

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING – MAY 17, 2021

The Claiborne County Commission met in regular session on Monday, May 17, 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 Vass – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

Commissioner Peters requested to add a resolution concerning contributions to local sports programs.

(This added as Res. 2021-044; item #11A under New Business).

Commissioner McCreary requested to add resident Ann Painter for discussion.

(This added as discussion item #1A under New Business).

Commissioner Honeycutt requested to add Dan Spurlock with Stand in the Gap for discussion.

(This added as discussion item #1B under New Business).

Vote on agenda as amended / Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

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 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOTION: Commissioner Mason – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Vass

Motion carried by aye vote

AGENDA ITEM #8 – NOTARY PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

Motion carried by aye vote

APPROVED:

Linda Miracle

Devena A. Peace

Jaclyn Barnard Essary

Paula S. Goins

AGENDA ITEM #9 – NOTARY BOND APPROVAL

MOTION: Commissioner Hatmaker – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Mundy

APPROVED:

Jessica M. Smith

sureties: Brad Coppock and Ronnie Williams

OLD BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – RES. 2020-069 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF PUMP SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY LOCATED ON STRAIGHT CREEK ROAD FROM DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

County Mayor Brooks addressed the commission concerning the ARC grant which has been awarded for the purchase of the Pump Springs Baptist Church property. Mayor Brooks discussed the issue of the county needing to come into compliance with the grant commitment, what the options could be to do that and to work out the concerns of the commission.

(Discussion followed)

MOTION: Commissioner Large – that this item be tabled until a workshop can be held.
SECOND: Commissioner Peters

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1 – DISCUSSION – Ron Lambert of Powell River Blueway Trail

Ron Lambert addressed the commission concerning assets that the Powell River Blueway Trail are creating for the Powell River. They are working on installing free accesses to the river and have a goal of having access points every 3-5 miles. Mr. Lambert also stated that the regatta has been postponed this year but hopefully will be scheduled next year. He further stated that more information concerning projects could be found on their website at powellriverblueway.org

ITEM #1A – DISCUSSION – Ann Partin (resident)

Ms. Partin expressed to commission of her appreciation for the road work that had been done to the Gap Creek Area and how much it has helped the situation there.

ITEM #1B – DISCUSSION - DAN SPURLOCK with STAND IN THE GAP

Dan Spurlock addressed the commission with programs Stand in the Gap is currently working on including risk factors with kids. The coalition is working on an intervention program which would involve juvenile cooperation with the justice system and also a “stashed away trailer” which is a prevention program for training with parents, teachers, SRO’s, etc. and which will be coming in September. Mr. Spurlock informed that the coalition meets each Monday with invitation to attend and expressed thanks to the commission for all their support.

ITEM #2 – LEGISLATIVE AND LOCAL UPDATES by COUNTY MAYOR BROOKS

County Mayor Brooks addressed commission concerning changes that have taken place with the Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriation Grant for FY21. This grant has been reduced by one-half of the original appropriation which will affect the resolution the commission passed last month. Mayor Brooks also discussed the 6.2 million dollars expected to come into the county through the American Rescue Plan Act (3.1 million this month and 3.1 million at beginning of next year).

Mayor Brooks also informed the commission that the courtroom modification should be completed within 2 weeks and is scheduled to be under budget by approximately \$4,500.00. Also the Family Justice Center is also scheduled to be under budget by approximately \$15,000.00 and that a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for June 18, 2021.

ITEM #3 – RES. 2021-035 – DECREASE THE SIZE OF COUNTY COMMISSION

(This resolution removed from agenda upon request of commissioner sponsor)

ITEM #4 – RES. 2021-036 – FY21 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECOVERY AND REBUILDING DIRECT APPROPRIATION GRANT

MOTION: Commissioner Vass – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Peters

(Discussion followed)

MOTION: Commissioner Honeycutt – that this item be moved to the workshop
SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

Motion carried by aye vote

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ITEM #5 – RES. 2021-037 – REGISTER OF DEEDS (Preservation of Deed Books)

MOTION: Commissioner Rowe – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Honeycutt

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

RESOLUTION

2021- 037

WHEREAS, the Register of Deed's office maintains land records for the County, and

