHY SPEERS  
JOHNSON, NICOLE LA'SHA  
KERSIE, JORIE C.  
KUTCHER, SHANNON PATRICIA  
LAFRAMBOISE, CASEY MARIE  
LEHMAN, AUSTIN GRAHAM

**NEW**

LILLEY, MARY ELIZABETH  
 LLOYD, OLIVIA GREY  
 LONGMIRE, ADRIA LEIGH  
 LUCAS, BRIAN WAYNE  
 MALCHOW, AUBREY MICHELLE  
 MANNING, FREDERICK GEORGE, JR.  
 McGREW, MARLIN W.  
 McMAHON, ANDREA DENISE  
 McNEIL, AUTUMN NICOLE  
 MERCED, JASMIN FRANCESCA  
 MEZERA, CAROL ANN EILEEN  
 NEILL, ALISA T.  
 NORD, CARRIE DAWN  
 NUTTER, BARBARA J.  
 ODEN, RANDALL ALLEN  
 PROPHET, EMILY HAGAN  
 REYNOLDS, RACHEL MARIE  
 RICCHEY, MARY M.  
 RIDLEY, MEAGAN ELIZABETH  
 ROBERTS, LANDON CRAIG  
 SHAW, MICHELLE L.  
 SHERTZER, MEGAN JEWEL  
 SMALL, DALHYA GRACE  
 SMITH-TIDWELL, LOIS ELIZABETH  
 SORIANO, ANGELINA MAREE  
 STEPHENS, ASHLEIGH ROSE  
 STEWART, KRISTINA LYNN  
 STONE, EVAN ROVERT  
 THOMAS, NANCY E.  
 THOMPSON, MICHELE L.  
 VILLAR-BYERS, GREGORY A.  
 WADHWA, RAJIV  
 WALKER, SHELLI  
 WATSON, RACHEL DIANNE  
 WHISENANT, STACEY L.  
 WHITESEL, KAYLEE ANN  
 WIDRIG, JAMES LEE  
 WILLIAMS, RONALD DALE  
 WOOD, BEVERLY J.  
 ZANOLINI, CLAUDIA CAMERON  
 ZIRKER, KARLITA

**RENEWALS**

ASHWORTH, ROBERT  
 BECKHAM, PATRICIA  
 BERRYESSA, TERESA  
 BOONE, DONNA M.  
 BOWEN, KRISTA T.  
 BRADY, VIRGINIA B.  
 BUNTIN, KAREN A.  
 BURNETT, SHARON R.  
 CAMPBELL, KAITLYN  
 CAPERS, BRENDA  
 CARTER, BARBARA S.  
 CEBULSKI, TONI C.  
 CLIFFORD, LEONORA GREEN

**RENEWALS**

COTHRON, JANET S.  
 DAVIS, DEIRDRE L.  
 DAVIS, SAVANNAH  
 DEBELIUS, CAROLYN A.  
 DERRY, TONYA M.  
 DeYAGER, KAREN  
 DUTY, LAURIE  
 FLOWERS, JIM PAT  
 FOY, ASHLEY  
 GLENN, STEPHANIE A.  
 GRIFFITH, LAURYN  
 HARRISON, CLEVE B.  
 HOHL, DAVID G.  
 HOLLINGSHEAD, KIM  
 HOOD, DEANA C.  
 HOSS, TRACIE D.  
 HOSTETTER-KREIDER, MARILYN J.  
 HUGHES, CALEB  
 HUISENGA, BETH A.  
 ISAACS, ELIZABETH  
 JOHNSON, MELODY  
 JOHNSON, STEPHANIE D.  
 JONES, JAMES  
 JONES, MICHAEL W.  
 JONES, SANDRA L.  
 JONES, WILL  
 KELLY, DAVID O.  
 KINNEY, ABIGAIL  
 KUNC, LAUREN R.  
 LEWIS, REBECCA M.  
 LOCKHART, KIM  
 LOVVORN, CASSIE  
 McALLESTER, SAM J., III.  
 MITILINEOS, A. REBECCA  
 MONTROSS, KATHRYN SUE  
 MURPHY, PAUL  
 NANCE, AMY CROSS  
 NICDAO, LORENE JUNE  
 NOVELLI, KIM  
 PAJIC, ERICA  
 PALMERI, MICHELLE  
 PARENTE, DAVID  
 PATTERSON, BRANDI  
 PEEK, TAHLIAH A.  
 POURTEAU, SHANNON  
 PRATT, SUE R.  
 RANA, RIYA  
 RICHARDSON, JOLENE D.  
 RUDOLPH, GINA G.  
 SAWRIE, MARILYN  
 SCHMIDT, APRIL KAY  
 SHARP, TERESA DALTON  
 SHOCKLEY, TAMMRA  
 SLOAN, KIMBERLY LYNN  
 SMITH, ZACHARY L.  
 SPANN, KIMBRA

**RENEWALS**

STOGNER, WILL  
STYLES, JULIA D.  
THOMPSON, KEN  
TORRES, STACY  
VAN DRUNEN, KRISTI

VINCE, MICHAEL STANLEY  
WALTON, KATHERINE ELIZABETH  
WHITE, DEVONNE  
WILSON, RACHEL  
WIMPELBERG, ANGELA M.  
WOODALL, RYAN

**RENEWALS**

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ACCEPTING ROADS

RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-19

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023 WILLIAMSON COUNTY ROAD LIST**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 54-10-103, it is the responsibility of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners to annually approve the County Road List and to classify the County roads into no more than four classes of widths;

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Williamson County Highway Superintendent to submit to the Board of Commissioners the proposed County Road List recommending the classification of each road by width and including a summary of all changes that have occurred since the acceptance of the previous road list; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommended 2022 road list is attached and contains all of the information required under *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 54-10-103.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 hereby accepts the 2022 Williamson County Road List, as attached in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 54-10-103.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a complete 2023 Williamson County Road List be maintained on file in the County Clerk’s Office.

/s/ Judy Herbert  
County Commissioner

COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:  
Highway Commission For:  5  Against:  0

\*Attachments – On file in Clerk’s Office

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RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-20

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ROADS IN McDANIEL FARMS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 1 AS A PART OF THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM FOR MAINTENANCE BY THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOCATED OFF BETHESDA ROAD**

**WHEREAS,** a report has been prepared and included herein as specified in Section 18 of the Williamson County Private Acts, 1937, Chapter No. 373 as Amended, prescribing the acceptance of roads as County Roads; and

**WHEREAS,** the roads listed herein have satisfied the bonding periods prescribed by the Williamson County Subdivision Regulations, and are found to meet the specified Standards of said Subdivision regulations; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners through its Highway Commission to accept and maintain public roads for the general welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the County Board of Commissioners that:

The following roads be accepted as part of the County Road System for maintenance by the Williamson County Highway Department:

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Road(s)</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Assessed Value Of Property Adjoining Roadway</u>	<u>Roadway Cost Estimate</u>
McDaniel Farms	Windmill Dr.	.251	Southeast	\$15,314,900.00	\$107,428.00
Section One	Betts Ct.	.063	Southeast	\$2,249,200.00	\$26,964.00
	Flushing Dr.	.261	Southeast	\$13,389,500.00	\$111,708.00

/s/ Judy Herbert  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**  
Highway Commission For: 5 Against: 0

\*Attachments – On file in Clerk’s Office

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Commissioner Steve Smith moved to accept the complete Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Sturgeon. The motion passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-16**

Commissioner Mason moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-16, seconded by Commissioner Stresser.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PERMIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN TENNESSEE TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN HISTORICAL COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES**



**WHEREAS,** the viability of owning a business within certain historical properties in the State is threatened by pressure from urbanization, commercial development, and unprecedented levels of migration into the State from across the country which has altogether significantly raised the property values of buildings located in historical areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the resulting tax burden is felt not only by owners of historical properties, but also by local business owners and commercial renters who have experienced exorbitant property tax assessment increases passed down through their leases, and community citizens who depend on the continuing existence of these historic properties as well as the businesses that reside in them, resulting in an undue hardship not otherwise experienced by property owners and commercial tenants of non-historical properties; and

**WHEREAS,** historical commercial properties contribute to the unique character of many local communities and help attract billions of tourism dollars into the state of Tennessee, providing local governments and the State with the sales tax revenue necessary to maintain thriving communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of this resolution is to create mechanisms to allow local governments to offer relief to businesses operating in historical commercial properties so that historical commercial properties may continue to thrive and to include the ability of local governments to create mechanisms within the property assessment and taxation system; and

**WHEREAS,** helping to preserve historical commercial properties through a tax relief program that local governments can opt into is a valid public purpose that will result in a net benefit to local communities across the State of Tennessee:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby acknowledges its support for and requests the Tennessee General Assembly to adopt legislation including the following initiatives to address concerns regarding the future economic viability of historical commercial properties:

- Section 1: Create legislation that would permit local governments to craft local tax relief programs for historical commercial properties experiencing a certain level of increased value assessment and defining the criteria and application of historical commercial zones;
- Section 2: Provide local governments with guidance and classifications on how to define what constitutes historical commercial properties and implement overlay zones and criteria for the historical properties that may be eligible for tax relief under the new legislation; and
- Section 3: Include a provision in the legislation that would allow local governments to “opt in” to the tax relief legislation creating local choice in the participation in said tax classification system.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that upon approval of this resolution and its signing, the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk’s Office to mail a copy of this resolution to Williamson County’s State Representatives and State Senators.

