

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF GREENE

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The Greene County Legislative Body met in Called Session on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greene County Courthouse. Mayor Broyles opened the meeting and asked Commissioner Hilton Seay to lead the Pledge to the Flag, followed by Prayer led by Commissioner Justis. David Thompson, County Clerk, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present: Commissioners Betty Ruth Alexander, Bill Brown, John Carter, John Cox, William Dabbs, Brenda Grogan, Margaret Greenway, Rennie Hopson, Clark Justis, Jan Kiker, Robert King, Robert Morgan, Kevin Morrison, Bill Moss, Sam Riley, Hilton Seay, and John Waddle, Jr. Commissioners Phil King, Fred Malone, Jr., Jerry Weems and Tim White were absent. There were 17 Commissioners present and four absent.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Broyles read the resolution requesting that the Governor and other State Officials reconsider their decision to reduce the workforce at Greene Valley Developmental Center. He introduced Dr. Meece, Superintendent of Greene Valley, Ralph Bohannon, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Greene Valley, Steve Love, Chief Financial Officer of Greene Valley and Bernice Jozsa, TSEA (Tennessee State Employees Association) Greene County President. After these individuals spoke there were questions from Commissioners Brown and Greenway which were answered by Mr. Steve Love and a comment from Brenda Grogan.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER STATE
OFFICIALS RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION TO REDUCE THE WORKFORCE AT
GREENE VALLEY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

A motion was made by Commissioner Justis and seconded by Commissioner Grogan to approve a resolution requesting that the Governor and other State Officials reconsider their decision to reduce the workforce at Greene Valley Developmental Center. Mayor Broyles asked for a roll call vote. David Thompson, County Clerk, called the roll of County Commissioners and the vote was as follows: Commissioners Betty Ruth Alexander, Bill Brown, John Carter, John Cox, William Dabbs, Robert King, Brenda Grogan, Margaret Greenway, Rennie Hopson, Clark Justis, Jan Kiker, Robert Morgan, Kevin Morrison, Bill Moss, Sam Riley, Hilton Seay, and John Waddle, Jr. voted yes. Commissioners Phil King, Fred Malone, Jr., Jerry Weems and Tim White were absent. The vote was 17 – aye; 4 – absent. The resolution was approved.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

A PROCLAMATION OF THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY

WHEREAS, Parkinson's is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, as of 2010, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, There is no objective test for Parkinson's disease and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary⁷ from person to person and include tremor, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems, dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety, constipation, skin problems, and sleep disruption; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan D. Broyles, Mayor of Greene County Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in Greene County, Tennessee and do urge all citizens to join in learning more about this chronic and devastating disease.

This the 19th day of April, 2010.

County Mayor

County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION TO REZONE CERTAIN TERRITORY
OWNED BY NORMAN VERMILLION
FROM A-1, GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO B-1, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS
DISTRICT WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, the Greene County Commission has adopted a zoning resolution establishing zone districts within the unincorporated territory of Greene County, Tennessee and regulations for the use of property therein; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Commission realizes that any zoning plan must be changed from time to time to provide for the continued efficient and economic development of the county; and

WHEREAS, Norman Vermillion has requested that this property be rezoned from A-1, General Agriculture District to B-1, Neighborhood Business District,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Regional Planning Commission will be reviewing a request to rezone the Norman Vermillion property on April 13, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Commission amend the Greene County Zoning Map to show the following property to be zoned B-1, Neighborhood Business District,

Being the same property identified as Greene County tax map 67, as parcel 023.00, as shown on the map.

This change shall take effect after its passage, the welfare of the County requiring it.

Approved for recommendation
by the Sponsor/Greene County Regional
Planning Commission:

Date

Date of Public Hearing
by the Greene County Commission:

April 19, 2010

Date

Approved by the Greene
County Commission:

Date

Approved and signed in Open Meeting:

County Mayor

Attest:

County Court Clerk

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

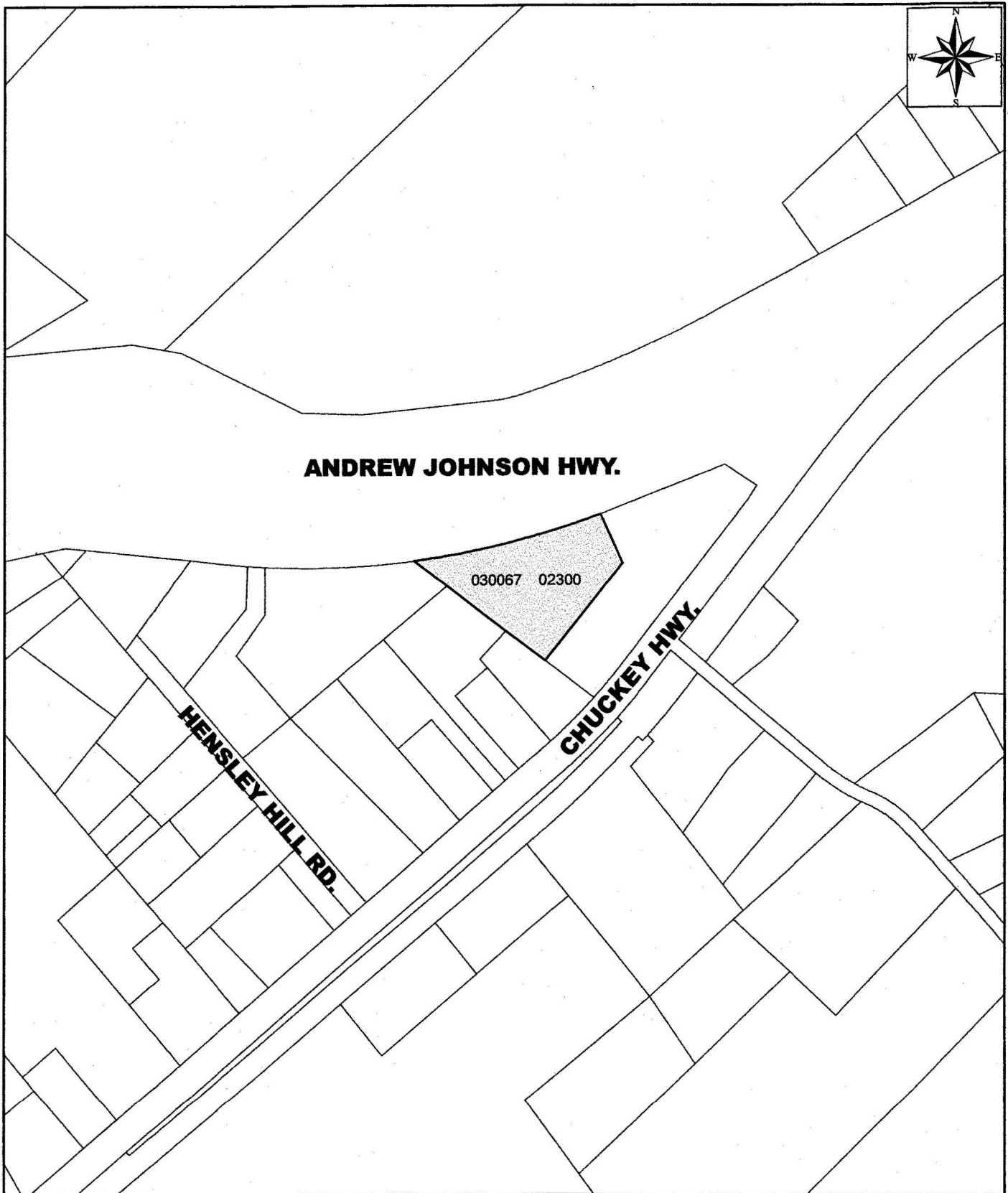
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Greene Co. Rezoning Request From A-1 to B-1

Owner: Norma Vermillion

Tax Map/Parcel No.: 067 023.00

PC Review: April 13, 2010



Legend



Prepared by
State of Tennessee
Dept. of Economic & Community Development
Local Planning Assistance Office
Johnson City, Tennessee



MAPQUEST

Notes

Trip to 10650 E Andrew Johnson Hwy
Hwy

Limestone, TN 37681-5640

11.98 miles - about 16 minutes



101 S Main St, Greeneville, TN 37743-5973



1. Start out going EAST on S MAIN ST / US-11E BR / US-321 / US-321 SCENIC / TN-107 / TN-35 toward E DEPOT ST. Continue to follow US-321 N.

go 12.0 mi



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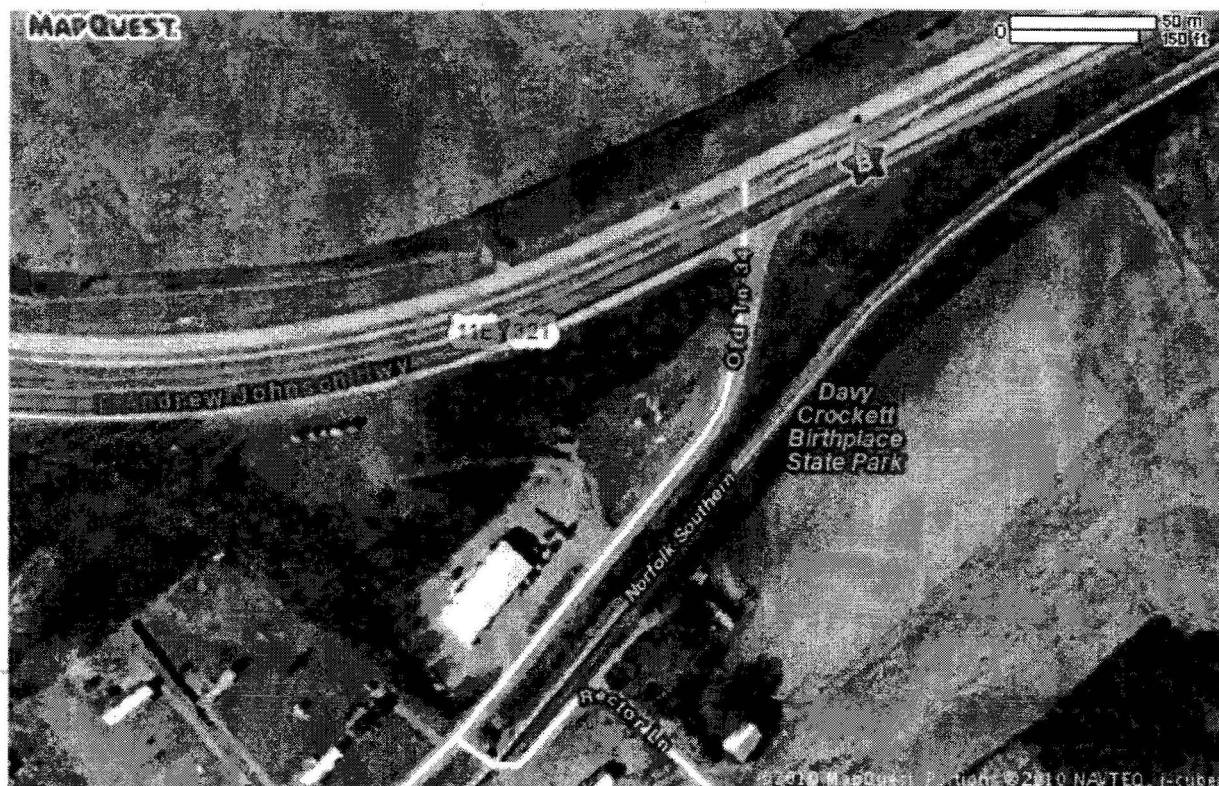
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10650 E Andrew Johnson Hwy, Limestone, TN 37681-5640

