

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 083

WHEREAS, there is a road located in the ninth district of the Clearfield community. This road connects to Rock Creek Ridge Road, and

WHEREAS, the property owners (see attached list) have agreed that the name of this road should be Clairfield Church Road, and that this road will be one-tenth mile in length, and

WHEREAS, the Road Superintendent and the 911 Director have approved this road, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners of Claiborne County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 20th day of September that such resolution is approved.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September 2021.

Ronnie Pittman, Road Superintendent



Joe Brooks, Mayor

James Hatmaker

Sponsor

ATTEST:



Karen Hurst, County Court Clerk

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS TO THE
CLAIBORNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-089

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board by Statute is a separate entity and is authorized to create its own bank account, and;

WHEREAS, the funds for the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board are presently administered and held by the Claiborne County Finance Department, and;

WHEREAS, the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board may handle and administer its own funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Claiborne County Commission, meeting in regular session on the 20th day of September, 2021, hereby directs the Claiborne County Finance Director, Sue Tuttle, to transfer all funds administered or held on behalf of the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board to the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board by warrant or transfer upon creation of a bank account by the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, all funds in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget may be transferred to the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board and each year thereafter, funding shall be transferred to the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board for its use.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, this resolution will take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Duly passed and approved this 20th day of Sept., 2021.

VETO

Joe Brooks, Claiborne County Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Hurst, County Clerk

SPONSOR:

David Mundy
County Commissioner



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MAYOR

September 29, 2021

Re: Veto Resolution No. 2021-089

Commissioner,

As you know, during the September meeting of the County Commission, I voiced my opposition to Resolution No. 2021-089 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS TO THE CLAIBORNE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD, and unfortunately my words fell on almost all deaf ears.

While I understand a great many Industrial Development Boards across the state operate a separate checking account outside of the county's purview, there are almost no counties who fund their IDB's through Fund 119 additionally. For those counties that do, there are stipulations put on taxpayer funding, which overwhelmingly includes County Commission approval prior to the expenditure of those funds, which are only used for specific and justifiable reason. It is with great concern that the governing body of Claiborne County would want to hand over property tax dollars on an annual basis without having any say or approval of how those funds are spent. Furthermore, as citizens continue to learn of the approved resolution, there are questions as to why this action was approved.

Being aware of the Tennessee Code Chapter 53 Industrial Development Corporations, Sections 7-53-101 – 7-54-114, which outlines the formation, purpose, and operations of an IDB, I can concede to allowing the Industrial Development Board to operate off the funds it receives for Payments In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT) to allow new industry to move into the county or allow existing industries to upgrade their facilities, receive lease payments collected and through the issuance of bonds, etc. for building strong industry in the county. However, when the IDB wants to hold its funding outside of the purview I cannot in good conscious allow for local tax dollars to be budgeted to FUND 119 – Industrial Development Board as it read in Resolution 2021-089 "all funds in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget may be transferred to the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board and each year thereafter, funding shall be transferred to the Claiborne County Industrial Development Board for its use.

In conclusion, through this veto, I am urging you to remove the language from Resolution No. 2021-089 and simply allow the IDB to operate on its own merit without receiving any additional taxpayer funding.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Brooks", is written over a circular stamp that partially overlaps the signature.

Joe Brooks
Claiborne County Mayor

Joe Brooks, County Mayor

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