/s/ Mary Smith  
County Commissioner

/s/ Jennifer Mason  
County Commissioner

/s/ David Landrum  
County Commissioner

/s/ Greg Lawrence  
County Commissioner

/s/ Lisa Lenox  
County Commissioner

/s/ Sean Aiello  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Tax Study Committee For: 3 Against: 1  
Budget Committee For: \* Against:     \*Did not vote – lack of second

Commissioner Sturgeon stated her support for the Resolution.

Commissioner Richards stated his opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Mason stated that the Tax Study Commission revised the initial Resolution after it failed in November and made an attempt to address the concerns expressed at the November Commission meeting. She stated her support for the Resolution.

Commissioner Herbert stated her opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Tunncliffe stated his opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Williams stated his support for the Resolution.

Commissioner Graves stated his support for the Resolution tonight but stated he doesn't know if he will support the Resolution when it is brought back to the Commission in the future.

Commissioner Sanford stated his opposition to the Resolution.

Commissioner Lenox stated her support for the Resolution.

Commissioner Mary Smith stated her support for the Resolution.

Commissioner Herbert called for the question. Seconded by Commissioner Steve Smith. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Beathard stated that the State delegation asked for the Resolution to receive a super majority (16 votes) in order to be forwarded to them.

Resolution No. 1-23-16 passed by recorded vote, 17 'Yes' and 7 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Sean Aiello	Gregg Lawrence	Barb Sturgeon	Judy Herbert
Brian Beathard	Lisa Lenox	Drew Torres	Betsy Hester
Brian Clifford	Jennifer Mason	Matt Williams	Erin Nations
Jeff Graves	Chas Morton		Chris Richards
Meghan Guffee	Mary Smith		Greg Sanford
Ricky Jones	Steve Smith		Tom Tunncliffe
David Landrum	Pete Stresser		Paul Webb

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-2**

Commissioner Guffee moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-2, seconded by Commissioner Stresser.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET BY \$ 360.00 – REVENUES TO COME FROM STATE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Health Department received notice from the State of Tennessee’s Unclaimed Property Division that funds in the amount of \$360.00 had been turned over to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State identified the Williamson County Health Department as the rightful owner; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Health Director submitted a claim and necessary documentation to acquire the funds; and

**WHEREAS**, a reimbursement check for \$360.00 payable to the Williamson County Health Department was received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 2022-23 Health Department budget be amended as follows:

**REVENUES:**

Other Local Revenues  
(101.00000.449900.00000.00.00.00) **\$360.00**

**EXPENDITURES:**

Maintenance & Repair Services  
(101.55110.533500.00000.00.00.00) **\$360.00**

/s/ Judy Herbert  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Public Health Committee For: 4 Against: 0  
Budget Committee For: 3 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-2 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-3**

Commissioner Webb moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-3, seconded by Commissioner Mary Smith.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES AND APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 ARCHIVES BUDGET BY \$4,097 – REVENUES TO COME FROM GRANT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS,** Williamson County ("County") is a governmental entity of the State of Tennessee and, as such, is authorized to enter into agreements with state agencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Archives applied for and received a grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives in an amount not to exceed \$4,097; and

**WHEREAS,** the grant does not require any matching funds; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it in the interest of its citizens to enter into the grant agreement on behalf of the Williamson County Archives to be used for the purchase of technology equipment and supplies:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, this the 9th day of January, 2023, hereby authorizes the Williamson County Mayor to enter into a grant agreement on behalf of the Williamson County Library with the State of Tennessee, Department of State, Tennessee State Library and Archives as well as all other documents necessary to receive the grant funding and fulfill its contractual obligations;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the 2022-23 Williamson County Archives budget be amended as follows:

**REVENUES:**

State Grant Archives	<b>\$4,097</b>
101.00000.469800.00000.00.00.00.G0037	

**EXPENDITURES:**

Archives-Other Contracted Services	<b>\$4,097</b>
101.51910.539900.00000.00.00.00.G0037	

/s/ Judy Herbert  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Budget Committee For: 3 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-3 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 'Yes' and 0 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-4**

Commissioner Sanford moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-4, seconded by Commissioner Tunncliffe.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT CONTRACT WITH TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES AND APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 LIBRARY BUDGET BY \$9,807.00**

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County ("County"), is a governmental entity of the State of Tennessee and, as such, is authorized to enter into grant contracts with state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Library received library technology grant from the Tennessee State Library and Archives in an amount not to exceed \$9,807.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$9,807.00 from Williamson County to participate in the grant contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it in the interest of its citizens to enter into the grant contract on behalf of the Williamson County Library for the provision of library technology:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, this the 9th day of January, 2023, hereby authorizes the Williamson County Mayor to enter into a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Office of the Secretary of State, Tennessee State Library and Archives as well as all other documents necessary to receive the grant funding and fulfill its contractual obligations contained in the grant contract;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2022-23 Williamson County Library budget be amended as follows:

<b>REVENUES:</b>	
<b>State Library Grant</b>	<b>\$9,807.00</b>
101.00000.475900.00000.00.00.00.G0001	
 <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
Other Contracted Services	<b>\$9,807.00</b>
101.56500.559900.00000.00.00.00.G0001	

/s/ Paul Webb \_\_\_\_\_  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Library Board	For: <u>7</u>	Against: <u>0</u>
Budget Committee	For: <u>3</u>	Against: <u>0</u>

Resolution No. 1-23-4 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 'Yes' and 0 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb

Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams
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RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-5

Commissioner Steve Smith moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-5, seconded by Commissioner Nations.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 PUBLIC SAFETY-EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET BY \$125,000 – REVENUES TO COME FROM CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Emergency Communications District (the "District"), was established for the purpose of providing a system of emergency communications whereby a caller dialing 911 would immediately be connected to a public safety answering point that would quickly and efficiently assure that the appropriate emergency responders were notified; and

**WHEREAS**, such a system results in the saving of life, a reduction in the destruction of property, quicker apprehension of criminals and ultimately the saving of money; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County Government has an agreement with the Williamson County Emergency Communications District Board to provide funds for the County's Emergency Communication Department to offset salaries and operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County Emergency Communications is experiencing a shortage of qualified candidates to serve as Telecommunicators, who route emergency calls from the public to the appropriate emergency response agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, other local governments or agencies in our area are experiencing similar shortages; and,

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to address salaries of the Williamson County Emergency Communications Department in order to remain competitive with other Emergency Communications agencies in our area; and

**WHEREAS**, the District, acting by and through its Board of Directors, authorized an additional contribution of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to be used by Williamson County Government for the purpose addressing salaries for the Williamson County Emergency Communications Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby amends the existing agreement with the Williamson County Emergency Communications District Board to accept and appropriate the additional contributions to the Williamson County Emergency Communications (E911) Budget to address the salary needs of the department, as follows:

**REVENUES:**

Civil Defense Reimbursement **\$125,000**  
 (101.00000.472200.00000.00.00.00.G0002)

**EXPENDITURES:**

Emergency Communications  
 Salaries-Dispatchers/Radio Operators **\$125,000**  
 (101.54900.514800.00000.00.00.00)

/s/ Greg Sanford  
 County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

ECD Board	For: <u>6</u>	Against: <u>0</u>
Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board	For: <u>4</u>	Against: <u>0</u>
Budget Committee	For: <u>3</u>	Against: <u>0</u>