Total Travel Estimate : 11.98 miles - about 16 minutes

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**A RESOLUTION TO REZONE CERTAIN TERRITORY
OWNED BY ROBERT BROYLES
FROM A-1, GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, the Greene County Commission has adopted a zoning resolution establishing zone districts within the unincorporated territory of Greene County, Tennessee and regulations for the use of property therein; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Commission realizes that any zoning plan must be changed from time to time to provide for the continued efficient and economic development of the county; and

WHEREAS, Robert Broyles has requested that this property be rezoned from A-1, General Agriculture District to B-2, General Business District,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Regional Planning Commission will be reviewing a request to rezone the Robert Broyles property on April 13, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Commission amend the Greene County Zoning Map to show the following property to be zoned B-2, General Business Business District,

Being the same property identified as Greene County tax map 67, as parcel p/o 59.00, as shown on the map.

This change shall take effect after its passage, the welfare of the County requiring it.

Approved for recommendation
by the Sponsor/Greene County Regional
Planning Commission:

Date

Date of Public Hearing
by the Greene County Commission:

April 19, 2010

Date

Approved by the Greene
County Commission:

Date

Approved and signed in Open Meeting:

County Mayor

Attest:

County Court Clerk

Approved as to Form:

County Attorney

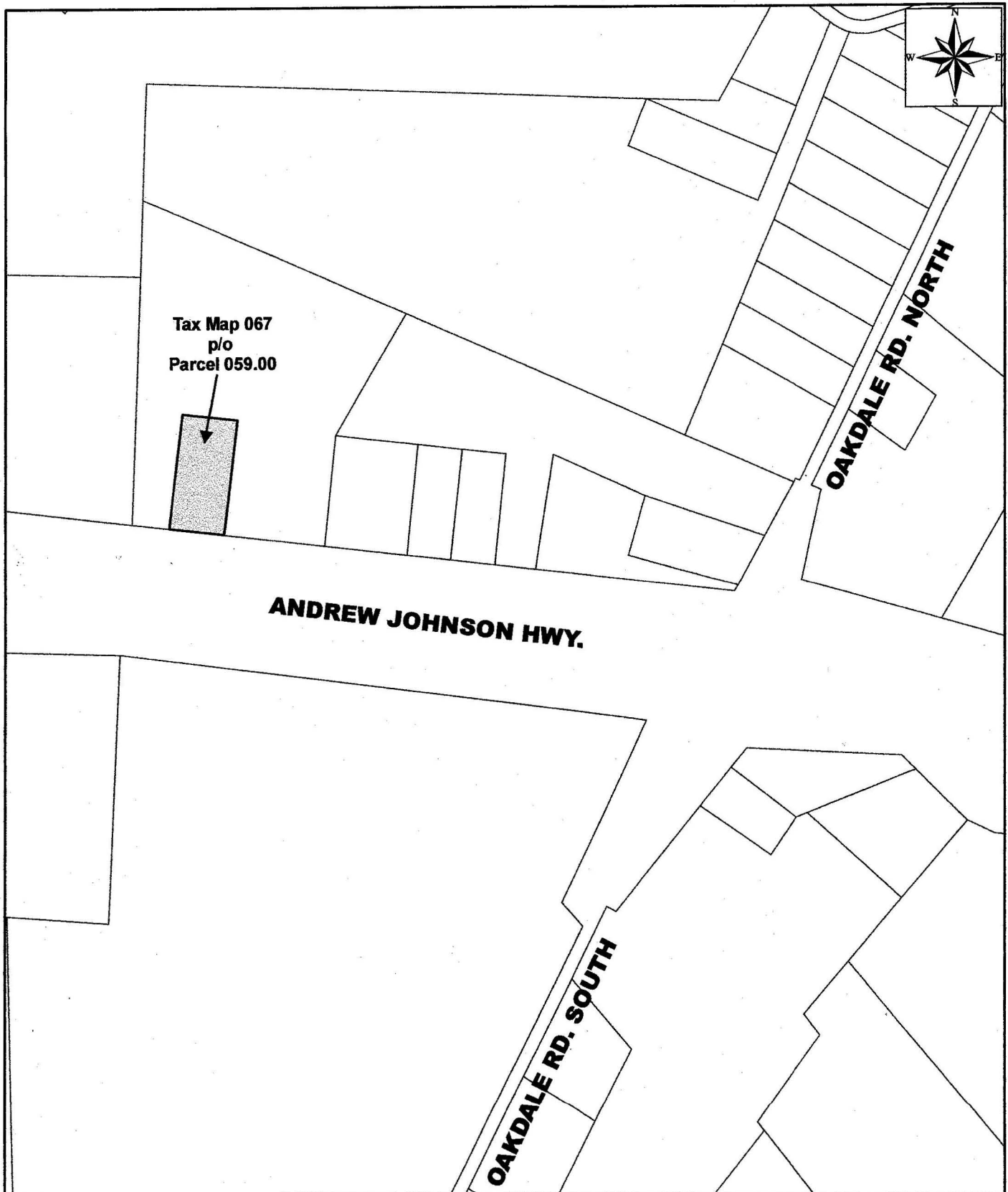
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Greene Co. Rezoning Request From A-1 to B-2