WHEREAS, our older documents are deteriorating, and

WHEREAS, the documents need to be scanned into the computer for future preservation. These hand written documents are in books that will not come apart, therefore they will need to be scanned by professionals, and

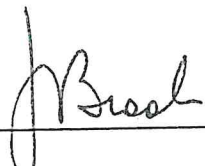
WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. 67-4-724 the Register of Deed's office has monies available in a reserve and restricted account earmarked for necessary computer related expenses, and

WHEREAS, the Register of Deed's has obtained a quote from Business Information Systems (BIS) in the amount of \$4000.00. This will cover ten books at \$400.00 each, and so

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the amount of \$4000.00 be approved for the preservation of deed books be paid from Fund 101; Register of Deed's Reserve Account # ⁴³³⁹²34510 and transferred into Account # 51600-330,

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

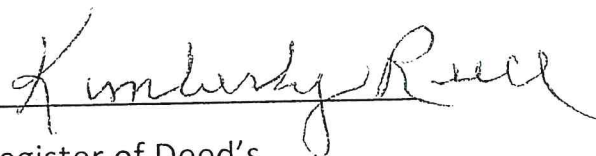
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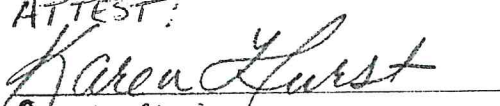
County Mayor



County Commissioner Sponsor



Register of Deed's

ATTEST:


Karen Hurst

ITEM #6 – RES. 2021-038 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)
ITEM #7 – RES. 2021-039 – BOARD OF EDUCATION (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Peters – to combine items #6 and #7 and approve
SECOND: Commissioner Vass

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

Claiborne County Board of Education
RESOLUTION
2021-038

May 13, 2021

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received \$31,900 for School Board Mini Grant that needs to be added to the **General Purpose Budget**, and

WHEREAS, this resolution involves no local tax dollars.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Claiborne County Commission in session May 17, 2021 that the Claiborne County Board of Education be authorized to amend the **General Purpose Budget** by increasing the following line items.

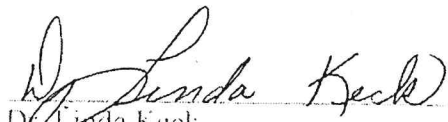
REVENUE

INCREASE

Account Code No.		
44570	Contributions & Gifts	\$31,900

EXPENDITURES


Account Code No.		
72210-599	Other Charges	31,900



Linda Keek
Claiborne County Schools Director

Shawn Peters

Commission Sponsor



Angelia Tucker
School Finance Director

Claiborne County Board of Education

RESOLUTION

2021-039

May 13, 2021

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Board of Education has received state grants to address the Covid related Learning Loss which total \$550,822.77, and 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 May 17, 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.		
16590	Other State Grants	\$550,822.77

EXPENDITURES

Account Code No.		
71100-116	Teachers	\$373,500.00
71100-163	Educational Assistants	\$18,000.00
71100-201	Social Security	\$18,383.00
71100-204	Retirement	\$23,407.16
71100-210	Unemployment	\$1,000.00
71100-212	Medicare	\$4,299.25
71100-217	Hybrid Retirement	\$5,851.79
71100-429	Instructional Supplies	\$48,000.00
71100-471	Software	\$16,000.00
71100-499	Other Supplies	\$17,646.24
72610-410	Custodial Supplies	\$16,735.33
73100-422	Food	\$8,000.00


By Linda Keek
Claiborne County Schools

Shawn Peters

Commission Sponsor

Angelia Tucker
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School Finance Director

ITEM #8 – RES. 2021-040 – GENERAL SESSIONS/JUVENILE SERVICES (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Large – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-040

CLAIBORNE COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS AND JUVENILE SERVICES

BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, expenses need realigned in the following functions due to new line items and a reduction in existing line items in order for there to be purchases made for Judge Robert Estep’s offices, General Sessions and Juvenile Services.