Resolution No. 1-23-5 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 'Yes' and 0 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-6**

Commissioner Lenox moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-6, seconded by Commissioner Guffee.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$5,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET BY \$5,000.00 – REVENUES TO COME FROM DONATIONS**

**WHEREAS,** Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-8-101, et. seq. provides that a county government may accept donations of money, intangible personal property, tangible personal property and real property that are subject to conditional or restrictive terms if the county legislative body takes action to accept the conditional donation; and

**WHEREAS,** An anonymous resident of Williamson County, has made a generous donation of \$5,000.00 to the Williamson County Sheriff's Office to be used for purchase of law enforcement equipment and other law enforcement purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Sheriff's Office desires Williamson County to accept the donation on its behalf; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it in the interest of the citizens of Williamson County to accept the generous donation of \$5,000.00 on behalf of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, on behalf of the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office, accepts the generous donation of \$5,000.00 to be used by the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement equipment, and other related law enforcement purposes.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office budget be amended, and the funds be appropriated as follows:

**REVENUE:**  
 Donations **\$5,000.00**  
 (101.00000.486100.00000.00.00.00)

**EXPENDITURE:**  
 Tactical Equipment **\$5,000.00**  
 (101.54110.571600.00000.00.00.00)

/s/ Judy Herbert  
 County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board For: 4 Against: 0  
 Budget Committee For: 3 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-6 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-7**

Commissioner Webb moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-7, seconded by Commissioner Torres.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 APPROPRIATING \$8,000.00 FOR REPLACEMENT WATER BOTTLE  
 FILLER/WATER FOUNTAINS - REVENUE TO COME FROM THE AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County (the “County”) is the recipient of funds disbursed from the United States Government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners (the “Board of Commissioners”) is responsible for the expenditure of said funds in furtherance of the goals and guidelines contained in the Act and the associated Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury Secretary on January 6, 2022 (the “Final Rule”) as may be amended from time to time; and



**WHEREAS**, sharing water fountains in a public space during the pandemic created health concerns which initiated requests to replace the traditional water fountains at Williamson County Public Library branches with water bottle filling stations/water fountain units. These units will permit personal water bottles to be filled at the stations in a healthier manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with purchasing and installing the water bottle fillers/water fountains

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds the following appropriation to be a proper use of ARPA funds for government services: an appropriation not to exceed Eight Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purchase and installation of water bottle filler/water fountains at Williamson County Public Library branches:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby appropriates Eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purchase and installation of water bottle filler/water fountains at certain Williamson County Public Library branches.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Library Other Equipment  
(127.58816.579000.00000.00.00.00) **\$8,000.00**

**REVENUES**

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
(127.00000.478020.00000.00.00.00) **\$8,000.00**

/s/ Paul Webb  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-7 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 'Yes' and 0 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-8**

Commissioner Webb moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-8, seconded by Commissioner Morton.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APPROPRIATING \$17,000.00 FOR EXPANDED WI-FI SERVICE AT THREE  
LIBRARY BRANCHES - REVENUE TO COME FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS,** Williamson County (the “County”) is the recipient of funds disbursed from the United States Government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS,** the County Board of Commissioners (the “Board of Commissioners”) is responsible for the expenditure of said funds in furtherance of the goals and guidelines contained in the Act and the associated Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury Secretary on January 6, 2022 (the “Final Rule”) as may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS,** expanded Wi-Fi service at libraries around the country during the COVID-19 Pandemic became very important to citizens needing to work and attend school virtually. Expanded Wi-Fi signals into the parking and outside areas of the Williamson County Public Library branches will enhance service for patrons’ use now, as well as being available for any future emergencies in our area; and

**WHEREAS,** the costs associated with purchasing and installing the additional/expanded Wi-Fi service capabilities at the branch libraries shall not exceed Seventeen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$17,000.00); and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners finds the following appropriation to be a proper use of ARPA funds for government services: an appropriation not to exceed Seventeen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purchase and installation of expanded Wi-Fi service on the campuses of branch libraries:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby appropriates Seventeen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$17,000.00) for the purchase and installation of expanded Wi-Fi services at certain Williamson County Public Library branches.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Library Capital Outlay  
(127.58816.579900.00000.00.00.00) **\$17,000.00**

**REVENUES:**

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
(127.00000.478020.00000.00.00.00) **\$17,000.00**

/s/ Paul Webb  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-8 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’

as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe

Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-9

Commissioner Webb moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-9, seconded by Commissioner Sanford.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APPROPRIATING \$195,100.00 FOR STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT -  
REVENUE TO COME FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County (the "County") is the recipient of funds disbursed from the United States Government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA" or the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners") is responsible for the expenditure of said funds in furtherance of the goals and guidelines contained in the Act and the associated Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury Secretary on January 6, 2022 (the "Final Rule") as may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, Collier Engineering Company, Inc. submitted a proposal to conduct a stormwater infrastructure assessment which qualifies for ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with the engineering services for the provision of a stormwater infrastructure assessment are One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$195,100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds the following appropriation to be a proper use of ARPA funds for government services: an appropriation of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$195,100.00) for the creation and submission of a Data Collection and Asset Assessment and Maintenance Master Plan:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby appropriates One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$195,100.00) for the completion and provision of a Data Collection and Asset Assessment and Maintenance Plan concerning a stormwater infrastructure assessment.

**EXPENDITURES:**

Consultants (127.58817.530800.00000.00.00.00)	<b>\$195,100.00</b>
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**REVENUES:**

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (127.00000.478020.00000.00.00.00)	<b>\$195,100.00</b>
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/s/ Paul Webb  
County Commissioner

COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:

Highway Commission For: 5 Against: 0  
 Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-9 passed by recorded vote, 23 ‘Yes’, 0 ‘No’ and 1 ‘Absent’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Ricky Jones	Greg Sanford	Paul Webb
Brian Beathard	Gregg Lawrence	Mary Smith	Matt Williams
Brian Clifford	Lisa Lenox	Steve Smith	
Jeff Graves	Jennifer Mason	Pete Stresser	
Meghan Guffee	Chas Morton	Barb Sturgeon	<u>ABSENT</u>
Judy Herbert	Erin Nations	Drew Torres	David Landrum
Betsy Hester	Chris Richards	Tom Tunncliffe	

RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-10

Commissioner Webb moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-10, seconded by Commissioner Guffee.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 APPROPRIATING \$50,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL AIR HAND DRYERS FOR THE  
 WILLIAMSON COUNTY AG EXPO CENTER -  
 REVENUE TO COME FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County (the “County”) is the recipient of funds disbursed from the United States Government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners (the “Board of Commissioners”) is responsible for the expenditure of said funds in furtherance of the goals and guidelines contained in the Act and the associated Final Rule released by the U.S. Treasury Secretary on January 6, 2022 (the “Final Rule”) as may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, Additional hand dryers will encourage and allow for more patrons of the Ag Expo Center to be able to wash and dry their hands. The purpose of the additional units is to promote better hygiene for those patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs associated with purchasing and installing the additional air hand dryers at the Ag Expo Center shall not exceed Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds the following appropriation to be a proper use of ARPA funds for government services: an appropriation not to exceed Fifty Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purchase and installation of additional air hand dryers:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby appropriates Fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$50,000.00) for the installation of air hand dryers at the Williamson County Agricultural Exposition Center.

**EXPENDITURES:**  
 Ag. Expo Other Equipment

(127.58818.579000.00000.00.00.00) **\$50,000.00**

**REVENUES:**

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
 (127.00000.478020.00000.00.00.00) **\$50,000.00**

/s/ Paul Webb  
 County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-10 passed by recorded vote, 21 'Yes' an 3 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Sean Aiello	Ricky Jones	Steve Smith	Chris Richards
Brian Beathard	David Landrum	Pete Stresser	Greg Sanford
Brian Clifford	Gregg Lawrence	Barb Sturgeon	Mary Smith
Jeff Graves	Lisa Lenox	Drew Torres	
Meghan Guffee	Jennifer Mason	Tom Tunncliffe	
Judy Herbert	Chas Morton	Paul Webb	
Betsy Hester	Erin Nations	Matt Williams	

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-11**

Commissioner Herbert moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-11, seconded by Commissioner Graves.