Owner: Robert Broyles

Tax Map/Parcel No.: 067 p/o 059.00

PC Review: April 13, 2010



Legend

 Proposed Rezoning  Parcels

Prepared by
State of Tennessee
Dept. of Economic & Community Development
Local Planning Assistance Office
Johnson City, Tennessee



MAPQUEST

Trip to 10015 E Andrew Johnson Hwy

Limestone, TN 37681-5629

11.94 miles - about 16 minutes

Notes



101 S Main St, Greeneville, TN 37743-5973



1. Start out going **NORTHEAST** on **S MAIN ST / US-11E BR / US-321 / US-321 SCENIC / TN-107 / TN-35** toward **E DEPOT ST**. Continue to follow **US-321 N**.

go 11.7 mi



2. Make a **U-TURN** onto **E ANDREW JOHNSON HWY / US-11E S / US-321 S / TN-34 W**.

go 0.3 mi



3. **10015 E ANDREW JOHNSON HWY** is on the **RIGHT**.

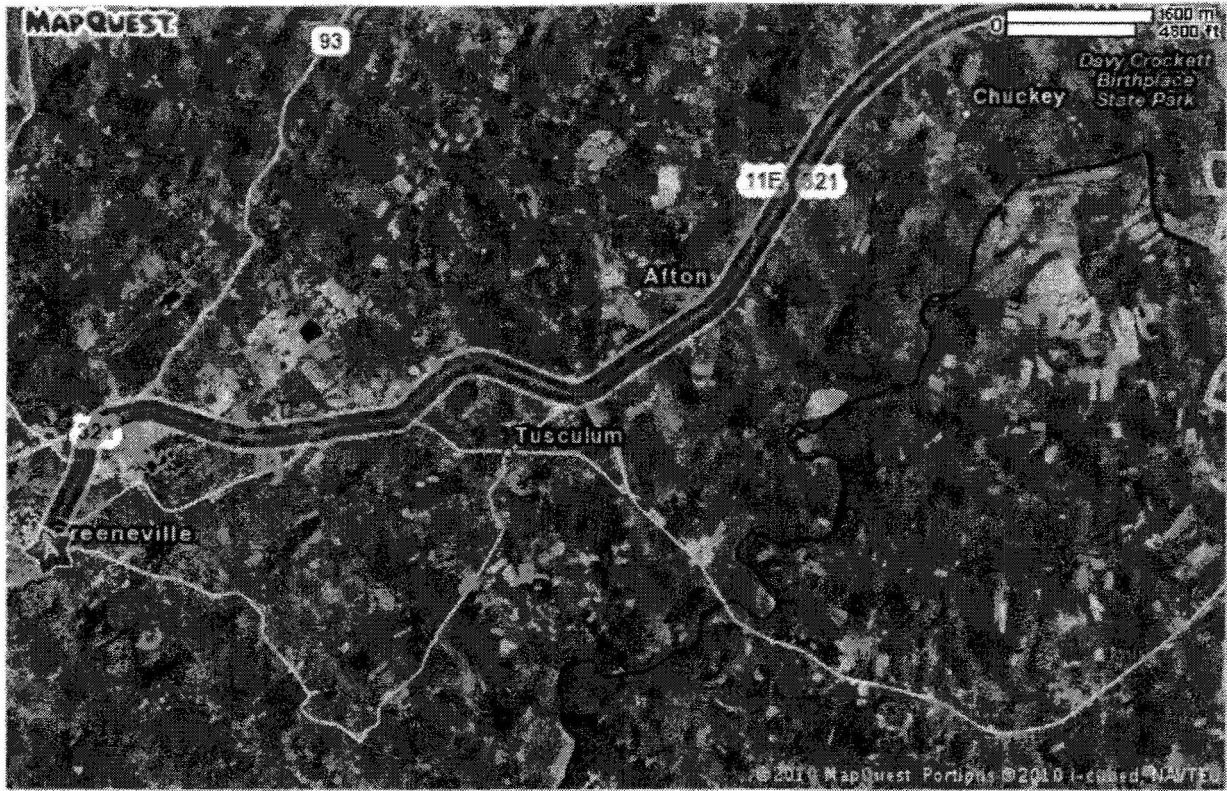
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10015 E Andrew Johnson Hwy, Limestone, TN 37681-5629

Total Travel Estimate : 11.94 miles - about 16 minutes

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RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$15,000.00 FROM THE 2009-2010 BUDGET AND \$15,000.00 FROM THE 2010-2011 BUDGET YEARS TO THE GREENE COUNTY PARTNERSHIP TO DEFREY THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROCURING AND HOSTING THE NATIONAL AMATEUR INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSOCIATION'S CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEREAS, the Greene County Partnership has worked diligently to procure the golf championship for the National Amateur Intercollegiate Association for 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the National Championship Golf Tournament generally welcomes 24 colligate teams and 9 individuals who have qualified for the national tournament for a total of 129 players from across the United States who will come to Greeneville, Tennessee to participate in the national tournament at Link Hills Country Club in the spring of 2011 and the spring of 2012; and

WHEREAS, hosting this national championship will provide significant exposure to Greene County, Tennessee, promote tourism and have a significant economic impact of more than \$250,000.00 each year for the two years that Greene County hosts the tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Greene County Partnership has incurred and will continue to incur expenditures related to the procurement and hosting of the tournament each year for the next two years; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the sponsorship of this tournament would be an appropriate use of some of the funds realized from the motel and hotel tax allocated for recreation and athletic pursuits; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration the Greene County Legislative Body believes that the allocation of \$15,000.00 each year (that is during the current budget year and the next budget year) would be beneficial to the citizens of Greene County in promoting tourism,

