

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL SESSION

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Avenue. Those members present were Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse. Also present were Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, Mr. Richard Walls, Knox County Internal Auditor, Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Chief Deputy Law Director, Mr. J.J. Jones, Knox County Sheriff, Mr. Chris Caldwell, Interim Director, Knox County Finance, Mr. Grant Rosenberg, Director, Knox County Community Development, Dr. James McIntyre, Jr., Knox County Superintendent of Schools and news media.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:  
Commissioner Hammond, Chairman, presided.

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***IN RE: ROLL CALL:*** Mrs. Sandra Sexton, Minutes Clerk to the Knox County Clerk, called the roll.

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***IN RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:***

Without objection, Commissioner Hammond heard from the following people regarding public transportation.

1. Ms. Katherine Moore, concerned citizen was present and spoke on public transportation.
2. Ms. Sandra Booher, concerned citizen was present and spoke on public transportation.
3. Ms. Nichole Anderson, concerned citizen was present and spoke on public transportation.

No action was taken.

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***IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL COUNTY BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SEVERAL FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013 AND APPROVING THE***

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF KNOX COUNTY GOVERNMENT: R-12-6-101-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee establishing a General County Budget and making appropriations from the several funds for Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Knox County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 and approving the Organizational Chart of the Executive Branch of Knox County Government was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Tim Burchett, Knox County Mayor, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Wright moved to approve R-12-6-101- SS - Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee establishing a General County Budget and making appropriations from the several funds for Departments, Institutions, Offices and Agencies of Knox County, Tennessee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 and approving the Organizational Chart of the Executive Branch of Knox County Government as presented by Knox County Mayor, Tim Burchett. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hammond moved as a substitute motion to amend the budget as follows:

**AMENDMENT #1:**

1. 3 million already committed by the Mayor for Early Literacy. Increase school funding by 4 million as follows:
2. 1.5 million from county general fund balance.
3. 1.5 million from school fund balance.
4. 1 million coming from BEP funding.
5. Ask the County Finance Director to report to Commission in July 2012 and August 2012 regarding end of the year revenues.

Commissioner Broyles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Anders moved to suspend the rules and hear other proposals. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye. The motion carried 10-1-0-0. Commissioner Ownby voted no.

Commissioner McKenzie moved to go back to the Commission rules at this time. Commissioner Anders seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby,

Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye.  
The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

Upon roll call vote on the substitute motion to amend as follows:

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1. 3 million already committed by the Mayor for Early Literacy.  
Increase school funding by 4 million as follows:
2. 1.5 million from county general fund balance.
3. 1.5 million from school fund.
4. 1 million coming from BEP funding.
5. Ask the County Finance Director to report to Commission in

July 2012 and August 2012 regarding end of the year revenues.  
Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Briggs, Anders, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye. The substitute motion on Amendment #1 carried 7-4-0-0.  
Commissioners Norman, Ownby, Smith and Wright voted no.

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**AMENDMENT #2:**

Commissioner Anders moved to restore \$185,000.00 and separate the contracts from Innovation Valley, Chamber of Commerce and the Development Corporation and funding would come from close-outs from the year end; if funding is not available at the end of the year the \$185,000.00 would come from the General Fund balance. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

Ms. Rhonda Rice, Chamber of Commerce, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Todd Napier, Development Corporation, was present and spoke on the matter.

Commissioner Norman moved as a substitute motion to defer for 30 days or until the July Board of Commissioners meeting (Amendment #2 only) to look at the funding matters. Commissioner Ownby seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Norman, Ownby and Wright voted aye. The substitute motion failed 3-8-0-0. Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted no.

Upon roll call vote of the original motion to restore \$185,000.00 and separate the contracts from Innovation Valley, Chamber of Commerce and the Development Corporation. Funding would come from close-outs from the year end; if funding is not available at the end of the year the \$185,000.00 would come from the General Fund balance, Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Brown, Hammond and

Shouse voted aye. The motion on Amendment #2 carried 9-2-0-0.  
Commissioners Norman and Wright voted no.

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**AMENDMENT #3:**

Commissioner McKenzie moved to award \$50,000.00 to the Beck Cultural Exchange Center pending the year end close-outs. No General Funds Reserved. Commissioner Broyles seconded the motion.

Commissioner Briggs moved as a substitute motion to wait on Amendment 3 to award the Beck Cultural Exchange Center \$50,000.00 until after year end close-outs to see how much funds are left, and to bring back before the Board of Commissioners July 2012 or August 2012 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright and Brown voted aye. The substitute motion carried 7-4-0-0. Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Hammond and Shouse voted no.

Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Grant Rosenberg, Director, Knox County Community Development, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Chris Caldwell, Interim Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

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**AMENDMENT #4:**

Commissioner Broyles moved to restore \$300,000.00 to CAC Transit which would restore funding lost from Mercy Contract. The monies should be taken out of year end close-out or fund balance. Commissioner McKenzie seconded the motion.

Commissioner Briggs moved as a substitute motion to defer CAC Transit monies and have representatives from CAC Transit to come in July to the Chairman's Luncheon for discussions on the Transit. Commissioner Ownby seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye. The substitute motion on Amendment #4 carried 10-1-0-0. Commissioner Smith voted no.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE  
COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE ESTABLISHING  
THE KNOX COUNTY TAX RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2013:**

**R-12-6-102-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee establishing the Knox County Tax Rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Briggs moved to approve R-12-6-102-SS – Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee establishing the Knox County Tax Rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 with a Tax Rate of \$2.36. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye. The motion carried 9-0-2-0. Commissioners McKenzie and Wright abstained from the vote.

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**IN RE: CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013-2017 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PLAN:**

**R-12-6-103-SS:**

Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2013-2017 and appropriating funds for the first year of the plan in accordance with said plan was before the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve R-12-6-103-SS - Consideration of a Resolution of the Commission of Knox County, Tennessee adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years 2013-2017 and appropriating funds for the first year of the plan in accordance with said plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and upon roll call vote Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Briggs, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse voted aye. The motion carried 11-0-0-0.

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**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hammond declared the meeting adjourned.

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MIKE HAMMOND, CHAIRMAN