

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF GREENE

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
OCTOBER 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Greene County Legislative Body was in regular session on October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Greene County Courthouse.

Mayor Morrison called the meeting to order to transact business that has lawfully come before the Honorable Body. Commissioner Jason Cobble gave the invocation. Commissioner Jeff Bible led the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to sign in on their keypads and the following Commissioners were present. Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Tucker, and White were present. There were 17 Commissioner present and 4 absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

Randy Nomura, Principal at Greeneville Adventist Academy, expressed to the Commission that the Adventist Academy wished to have the old Seventh Day Adventist Church building property that is located on the Takoma property in which Greene County is purchasing. Randy Nomura stated that the Adventist Academy had previously utilized the building through a handshake agreement with Ballard. Mr. Nomura said that the Adventist Academy was never given a chance to obtain the building. He was told that his request would be reviewed after the Takoma property purchasing process was complete.

Ezra Crum was scheduled to speak in regards to diesel and gas disposal in Greene County, although he was not present at the meeting.

Frank Barwick spoke to the Commission in regards to the ruling from the Supreme Court on June 26, 2015 concerning same sex marriage in which he read the memo from County Technical Assistance Service to now issue Marriage Licenses to Same-Sex Couples:

We have been advised by the Tennessee Attorney General that county clerks may begin issuing marriage licenses immediately under the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in Obergefell. The Attorney General will hold a press conference at 2:00 p.m. central time at which time this will be formally announced, but county clerks do not need to wait for the press conference to begin issuing marriage license.

Frank Barwick expressed his concern that the ruling was not only unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, but this is unconstitutional by the State and unchristianity in the eyes of GOD.

Greene County Attorney Roger Woolsey explained as a local governmental entity in and all power derives from the State; they giveth and they can take it away. The counties have no power to make a decision.

PROCLAMATION

LITERACY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Morrison presented the Proclamation for National Family Literacy Day with Nolachuckey Chapter, NSDAR to Patty Neas.

Commissioner Waddle and Shelton joined the Commission Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES

Mayor Morrison announced that the Greene County Clerk Lori Bryant distributed a page of prior minutes in which an error was discovered and corrected.

A motion was made Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Clemmer to approve the prior minutes.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioner to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken to approve the prior minutes. Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell was absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. Mayor Morrison stated that the prior minutes were approved.

REPORTS
VETERAN'S REPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION
SOLID WASTE REPORTS
COMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Parton to approve the Veteran's Report, Financial Report from Board of Education, Solid Waste Reports, and Committee Minutes.

Mayor Morrison announced the Veteran's Office hours had been changed to 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Veteran's Report, Financial Report from Board of Education, Solid Waste Reports, and Committee Minutes were approved.

ELECTION OF NOTARIES

Mayor Morrison asked for County Clerk Lori Bryant to read the list of names requesting to be notaries to the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Clemmer and seconded by Commissioner Parton to approve the notary list.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioner Crawford abstained. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 18 – aye; 0 – nay; 1 – abstain; and 2 – absent. Commissioners voted in favor of the motion to approve the notaries.

**RESOLUTION A: A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM
GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUNDS TO FEDERAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dabbs and seconded by Commissioner Bowers to approve a Resolution to transfer funds from General Purpose School Funds to Federal Projects Funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent.

The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION B: A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE JAIL IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$86,130 FOR THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR THE FYE JUNE 30, 2022**

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Quillen to approve a Resolution of the Greene County Legislative Body to appropriate funds to the amount of \$86,130 for the annual allocation of the Mental Health Transportation Grant for the FYE June 30, 2022.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION C: A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
BODY APPROPRIATING \$13,800 TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY DEPARTMENT AND \$950 TO THE BUILDING AND ZONING
DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF VEHICLES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Quillen and seconded by Commissioner Parton to approve a Resolution of the Greene County Legislative Body appropriating \$13,800 to the Emergency Management Agency Department and \$950 to the Building and Zoning Department for funds received from the sale of vehicles for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION D: A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE A PORTION OF HOLLY CREEK ROAD FROM THE OFFICIAL GREENE COUNTY ROAD LIST (FIRST READING)

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to approve a Resolution to remove a portion of Holly Creek Road from the official Greene County Road list (first reading).

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

**RESOLUTION E: A RESOLUTION ALLOCATING THE PROCEEDS FROM
THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY ON GOV DEALS TO THE HIGHWAY DEPT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Parton and seconded by Commissioner Bowers to approve a Resolution allocating the proceeds from the sale of surplus property on Gov Deals to the Highway Department.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye: 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION F: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENE COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AN ASPHALT HEATER USING
FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemmer and seconded by Commissioner Quillen to approve a Resolution to authorize the Greene County Highway Department to purchase an asphalt heater using funds from the Highway Department Unassigned Fund Balance.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION G: A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION SERVICE TO THE GREENE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR CREEK BANK STABILIZATION ALONG COUNTY ROADS

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to approve a Resolution to allocated funding received from the National Resources and Conservation Service to the Greene County Highway Department for reimbursement for expenses incurred by the department for creek bank stabilization along county roads.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION H: A RESOLUTION TO DEPOSIT THE OPIOD SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, ET AL V. ENDO PHARMACEUTICALS ET LAWSUIT INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL DEBT SERVICE FUND 151

