

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Legislative Body Session for Hamblen County, Tennessee met at its regular monthly meeting on February 20, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. in the Hamblen County Courthouse with the Honorable Herbert Harville presiding.

The Legislative Body was opened by Sheriff Charles Long.

Invocation was given by Rev. Allen Jewett.

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Larry Baker	Bud Jones
Eldridge Bryant	Willie Osborne
Guy Collins	Frank Parker
Stancil Ford	Bobby Reinhardt
Doyle Fullington	Tony Sizemore
Herbert Harville	Joe Spoone
Keith Horner	

Absent: Maudie Briggs

MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by Stancil Ford, seconded by Joe Spoone that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

NOTARIES AND BONDSMEN

Motion by Guy Collins, seconded by Eldridge Bryant that the following notaries and their bondsmen be approved.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF NOTARIES PUBLIC

As CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF Hamblen, **TENNESSEE,**
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF
NOTARY PUBLIC DURING THE Feb., 19 97 **MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY:**

NAME (PRINT OR TYPE)	HOME ADDRESS AND PHONE (INCLUDE ZIP AND AREA CODES)	BUSINESS ADDRESS AND PHONE (INCLUDE ZIP AND AREA CODES)
April D. West Joy Wilder & Shannon Greene	2285 Liberty Downs Dr. Morristown, TN. 37814 423-581-9280	Greene Construction 729 W. 1st. N. St., Morr.Tn. 423-587-34238 37814
Robin Mickey Justice Bonding Co.	2123 Buffalo Trail, Morr.TN. 423-581-1113	Norwest Financial Tnn., Inc. 1952 W. Morris Blvd, Morr.Tn.37814 423-581-5881
Janice S. Smith Charles Fulk, M.D. & Martha Fulk	2328 Covington Dr., Morr..Tn. 423-581-1533 37814	Charles S. Fulk, M.D. 1709 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Morr. 423-587-4600
Sheryll A. Morrison Bonding Co.	705 Walker Church Rd. Bulls Gap, Tn. 37711 423-235-6433	910 West Morris Blvd. Morristown, Tn. 37814 423-587-2000
Peggy A. Chandler C. T. Davis & Troy B. Roach	6262 Silver Fox Trail Morristown, Tn. 37814 423-586-1176	Alpha Talbott Utility District 4871 West Andrew Johnson Highway Morr.Tn. 37814 423-586-2925
James W. Harrison Bonding Co.	5770 Catawba Lane, Morr. TN. 423-586-9303 37814	Taylor, Reams, Tilson & Harrison Attorney At Law 1160 E. Main ST. Morristown, TN. 37814 423-586-9303
Patricia A. Hammerton Wayne W. Nichols & Jack Alltop	6094 Wintergreen Rd. Morristown, Tn. 37814 423-587-4524	Philips Consumer Electronics 401 E. Ild A. J. Hwy, Jefferson, City, Tn. 37760 423-587-4524
Max R. Hime Bonding Co.	993 Dover Rd., Morrystown, TN. 1-423-581-8561 37814	Re/Max Real Estate 2320 E. Morris Blvd., Morr.TN. 37814 423-581-8881
Marilyn J. Medley Bonding Co.	2205 North Economy Rd. Morrystown, Tn. 37814 423-581-9675	Morrystown Housing Authority 600 Sulphur Springs Rd. Morr.Tn. 37814 423-586-5115
C. Dwaine Evans Douglas Beier & W. Douglas Collins	5848 LARCH Cir. Morr.Tn.37814 423-581-5213	Evans, Beier, Attorneys 818 W. 1st. North St., Morr.Tn. 423-587-2800
S. J. Evans Bonding Co.	4510 Yorkshire Lane Morrystown, TN. 37814 423-581-7335	Mobile Home Park 4025 E. Morris Blvd Morr.Tn.37814 423-587-5862
Monty Sams Robert Mitchell William P. Hooks	1346 Dougherty Dr., Morr.Tn. 423-581-5559 37814	Remax-Real Est Ten 4780 W. A. J. Hwy, Morr.Tn. 37814 423-581-8881
Charles Robert Howard Bonding Co.	423-581-5540 2785 Lowe Dr., Talbott, Tn.37877	Taylor, Reams, Tilson & Harrison P.O. Box 1799, Morrystown, TN. 423-586-9302
Pamela Jo Trent Joe Trent & Joan Reynolds	3040 Cherokee DR., Morr.TN. 423-585-8453	Alan Lee, Attorney P.O. Box 1357, Morr.Tn. 37814 423-581-0924
Bonnie M. Archer Bible Ins.	7167 Cedar Hill Rd., Talbott, Tn 423-581-8395	Union Planters Bank 201 W. Morris Blvd. Morrystown, TN. 423-587-7100
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Wilburn Beck, County Clerk