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AMENDING THE 2022-23 FINANCE OFFICE BUDGET BY \$24,221.25 FOR THE PROVISION OF A PART-TIME GRANT WRITING POSITION – REVENUES TO COME FROM UNAPPROPRIATED COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, a grant writer gathers documentation and helps fulfill the necessary requirements to formally assist various departments to seek funding from outside sources; and

**WHEREAS**, a grant writer researches grants and submits grant applications on behalf of an organization; and,

**WHEREAS**, as Williamson County continues to seek sources of revenues to help offset the annual operating budget funded primarily through sales taxes and property taxes, there are numerous opportunities to seek grant revenues; and,

**WHEREAS**, Williamson County does not currently have a grant writer on staff who could formally seek outside sources of revenue, which are available through federal and state agencies, as well as private sources.

**WHEREAS**, it appears to be advantageous to employ a part-time grant writing position, who would be proficient in both researching and writing grants, working with senior staff and elected officials to gather the necessary documentation and seek available grant funding for and on behalf of Williamson County Government;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of

Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby authorizes the inclusion of a new part-time position for a Grant Writer, who would work no more than 25 hours per week at an annual salary not to exceed \$45,000;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2022-23 Finance Office budget be amended, as follows:

**REVENUES**

Unappropriated County General Funds  
101.00000.390000.00000.00.00.00 **\$ 24,221.25**

**EXPENDITURES**

Part-time Personnel (101.52100.516900.00000.00.00.00) \$ 22,500.00  
Social Security (101.58600.520100.00000.00.00.00) \$ 1,395.00  
Employer Medicare (101.58600.521200.00000.00.00.00) \$ 326.25  
**\$ 24,221.25**

/s/ Paul Webb  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Human Resources Committee For: 4 Against: 0  
Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-8 passed by recorded vote, 23 'Yes' and 1 'No' as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Ricky Jones	Chris Richards	Paul Webb
Brian Beathard	David Landrum	Greg Sanford	Matt Williams
Brian Clifford	Gregg Lawrence	Mary Smith	
Jeff Graves	Lisa Lenox	Steve Smith	<u>NO</u>
Meghan Guffee	Jennifer Mason	Barb Sturgeon	Pete Stresser
Judy Herbert	Chas Morton	Drew Torres	
Betsy Hester	Erin Nations	Tom Tunncliffe	

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-12**

Commissioner Lenox moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-12, seconded by Commissioner Tunncliffe.

**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS AND APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF SHERIFF'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE CONVEYANCE**

**WHEREAS**, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-2-420, provides counties with the ability to convey surplus personal property to other governmental entities by sale, gift, trade, or barter upon such terms as the county legislative body may authorize, without public advertisement or competitive bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office has equipment that it no longer needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office requests the Williamson County Board of

Commissioners to surplus the equipment as further described in the attached list and authorize the transfer of its ownership interest to other local governmental entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the local governmental entities receiving the surplus equipment have agreed to use the equipment for a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Williamson County to surplus the Sheriff’s Office used equipment and authorizes the Williamson County Mayor to execute all documentation needed to transfer its ownership in the equipment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 9<sup>h</sup> day of January, 2023, on behalf of the Williamson County Sheriff Office, surpluses used equipment which is further described in the attached list, and authorizes the Williamson County Mayor to execute all documentation necessary to donate and convey the equipment to other local governmental entities.

/s/ Greg Sanford  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board For: 4 Against: 0  
Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-12 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-13**

Commissioner Torres moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-13, seconded by Commissioner Guffee.

**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS AND APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF A GERMAN SHEPHERD K-9 OFFICER WITH THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDLER**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-14-108, the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office requests the Board of Commissioners surplus and authorize Williamson County to transfer ownership of a German Shepherd K-9 officer named Jenks; and

**WHEREAS**, Deputy Elijah Kelley is the current handler for Jenks, a K-9 officer who has served with the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office since January 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenks’s service as a Sheriff K-9 to Williamson County for detecting and apprehension has come to a conclusion and as such is set to retire from service; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds that the cost of care for retired K-9 dogs can exceed the value of the animal and finds that it is in the interest of Williamson County to transfer ownership of Jenks to Deputy Kelley; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it a public purpose to transfer ownership of Jenks and to fund the initial cost of Jenks’s veterinary and care expenses not to exceed \$3,500.00 which is budgeted for the purpose of retiring K-9 dogs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, on behalf of the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office and recognizing Jenks’s service to Williamson County, surpluses and transfers all ownership rights in Jenks to Deputy Elijah Kelley upon the K-9’s retirement.

/s/ Greg Sanford  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board	For: <u>4</u>	Against: <u>0</u>
Budget Committee	For: <u>4</u>	Against: <u>0</u>

Resolution No. 1-23-13 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-14**

Commissioner Torres moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-14, seconded by Commissioner Nations.

**RESOLUTION TO SURPLUS AND APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF A GERMAN SHEPHERD K-9 OFFICER WITH THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDLER**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-14-108, the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office requests the Board of Commissioners surplus and authorize Williamson County to transfer ownership of a German Shepherd K-9 officer named Nico; and

**WHEREAS,** Cpl. Mike Grandy is the current handler for Nico, a K-9 officer who has served with the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office since March 2016; and



**WHEREAS,** Nico’s service as a Sheriff K-9 to Williamson County for detecting and apprehension has come to a conclusion and as such is set to retire from service; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds that the cost of care for retired K-9 dogs can exceed the value of the animal and finds that it is in the interest of Williamson County to transfer ownership of Nico to Cpl. Grandy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners finds it a public purpose to transfer ownership of Nico and to fund the initial cost of Nico’s veterinary and care expenses not to exceed \$3,500.00 which is budgeted for the purpose of retiring K-9 dogs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, on behalf of the Williamson County Sheriff’s Office and recognizing Nico’s service to Williamson County, surpluses and transfers all ownership rights in Nico to Cpl. Mike Grandy upon the K-9’s retirement.

/s/ Greg Sanford  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board	For: <u>4</u>	Against: <u>0</u>
Budget Committee	For: <u>4</u>	Against: <u>0</u>

Resolution No. 1-23-14 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-15**

Commissioner Mary Smith moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-15, seconded by Commissioner Webb.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW MEMBERS OF A COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETINGS BY REMOTE MEANS**

**WHEREAS,** the purpose of this resolution is to ask the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to re-consider from the 2021 session of the Tennessee General Assembly, Senate Bill 0301 and House Bill 0327 permitting county legislative body members to participate in public meetings by electronic means; and

**WHEREAS**, the remote electronic technology is commonly available to the public which allows members to attend meetings virtually to represent the interests of their district; and

**WHEREAS**, the unpredictable occurrence of an illness by an elected member of a county legislative body, unexpected work obligations, or a member of their immediate family may require the member to be absent from scheduled county commission meetings and/or scheduled committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners finds it in the public interest to request support for legislation permitting members of a county legislative body to participate in public meetings of a county legislative body under certain circumstances, by remote electronic attendance; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby acknowledges its support for and requests the Tennessee General Assembly to adopt legislation authorizing members of local county legislative bodies to participate in meetings of a county legislative body by electronic means under certain circumstances.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon approval of this resolution and its signing, the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk’s Office to mail a copy of this resolution to Williamson County’s State Representatives and State Senators.

/s/ Paul Webb  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Chairman Beathard stated that the State delegation asked for the Resolution to receive a super majority (16 votes) in order to be forwarded to them.

Resolution No. 1-23-15 passed by recorded vote, 23 ‘Yes’ and 1 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Brian Beathard	David Landrum	Greg Sanford	Paul Webb
Brian Clifford	Gregg Lawrence	Mary Smith	Matt Williams
Jeff Graves	Lisa Lenox	Steve Smith	
Meghan Guffee	Jennifer Mason	Pete Stresser	
Judy Herbert	Chas Morton	Barb Sturgeon	<u>NO</u>
Betsy Hester	Erin Nations	Drew Torres	Sean Aiello
Ricky Jones	Chris Richards	Tom Tunncliffe	

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-17**

Commissioner Mary Smith moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-17, seconded by Commissioner Torres.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. CONGRESSMAN MARK GREEN**

**WHEREAS,** Williamson County is a Tennessee governmental entity which is authorized to execute lease agreements for real property pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 5-7-116, and 7-51-901 et. seq.*; and

**WHEREAS,** U.S. Congressman Mark Green represents Tennessee’s Seventh District of the U.S. House of Representatives which includes Williamson County; and

**WHEREAS,** Congressman Green is currently leasing from Williamson County, Suite 212 in the Historic Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS,** the office space in the Historic Courthouse is secured and will continue to provide Congressman Green a local office to represent the citizens of the Seventh District; and

**WHEREAS,** the Williamson County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the interest of the citizens of Williamson County to authorize the Williamson County Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Congressman Green for Suite 212 in the Historic Courthouse once the construction work has been completed:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Williamson County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, hereby authorizes the Williamson County Mayor to execute the lease agreement and all other documentation needed to continue to lease Suite 212 in the Historic Courthouse located 305 Public Square, Franklin, Tennessee to U.S. Congressman Mark Green.

