

Knox County Commission



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For Immediate Release:

Commissioner Amy Broyles will be hosting her usual coffee and conversation on Friday, March 20th, at the Time Warp Tea Room, 1209 N Central Street, at 4:00 pm. This meeting is open to Commissioners as well as the public and the press, and the first cup of coffee is on the Commissioner (but you need to bring your own quarters for the vintage pinball and video games)!

This is a great way to wind up the work week, and to weigh in on items that were discussed at the Knox County Commission's Work Session the previous Monday, and will be voted on the following Monday. The Commission's March Agenda and Zoning matters can be found here: http://www.knoxcounty.org/agenda/agenda_publish.cfm#ReturnTo0. Some of the more interesting items include the Knox Blount Greenway Phase One, the sale of Giffen Elementary School to Knox Heritage, the disposition of delinquent tax surplus properties, and a discussion of the RFP process for lobbying services for the Knox County Commission, as well as items recently heard or upcoming in State Legislature Committees, such as changes to zoning laws and the failure to fund the Tennessee Economic Council on Women.

Special guests will include newly elected Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond, who will be discussing and answering questions about the major changes that office is undergoing as they move forward from pencil and paper to computer-based operations. Mike is making tremendous and innovative changes to that office, and can also explain the recently "discovered" 2.6 million dollar undistributed fund account: http://www.knoxnews.com/news/local-news/audit-may-lead-to-13-million-windfall_19080661.

Additionally, a representative from Helen Ross McNabb will be on hand to discuss their INNERCHANGE program that provides prevention services for youth and families referred by the Knox County Juvenile Court. At this month's meeting, the Commission will be approving a grant from the state for over \$550,000 to assist in funding this valuable program.

The Knox County Commission will also be appointing a new Judicial Magistrate before their April meeting, and a lack of diversity in that office has been a topic of discussion for some of the Commissioners this month.

No votes will be taken, but there will be a lot of discussion and note-taking!

Due to travel and inclement weather, this is the first "Meeting Between the Meetings" that Commissioner Broyles has been able to host in 2015. She hopes to see you there!

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