

Town of  
**Pikeville**  
The Gem of Wayne County

Town of Pikeville

Regularly Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 3, 2020 at 6 p.m.

|                                |                                      |  |                              |                              |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mayor Hooks                    | Commissioner<br>Russell<br>Carpenter | Commissioner<br>Jimmy<br>Gardner                   | Commissioner<br>Robert Hooks | Commissioner<br>Steve West   |
| Commissioner<br>Lyman Galloway | Town Attorney<br>Harry Lorello       | Cecil Madden                                       | Trey Gurley                  | Kellie West                  |
| Darryl Johnson                 | Paula<br>McCullen                    | James Holden                                       | Joanna<br>Johnston           | Commissioner<br>Wayne Aycock |
| Commissioner<br>Ray Mayo       | Superintendent<br>Dunsmore           | Various<br>members of<br>the Board of<br>Education |                              |                              |

- I. Call to order by Mayor Hooks at 6 p.m. The Board, employees, residents, and guests were led in prayer by Commissioner Gardner.
- II. Mayor Hooks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2020. Motion to accept minutes as written by Commissioner Hooks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner West, motion approved.
- IV. Additions and Deletions
  - a. Addition to New Business: E-Steve Hooks.
  - b. Due to the amount of visitors, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners (County Manager, Craig Honeycutt and Commissioners Wayne Aycock and Ray Mayo) along with they Wayne County Board of Education (Superintendent Dunsmore and various members of the school board) presented their proposal first.
- V. New Business, Item A
  - a. Mr. Honeycutt introduced the new proposal (1/4 cent sales tax) from Wayne County that will be on the ballot. He explained that

this had been on the ballot last year; however, it did not pass. He felt that the reason it did not pass was because of the lack of explanation of what would happen with the money once it was in the county's hands.

- b. The money would be used to fund various updates throughout Wayne County schools, such as security, HVAC, roofs, provide new classrooms (currently they are about 50 classrooms short throughout Wayne County), rebuilding Fremont Stars, etc. Mr. Honeycutt invited Dr. Dunsmore up to speak to the Board about how essential it was that this was passed. The schools that are currently in need of immediate repair include Fremont Stars and Rosewood (the ceiling has collapsed in part of the cafeteria). Wayne County's school system is currently, at estimate, about 20 years behind schedule.
- c. Many of the visiting commissioners stated that this tax was the fairest way to raise the money needed to complete these projects as the only other option would be to raise property taxes. Only about 40% of residents own property in Wayne County. Dr. Dunsmore addressed the issue of the Education Lottery and stated that they do receive a finite amount of funding (\$1.3 million) and that that money had already been assigned to other projects going on in Wayne County. There is also money for Wayne County schools in the state budget if it passes that the County could claim for their use.
- d. Commissioner Carpenter stated that he voted for this measure last time and he would be voting for it again as it did make the most sense. The buyer of these goods and services would not see an increase in price as you are already paying a "full dollar." More of the dollar would go to the county.
- e. Wayne County Commissioner spoke and stated that, as previously mentioned, the only other option to fund these items would be a property tax raise and that would unfairly burden 40% of the people in Wayne County that own land, and a large portion of that would be farmers.
- f. Mayor Hooks thanked them for coming and requested a brochure/flyer from them to be mailed out in the next billing cycle. The visiting Boards asked for a motion to be made to support the ¼ cent sales tax. Motion was made by Commissioner Carpenter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hooks. Motion to support passed.