/s/ Greg Sanford  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Board For: 4 Against: 0  
Budget Committee For: 4 Against: 0

Resolution No. 1-23-17 passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunncliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-23-18**

Commissioner Aiello moved to accept Resolution No. 1-23-18, seconded by Commissioner Tunncliffe.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF DOGS AND CATS IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**WHEREAS,** the County Commission for Williamson County enacted a resolution for the promulgation of rules and regulations concerning dogs and cats on

September 18, 1978; and further amended that resolution on March 19, 2004, June 21, 2010, and May 12, 2014.

**WHEREAS**, the need has arisen for amendments to this resolution in order that dogs and cats within the county be effectively regulated, and such proposed amendments are shown in redline format in Exhibit A to this resolution for ease of reference;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-1-120, that in regular session at its January 9, 2023 meeting, the County Commission for Williamson County enacts amendments to the rules and regulations concerning dogs and cats so that they shall read in their entirety as follows:

I. Terms defined. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, the definitions assigned to words defined in state law related to animals (for example, the definition of "Cruelty" contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §39-14-202) shall govern. In addition, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this Section:

A. "Abandonment" shall mean:

1. leaving a dog or cat for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) hours without providing for someone to feed, water and check on the animal's condition;
2. leaving a dog or cat by a roadside or other area; or
3. leaving a dog or cat on either public or private property without the property owner's consent. Humane surrender of an animal to Williamson County Animal Center at a time when personnel are present shall not be considered abandonment. Williamson County Animal Center shall encourage any person surrendering a litter of puppies or kittens born to an animal owned by that person to allow WCAC to spay the mother animal (at no cost to the surrendering owner).

B. "Animal Control Officer" shall mean the Animal Control Officer and/or Animal Control Department of Williamson County, Tennessee.

C. "Confined" means securely confined indoors, within an automobile or other vehicle solely for transportation in a humane and safe manner or confined in a securely enclosed pen or structure or fence, electronic or otherwise, upon the premises of the owner of such animal. Under no circumstances is an electronic or similar fence sufficient to confine a guard dog, an animal in heat or a vicious or dangerous dog. When a dog or cat is transported on public roads in an open air vehicle, truck bed or a vehicle with the windows rolled down, the animal shall be confined or restrained in such a manner that the animal cannot fall or jump out of the vehicle and will not be at risk of injury, entrapment or strangulation. Adequate space for an enclosure for a confined animal means a sufficient space for adequate exercise suitable to the age, size, species and breed of animal. For dogs, adequate space will be based on the size of the dog. The determination of size will be a visual estimation; an exact weight using a scale is not required. Adequate space for dogs shall be as follows:

Weight of Dog in Pounds	Minimum Total Square Footage of Enclosure
Up to 30 pounds	120 square feet
31—60 pounds	150 square feet
Over 60 pounds	250 square feet

- D. "Guard Dog" shall mean a dog trained to protect persons or property by attacking or threatening to attack, and which will cease to attack at command.
- E. "Health Officer" shall mean an appropriate designee of the Board of Health of Williamson County, Tennessee.
- F. "Humane" shall mean marked by compassion, kindness, sympathy and consideration for an animal's welfare.
- G. "Leash" shall mean any cord, chain, rope, thong or other device affixed to a dog or cat and used by the owner to restrain the movement of the dog or cat, which cord, chain, rope, thong or other restraining device is no greater than fifteen feet in length.
- H. "Necessary care" shall mean taking action necessary to maintain an animal's health by taking into consideration such factors as its breed, weight, coat and age. It shall include, but not be limited to ensuring that the animal receives veterinary care for illness or to relieve distress from injury, neglect, disease, untreated parasitism, or any malformations. It shall further include necessary effort to maintain the animal's coat and skin in a reasonably healthy condition.
- I. "Necessary food" shall mean food that is not spoiled or contaminated and is of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight. Food must be provided at least once a day, unless a licensed veterinarian instructs an owner to do otherwise.
- J. "Necessary Shelter" shall mean:

Shelter that is of adequate size and provides adequate protection to maintain the animal in a state of good health and prevent pain, suffering or significant risk to the animal's health. Adequate shelter shall consist of a completely enclosed structure or enclosure that has a solid roof and constructed floor and four solid sides with an opening that is of adequate size to allow ingress and egress by the animal. If the shelter is constructed of wood, it shall be raised at least two inches off the ground to prevent seepage or rotting. Examples of inadequate shelter include, but are not limited to, lean-tos, abandoned vehicles porches, decks, tarps, crates, airline carriers, metal or plastic drums or barrels and cardboard boxes.

Bedding for outdoor shelter should consist of quick-drying material such as straw or wood shavings rather than blanket material. Bedding must be sufficient to maintain comfortable temperatures within the structure when the outside temperature is below freezing or during periods of extreme heat.

The shelter must be kept clean and dry. It must afford sufficient shade and must be sufficient to protect the animal from the elements including inclement weather and extreme heat and cold). The opening shall be of heavy plastic or rubber or other

material that will protect from the wind, rain and snow during the months of November through March, and from April through October, the structure must either be shaded or moved out of direct sunlight. The floor shall not allow for accumulation of moisture and shall not expose the animal to contact with extreme hot or cold surfaces.

Necessary shelter must also be of sufficient weight to prevent overturning, and of sufficient size to allow each animal to stand upright, turn around and lie down in a natural position and go in and out of the structure comfortably; and

A shelter or enclosure is considered unclean when it contains an excessive amount of animal waste and is considered unhealthy when its condition is likely to cause illness or injury to the animal.

K. "Necessary water" shall mean accessible clean water provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs. Snow and ice are not to be deemed an adequate water source.

L. "Owner" shall mean any person, firm, business, corporation or other entity having a right of property in either a dog or cat, or who keeps or harbors a dog or cat for a period of at least thirty days, or who has a dog or cat in his care or custody, or who knowingly permits a

dog or cat to remain on or about any premises which is owned, rented, and/or leased by such person, firm, business, corporation or other entity.

M. "Premises" shall mean any real property titled in the name of or held in fee by or rented or leased to the owner of a dog or cat. For purposes of this article, land surrounding apartments, condominiums and mobile home courts shall not be considered premises of the tenant unless such land is owned outright in fee or otherwise, or rented by lease or other rental agreement. Sporting dogs and multiple dogs housed together may be kept at any reasonable location on occupied premises. (See VI.C.4. for required "confinement" standards.) No one dog shall be confined or restrained in a location isolated from daily outdoor activities. Furthermore, no dog, other than a livestock guard dog or other trained guard dog, shall be kept on any unoccupied premises.

N. "Restrained" means secured on the premises of the owner using a stationary point or trolley system or, whether on or off the premises, secured by leash or lead under the control of a person physically capable of restraining the animal and/or obedient to that person's commands.

O. "Running at large" shall mean a dog that is off the premises of the owner and that is not under the control of an owner by leash as defined herein (other than dogs within the confines of an authorized Dog Park.) A dog found on the owner's premises shall be considered to be running at large when the owner is not on the premises and the dog has been cited off the owner's premises by the Animal Control Officer or other law enforcement officer, but has returned to the premises during pursuit by the Animal Control Officer or other law enforcement officer. A dog shall not be considered to be "running at large" when the dog is a hunting dog employed by the owner in hunt and/or chase or in training for hunt and/or chase and, when under such circumstances, accompanied by the owner.

P. "Sanitary" shall mean an area that is reasonably clean and free of excessive amounts of animal waste, excessive debris or refuse, or other potentially hazardous waste materials.