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stimulating the local economy, and providing the needed exposure of Greene County in hosting this championship golf tournament; and

WHEREAS, the fund currently has adequate resources to fund this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of April, 2010 a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that \$15,000.00, be allocated each year for the current budget year 2009-2010, and for the next budget year 2010-2011, to the Greene County Partnership to cover the expenditures incurred by the Partnership in the procurement and hosting of the National Amateur Intercollegiate Association Golf Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the budget shall be amended as follows:

INCREASE BEGINNING BUDGETED FUND BALANCE

34490 Reserved for Recreation Programs	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total adjustment to beginning budget fund balance:	<u>\$15,000</u>

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

91150 Social, Cultural and Recreation Projects	
316 Contributions	<u>\$15,000</u>

TOTAL INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$15,000</u>
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Jan Kiker
Sponsor

County Mayor

County Clerk

County Attorney

**RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE A CONTRIBUTION OF SEVEN THOUSAND
DOLLARS TO EACH OF THE FIFTEEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
SERVING GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

WHEREAS, the various volunteer fire departments scattered across the communities in Greene County, Tennessee provide a valuable service to the citizens of Greene County in fighting fires, assisting when requested by the municipal fire departments and providing educational instruction in fire prevention as well as providing valuable assistance in other arenas to numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer fire departments incur great expense for the necessary equipment and training to provide fire protection to the citizens of Greene County, which in turn generally lowers the insurance premiums for the citizens served by each of the volunteer fire departments; and

WHEREAS, individual members of each volunteer fire department are now subject to and participate in certain required training courses and the volunteer fire departments are always in need of funding to maintain and improve their firefighting equipment and vehicles; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration of all the factors above stated it would be appropriate for the Greene County Legislative Body to make a \$7,000.00, contribution to each of the fifteen volunteer fire department located in Greene County, Tennessee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of April, 2010 a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that a \$7,000.00 contribution shall be made to each of the 15 volunteer fire departments situated in Greene County, Tennessee for a total of \$105,000.00, in order to support each volunteer fire department in providing fire coverage and related services to the citizens of Greene County; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget is amended as follows:

INCREASE BEGINNING BUDGETED FUND BALANCE

3900 Undesignated Fund	<u>\$105,000</u>
Total adjustment to beginning budget fund balance:	<u>\$105,000</u>

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

58500 Contributions to Other Agencies	
316 Contributions	<u>\$105,000</u>

TOTAL INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$105,000</u>
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Budget and Finance
Sponsor

County Mayor

County Court Clerk

County Attorney

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
TO RESCIND THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE FOR A
PERIOD OF ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, Greene County is experiencing difficult economic times, as seen with the increasing unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, New home construction and home improvement is of a major economic importance to Greene County; and

WHEREAS, The International Building Code adds substantial cost to new home construction and home improvements; and

WHEREAS, An effort by the Greene County Legislative Body shall be undertaken to alleviate the burden on the citizens of Greene County and stimulate economic growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2010, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that the International Building Code be rescinded for a period of one year beginning on the date of the passage of this resolution.

County Mayor

Commissioner Robert Morgan
Sponsor

County Clerk


County Attorney

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**A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
FOR REIMBURSEMENTS RECEIVED BY THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the county received a signing bonus of \$40,000 for entering into a new one year contract for the jails inmate telephone services; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff wishes to expend this amount;

THEREFORE, let the budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE BUDGETED REVENUES

43370	Telephone Commissions	\$	40,000
Total increase in budgeted revenues		\$	40,000

INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

54210	JAIL		
716	Law Enforcement Equipment	\$	40,000
Total adjustments to appropriations		\$	40,000

NOW, THEREFORE; be it resolved by the Greene County Legislative Body meeting in regular session this 19th day of April 2010, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that the budget be amended as above.

County Mayor

Budget and Finance Committee
Sponsor

County Clerk

County Attorney

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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GREENEVILLE TO INCREASE
THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-211-813(b)(1) Regional Solid Waste Committee shall be composed of not less than five no more than fifteen members; and

WHEREAS, historically the committee has been made up of three representatives from Greene County, two representatives from the Town of Greeneville, one representative from the Town of Tusculum, and one industrial representative; and

WHEREAS, it appears it would be an advantage to have additional members on the Regional Solid Waste Committee and the County Mayor and the City Mayor have agreed to increase the membership on the Committee by two persons with the County to appoint one additional member and the Town of Greeneville to appoint the second member; and

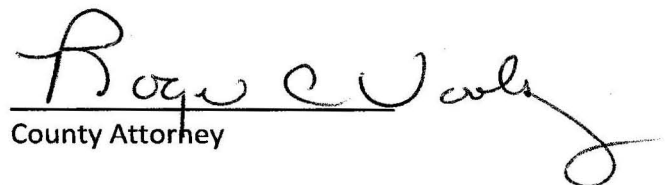
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of April, 2010 a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that with the agreement of the Town of Greeneville, membership on the Regional Solid Waste Committee shall be increased by two persons with Greene County and the Town of Greeneville each appointing one additional member to the Regional Solid Waste Committee.

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County Attorney

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**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JULIA PENSINGER TO THE
GREENEVILLE/GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD**

WHEREAS, Carla Bewley has served faithfully as a member of the Greeneville/Greene County Library Board, having been appointed previously by County Mayor, and approved by the Greene County Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Carla Bewley does not wish to serve further and be reappointed to the Library Board; and

WHEREAS, County Mayor has appointed Julia Pensinger to serve for a three year term, which appointment is subject to the approval by the Greene County Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Julia Pensinger has agreed to accept the appointment to the Greeneville/Greene County Library Board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Greene County Legislative Body, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of April, 2010 a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that Julia Pensinger be approved and confirmed as a member of the Greeneville/Greene County Library Board for a three year term.

