

## **COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – MARCH 15, 2021**

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Tazewell, Tennessee. Meeting was opened by Officer Doug Evans. Invocation led by Commissioner Zach Mullins. Pledge led by Officer Doug Evans.

### **AGENDA ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Mike Campbell called the meeting to order. County Clerk Karen Hurst called the roll by district. Commissioners present/absent as follows:

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **District 1**

Brent Clark  
Whitt Shuford  
Charlton Vass

##### **District 2**

Nathan Epperson  
Juanita Honeycutt  
Kim Large

##### **District 3**

Mike Campbell  
Stacey Crawford  
Nicholas Epperson

##### **District 4**

Zach Mullins  
Anthony Rowe

##### **District 5**

Mitchell Cosby

##### **District 6**

Rosemary Barnett  
Carolyn Brooks  
Steve Mason

##### **District 7**

Steve Brogan  
Sherry McCreary  
Shawn Peters

##### **District 8**

David Mundy  
Steve Murphy

##### **District 9**

James Hatmaker

21 commissioners present

Also present: Cynthia Logan, Recorder

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Commissioner Mullins – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Large

*Motion carried by aye vote*

### **AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: Commissioner Large – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #4 – COUNTY OFFICE REPORTS**  
**AGENDA ITEM #5 – COUNTY MAYOR’S REPORT**  
**AGENDA ITEM #6 – COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT**  
**AGENDA ITEM #7 – COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT’S QUARTERLY REPORT**  
**AGENDA ITEM #8 – COMMITTEE REPORTS**

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve  
SECOND: Commissioner Nathan Epperson

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve  
SECOND: Commissioner Mason

*Motion carried by aye vote*

**APPROVED:**

*Melissa A. House  
Sebrina L. Elliott*

*Jessica M. Smith  
Thelma Keck*

**AGENDA ITEM #10 – NOTARY BOND APPROVAL**

*(none)*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*(none)*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – STATE GRANT MONEY (Presentation by County Mayor)**

County Mayor Brooks made presentation to commission concerning the 2021-22 Local Government Recovery & Rebuilding Direct Appropriation Grant from the state. All counties and cities in the state will be receiving funding which will be available on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Each county will receive \$500,000.00 with additional money based on population. The amount of \$745,688.00 will be allocated for Claiborne County. This will be one-time funding for one-time expenses and shall be used for local projects. Mayor Brooks reviewed various projects that the money can be used for, which could include school needs, helipads for areas of the county, volunteer fire department equipment and water projects. He stated the county should receive a direct appropriation letter from the state no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> and that the county would need to get a plan in place on how the money will be spent. He further stated he would provide this information to each of the commissioners for their further review and consideration of needed projects to plan for.

**ITEM #2 – RES. 2021-017 – 2020 APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION GRANT APPLICATION**

MOTION: Commissioner Nathan Epperson – to approve contingent upon a definitive commitment of \$100,000.00 from the TWRA.

SECOND: Commissioner Nicholas Epperson

*(discussion followed with presentation by County Mayor Brooks)*

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to table this item until next month for further information.

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

*ROLL CALL VOTE (on motion to table): 14 for; 7 against / Motion carried*

*FOR: Commissioners Clark, Campbell, Crawford, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan, McCreary, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker*

*AGAINST: Commissioners Shuford, Vass, Nathan Epperson, Honeycutt, Large, Nicholas Epperson, Peters*

**ITEM #3 – RES. 2021-018 – JOINT ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

MOTION: Commissioner Vass – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Nathan Epperson

*(discussion followed with presentations by County Mayor Brooks and Bill Dunavant, former commissioner of TN State Economic and Community Development)*

MOTION: Commissioner Shuford – to table this item until after the ECD Board meeting in April.

SECOND: Commissioner Mason

*ROLL CALL VOTE (on motion to table): 2 for; 19 against / Motion failed*

*FOR: Commissioners Shuford, Vass*

*AGAINST: Commissioners Clark, Nathan Epperson, Honeycutt, Large, Campbell, Crawford, Nicholas Epperson, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan, McCreary, Peters, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker*

*(further discussion)*

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks – call for the question

SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

*ROLL CALL VOTE (on original motion): 1 for; 20 against / Motion failed*

*FOR: Commissioner Vass*

*AGAINST: Commissioner Clark, Shuford, Nathan Epperson, Honeycutt, Large, Campbell, Crawford, Nicholas Epperson, Mullins, Rowe, Cosby, Barnett, Brooks, Mason, Brogan, McCreary, Peters, Mundy, Murphy, Hatmaker*

**ITEM #4 – RES. 2021-019 – SOLID WASTE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD**  
**(Re-appointment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Mason – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Large

*ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried*  
*(Resolution as follows)*

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-019  
SOLID WASTE REGIONAL PLANNING BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the solid waste regional planning board is comprised of the same members as the landfill committee, and,

**WHEREAS**, a member of the solid waste regional planning board term is about to expire, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the board to reappoint the following member, and,

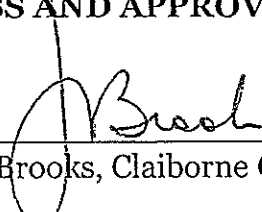
**NOW THEREFORE**, the following solid waste regional planning board member is to be reappointed for the following term:

Robert Cobb

**Four-year term**

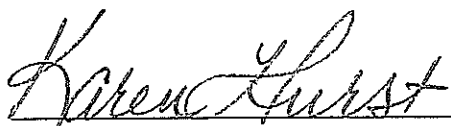
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASS AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
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Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

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Steve Mason, County Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Hurst, County Clerk

**ITEM #5 – RES. 2021-020 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)**  
**ITEM #6 – RES. 2021-021 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Peters – to combine items #4 and 5 and approve  
SECOND: Commissioner Vass

*Motion carried by aye vote  
(Resolutions as follows)*

**Claiborne County Board of Education  
RESOLUTION  
2021-020**

March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, in 19-20 the Claiborne County Board of Education received a Safety grant in the amount of \$7,500. As a result of the pandemic, this was not able to be completed and was allowed to be carried over. This needs to be added to the General Purpose Budget in order to adhere to grant guidelines, and

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session March 15, 2021 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the General Purpose Budget by adjusting the following line items:

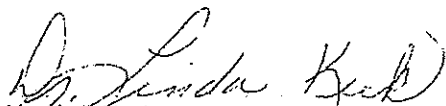
REVENUE

INCREASE

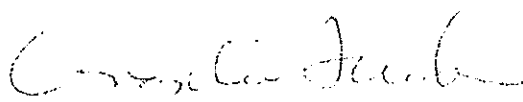
Account Code No	
41570 Contributions	\$7,500

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No	
73300-99 Other Charges	7,500

  
Linda Keck  
Claiborne County Schools

Shawn Peters  
Commission Sponsor

  
Angela Tucker  
Finance Director

3-2-2021  
JEN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
pk  
D.S.

CLAIBORNE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION  
*2021-021*

March 11, 2021

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education needs to amend the Federal Projects Budget in order to adhere to the latest state approved grant budget for CTE Perkins Grant and to adjust account lines to match the state budget

Whereas, under the new state reporting requirements for Federal Projects, the county budget is required to match the state budget to the penny and

Whereas, the state continues to amend their budgets throughout the year, we are therefore required to bring each of these changes before county commission as they occur in order to receive these federal funds

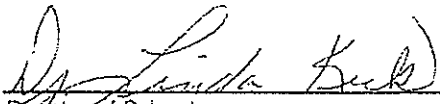
WHEREAS, this resolution involves no state or local tax dollars

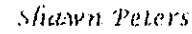
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session on March 15, 2021 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the Federal Projects Budget by adjusting the following line items

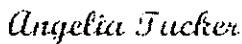
Account No	INCREASE	DECREASE
47131 Vocational Education	\$ 6,433.78	

EXPENDITURES

Account No		
71300/429 Instructional Supplies	\$	6,433.78

  
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Linda Beck  
Director of Schools

  
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Shawn Peters  
Commission Sponsor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Angelia Tucker

Angelia Tucker  
Finance Director

FILED *3-2-2021*  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: *kh* *shg*

**ITEM #7 – RES. 2021-022 – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT (budget amendment)**

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve  
SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried  
(Resolution as follows)

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 022

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Highway Department has additional revenue due to sales from scrap material and vehicles that were approved for sale during the October 2020 court meeting; and

WHEREAS, these monies need to be added to the budget (line item 131-63100-418 Equipment & Maintenance-Parts) for the Claiborne County Highway Department for the 2020-2021 fiscal year so these funds can be used.

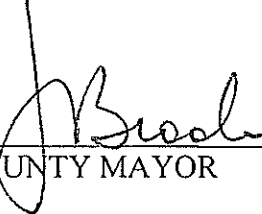
THEREFORE, the following transaction needs to be approved by the Claiborne County Commission:

Revenue	131-44530	Sale of Equipment	\$16,687.66
Revenue	131-44130	Sale of Materials and Supplies	\$ 4,029.81
Expenses	131-63100-418	Parts	\$20,717.47
		TOTAL TRANSACTION	\$20,717.47 \$20,717.47

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 15th day of March that such resolution be passed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take place from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of March, 2021.

  
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COUNTY MAYOR

David Mundy  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SPONSOR

ATTEST:

  
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COUNTY CLERK

FILED 3-2-2021  
KAREN HURST, COUNTY CLERK  
BY: kh ptc



03/15/2021

Before the meeting was adjourned, County Mayor Brooks presented an update to the commission as to the current COVID-19 information. He stated that there has been a substantial drop in documented cases (7) in the last month but that there have been 7 additional deaths which has brought the total to 71 for the county. The hospital currently has no COVID-19 in-patients and there have been 9,708 vaccinations reported. Mayor Brooks expressed appreciation to all that have helped and participated in the safety measures put in place and that the mask mandate is scheduled to expire on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

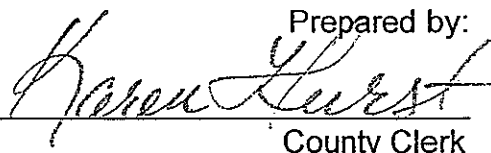
**ITEM #8 - ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Mullins

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned

Prepared by:

  
County Clerk