- Q. "Stationary Point" shall mean a fixed, unchanging point, such as an anchor or stake in the ground, or a structure or fixture.
- R. "Tree Trolley System" shall mean a tethering system using one tree or other single stationary point which allows the tethered dog to move freely 360 degrees around the tree or other fixed point.
- S. "Vaccination" shall mean the process whereby an animal is immunized against rabies using a vaccine and a technique authorized by State law.
- T. "Vicious dog" shall mean a dog that has bitten (so as to cause serious injury), maimed or killed one or more human beings in one or more unprovoked attacks. A "dangerous dog" shall mean a dog that causes a substantial puncture of a person's skin by teeth or nails without causing serious injury; provided, however, that a nip, scratch, or abrasion shall not be sufficient to classify a dog as dangerous. An "aggressive dog" is one who, while off the owner's property or not under the owner's control kills or seriously injures a domestic animal (Dog or cat); provided, however that this definition shall not apply where the death of such pet animal is caused by a dog that is working or training as a hunting dog, herding dog, or predator control dog and the owner has upon him/her a valid hunting license and proof of vaccinations. For purposes of the animal control officer's authority to regulate confinement of animals, a dog may also be considered aggressive if it has been trained to attack upon command, signal or reflex and to guard, protect, or patrol premises, including a dog used as an attack, search and security dog for any law enforcement agency.

II. Rabies vaccination and registration required.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any owner to own, keep, harbor or permit to remain on the premises of such owner any dog or cat over six months of age that has not been vaccinated against rabies in accordance with Tenn. Code An. 68-8-101 through 68-8-114, as may be amended from time to time. It is recommended that dogs be vaccinated against rabies between the ages of 3 — 6 months. A certificate of such vaccination shall be issued by a licensed veterinarian duly authorized to administer such a vaccination and such certificate shall be kept by the owner, subject to the inspection of the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer or law enforcement officer.
- B. Standard for vaccination. It shall be the duty of the veterinarian, duly licensed by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners and approved by the Board of Health, to administer such a vaccination and to perform such vaccination in such a manner as meets the standards prescribed by the Health Officer, and the laws of the State of Tennessee.
- C. Dogs to wear rabies tags:
  - 1. It shall be unlawful for any owner to own, keep, harbor or permit to remain on or about the premises of such owner any dog six months of age and older that does not wear a tag evidencing that the dog has been vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations.
  - 2. It shall be presumed that any dog not wearing a rabies tag as required herein has not been vaccinated, unless otherwise established. Proof of vaccination, however, shall not relieve an owner of a dog not wearing the required rabies tag from sanction for violation of these rules and regulations.

3. Tags evidencing that a dog has been vaccinated in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be obtained from the Animal Control Officer or any agent(s) that he/she may from time to time designate (including duly licensed veterinarians) and pursuant to such requirements as the Animal Control Officer may set forth, including the right to charge a reasonable fee for such rabies tag. Each rabies tag shall contain an individual serial number, the name of the county, and the year of vaccination. In the event that a rabies tag shall be lost, the Animal Control Officer or an appointed agent, on request by the owner, shall issue a duplicate tag, for which the owner may be required to pay a reasonable fee as required by the Animal Control Officer and approved by the Public Health Committee of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners. No refunds shall be available on any rabies tag.
  4. The Animal Control Officer shall require that each owner present satisfactory proof that the dog for which a rabies tag is sought has received a vaccination in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations.
  5. Upon purchasing any rabies tag as herein provided, the owner shall receive a certificate of receipt. Each certificate shall contain the following information: (a) whether the rabies tag is purchased for a dog; (b) the owner's name, address and telephone number; (c) type of breed and color and gender of the dog; (d) date and place of vaccination; (e) serial number on rabies tag issued and (f) date of revaccination.
  6. It shall be unlawful to transfer a rabies tag, from one dog to another.
  7. Any owner moving into Williamson County from out of state shall acquire a Williamson County rabies tag, as herein provided, or be in violation of this Section. An owner moving into Williamson County with a valid rabies tag from another Tennessee county need not obtain a Williamson County tag until the date of expiration of the tag from the other County.
  8. A dog that is seized or impounded and is not wearing a rabies tag may be subject to disposition as deemed appropriate by the Animal Control veterinarian (or Director in the absence of the veterinarian) when not claimed by the owner within five (5) business days, **excluding Sundays, legal holidays, and the day of impoundment or seizure**. If such animal is otherwise eligible for adoption, the animal may be placed for adoption upon ensuring that vaccination is current.
  9. Any dog lawfully impounded pursuant to the provisions of this resolution may be microchipped at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer.
- III. Running at large prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner, as defined herein, or other person who has control or custody over a dog, whether such control or custody shall be temporary or otherwise, to allow a dog to run at large. Any unaltered animal that has been impounded two (2) times within any twelve (12) month period or a total of five (5) times over any time period, shall be spayed or neutered at the owner's expense prior to release from the shelter.
- IV. Cruelty, Abuse & Neglect Prohibited. It shall be a violation of these rules and regulations for any person to:
- A. Torture, maim or grossly overwork an animal;



- B. Intentionally inflict pain or suffering upon an animal. In the case of activities where physical pain is necessarily caused, such as medical, research, food processing, customary and normal veterinary and agricultural husbandry practices, pest elimination, and animal training and hunting, "cruelty" means a failure to employ the most humane method reasonably available;
- C. Fail to provide necessary food, water, care (including necessary veterinary care) or shelter for an animal in the person's custody, or refuse to provide a reasonable remedy or relief recommended by the Animal Control Officer for an injured or diseased animal (provided, however, that it shall not be considered a violation of these rules and regulations to refuse or fail to provide a remedy or relief where a licensed veterinarian states in writing that such decision is a reasonable course of action);
- D. Abandon an animal in the person's custody. Any animal control officer shall have authority to intervene to provide necessary care for any dog or cat so abandoned or neglected.
- E. Transport or confine an animal in a cruel manner or in an inhumane manner that exposes the animal to extreme heat or cold resulting in physical distress or suffering;
- F. Knowingly tie, tether, or restrain a dog in a manner that results or may reasonably be expected to result in the dog suffering cuts, abrasions, contusions, disfigurement, physical pain, temporary illness or impairment of a bodily member, organ or function;
- G. Cause an animal to drag any unreasonably heavy object, including but not limited to cinder blocks, heavy weights, bricks, chains, or logs;
- H. Hoard animals, including to collect animals and fail to provide them with humane/adequate care, collect dead animals that are not properly disposed of as required by this resolution and state law; or collect, house, or harbor animals in filthy, unsanitary conditions that constitute a health hazard to the animals being kept, and/or to the animals or residents of adjacent property.

Any animal control officer or other officer empowered to act by law may impound any animal found to be in distress due to cruelty, abuse, or neglect as defined herein and by applicable state law.

V. Vicious/dangerous/aggressive dogs shall be securely restrained or confined:

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, as defined herein, or other person who has control or custody over a dog, whether such control or custody shall be temporary or otherwise, to own, keep, harbor or permit to remain on or about the premises of such owner a vicious or dangerous dog unless such vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog shall be securely restrained or confined to an area so as to prevent contact with other animals and persons. Any person having control or custody over a vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog, as defined herein, shall obtain approval from the Animal Control Officer as to the adequacy of the restraint or confinement used to secure the vicious or dangerous dog so as to prevent contact with other animals and persons. A vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog not restrained or confined as provided herein may be seized by the Animal Control Officer or any law enforcement agency for impoundment or confinement. Any such animal shall remain so impounded until the requirements for confinement or restraint

imposed by the Animal Control officer are met, and/or pending further legal action.

B. It shall be unlawful for any owner to own, keep, harbor or permit to remain on or about the premises of such owner a vicious, dangerous or aggressive animal without posting notice on the premises in an area in plain view to the general public that a vicious, dangerous or aggressive animal is on the premises.

C. Upon receiving a report of a dog believed to be subject to classification as a vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog as defined in this resolution, the animal control officer shall make such investigation as necessary to determine whether such dog is subject to such classification. If the dog poses an immediate threat to public safety, the dog shall be immediately seized and impounded and kept at the animal center until an appropriate resolution of the matter can be reached.

If the dog owner has taken immediate action to ensure the dog cannot pose a public threat and has proven he can properly contain the dog, the animal control officer may, in the agency's sole discretion, allow the dog to remain with the dog owner with specific directions to contain the dog. This section does not exempt any requirements related to rabies quarantine in the case of an animal to human bite.