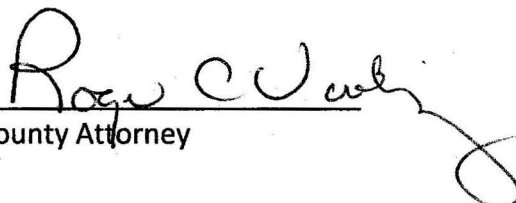
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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2010 FISCAL
YEAR GENERAL FUND'S TO BUDGET THE RETURN
OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY TO LAWFUL OWNER**

WHEREAS, Greene County, Tennessee remitted unclaimed property to the State of Tennessee Treasury Department, Division of Unclaimed Property during 2007,

WHEREAS, Greene County requested in June 2009 a refund for unclaimed properties remitted through the end of 2007 and not returned to owners which was received by Greene County on July 23, 2009, and established a reserve account in the General Fund for these funds,

WHEREAS, Mr. Alton Ray Thomas, a resident of Paducah, Kentucky has filed a petition with the Chancery Court, Probate Division, for Greene County Tennessee as the lawful owner of property in the amount of \$59,218.20 plus any accumulated interest,

WHEREAS, the amount remitted to the State in 2007 totaled \$60,399.78 for Alton Ray Thomas including accrued interest which the owner is entitled to receive the full amount as originally remitted,

WHEREAS, the Chancery Court, Probate Division, for Greene County Tennessee has issued on April 6, 2010 an order to release unclaimed property to Mr. Thomas a sum of \$59,218.20 plus accrued interest,

WHEREAS, the amount due Mr. Thomas totals \$60,449.61 (original amount remitted to the State of \$60,399.78 plus interest earned by Greene County from July 23, 2009 through April 19, 2010 of \$49.83. The average rate of interest earned by the County during this period was .11 %),

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THEREFORE, let the budget be amended as follows:

INCREASE BEGINNING BUDGETED FUND BALANCE

34990	Reserved For Unclaimed Property Refund	<u>\$60,449.61</u>
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Total adjustment to beginning budgeted fund balance:	<u><u>\$60,449.61</u></u>
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

52500	County Clerk's Office	
599	Other Charges	\$31,727.66

53400	Chancery Court	
599	Other Charges	<u>28,721.95</u>

Total Increase in Appropriations	<u><u>\$60,449.61</u></u>
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NOW, THEREFORE; be it resolved by the Greene County Legislative Body meeting in regular session this 19th day of April 2010, a quorum being present and a majority voting in the affirmative, that the budget be amended as above.

<hr/>	<u>Budget and Finance Committee</u>
County Mayor	Sponsor
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County Clerk	County Attorney

APRIL**FRIDAY, APRIL 2****GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY****ALL OFFICES CLOSED**

Thursday, April 8	10:00 a.m.	Budget & Finance Comm.	Annex
Monday, April 12	2:00 p.m.	Debris Ordinance	Annex
Tuesday, April 13	1:00 p.m.	Planning Commission	Annex
Wednesday, April 14	8:30 a.m.	Zoning Appeals	Zoning Office
Wednesday, April 14	10:00 a.m.	Beverage Board	Annex
Monday, April 19	10:00 a.m.	County Commission Meeting	Co. Courthouse
Wednesday, April 21	8:30 a.m.	Insurance Committee	Annex
Monday, April 26	10:00 a.m.	Airport Authority	Town Hall
Monday, April 26	6:00 p.m.	Highway Comm.	Highway Dept.
Tuesday, April 27	12:00 noon	Kinser Park Comm.	West Main Rest.

MAY**TUESDAY, May 4****PRIMARY ELECTION****ALL OFFICES CLOSED**

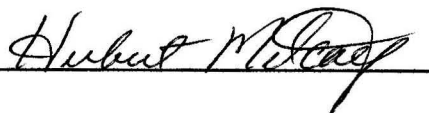
Thursday, May 6	10:00 a.m.	Budget and Finance Comm.	Annex
Monday, May 10	2:00 p.m.	Debris Committee	Annex
Tuesday, May 11	1:00 p.m.	Planning	Annex
Wednesday, May 12	8:30 a.m.	Zoning Appeals	Zoning Office
Wednesday, May 12	10:00 a.m.	Beverage Board	Annex
Wednesday, May 12	3:45 p.m.	Animal Control Co.	Annex
Monday, May 17	6:00 p.m.	County Commission Meeting	Co. Courthouse
Wednesday, May	8:30 a.m.	Insurance Comm.	Annex
Monday, May 24	6:00 p.m.	Hwy. Comm.	Hwy. Dept.
Tuesday, May 25	12:00 noon	Kinser Park Comm.	West Main Rest.
Monday, May 31	10:00 a.m.	Airport Comm.	Town Hall
Monday, May 31		Memorial Day	ALL OFFICES CLOSED

THIS CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

GREENE COUNTY SOLID WASTE 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Month	Tons	Loads	miles	Man Hours	Supv./Hours
January	1318.01	244	17474.7	1831	288
February	1203.19	221	15994.6	1744	296
March	1654.33	313	18986.8	2074	344
Total 1st Quarter	4175.53	778	52456.1	5649	928
April					
May					
June					
Total 2nd Quarter	0	0	0	0	0
July					
August					
September					
Total 3rd. quarter	0	0	0	0	0
October					
November					
December					
Total 4th Quarter	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Totals	4175.53	778	52456.1	5649	928

