

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 14

MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT
JOHN GIBSON
JEFF BARRETT
TOM KERN

DANNY ALVIS
CHARLES THACKER
JOSH GILLIAM
CHAD BRITTON
GLENDA DAVIS

JASON ROACH
LARRY CLONCE
NANCY BARKER
ROBBIE PALMER
BOBBY JINKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS – (PROCLAMATIONS)

-- COMMISSIONER GLENDA DAVIS RECOGNIZED LARRY BOYD ON BEHALF OF
HOLSTON ELECTRIC AND HOLSTON CONNECT

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)

--HAWKINS COUNTY, TENNESSEE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024
--APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY KEVIN KEETON AS THE HAWKINS COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX
ATTORNEY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
--APPOINTMENT OF JAMES R. MILEY, COMMISSIONER OF THE MOORESBURG UTILITY
DISTRICT, TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026
--HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – QUARTERLY REVENUE AND
EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR 2023-2024 FOURTH QUARTER, MATT HIXON - DIRECTOR
--TENNESSEE COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF A CERTIFIED
COPY OF THE YEAR 2025 BUDGET

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 14 YES
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

RESOLUTIONS 2024/09:

2024/09/01 APPOINTMENT OF MARK DEWITTE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HAWKINS COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE BODY
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/02 APPOINTMENT OF NANCY BARKER AS CHAIRMAN PRO-TEMPORE OF THE
HAWKINS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY
*MOTION BY TOM KERN, SECOND BY GLENDA DAVIS

YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, PALMER, JINKS

NO: ALVIS

ABSTAIN: TRENT, BARKER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 1 ABSTAIN 2 ABSENT 0

2024/09/03 APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO COMMITTEES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

***MOTION BY DANNY ALVIS, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON**

CORRECTION ON 2024/09/03 ATTACHMENT – DATE SHOULD READ 10/01/2024

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSTAIN: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/04 APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES FOR HAWKINS COUNTY TN AS PER TCA CODE

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

CORRECTION ON 2024/09/04 – “DELINQUENT TAX/RESALE OF LAND” #3 SHOULD BE CHARLES THACKER INSTEAD OF DANNY ALVIS

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

ABSTAIN: TRENT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/05 APPROVAL TO AWARD A FIVE-YEAR ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL AIRPORT SERVICES TO HOLT CONSULTING

***MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM**

COMMISSIONER GIBSON CALLED FOR QUESTION

**YES: GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON
DAVIS, ROACH, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

NO: TRENT, BARRETT, ALVIS, CLONCE

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2024/09/06 APPROVAL OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO HAWKINS COUNTY EMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FROM RESTRICTED OPIOID FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF TWO (2) AMBULANCE REMOUNTS

***MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER**

2024/09/06 AMENDMENT – APPROVAL OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO HAWKINS COUNTY EMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,500 FROM RESTRICTED OPIOID FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF A NEWLY REFURBISHED AMBULANCE

VOTE ON AMENDED RESOLUTION 2024/09/06

**YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS**

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN ABSENT 0

2024/09/07 AUTHORIZING HAWKINS COUNTY TO ALLOW THE TERRY LAW FIRM TO ENTER INTO LITIGATION ON ITS BEHALF AGAINST HOLSTON CONNECT IN REFERENCE TO FRANCHISE FEES NOT BEING PAID
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS

COMMISSIONER PALMER CALLED FOR QUESTION

OBJECT TO CALL FOR QUESTION BY COMMISSIONER GILLIAM

VOTE ON OBJECT TO CALL FOR QUESTION

**MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS*

*YES: TRENT, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER,
GILLIAM, BRITTON, CLONCE, BARKER, JINKS*

NO: GIBSON, DAVIS, ROACH, PALMER

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

MOTION TO POSTPONE 2024/09/07 UNTIL OCTOBER 2024 MEETING

**MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

YES: GIBSON, DAVIS, ROACH, PALMER

*NO: KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER,
GILLIAM, BRITTON, BARKER, JINKS*

ABSTAIN: TRENT, CLONCE

FAILED BY ROLL CALL YES 4 NO 8 ABSTAIN 2 ABSENT 0

VOTE ON ORIGINAL RESOLUTION 2024/09/07

*YES: TRENT, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER,
GILLIAM, BRITTON, ROACH, BARKER, JINKS*

NO: GIBSON, DAVIS, PALMER

ABSTAIN: CLONCE

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 10 NO 3 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/08 AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SURGOINSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE SERVICE COVERAGE OF PHIPPS BEND INDUSTRIAL PARK PER THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT OF AGREEMENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

CORRECTION ON 2024/09/08 – TO CHANGE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 TO OCTOBER 2024 IN PARAGRAPH 3

MOTION TO AMEND 2024/09/08 – TO REPLACE HAWKINS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL BOARD WITH HAWKINS COUNTY GENERAL FUND IN PARAGRAPH 12

**MOTION BY DANNY ALVIS, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON*

*YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS*

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN ABSENT 0

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2024/09/08 – AS AMENDED

*YES: TRENT, GIBSON, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS*

ABSTAIN: KERN

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/09 RENEWAL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH UNIFIRST FOR CLEANING SUPPLIES AND MATS FOR A 36-MONTH TERM BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2, 2024
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

MOTION TO POSTPONE 2024/09/09 UNTIL OCTOBER 2024 MEETING
*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, BRITTON
DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

NO: ALVIS, GILLIAM, ROACH

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 3 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2024/09/10 APPROVAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ACCEPT UPON AWARD A FY25 TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE TRAINING EQUIPMENT GRANT WITH NO LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER,
GILLIAM, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: BRITTON

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/11 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

NO: ALVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 1 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

2024/09/12 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: ROACH

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 0

2024/09/13 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, ALVIS, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 0

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*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2024 COMMISSION MEETING