SIGNATURE

CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF Hamblen, **TENNESSEE**

2-20-97

DATE

(SEAL)

BILLS

Motion by Stancil Ford, seconded by Larry Baker that the following bills be approved and paid.

voting for: all
Voting against: none

Finance Committee
BILLS Recommended for Payment - February 20, 1997

Acme Printing	Juv	53.00	LogOn Computer Services	RD	40.92
				Juv	315.00
Add Rite	HD	44.52			
			Marlin Manufacturing	JC	154.00
Admins. Office of the Courts	WP	27.50			
			M-H Emerg Med Service	THF	608.00
Adrian Hale Pest Control	HD	19.00			
	CH	59.00	Murrell Burglar Alarm	CH	20.00
	JC	38.00		HD	20.00
Bradley's	JC	31.09	Newman, Jim	T	248.64
Business Information Sys.	RD	138.00	Otis Elevator Company	CH	278.55
Capps, Cantwell, & Capps	HC	3,158.80	Pitney Bowes	CnC	74.00
Citizen Tribune	CE	21.60	Quality Salvage	JC	373.79
	CRC	20.40			
			Rental Uniform Service	CH	154.56
Custom Printing	CRC	134.80		JC	171.36
Davis, Eddie R.	CC	525.00	Saf-N-Kleen	HD	875.00
East TN Court Clerk's Assoc.	CRC	120.00	Schwaab	EC	45.70
Evans Office City	Juv	407.77	Sherwin-Williams	JC	678.95
	CnC	154.84			
	Inv	230.18	State of TN - Dept of Labor	CH	50.00
	HD	94.75			
	CRC	24.94	Suntrust	GS	21.40
	HC	197.21			
	T	61.14	Teffeteller, Irma	HD	389.40
	CE	104.62			
			Tidi Waste	HD	25.00
G.K. Election Services	EC	83.46			
			Trustee of Hamblen Co	EMA	45.81
Harville Hardware	CH	512.99		WP	31.01
				Juv	25.22
Hill, Robert	CC	200.00			
			Universal Forms	CRC	282.22
John H. Kinser, MD	ME	1,160.00			
			Valley Instant Printing	T	131.62
Lanier	HC	349.00		CnC	131.63
Leonard's Office Equip.	Ext	28.50			
The Letter Shop	CE	112.50			

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Wal-Mart	Juv	3.40	Garbage Department	
	JC	198.79	Ball, Edward T.	184.60
	HD	23.88	Bradley's	66.88
	Ext	2.97	CMI Equipment	262.86
	Mall	4.80	Cenco	203.52
	THF	224.96	Covington	95.20
			Evans	9.36
Ward Printing	CRC	62.00	Gateway Industrial Supply	97.50
	T	60.00	Hamblen Morristown Solid Waste	44,138.75
			Jimmy's Auto	247.36
Wholesale Electric	Inv	345.00	Kenworth	789.46
			Lowe's	19.84
Xerox	HC	182.07	Pioneer Petroleum	225.50
	RD	314.00	Wal-Mart	9.76
			Wheels & Brakes	332.06
Yardley Printing	CRC	766.00		
D.A.R.E.		9,000.00		

Finance Committee
BILLS RECOMMENDED FOR PAYMENT - Sheriff's Department
February 20, 1997

