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THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SHALL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE MAIN ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING, 400 WEST MAIN STREET. ALL AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO VOTE.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 P.M.):

A. Devotional

Commissioner Courtney Durrett

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Commissioner Richie Beeler

C. Amendments to the Agenda

D. Education Consent Calendar

1. R-23-10-201 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Letter of Engagement with Pugh & Company, P.C. to examine Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System (TCRS) Fiscal Year 2022 census data at a cost of \$6,500.00.
(Schools)

Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

2. R-23-10-202 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding between Knox County d/b/a Knox County Parks and Recreation and Knox County Board of Education d/b/a Knox County Schools regarding the maintenance and upkeep of softball and baseball fields at Carter Park.
(Schools)

Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

3. R-23-10-203 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Benchmark Education Company, Carnegie Learning, Inc., Edmentum-MMED, Lexia Learning Systems LLC, and Savvas Learning Company LLC for the provision of Literacy Intervention Programs for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for eight (8) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

4. R-23-10-204 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Insight Education Group, The Rensselaerville Institute, and Relay Graduate School of Education for the provision of School Leadership Development for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

5. R-23-10-205 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Bonitz, Inc., Shanklin & Sons Flooring, Inc., and Skilled Services Quality Construction, LLC for the provision of carpet tile installation services up to \$200,000.00 for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

6. R-23-10-206 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving contracts with Major Display, Inc., Signco, Inc., and Sycamore Sign & Crane for the provision of electronic signs up to \$120,000.00 for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

7. R-23-10-207 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with LiftOne LLC for the provision of hydraulic lift repair and inspection services up to \$200,000.00 for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

8. R-23-10-208 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Duracap Asphalt Paving for the provision of paving services up to \$2,500,000.00 for the term of November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, which may be extended for four (4) additional years.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**
9. R-23-10-209 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Brenda P. Horne and Douglas A. Horne for approximately 41 acres of real property located in Farragut at a cost of \$4,892,500.00.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**
10. R-23-10-210 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a Title IV Stronger Connections Grant in the amount of \$1,105,338.94.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**
11. R-23-10-211 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2024 Public School Security Grant in the amount of \$2,405,031.18.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**
12. R-23-10-212 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a Tennessee Department of Education Fiscal Year 2024 Tennessee Accelerating Literacy & Learning Corps (TN ALL Corps) Grant in the amount of \$1,520,400.00.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**
13. R-23-10-213 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Knox County Health Department in an amount up to \$541,360.00 for the "In School Health Program" for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**

14. R-23-10-214 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of grant funds and donations for the Knox County Schools as shown on the attached list and in the total amount of \$108,142.00.
(Schools)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

E. General Government Consent Calendar

15. R-23-10-215 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of \$7,582.69 from the Estate of Barbara Thompson Slater for the benefit of the Cedar Bluff Branch and the Sights and Sounds Department of the Knox County Public Library.
(Library)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

16. R-23-10-301 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount of \$14,930.00 with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Corrections Institute for the provision of training equipment. (No local match required)
(Sheriff)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

17. R-23-10-302 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract in the amount of \$111,752.50 with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security to provide police traffic services as part of the Tennessee Highway Safety Plan for the period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024. (No local match is required)
(Sheriff)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

18. R-23-10-303 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Letter of Agreement - Direct Appropriation Grant in the amount of \$789,036.00 with the State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs for the provision of mental health transportation. (No local match required)
(Sheriff)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

19. R-23-10-402 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Quitclaim Deed between Knox County and Executive Park Hospitality, LLC for the disposition of a drainage easement purchased by the Tennessee Department of Transportation as part of the I-40/I-75 widening project from 1989 also known as State Project No. 47001-2173-44.
(Engineering and Public Works)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
20. R-23-10-403 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a construction contract in the amount of \$265,800.00 with Davis H. Elliot Construction Company, Inc. for the Middlebrook Signal Plan.
(Engineering and Public Works)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
21. R-23-10-404 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Gresham Smith for professional engineering consultant services for the widening of Hardin Valley Road between Castaic Lane and Greenland Way in the amount of \$128,435.00.
(Engineering and Public Works)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
22. R-23-10-405 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Gresham Smith for professional engineering consultant services for a traffic signal at the intersection of Hardin Valley Road and Valley Vista Road in the amount of \$36,471.25.
(Engineering and Public Works)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
23. R-23-10-501 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, authorizing the acceptance of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant award in the amount of \$911,354.00 and approving the terms for the receipt of said funds. (No local match required)
(Community Development)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
24. R-23-10-502 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment No. One to the Agreement with the McNabb Center for the acquisition of property and construction of a domestic violence emergency shelter to provide for an extension to the term of the contract. (Federally funded through HUD CDBG Program Funds)
(Community Development)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

