## GREENE COUNTY COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ALAN D. BROYLES COUNTY MAYOR

March 29, 2010

Dear Commissioner:

No doubt you have recently heard of the layoffs being planned for Greene Valley Developmental Center. We are calling a County Commission Meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to approve a resolution requesting the support of the Governor and other State Officials in avoiding any reduction in the work force at Greene Valley Developmental Center.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alan D Proyl

Alan D. Broyles County Mayor

ADB:wr

Enclosure

## AGENDA GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010 6:00 P.M. CRIMINAL COURTROOM @ COURTHOUSE

Call to Order

I.

\*Pledge to Flag \*Invocation \*Roll Call

## II. Resolutions:

A. To vote on a resolution requesting that the Governor and other State Officials reconsider their decision to reduce the workforce at Greene Valley Developmental Center.

## RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO REDUCE EMPLOYMENT AND LAYOFF INDIVIDUALS AT GREENE VALLEY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER IN GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, Greene Valley Developmental Center in Greene County, Tennessee is the premiere facility in the State of Tennessee for the care of Tennessee residents who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Greene Valley Developmental Center has long been one of the larger employers in Greene County, Tennessee with a dedicated group of employees who have served well the clients and residents at the Greene Valley Developmental Center and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Tennessee has announced his intentions to reduce employment at Greene Valley Developmental Center by 228 individuals, which reduction of workforce would have a devastating impact on the residents at Greene Valley Developmental Center, the employees affected by the layoff, as well as the overall economy in Greene County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Greene County currently has one of the higher unemployment rates in the State of Tennessee presently situated at 16.6% and as such the loss of over 200 additional jobs would further devastate the economy and any attempts that the economy has for recovery in Greene County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislators representing Greene County have been working diligently in an attempt to save the positions and jobs at Greene Valley Developmental Center and have gone on record as stating that they believe that would be an appropriate use of the State's rainy day funds to allocate monies necessary to allow the continue funding of those positions targeted for elimination by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, The Greene County Legislative Body as representatives of all the citizens of Greene County would urge the Governor, the General Assembly, and Commissioner, James Finch of the Division of Intellectual Disability Services to reconsider the decision to eliminate over 200 positions at Greene Valley Developmental Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in called session on the **5**<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that an urgent request be forwarded to Governor, Phil Bredesen, James Finch of the Division of Intellectual Disability Services, Lieutenant Governor Ron Ramsey, Speaker of the House Kent Williams and to our local Legislators, Senator Steve Southerland, Representative Eddie Yokley and Representative David Hawk, urging each individual to do all within their power to reconsider the elimination of the positions at Greene Valley Developmental Center, to allow all employees of Greene Valley Developmental Center, to allow that facility to remain one of the premiere centers in the southeast in the care and treatment of Tennesseans with disabilities and to avoid the crippling effect that the layoff of over 200 individuals would cause to those individuals personally and to the overall economy of Greene County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the above named individuals requesting their assistance in retaining all employees presently employed at Greene Valley Developmental Center who have worked so tirelessly on behalf of the residents at Greene Valley Developmental Center and for the State of Tennessee.

County Mayor

County Clerk

County Attorney