THEREFORE, in order for this resolution to take place the following budget amendment must be approved:

		Increase	Decrease
101-53300-320	General Sessions – Dues and Memberships	\$250.00	
101-54240-719	Juvenile Services - Office Equipment	\$600.00	
101-54240-399	Juvenile Services – Contracted Services		\$850.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 17th day of May, 2021, 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.

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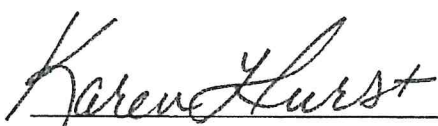


COUNTY MAYOR

KIM LARGE

SPONSOR

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK

ITEM #9 – RES. 2021-041 – FUND 101-HOTEL/MOTEL TAX (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner McCreary – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Large

(Discussion followed)

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried

*(Resolution as follows)*RESOLUTION NO. 2021-041

CLAIBORNE COUNTY GENERAL FUND 101

BUDGET AMENDMENT

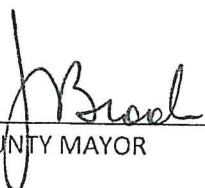
WHEREAS, there has been additional revenue for the Hotel/Motel Tax. In order for this revenue to be added to the budget and expensed the following budget amendment must be approved:

		Debit	Expense
101-40220	Hotel/Motel Tax	\$22,000	
101-58120-316	Industrial Development-Contributions		\$22,000

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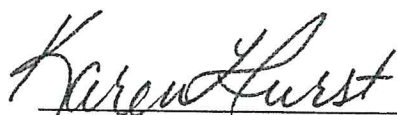


 COUNTY MAYOR

SHERRY MCCREARY

 SPONSOR

ATTEST:



 COUNTY CLERK

ITEM #10 – RES. 2021-042 – COVID-19 “Cares” Grant #2 (budget amendment)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve

SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

ROLL CALL VOTE: 21 for; 0 against / Motion carried
(Resolution as follows)RESOLUTION 2021- 042

WHEREAS, in the Claiborne County Government received a “Cares Grant” due to Covid-19. This is the grant money that was set aside to be used to pay for Chrome books for the Claiborne County Board of Education, pay for food that was distributed to the students of Claiborne County during the summer months of 2020, and for the salaries of the employees that prepared and distributed the food.

THEREFORE, these monies will be paid to the Claiborne County Board of Education.

WHEREAS, in order to expend these funds to the BOE the following transaction must be approved by the Commission:

Revenue	101-47302	Covid-19 Grant #2	\$471,955.66	
Expense	101-58802-189	Other Wages		\$ 13,212.86
Expense	101-58802-410	Custodial Supplies		\$ 5,596.30
Expense	101-58802-316	Contributions		\$453,146.50
		Total	\$471,955.66	\$471,955.66

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COUNTY MAYOR

DAVID MUNDY

SPONSOR

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK

ITEM #11 – RES. 2021-043 – FUNDS 101, 116 and 131 (budget amendments)

MOTION: Commissioner Mundy – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner Hatmaker

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-043

CLAIBORNE COUNTY

GENERAL FUND (101), SANITATION (116) & HIGHWAY (131)

HEALTH INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, health insurance cost and unemployment have increased during the fiscal year.

THEREFORE, the transaction on the following page, needs to be approved by Commission for Funds 101, 116, and 131 (See attached).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the 17th day of May, 2021, that such resolution be passed.

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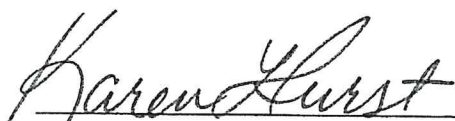