25. R-23-10-503 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving three (3) Agreements with Legal Aid of East Tennessee (\$1,500,000), Community Mediation Center (\$200,000) and Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (\$1,500,000) in Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA2) funds for eviction prevention and housing stability services. (Federally funded through Treasury ERA2 program funds. (State pass-through)
(Community Development)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
26. R-23-10-601 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Two to a grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of rape prevention education services, which amendment increases the maximum liability of the State under the contract by \$17,570.00 and amends the scope of services. (No local match required)
(Health Department)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
27. R-23-10-603 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Two to a Grant Contract with Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Parents as Teachers, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Evidence-Based Home Visiting Program Services, which amendment decreases the maximum liability of the State under the Grant Contract by \$401,200.00 for a total amount of \$2,076,836.03 and reduces the term ending to June 30, 2024. (No local match required)
(Health Department)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
28. R-23-10-604 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment One to a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Family Planning services, which amendment increases the maximum liability of the State under the Grant Contract by \$32,000.00 for a total amount of \$4,149,000.00 with no change to the term ending on June 30, 2027. (No local match required)
(Health Department)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

29. R-23-10-605 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Amendment Two to a Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Health for the provision of Fetal Infant Mortality program services, which amendment updates the scope of services, extends the term through June 30, 2025, and increases the maximum liability of the State under the Grant Contract by \$150,000.00 for a total amount of \$750,000.00. (No local match required)
(Health Department)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
30. R-23-10-802 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Statement of Work with Origami Risk, LLC in the amount of \$8,775.00 for medical bill integration with pharmacy benefit manager, Alius Health, and a three (3) year contract renewal with Origami Risk, LLC, for worker's compensation claims management software in the amount of \$61,010.00 for years 1-3 plus an optional 4th year in the amount of \$64,670.60 and optional 5th year in the amount of \$68,550.84.
(Risk Management)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
31. R-23-10-803 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Pharmacy Benefit Management Agreement with Alius Health, LLC for the provision of workers' compensation pharmacy benefit manager services not to exceed \$200,000.00 annually.
(Risk Management)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
32. R-23-10-901 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Consulting Services Agreement with Stones River Group, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 (\$6,250.00 per month) plus out-of-pocket expenses to provide government relations services with the State of Tennessee for the term ending October 31, 2024.
(County Mayor and Finance)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1
33. R-23-10-902 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Cannon & Cannon, Inc. for professional engineering consultant services for the Halls Greenway Project in the amount of \$226,900.00.
(Parks and Recreation)
Work Session Recommendation: Approve 10-0-0-1

34. R-23-10-903 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an updated Knox County Title VI Management Policy. (*Human Resources*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**
35. R-23-10-904 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, acknowledging and approving receipt of a gift of services from Charles Blalock & Sons, Inc. for landscaping services performed at Bower Field with a total value of \$8,000.00. (*Commissioner Dailey*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**
36. R-23-10-905 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving Pugh & Company, PC to provide professional auditing services for the Fiscal Year 2024 independent audit of the accounts of Knox County as recommended by the Audit Committee. (*Audit Committee*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**
37. R-23-10-906 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for exercise equipment/supplies for the Karns Senior Center. (No local match required) (*Senior Services*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**
38. R-23-10-907 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for exercise equipment for the Halls Senior Center. (No local match required) (*Senior Services*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**
39. R-23-10-908 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant contract with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for exercise equipment, a vegetable garden, books, and a memorial tree for the Corryton Senior Center. (No local match required) (*Senior Services*)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve 10-0-0-1**

40. R-23-10-909 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a grant with the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for exercise equipment and furniture for the Carter Senior Center. (No local match required)
(Senior Services)
Work Session Recommendation: **Approve** **10-0-0-1**

F. Honorary Resolutions

41. R-23-10-101 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, honoring and celebrating the life and career of Marshal Andy Smalls, America's Cowboy.
 No Recomm
(Commissioner Jay)
Work Session Recommendation: **No Recommendation** **10-0-0-1**

G. Presentations

42. Presentation from Friends of the Library.
(Commissioner Hill)

H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

J. Drives and Roads

K. Line Item Transfers

43. Line Item Transfers - Total amount of \$100,620.00.
 No Recomm
(Finance)
Work Session Recommendation: **No Recommendation** **10-0-0-1**

L. Budget Amendments

44. Budget Amendments - Total amount of \$3,100,000.00.
 No Recomm
(Finance)
Work Session Recommendation: **No Recommendation** **10-0-0-1**

M. Notary Applications

N. Spread of Record

45. Spread of Record the Knox County Sheriff's reappointment of Wade Russell (Rusty) Goddard to serve on the Knox County Ethics Committee, which term expires October 31, 2027.
(Sheriff)

O. Education Resolutions (non-consent)

P. General Government Resolutions (non-consent)

46. R-23-10-110 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing _____ and _____ to the Knox County Ethics Committee. (Terms expire October 31, 2027)
(Commissioner Hill)
Work Session Recommendation: No Recommendation 10-0-0-1
No Recomm
47. R-23-10-111 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, appointing _____ (District 4) to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals. (Term expires September 30, 2025) **(DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Commissioner Ward)
Work Session Recommendation: No Recommendation 10-0-0-1
No Recomm
48. R-23-10-401 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a contract with Kendig Keast Collaborative in the amount of \$ _____ for the development of a Unified Development Ordinance per request for qualifications No. 3422. **(DEFER TO NOVEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(previously deferred from September to October at Request of Sponsor)*
(Engineering and Public Works)
Work Session Recommendation: Defer to November 10-0-0-1
Deferred
49. R-23-10-602 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving a Contract with _____ for the provision of 911 EMS Ambulance Services. **(DEFER TO NOVEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)**
(Health Department)
Work Session Recommendation: Defer to November 10-0-0-1
Deferred