When the animal control officer determines that any dog is subject to classification as an aggressive, dangerous or vicious dog, the animal control officer shall mail a dated notice to the dog's owner within 72 hours. The notice shall include identifying information for the dog and shall detail the events leading to the conclusion that the dog is aggressive, dangerous or vicious. The notice shall include a summary of the animal control officer's recommendations for confinement or restraint of the animal, or in an instance where the animal control officer does not believe that the animal can be rehabilitated, a recommendation for humane euthanasia of the animal.

The animal control officer may return the animal to the owner upon reaching agreement with the owner of the aggressive, dangerous or vicious dog for certain restrictions as ordered by the animal control officer, which may include but are not limited to:

1. A proper enclosure designed to securely confine the dog on the owner's property, indoors, or in a securely locked and enclosed pen, fence, or structure suitable to prevent the dog from leaving such property, together with a written agreement by the owner of the dog to keep the animal so confined;
2. Clearly visible warning signs posted at all entrances to the premises where the dog resides; and/or;
3. A microchip containing an identification number and capable of being scanned is injected under the skin between the shoulder blades of the dog and the owner provides the registration number to the animal control officer. The owner shall keep the registration information updated, and be able to provide evidence upon inspection and recertification of such update.

If the owner does not comply with the safeguards ordered by the animal control officer, the officer may pursue appropriate civil and criminal penalties, including surrender of the animal. Unless determined otherwise by the Animal Control Officer in his/her sole discretion, the dog

shall remain in the custody of Williamson County Animal Center pending the outcome of any such legal action.

If any animal that has been designated as a vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog is the subject of a Court order or a signed agreement with the animal control officer, and such animal again injures another person or domestic animal (dog or cat) under circumstances that would justify the designation, the animal control officer may seize and impound the animal, and may move forward with legal process to humanely euthanize the animal if deemed necessary.

VI. Restraint & Confinement Regulations. The following shall apply to restraint and confinement of animals on the owner's premises or other premises when used as a primary means of confinement or restraint in any twenty-four hour period.

- A. No person shall allow any animal to remain confined or restrained in an area that is not sanitary as defined herein, or to remain confined or restrained in such a manner as to restrict the animal's ability to move around naturally. Tethering must be by trolley system or tree trolley system rather than a rope or chain at a stationary point that may result in the animal becoming entangled so as to restrict reasonable movement throughout the day and night. This section shall not apply to the restraint of an animal while the owner or other responsible individual is walking with or accompanying the animal on a leash as defined herein. Unaltered animals may not be tethered, but rather must be confined indoors or in a securely fenced area.
- B. Trolley System. If confining by trolley system, the dog must be restrained by a cable or cord that is at least ten (10) usable feet in length, with swivels on both ends, and is properly attached to a pulley or trolley mounted on a cable which is also at least ten (10) usable feet in length and mounted at least four (4) feet and no more than seven (7) feet above ground level in a manner so as not to interfere or become entangled with objects on the property. The animal must be able to fully lie down with head comfortably on the ground and have enough usable cord/cable to enter and exit necessary shelter head first.
- C. Tree Trolley System. If confining by tree trolley system, the dog will be restrained with a system whereby a loose-fitting cable or cord (preferably vinyl covered steel cable or any smooth material that cannot dry rot or break easily) with a loose-fitting metal ring sliding easily around it is attached seamlessly around a tree. A cable or cord of a minimum of 15 ft. in length is then attached at one end to the metal ring and at the other end to the collar or harness of the dog allowing the dog to move freely around the tree or other fixed point. All other restraint and confinement regulations in Section VI apply.
- D. When any animal is restrained on a trolley system or tree trolley system or confined in any manner:
1. The cable or cord restraining the animal should be lightweight and may not be more than one-tenth (1/10) of the body weight of the animal;
  2. A swivel must be located at both ends of the cable or cord (the end attached to stationary object and the end attached to the animal);
  3. The cable or cord must be attached to a properly fitted collar or harness that is commonly recognized as a pet collar or harness (choke and pinch collars or chains of any kind are prohibited while tethered);

4. The area where the animal is restrained or confined is primarily level ground and said ground must be clear hazardous substances and clear of objects that may cause the animal to become injured or entangled or cause strangulation. If more than one animal is tethered, the animals must be tethered separately and with sufficient distance from the other so as not to allow the animals or their tethers to become entangled. The area must be of safe distance from a roadway, cliff, or any other location that may endanger the animal's life; and

5. The system employed shall not allow the animal to go beyond the owner's property.

E. Confinement. An indoor enclosure or crate is overcrowded unless its area is at least the square of the length of each enclosed or crated animal in inches (from tip of nose to base of tail) plus six (6) inches for each animal confined therein. When a dog/cat is confined outside in a pen or an enclosure, the pen must be a minimum on all sides of four (4) times the length of the dog/cat (head to base of tail) plus space for shelter. See I.J. for "necessary shelter" standards. For each additional dog/cat sharing the pen, a minimum of one additional dog/cat length (using, measurement of largest dog/cat) is required for each side.

VII. Unprovoked attack by a dog or cat.

A. The owner of any dog or cat that attacks by biting, maiming or killing a person shall surrender such dog or cat to seizure, confinement and/or examination, including external examination or submission of the dog or cat to rabies testing, as may be required by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer and/or any law enforcement authorities. Bite quarantine/isolation protocols adopted by Williamson County Animal Center and available for review upon request shall be incorporated fully herein, and shall govern supervision of the animal in the days following the occurrence.

B. If a dog or cat is on its own property or on a leash off property and is a victim of an unprovoked attack by a dog or cat, the incident shall be reported to the Animal Control Officer. An Animal Control Officer shall take a report from the owner and from any eye witnesses and shall advise the victim's owner of his/her right to file a complaint in General Sessions Court for recovery of damages such as veterinary fees, in addition to any citation issued hereunder by the Animal Control Officer. The owner of the attacking animal shall, at a minimum, be cited by the Animal Control officer and be fined \$50.00 for allowing the animal to run at large if the offending animal has attacked a dog or cat on the victim animal's owner's property or while the victim animal was on a leash and the offending animal was not on a leash or was not properly controlled by the owner. Further, the Animal Control Officer may impose appropriate requirements for confinement and control of the dog or cat, including barring a dog from public dog parks if the incident occurred in such a park.

C. The owner of a dog that bites, maims or kills one or more persons in one or more unprovoked attacks may be required to surrender the animal for destruction pursuant to the procedure defined by state law. The owner of a dog or cat that kills or maims one or more other domesticated animals in one or more unprovoked attacks or the owner of a cat that bites one or more persons may be required to surrender the dog or cat on written order of the Animal Control Officer. An owner may appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction for review of the order of the Animal Control Officer by filing a petition in that court within five

days of receipt of the written order issued by the Animal Control Officer.

VIII. Reporting of dog and cat bites.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog or cat, or other person who has control or custody over a dog or cat, whether such control or custody shall be temporary or otherwise, to fail to report to the Animal Control Officer or police department any incident of such dog or cat biting one or more persons, provided that such owner or other person having control or custody over the dog or cat shall have knowledge of or a reasonable basis to know that a biting occurred. "Biting" shall be reported pursuant to this section if the animal's teeth broke the skin of a person.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person who provides medical treatment to another for a dog, cat or other warm-blooded animal bite to fail to report the bite to the Animal Control Officer or police department

IX. Seizure and Impoundment – Circumstances, Process and Disposition.

- A. Any dog that is not wearing a tag as required by these rules and regulations, or any vicious, dangerous or aggressive dog not restrained and confined as provided in these rules and regulations, or any dog or cat that has contracted or is suspected of having contracted rabies, or any animal that has been bitten by a dog, cat or other animal that has contracted or is suspected of having contracted rabies, or any dog running at large, as defined herein, or any dog who has killed or damaged livestock, or any dog that has attacked by biting, maiming or killing one or more persons or other animals, or any dog or cat reasonably believed to be in a life-threatening situation (including threats during domestic violence) or to be suffering as a result of cruelty, abuse, neglect or abandonment, may be seized by the Animal Control Officer, and/or any law enforcement agency, and their agents.
- B. Seizure may be accomplished by any means necessary (including the use of a tranquilizer gun) to subdue and seize the animal by the Animal Control Officer, and/or law enforcement agency, and their agents. Such authorities shall also have the authority to exercise the use of a deadly force against any dog or cat or other animal that has contracted or is suspected of having contracted rabies, or that is attacking or threatening to attack by biting, maiming or killing one or more persons or other animals.
- C. Any dog or cat seized pursuant to these rules and regulations may be impounded and/or confined to such areas as prescribed by the Animal Control Officer.
- D. When any dog or cat wearing a tag or other emblem to identify the owner shall be seized and impounded or confined, the Animal Control Officer shall obtain available contact information from the veterinarian who issued the rabies tag and shall cause notice of such seizure to be sent by registered mail to the owner, such notice to be addressed to the last known mailing address of the owner. Other reasonable attempts to obtain available contact information (including scanning for microchips) and to send notice shall be made. Notice shall provide the reason that the dog or cat has been seized and impounded or confined, and shall state that the owner must appear to claim the dog or cat within five (5) days subsequent to the date the notice was mailed, and that upon failure to so appear the Animal Control Veterinarian or Director may place for adoption or euthanize the dog or cat. Litters of kittens or puppies that are obviously abandoned may be placed for adoption after three (3) working days at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer. For purposes of this Section, the five-seven days shall not include Sunday or legal

holidays, and shall not include the day of seizure, regardless of the time of day such dog or cat is seized.