COUNTY MAYOR

DAVID MUNDY

SPONSOR

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK

FUND 101

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	MEDICAL (207) INCREASE	UNEMPLOYMENT (210) INCREASE	DECREASE
51100	Co Commission	\$ 2,660.00	\$ -	
51300	Co Mayor	\$ 842.00	\$ 2.00	
51400	Co Attorney	\$ 322.00	\$ 20.00	
51500	Election Comm	\$ 651.00	\$ 150.00	
51600	Reg. Deeds	\$ 660.00	\$ 25.00	
51800	Co Buildings	\$ 660.00	\$ 40.00	
51910	Pres of Rec	\$ -	\$ 40.00	
52300	Prop Assessor	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00	
52310	Reappraisal	\$ 330.00	\$ 70.00	
52400	Trustee	\$ -	\$ 130.00	
52500	Co Clerk	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 350.00	
53100	Circuit Court	\$ 1,331.00	\$ 350.00	
53300	General Sess	\$ 660.00	\$ 20.00	
53400	Chancery	\$ 1,277.00	\$ 375.00	
53600	Dist Attorney	\$ 42.00	\$ -	
54110	Sheriff	\$ 4,344.00	\$ 2,100.00	
54220	Workhouse	\$ -	\$ 3,950.00	
54240	Juvenile	\$ 330.00	\$ 20.00	
54410	Civil Defense	\$ 660.00	\$ 5.00	
55110	Local Health	\$ -	\$ 60.00	
56500	Libraries	\$ 660.00	\$ 180.00	
57500	Soil Cons	\$ 330.00	\$ 80.00	
58190	Econ Comm Dev	\$ 330.00	\$ 20.00	
58300	Veterans Serv	\$ -	\$ 95.00	
39000	Undesignated Fund Balance			\$ 25,331.00
	TOTALS	\$ 17,179.00	\$ 8,152.00	\$ 25,331.00
FUND 116		MEDICAL-207	UNEMPLOYMENT-210	
55731	SANITATION	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,850.00	
49800	Undesignated Fund Balance			\$ 2,600.00
	TOTAL FUND 116	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 2,600.00
FUND 131	HIGHWAY	MEDICAL-207	UNEMPLOYMENT-210	
61000	Administration	\$ 740.00	\$ -	
62000	Hwy Bridge & Main	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 400.00	
63100	Equip Maint	\$ 665.00	\$ -	
34550	Undesignated Fund Balance			\$ 3,765.00
	TOTALS	\$ 3,365.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 3,765.00

ITEM #11A – RES. 2021-044 – CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTS TEAMS GOING TO STATE COMPETITIONS

MOTION: Commissioner Peters – to approve
SECOND: Commissioner McCreary

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 044

WHEREAS, the Track Teams from Claiborne High and Cumberland Gap High School have players to qualify for the state competition; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne High School has Tennis Team players to qualify for the state competition; and

WHEREAS, these students will be representing Claiborne County in state competitions; and

WHEREAS, we as the Claiborne County Commission are proud of these students from Claiborne High Track Team and Tennis Team and Cumberland Gap Track Team; and

WHEREAS a financial need is currently present and in the past the county commission has contributed a sum of \$500 to teams that have represented our county and completed in state competitions; and

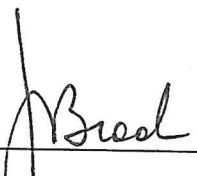
THEREFORE, we the Claiborne County Commission, in an effort to show support and appreciation for these students, contribute \$500 to Claiborne High Track Team, \$500 to Cumberland Gap Track Team, and \$500 to Claiborne High Tennis Team to assist with travel expenses of going to state competition.

THEREFORE, in order for these funds to be expensed the following transaction must be approved:

101-58400-316	Contributions	\$1,500 (Increase)
101-39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$1,500 (Decrease)

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

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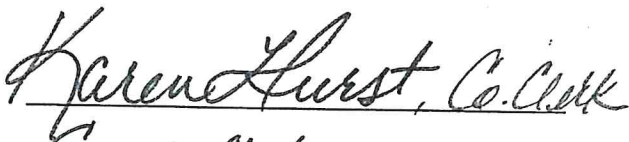


COUNTY MAYOR

Shawn Peters, Sherry McCreary,
SPONSORS

Kim Large, and Nicholas Epperson

ATTEST:



CLERK

05/17/2021

County Mayor Brooks scheduled the workshop date for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

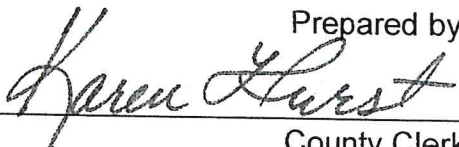
ITEM #12 - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Honeycutt – to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Brooks

Motion carried by aye vote / Meeting adjourned

Prepared by:



County Clerk