50. R-23-10-801 Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, approving an interlocal agreement between Knox County and the Industrial Development Board related to the Axle Logistics property swap for \$1.4 million. The amount in question will be paid through designations and included in the FY'25 Capital Improvement Plan. **(DEFER TO NOVEMBER AT REQUEST OF SPONSOR)** *(previously deferred from July to August, August to September and September to October at Request of Sponsor)*
(Finance and Commissioner Durrett)
Work Session Recommendation: Defer to November 10-0-0-1

Q. Ordinances on First Reading

R. Ordinances on Second Reading

51. O-23-9-101 Consideration of an Ordinance of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee, amending the Knox County Code, Chapter 42, Article II, Division 2, Section 42-64, "Political Activities Restricted", to clarify that Sheriff's Office personnel may become a candidate for elective office in order to comply with changes to the Hatch Act. (Ord. No. O-90-9-111, adopted 9-10-90 and Ord. No. O-22-6-103, adopted 7-25-22) **(SECOND READING)**
(Merit System Board)
Work Session Recommendation: No Recommendation 10-0-0-1

S. Public Forum - Open Topics

T. Other Business

52. Discussion and approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Priorities to be submitted to the Knox County State Delegation for consideration.
(Commissioner Hill)
Work Session Recommendation: No Recommendation 10-0-0-1

II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (7:00 P.M.):

(Any person testifying on any Zoning matter shall be sworn in by the Law Director or his designee before giving testimony)

A. Zoning Requests

53. 9-A-23-SP Request of Patrick Hunt for a South City Sector Plan Amendment from AG (Agricultural) and HP (Hillside Protection) to LDR (Low Density Residential) and HP (Hillside Protection). Property located at 4424 Island Home Pike / Parcel ID 110 P D 004. **Planning Commission Action: APPROVE the sector plan amendment to the LDR (Low Density Residential) land use classification because of access to sewer and significant changes in conditions, by a vote of 14-0. The HP (Hillside Protection) will be retained.**
(Commission District 9)
54. 9-A-23-RZ Request of Patrick Hunt for rezoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential) up to 5 dwelling units per acre. Property located at 4424 Island Home Pike / Parcel ID 110 P D 004. **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the PR (Planned Residential) zone up to 5 dwelling units per acre, by a vote of 14-0.**
(Commission District 9)
55. 9-D-23-RZ Request of Rick Harbin for rezoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential) up to 5 dwelling units per acre. Property located at 7620 Rio Grande Drive / Parcel ID 066 12006. **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the RA (Low Density Residential) zone because it is consistent with the sector plan and surrounding development, by a vote of 14-0.**
(Commission District 6)
56. 9-E-23-RZ Request of Alex Botezat for rezoning from RA (Low Density Residential), RB (General Residential) and A (Agricultural) for 5703 Millertown Pike, and from RB (General Residential) for 5701, 5707 and 5709 Millertown Pike to PR (Planned Residential) up to 5 dwelling units per acre. Parcel ID 060 020, 021, 022, and 023. **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the PR (Planned Residential) zone up to 2.75 dwelling units per acre because it is consistent with the sector plan and surrounding development, subject to one condition, by a vote of 13-0.**
(Commission District 8)
57. 9-F-23-RZ Request of Randall J. Sparks for rezoning from A (Agricultural) and TO (Technology Overlay) to PR (Planned Residential) up to 3.5 dwelling units per acre and TO (Technology Overlay). Property located at 3303 George Light Road / Parcel ID 089 16501. **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the RA (Low Density Residential) zone because it is consistent with the sector plan and consistent with the surrounding development, by a vote of 14-0. The TO (Technology Overlay) will be retained.**
(Commission District 6)

58. 9-H-23-RZ Request of Parker Bartholomew for rezoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential) up to 5 dwelling units per acre. Property located at 3430 Zion Lane / Parcel ID 091 042 (part of). **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the PR (Planned Residential) zone with up to 4.91 dwelling units per acre because it is consistent with the Northwest County Sector Plan and surrounding development, by a vote of 14-0.**
(Commission District 6)
59. 9-K-23-RZ Request of S and E Properties for rezoning from A (Agricultural) to PR (Planned Residential) up to 4.5 dwelling units per acre. Property located at 1103 and 1109 Fretz Road / Parcel ID 130 067 and 066. **Planning Commission Recommendation: APPROVE the PR (Planned Residential) zone up to 4.5 dwelling units per acre because it is consistent with changing conditions and surrounding development, by a vote of 14-0.**
(Commission District 6)

- B. Zoning Appeals
- C. Amendments to the Knox County Zoning Ordinance
- D. Other Business
- E. Adjournment