

January 10, 2023 Minutes

The Coffee County Legislative Body met January 10, 2023 in a regular scheduled meeting at the Coffee County Administrative Plaza at 6:00 PM.

Sheriff Chad Partin proclaimed the meeting open for business.

Pastor Ron Fuller gave the Invocation and Jimmy Hollandsworth led the Pledge to the Flag.

There were 17 members present for the meeting and the vacancy left by Benny Jones.

Mayor Matheny amended the agenda by adding appointments to the BZA, removing the Trustee Investment Authorizations (9g), and removing under (9f) attachment 8. Mayor Matheny requested a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Reed and seconded by Hollandsworth to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved with 17 yes votes.

Public Comments were held. Sally Singles spoke on behalf of Helen Debellis and Susan Parsley spoke on behalf of Holly Jones both running for Commission District 1 replacing Benny Jones.

Motion made by Hershman and seconded by Reed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was approved with 17 yes votes.

County Mayor Judd Matheny, County Mayor Ray Knowis and Mr. Lamar Wilkie presented the Coffee County's "Governor's Volunteer Star Award for 2022" to Mrs. Staria Davidson with the Storehouse Food Pantry.

Motion made by Hershman and seconded by Duncan to open the floor for nominations for Commission District 1 the vacancy of Benny Jones deceased. The motion was approved by voice vote. Nominations were held for Commission District 1 vacancy as follows: Claude Morse nominated Helen Debellis, Frank Watkins nominated Holly Jones and Dennis Hunt nominated Dowe Jones. After discussion Dowe withdrew her nomination. Motion made by Morris and

seconded by Hershman for nominations to cease and vote. A roll call vote was held with Holly Jones receiving 13 votes and Hollandsworth, Hobbs, Morse and Brown voted for Debellis. Mayor Matheny then swore in Holly.

There are 18 members now present for the meeting.

Motion made by Deford and seconded by Hershman to approve the following notaries as listed: Tracey Louise Adams, Halie Brianna Bennett, Tracie Burnett, Laura L. Colyar, Daniel Davis, Anady J. Dawson, Helen Joe Debellis, Tyler Matthew Eads, Frances C. Eley, Patricia B. Embleton, Grace Evelyn Frazier, Tammy E. Hatch, Robert Beasley Hennigan, Alexandria Maire Hennigan, Timothy Brandon Inglis, Katie Ann Kusisto, Brianna Dea Lorance, Johnny Andrew Lovelace, Sylvia Baylee Luttrell, Kristina Joyce Moore, Lorie Nunley, Nita M. Reeves, Theresa G. Roberts, Tina Delina Seckler, Bryant Thomas Swann, Claus Ernst Thormaehlen and Reed Lynn Tracey. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Motion made by Hodge and seconded by Stubblefield for Arlis Markum to be elected, District 4, Seat 2 Road Commissioner. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Motion made by Stubblefield and seconded by Deford for Randall Braker to be elected as Constable. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Committees: Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Hollandsworth to approve all committee appointments with one vote. The motion was approved with 17 yes votes and Tim Morris abstained. The list of committees is attached to the minutes.

Motion made by Stubblefield and seconded by Reed to approve changes to Employee Manual attachment 9 leave donation program. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Nominations were held for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Hunt nominated Tim Morris as the Commissioner appointment and Morse nominated Helen Debellis as the associate member. Motion made by Hunt and seconded by Reed to approve

the commission appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was approved with 17 yes votes.

Motion made by Morris and seconded by Watkins to approve the employee appreciation payment budget amendments. The payments were approved at the 12/8/2022 Commission meeting. These pages of the amendments were inadvertently left out of the agenda handouts so were not included in the 12/8/2022 minutes. A vote of approval today is required to include them in the minutes. Attachment 12. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Mayor Matheny gave a brief Health Department construction status stating it has been okayed by the State to go ahead with the process of engaging an architect. Capital Outlay will have a special called meeting Thursday to begin the process of interviewing architects.

Motion made by Deford and seconded by Watkins for the adoption of Resolution 2023-M-01 to make an application for a CDBG Covid-19 program grant through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to assist with local food banks. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

Motion made by Sebourn and seconded by Stubblefield to approve the 2024 budget calendar. The motion was approved with 18 yes votes.

There being no further business the County Legislative Body adjourned.

Respectfully submitted this the 10th day of January, 2022.



Teresa H. McFadden, Coffee County Clerk