- E. If the owner appears to claim or redeem the dog or cat, he shall pay to the Animal Control Officer a fee as established by a fee schedule implemented by the Health Officer and/or Animal Control officer for each day that the dog has been held in impoundment or confinement. In addition, any animal impounded or confined pursuant to this section shall be microchipped before return to the owner, at the owner's cost. The fee schedule shall be uniform in application and may be amended from time to time by the Williamson County Board of Commissioners. On payment of the impoundment and microchip\_fees, the dog or cat may be returned to the owner, unless other violations of state law or this resolution (such as failure to vaccinate, neglect or cruelty, etc.) cause the Animal Control Officer or law enforcement officer to conclude that there is good cause for the dog or cat to remain impounded or confined. Should the Animal Control Officer and/or any law enforcement agencies direct that a dog or cat remain impounded or confined for any period of time after the owner pays the fee referenced above, such direction shall be in writing, stating the reasons therefore, and a copy shall be provided for the owner on request. If charges under state law or this resolution are not brought within ten (10) days of the owner's payment of the fee, the animal shall be released to owner.
- F. When any dog lacking a tag or other emblem to identify the owner or any cat lacking a means to identify the owner shall be seized and impounded or confined, the Animal Control Officer shall hold such dog or cat for three (3) days, unless directed by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, and/or any law enforcement agency to impound or confine the dog or cat for an additional period of time. For purposes of this Section, the three (3) days shall not include Sundays and shall not include the day of seizure regardless of the time of day such dog or cat is seized
- G. At the expiration of the time required by this Section or by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer and/or law enforcement agency for the impoundment or confinement of a dog or cat, the Animal Control Veterinarian (or Director in the Veterinarian's absence) may place for adoption or humanely euthanize such dog or cat.
- H. The impoundment or confinement period, as set forth in this resolution, may be waived by the Animal Control Officer and his/her agents when any dog or cat seized is determined to be suffering from an infectious or dangerous disease or is determined to be suffering from an illness or physical injury that requires immediate medical treatment or humane euthanasia. When the five-day period is waived, the Animal Control Officer shall obtain contact information as described above and shall attempt to contact the owner as stated on the tag or on any other emblem of identification found on the dog or cat by telephone prior to disposition of the dog or cat. In instances where the impoundment or confinement period is waived, the dog or cat involved may be placed for adoption, humanely euthanized or subject to other appropriate placement as determined by the Animal Control Veterinarian (or Director in the Veterinarian's absence), consistent with applicable law and policy.
- I. Any dog or cat that has contracted rabies or that is suspected of having contracted rabies or that has attacked by biting, maiming, or killing one or more persons shall be impounded or confined subject to the directions and orders regarding the place of impoundment or confinement, the care, custody, treatment, observation, examination, and disposition of such dog or cat as issued by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer and/or any law enforcement agency.
- X. Animal Fighting:
  - A. It is unlawful for any person to:

1. Own, possess, keep, use or train any bull, bear, dog, cock, swine or other animal, for the purpose of fighting, baiting or injuring another such animal, for amusement, sport or gain;
2. Cause, for amusement, sport or gain, any animal referenced in subdivision (a)(1) to fight, bait or injure another animal, or each other;
3. Permit any acts stated in subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) to be done on any premises under the person's charge or control, or aid or abet those acts;
4. Be knowingly present, as a spectator, at any place or building where preparations are being made for an exhibition for the fighting, baiting or injuring of any animal, with the intent to be present at the exhibition, fighting, baiting or injuring;
5. Knowingly cause a person under eighteen (18) years of age to attend an animal fight; or
6. Possess, own, buy, sell, transfer, or manufacture cock fighting paraphernalia with the intent that the paraphernalia be used in promoting, facilitating, training for, or furthering cock fighting.

It is not an offense to own, possess or keep cocks, or aid or abet the ownership, possession or keeping of cocks, for the sole purpose of selling or transporting cocks to a location in which possession or keeping of cocks is legal, as long as it does not violate state or federal law.

“Cock fighting paraphernalia” means gaffs, slashers, heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.

XII. Confinement of unaltered female dogs and cats in season. It shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog or cat, as defined herein, or any other person having control or custody over a dog or cat, whether such control or custody be temporary or otherwise to fail to confine an unaltered female dog or cat in an enclosed area during the time such dog or cat is in season or in heat. The confinement shall be for a period of twenty-four (24) days in such a manner that will prevent the unaltered female dog or cat from leaving the confined area and shall be sufficient to prevent the unaltered female dog from being reached by any male dogs, except for planned breeding. When exercised, the animal shall be properly leashed. Any unaltered female dog or cat not so confined may be impounded by the Animal Control Officer, and/or law enforcement agency. Dogs or cats impounded two (2) times or more due to improper or inadequate confinement while in season must be spayed at the owner's expense prior to release from the Animal Control facility.

XIII. Disposition of dead dogs and cats. Persons who own, keep, or harbor dogs or cats shall be required to dispose of such dog or cat remains in a proper and lawful manner upon the death of such animal.

XIV. Interference with or violation of orders issued by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer or any law enforcement agency. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or hinder, or to harass, verbally or physically any animal Control Officer, Health Officer, or any law enforcement agency while such officer are in the performance of their duties prescribed in accordance with these rules and regulations. It shall further be unlawful for any person to violate any orders issued by the Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, or any law enforcement agency regarding the seizure, impoundment, or confinement of a dog or cat as provided herein. It shall further be unlawful for any person to knowingly or willfully provide false information regarding an animal to any Animal Control Officer, Department Personnel or Health Officer.

XV. Violations-penalty. In addition to all applicable remedies and penalties under State law, any person found in violation of any of the provisions of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined fifty (\$50.00) dollars per violation. Each

day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense under this provision. Each animal affected by a violation shall also constitute a separate offense. For violations of Section XIV above, each separate act of interference, disobedience, or misrepresentation shall constitute a separate offense. Payment of the fine without curing the violation shall not constitute compliance. Further, where authorized hereunder, such person may be subject to forfeiture of the animal(s). At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, first offenders may be permitted to attend a designated course on animal care and custody in lieu of being cited for violation.

All fines collected shall be designated for the Williamson County Animal Control budget to further the health and welfare of animals and education of the public related to animal health and welfare.

/s/ Greg Sanford  
County Commissioner

**COMMITTEES REFERRED TO AND ACTION TAKEN:**

Public Health Committee For: 5 Against: 0

Commissioner Williams moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Amend Section I.J., “Necessary Shelter” by striking the words “or plastic” in the last sentence of the first paragraph, and by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: “Plastic barrels may be used only if all other requirements for adequate shelter under this section I.J. are met.”

The amendment passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
Sean Aiello	Betsy Hester	Chas Morton	Pete Stresser
Brian Beathard	Ricky Jones	Erin Nations	Barb Sturgeon
Brian Clifford	David Landrum	Chris Richards	Drew Torres
Jeff Graves	Gregg Lawrence	Greg Sanford	Tom Tunnicliffe
Meghan Guffee	Lisa Lenox	Mary Smith	Paul Webb
Judy Herbert	Jennifer Mason	Steve Smith	Matt Williams

Resolution No. 1-23-18, as amended, passed by unanimous recorded vote, 24 ‘Yes’ and 0 ‘No’ as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
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Meeting Adjourned – 9:00 p.m.