Adj Service of North America	345.00	ABBREVIATIONS	
Advanced Defense Tech.	61.39	Assessor	A
Doctor's Hospital Pharmacy	587.36	Attorney General	AG
Doka, Steve DDS	100.00	County Coroner	CC
Douthat, Marsha	2916.66	County Executive	CE
Evan's	85.00	Courthouse	CH
Express Lane Oil Change	306.45	Clerk & Master	CM
Flowers Baking	360.87	County Clerk	CnC
Free Service Tire Company	640.78	Commission	Com
Hale Brothers Summit	3114.89	Circuit Court	CRC
Jimmy's Auto Parts, Inc.	131.41	Election Commission	EC
Katom	8.65	Extension Office	EXT
Eugene Kavanagh, MD	60.00	Garbage	G
Kay Uniform	134.30	General Sessions	GS
Kings Food Service	800.14	Hamblen County	HC
John H. Kinser, MD	101.50	Health Department	HD
Lakeway Regional Hospital	183.55	Inventory	INV
Lamination Service	1193.08	Jail	J
Law Enforcement Targets	191.94	Justice Center	JC
Leonard's	47.84	Juvenile Court	Juv
Lowe's	306.71	Medical Examiner	ME
Mitchell-Hodge	382.43	Planning Commission	PC
Muffler & Auto Center	35.00	Register of Deeds	RD
National Jail & Lock Repair	4756.68	Sheriff's Department	SD
Pet Dairy	527.38	Trustee	T
Rental Uniform	18.00	Temporary Holding Facility	THF
Robert Orr/Sysco	3247.82	Veterans Service Office	VSO
Sherwin-Williams	(356.09)	Work Program	WP
Signs Now	18.00		
Tennessee Two Way	89.00		
Tires Unlimited	63.00		
Town & Country	15.00		
Video Security	80.00		
Wal-Mart	265.91		
Ward Printing	116.00		
Jose L. Wee-eng, MD	291.00		
Western Medical Enterprises	195.36		

Bills Not Reviewed by Committee - February 20, 1997
(Received after the meeting)

Cortech Fingerprint Ink	SD	278.40
Express Lane Oil Change	SD	20.00
Gall's Uniforms	SD	265.31
Hamblen Co. Board of Ed. Auto Repair	WP	218.05
John H. Kinser, MD Medical Examiner	ME	1,160.00
Purkey, Joe Travel	PC	32.16
Carroll Snyder Plumbing Floor Drains	JC	2,700.00
TR Systems Computer Services	HC	765.00
Bill Waddell Plumbing Unstopped Sewer	SD	90.00

TVA MOSQUITO CONTROL

Motion by Bud Jones, seconded by Joe Spooone to direct the county executive to draft a resolution to send to the House urging TVA to continue to provide mosquito control along Cherokee Lake.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

Motion by Stancil Ford, seconded by Eldridge Bryant that the following resolution be approved.

CHICKAMAUGA LOCK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chickamauga Lock, located just upstream from Chattanooga and a key part of the Tennessee River navigation system, has a concrete growth problem which is causing it to deteriorate at an increasing rate; and,

WHEREAS, Chickamauga lock has become a major part of the economy of the entire Tennessee Valley, serving as a gateway for transportation of all kinds of goods coming in to and leaving the eastern part of the Tennessee Valley and providing recreational access for thousands of recreation boaters each year; and,

WHEREAS, although TVA has monitored the condition of Chickamauga Lock and made repairs as necessary, the lock has now deteriorated to the point that repairs are ineffective; and,

WHEREAS, TVA estimates that the structural problem at Chickamauga Lock, if left unchecked, will cause the lock to have to be closed to traffic by the year 2005; and,