Respectfully, Submitted



GREENE COUNTY 2010 RECYCLING REPORT

	METAL	TIRE COUNT	TIRE TONS	CARD BOARD	NEWS PAPER	BATTERY 45 LBS EA.	ALUMINUM	PLASTIC	USED OIL 7.62 GAL.	BUSINESS PICK UPS	ELECTRONIC WASTE
January	47260	2283	26.57	25430	43620	63	1890	6860	270	359	5267
February	40270	2273	28.6	23680	39820	0	740	5140	215	346	3841
March	96300	3316	41.5	34560	48920	0	2510	5700	200	426	5860
April											
May											
June											
July											
August											
September											
October											
November											
December											
TOTAL LBS	183830			83670	132360		5140	17700			14968
TOTAL GALS									685		
TOTAL NO.		7872				63				1131	
TOTAL TONS			96.67								

RESPECTFULLY, SUBMITTED *Robert M. Steep*

TOTAL TONS PER YEAR

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ANIMAL CONTROL

February 24, 2010

The Animal Control Committee of the Greene County Commission met on February 24, 2010 at the Courthouse Annex. Members present were Betty Alexander, Bill Brown, Margaret Greenway, Fred Malone, and Jan Kiker.

Chairman Jan Kiker called the meeting to order. She asked Eddie Key, Director of Animal Control to give his reports. Key told the committee calls concerning stray, abused, or injured animals almost doubled in 2009, with 4,095 such calls received. He said only 2,329 such cases were handled in all of 2008. Key attributed this major increase in calls in part to more animals being abandoned by families whose homes have been foreclosed on, or who have otherwise been evicted. In such instances, Key said, animal control officers do not necessarily pick up the animal, but try to work with pet owners who have no place to go and leave the animal until they find a place for themselves. However, Key also noted that the increase was due to the county's change in policy allowing persons to relinquish animals that they can no longer care for without paying a fee. Chairman Jan Kiker said this change helps the animal control staff by allowing people to bring pets they can no longer care for to the animal control facility instead of abandoning them.

Key said calls about loose livestock of all kinds also have increased dramatically in 2009. County Commissioner Fred Malone asked Key if perhaps the increase is due to more people turning their horses out to graze on other people's property, because they cannot provide enough grazing or other food. Key said that was the case in some instances.

Key said the Animal Control facility handled 125 animal-bite investigations in 2009, and had 27 of those animals tested for rabies. Of those, nine of the animals that tested positive for rabies were skunks, and one was a raccoon. He said rabies in skunks has been a problem for years, but raccoon rabies is new to Greene County, and something that concerns him. The rabid raccoon was tested in the last quarter of the year. Key said raccoons become aggressive when rabid, and the county is not prepared to counter this problem.

The county's animal control officers picked up a total of 2,988 problem or unwanted animals in 2009, key reported. Of these, 166 were claimed by owners, and 418 were rescued by pet rescue groups. However, 2,404 of those animals were euthanized. Of the euthanized animals, 600 had health problems, and 632 were aggressive, but 1,172 could have been adopted.

After Keys reports, Kiker told the committee that Feral Friends, and animal rescue organization headed by Robin Quillen and Kathy Newton, has asked to be considered as an official pet rescue organization recognized by the county. Key said such an organization has to either have a business license or non-profit status and a checking account. In addition, the organization must have a dedicated phone line, a Web site, and an e-mail address. It must also have a tracking system for animals it places in home, be open for inspection, and provide three

recommendations. Such groups must also allow regular visual inspection of where animals are kept when they are pulled out of the animal control facility.

Kathy Newton of Feral Friends said the Humane Society of Greene County has been rescuing some animals from the county facility, but Bright Hope Animal Rescue is no longer doing so. Newton said that Feral Friends would like to take up where bright Hope left off.

Kiker said she and Key plan to go to Feral Friends' facility next week to inspect it. She asked if anyone was willing to make a motion to make Feral Friends a rescue agency recognized by the county. Committee member Bill Brown said that an inspection should have been done before the committee was asked to act. Kiker said that she has personally visited Feral Friends' location several times. She said the facility, located at Quillen's home off the Kingsport Highway, has a heated barn that is very clean and serves as a home for about 200 cats. Another heated building houses 100 more cats. All of the cats are fed and cared for, and all have been spayed or neutered. Brown then made a motion to grant recognition, contingent on Key's approval when he visits. The motion was approved unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Jan Kiker

Insurance Committee Minutes
March 17, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Broyles, Mary Shelton, Jackie Brewer, Dan Jackson, John McInturff, Bill Moss, Roger Woolsey, Clark Justis, John Waddle, Kevin Morrison, Dr. Parkins, Sheriff Burns, Amy Rose, Pam Gaut, Jim Jordan, and Wanda Riddle.

Meeting Called to Order in Open Session:

Claim #10-001-004-09 was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Morrison and second by Commissioner Moss.

Claim #11-000-109-002-400 was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Morrison and second by Commissioner Moss.

Claim #11000000000000 was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Morrison and second by Commissioner Moss.

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Commissioner Moss.

Mr. Jim Jordan stated that we have renewal figures from Blue Cross. The original increase was 13.9% with no change except mandated mental health benefit enhancement (eliminated day and visit limits). After Pam Gaut negotiated, the figure is 10%. Pam gave handouts on how Blue Cross arrived at this increase. They will look at the allocation of rate over the three optional plans. Ms. Gaut explained and answered questions. Mr. Jordan recommended that Ms. Gaut go back and negotiate again on 7% flat increase and we would not get competitive quotes. The increase was 7% the first two years with Blue Cross, 3.5% the next year, 3% the next year and 5.9% last year. Pam was asked what effect the new federal health plan might have on our insurance. She said that she feels it will increase the premium over three to five years. Sheriff Burns made a motion to have Ms. Gaut negotiate with Blue Cross on a 7% increase with the agreement that the County will not ask for competitive quotes if we get this rate. Commissioner Justis made a second and the motion was approved. Some benefits could still be adjusted if necessary for funding.