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Quillen to approve a Resolution to deposit the Opiod Settlement Funds from the Sullivan County, ET AL V. Endvo Pharmaceuticals ET Lawsuit into the County General Debt Service Fund 151.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION I: A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY SURPLUS, OBSOLETE, OR UNUSABLE PURSUANT TO T.C.A 5-14-108

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Quillen to approve a Resolution to declare County owned Property surplus, obsolete, or unusable pursuant to T.C.A 5-14-108.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION J: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO DONATE 16 USED PM1500 RADIO/REPEATERS, ONE TO EACH OF THE FIFTEEN GREENE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND ONE TO THE GREENEVILLE EMERGENCY & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Clemmer and seconded by Commissioner Parton to approve a Resolution authorizing the Greene County Sheriff's Department to donate 16 used PM1500 radio/repeaters, one to each of the fifteen Greene County Volunteer Fire Departments and one to the Greeneville Emergency & Rescue Squad, Inc.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION K: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES HANDBOOK, FOR ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THOSE DEPARTMENTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawing and seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve a Resolution to amend the Official Policy and Procedures Handbook, for all County Departments and the Employees within those departments with the exception of the Greene County Highway Department.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION L: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENE COUNTY
MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN OPTION AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY
FRONTING ON SNAPPS FERRY ROAD, THORNWOOD DRIVE, AND GASS DRIVE
IN THE 10TH DISTRICT OF GREENE COUNTY, TN ADJOINING THE
GREENE COUNTY COMMISSION PROPERTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Quillen to approve a Resolution to authorize the Greene County Mayor to execute an option agreement to purchase real property fronting on Snapps Ferry Road, Thornwood Drive, and Gass Drive in the 10th District of Greene County, TN adjoining the Greene County Commission Property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Cobble to amend the Resolution to require a second reading.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bowers, Bryant, Cobble, Peters, and Shelton voted yes. Commissioners Bible, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Quillen, Tucker, Waddle, and White vote no. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 6 – aye; 13 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to amend the Resolution to require a second reading failed.

Greene County Attorney Roger Woolsey explained the agreement will mean that the owner of the property will not be able to sell it to another buyer for a certain period of time in which the County Commission will have a to render its final decision on the purchase and the time frame will likely be 60 days. The purchase of the property will be subject to a report from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. The state agency will evaluate the property for its suitability for economic development and marketability to companies.

The County Commission will have a final say on the purchase of the property regardless of the report.

Jeff Taylor, Greene County Partnership CEO stated the property will be evaluated on October 27, 2021 and that he would provide the Commission with the best information possible in an effort to help them make an informed decision on the purchase of the land. The Tennessee Valley Authority will also help evaluate the property for its marketability as a part of the review process.

Mayor Morrison explained the other communities have had success with developing and selling public land for industry, restaurant, and retail, and that Greene County has not been able to compete in that arena due to a lack of public land. Mayor Morrison said, "We are at a transition moment between how we did economic development in the past and how economic development is being done today." He explained, "It is a watershed moment. We can choose to play the game like other communities are or we can not and we will have to accept what we have."

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Crawford, Dabbs, Lawing, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Cobble, Kesterson, Parton, and Tucker voted no. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 12 – aye; 7 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION M: A RESOLUTION TO URGE TENNESSEE'S ELECTED LEADERS TO OPPOSE THE FEDERALLY PROPOSED VACCINE MANDATE

A motion was made by Commissioner Bryant and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to approve a Resolution to urge Tennessee's Elected Leaders to oppose the Federally proposed vaccine mandate.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION N: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A REDISTRICTING
PLAN FOR GREENE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

A motion was made by Commissioners Crawford and seconded by Commissioners Carpenter to approve the Resolution to adopt a redistricting plan for Greene County, Tennessee.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioner Parton voted no. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 18 –aye; 1 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

RESOLUTION O: A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE
BODY APPROVING THE USE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING
FOR PROJECT "A" AND PROJECT "B" FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30,2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to approve a Resolution of the Greene County Legislative Body approving the use of the American Rescue Plan funding for Project "A" and Project "B" for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioners Lane and Powell were absent. The vote was 19 – aye; 0 – nay; and 2 – absent. The motion to approve the Resolution passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF TOMMY WHITEHEAD TO THE RANGE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to approve the appointment of Tommy Whitehead to the Range Committee.

Mayor Morrison called the Commissioners to vote on their keypads. The following vote was taken: Commissioners Arrowood, Bible, Bowers, Bryant, Burkey, Carpenter, Clemmer, Cobble, Crawford, Dabbs, Kesterson, Lawing, Parton, Peters, Quillen, Shelton, Tucker, Waddle, and White voted yes. Commissioner Lane and Powell were absent. The motion to approve the appointment of Tommy Whitehead to the Range Committee passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Shelton to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Morrison announced the deadline for submission of resolutions for the next Commissioner Meeting will be Thursday, November 4th at 12:00 noon.

The next County Commission Meeting will be Monday, November 15, 2021.

Commissioner Dale Tucker had the Closing Prayer.