WHEREAS, TVA's final Congressionally appropriated budget contains language prohibiting TVA from using 1997 funds for the new lock and from moving forward with detailed engineering and construction activities this fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, closure of Chickamauga Lock would eliminate all through traffic between east Tennessee and the rest of the inland waterway system and force abandonment of over 300 miles of navigable waterway above Chattanooga, including Loudon, Monroe, Blount, Roane, Anderson and Knox Counties, posing serious problems for water dependent industries, and would also mean the forfeiture of \$25 million annually in transportation savings and, potentially, much more in future economic development benefits associated with the existence of the waterway, as well as dampen the burgeoning recreation and water front development projects in the area by halting all inter-reservoir traffic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hamblen County Legislative Body supports building a new Chickamauga Lock and strongly encourages TVA's Congressional Caucus and Congress to act in favor of moving forward with detailed engineering studies and funding for the placement of the lock;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the two Senators and Congressional Representative representing Hamblen County Government, Tennessee Valley Authority, and all other interested parties as deemed appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hamblen County Government strongly encourages each of the 16 county governments, 56 municipal governments and all industrial boards, Chambers of Commerce and similar organizations to pass a similar resolution.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997.

SIGNED:

Herbert H. H. Arville
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Wilburn Beck
COUNTY CLERK

GARBAGE TRUCK PURCHASE

Motion by Guy Collins, seconded by Larry Baker to purchase an International brush truck at a cost of \$62,990.48, with 20% of the purchase price to be paid from the garbage department and the remainder to be paid by a grant.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

POLICY PROCEDURES MANUAL-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Motion by Joe Spoone, seconded by Frank Parker to accept the policy and procedure manual for the Sheriff's Department.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

Lease empty space at health department

Motion by Bobby Reinhardt, seconded by Willie Osborne that the county executive be authorized to enter into negotiations to lease the remaining empty space at the health department.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

OLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Motion by Keith Horner, seconded by Frank Parker to accept sealed bids for the old health department property at a cost of not less than \$75,000.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

RESOLUTION-REQUEST TO AMEND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY DEPRECIATION TABLES

Motion by Willie Osborne, seconded by Eldridge Bryant to approve the following resolution.

Voting for: all
Voting against: none

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**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENACT
LEGISLATION TO AMEND OR SUPERCEDE THE PERSONAL PROPERTY
DEPRECIATION TABLES FOUND IN T.C.A. 67-5-903(f) IN ORDER TO
REMEDY THE INEQUITIES AND LOSS OF REVENUE CAUSED BY SUCH
TABLES.**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly enacted statutory depreciation tables for personal property in 1991, which had the effect of immediately reducing the aggregate local personalty assessments by at least thirteen percent (13%), and

WHEREAS, this reduction has already triggered litigation by utility taxpayers, including the state's five largest airlines and second and third largest railroads, who have complained that these tables unfairly and unconstitutionally cause these utilities to pay taxes at a rate higher than other personalty taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, such litigation has resulted in settlements which equalize the assessments of those taxpayers by 15%, with language specifically stating that such reductions will be effective for 1996 and future tax years until T.C.A. 67-5-903(f) is amended or superseded by legislative action, thus potentially requiring local governments to raise local property taxes in order to refund large amounts of money to these litigants and to make up for the revenue shortfalls, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to these settlements, Bellsouth Telecommunications, the state's largest single taxpayer representing 30% of the total public utility assessment statewide, has also filed for equalization relief and other major taxpayers are expected to follow suit, and

WHEREAS, the depreciation tables and the litigation which has occurred as a direct result of these tables have reduced the tax burden of commercial enterprises and utilities, thus shifting the tax burden to the residential family homeowner, and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and all its local governments are challenged daily to find the revenues to continue providing the services which are necessary and fundamental to the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of this state, and are facing especially difficult economic concerns at this time with the rising costs of programs such as the Basic Education Program, TennCare, and Families First, while also facing massive anticipated budgetary shortfalls,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamblen County, meeting on this 20th day of February, 1997, that the Tennessee General Assembly is strongly urged to amend or supersede the

personal depreciation tables found in T.C.A. 67-5-903(f), as soon as possible, in order to remedy the inequities and loss of revenue caused by such tables.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the county clerk shall mail certified copies of this resolution to the members of the Tennessee General Assembly representing the people of Hamblen County.

Adopted this 20th day of February, 1997.

APPROVED: Herbert H. Haville
Chairman

ATTEST: Wilburn B. Besh
County Clerk

THEREUPON, MEETING ADJOURNED.