Dan Jackson reviewed his report with the Committee. It was approved upon a motion by Roger Woolsey and Commissioner Waddle.

The meeting adjourned.

DEBRIS COMMITTEE

March 17, 2010

The Debris Committee of the Greene County Commission met on March 17, 2010 at 2:00 in the Conference Room Annex. Members present were Bill Brown, Margaret Greenway, and Jan Kiker. Also present were Leon Bird and Tim Tweed of the Building and Zoning Office.

The meeting was called to order and Chairman Jan Kiker turned the meeting over to Leon Bird. Mr. Bird told committee members that some property owners are paying the county to clean their sites multiple times. He said he preferred to close the cases and start again if we have to. Mr. Bird also stated that "we're going to have to get some teeth in it," Referring to the Debris Ordinance. The Committee discussed the need to prevent repeated violations of the debris ordinance, however, no action was taken in the absence of County Attorney Roger Woolsey. Besides getting Woolsey's opinion on any possible changes to the ordinance, County Mayor Alan Broyles said he would seek information from the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS).

Committee Margaret Greenway said one option could be increasing the county's charge for cleaning the properties. Bird noted that the county recently added six new cases of debris ordinance violators. "I'd like to work with these people if they'll work with me," Bird said. He added approximately 1,000 debris cases in Greene County have resulted in cleanups with the properties then staying clean.

There was no further discussion. The next meeting will be April 12 at 2:00. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Kiker

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 8, 2010

The Budget & Finance Committee met on April 8, 2010. The following were present: Alan Broyles, Tom Yancey, Phil King, Hilton Seay, Bill Dabbs, Mary Shelton, Regina Nuckols, and Wanda Riddle. Also attending were Dan Walker, John Waddle, Rebecca English, David Thompson, employees of the Greene County Partnership, Boys and Girls Club and Parks and Recreation Dept.

Mr. Brett Chassin of USABLE Insurance Co. made a presentation to the members of the Committee concerning a Flex Spending Account Plan, which can be a part of our 125 Plan. There are two parts available which are Dependent Day Care Expenses and Non-covered Medical Expenses. The employee would put a certain amount in an account with the County to cover these expenses. The county covers the amount and then deducts the amount from the employees pay. The benefit to the employee is in saving taxes because this is a tax deferral. The benefit to the employer is that this saves matching FICA taxes. The risk to the employee is that if all dollars set aside are not used, they are not refunded. The risk to the employer would be if the employee were to use all funds put aside and quit employment before the county has had a chance to deduct the full amount of the employees check, the county cannot take the rest from the employees last check. Each employee would be provided a debit card to use for this plan. There is no cost to participate for the County or the employee.

Minutes of the prior meeting were approved upon a motion by Commissioner King and second by Commissioner Dabbs.

Interbudgetary transfers that have previously been approved by the County Mayor were passed out to the Committee members for their information. Interbudgetary transfer requests that concern salary line items were presented to the Committee for their review and approval. These were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Seay and second by Commissioner Dabbs.

Resolutions were approved as follows:

1. A resolution to allocate \$15,000 from the 2009-2010 budget and \$15,000 from the 2010-2011 budget years to the Greene County Partnership to defray the expenses incurred in procuring and hosting the National Amateur Intercollegiate Association's Championship Golf Tournament was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Cox and second by Commissioner Seay. It was noted that this Tournament being held in Greene County is already drawing attention from other tournaments.
2. A resolution to allocate a contribution of seven thousand dollars to each of the fifteen volunteer fire departments serving Greene County, Tennessee was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Cox and second by Commissioner Dabbs.
3. A resolution to amend the 2010 Fiscal Year budget for reimbursements received by the Sheriff's Department was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Dabbs and second by Commissioner Cox.
4. A resolution to amend the 2010 fiscal year General Fund budget to budget the return of unclaimed property to the lawful owner was presented. A motion was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Seay to approve this resolution. During discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Seay and seconded by Commissioner Cox to amend the resolution to show that the money is to be paid out of the Chancery Court budget and the Clerk's budget instead of the Commission budget. The motion to amend the budget was approved and the motion to approve the resolution as amended was approved.

Mrs. Tammy Kinser of the Greene County Partnership, spoke briefly telling the Commissioners that signs showing attractions in our County can be purchased from the State. The application fee is \$25 and the sign is \$200 plus \$50 per year for maintenance. There are approximately five signs needed and this could fall under hotel/motel tax funds.

Commissioner Seay asked if we have figures showing the actual fund balance for several past years. Dan Walker noted that as of March 31 the fund balance is over seven million dollars.

The members were given a sheet that showed the fund balances of June 30 for Fund 101 as audited by the Division of County Audit (State) for 2002 through 2009. The form also showed an average 4-year balance. The bottom line for 2002-2005 was \$10,280,000.00 and the bottom line for 2006-2009 was \$21,131,000.00. The audited numbers are the true and final numbers and they show that as audited the undesignated fund balance for fund 101 has doubled

Mayor Broyles said that it should be noted that in the last four years the Budget & Finance Committee has not used the undesignated fund balance to balance the budget. They have used unspent funds that are turned in from individual departments at the end of the year to help balance the budget.

The meeting adjourned.