## VI. Old Business

- a. McDavid and Associates

- i. Cecil Madden from McDavid and Associates updated the Board about the two current, ongoing projects. He stated that at the waste water plant, all the pipe has been laid and that they are still attempting to find a clay that they would like to use. He also reminded the Board that there is an SOC in place that states that the project will be completed by July 1.
- ii. The collection system at the Jones Mobile Home Park has been installed. Wastewater Operator Jennifer Bray has been received high water alarms from the newly installed pump station which has not yet been turned on. The manufacturer of this pump will be contacted as that is a flaw in their system and they should be willing to fix it. The contractor is to check to be sure that it is due to rain and not leaks into the system.
- iii. The state did approve the change order for the paving in town including the paving fabric, etc that was originally thought going to be at the expense of the town. Paving and repainting must be completed on Railroad Street. At the corner of Ann/Yvonne, larger protection was installed on the valves that had to be replaced due to damage from vehicles running over them.
- iv. Change Order #3: Cecil explained that a change order had been issued to adjust the line items in quantities of supplies and the money it would take to get them.
- v. Trey Gurley, Contract 21: Water lines in the Jones Mobile Home Park is to start soon so that way it can be completed before the paving takes place in the mobile home park. They are currently just waiting on documents from the Division of Water Infrastructure. Town Attorney Harry Lorello asked if Ken Jones, owner of the JMHP, had been notified of the water line replacement. Since no one was sure if he had been clearly told, Mr. Lorello stated that he would send a letter to alert him.

b. Ordinance Amendment

- i. Town Attorney Harry Lorello sent Town Administrator Lisa Jones Winston-Salem's abandoned car ordinance. Every vehicle without current tags in the city limits must have a fitted car cover, no tarps allowed.
- ii. If they do not comply with a fitted car cover, a citation may be written. The car covers do not have to be specified for the model as that would make it more difficult to identify if they

were in violation or not. Town Administrator is to bring back the new ordinance at the next meeting, slated for March 2, 2020 to vote on and approve.

VII. New Business

b. Gazebo Changes

- i. Town Administrator wanted to notify the Board on changes that the Greater Pikeville Improvement Committee would like to do to the gazebo in an effort to keep the yearly movies going.

1. In order to keep the equipment safe and from having the break down and store all equipment inside every night, it was asked that the committee be allowed to install two enclosable boxes in the gazebo for the projector and the sound equipment. These boxes would be utilized mainly during the fall; and with the temporary ones installed during Halloween they proved that it would work.

2. Board approved.

c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Fencing Quotes

- i. A fence is required around the perimeter of the plant as a dictated by the state. This was covered in the project but was then cut because of funding issues. The fence is a priority and must be put in place in order to not be in violation.
- ii. WWTP ORC Jennifer Bray secured quotes for the actual fence and installation from three/four companies and secured a quote from Ben Jones for clearing debris before the fence could be installed (requirement from fencing companies.) Ben Jones is asking \$13,500 (high-end, worst case) to clear all debris for the fence to be put in.
- iii. It was asked if it would be possible to put this job back in the contractor package, Cecil Madden said he would check on the possibility. Mayor Hooks asked for more quotes on clearing out the debris. Item tabled until next meeting.

d. Electricities

- i. Town Administrator Lisa Jones notified the Board that instead of the scheduled increase in electricity that was talked about last year, a 1% decrease will be effective April 1<sup>st</sup> for Electricities customers. While this is good news, Electricities still plans on raising rates again within the next 3-4 years.
- ii. Commissioner West asked about possibly finding another company to buy power from. Commissioner Galloway stated

that we needed to remember that we are part owners in Electricites and that they were the ones who donated the cubicles to the Town when the fire happened in November 2017.

- iii. Town Administrator Lisa Jones stated she could start looking into it, just to see what was out there.
- e. Steve Hooks- Mr. Hooks tends the land the Town owns. He stated that he was notified about two projects that the construction company would be doing that would damage his crops and gave them permission to do that. He was not notified about another work project and it destroyed 15-20 acres of soybeans without his knowledge. He has called a crop adjuster and stated that it was illegal for his crops to be destroyed without his knowledge and permission and stated that he felt someone should reimburse him; whether it be the Town of McDavid. Mayor Hooks asked that he come back with an accurate number and that they would decide who would be responsible.

VIII. Police

- a. Chief Edwins stated that all that needed to be discussed already had been in the Ordinance amendment.

IX. Public Forum

- a. James Holden, Booker Street, stated that this area he has repeatedly been asked to be patched/paved has not been. Town Administrator Lisa Jones stated that she had been told that it had been fixed. Mayor Hooks stated that it needed to be fixed and that he wanted to go ahead and get the other areas fixed as well and stated to use the Powell Bill money to do so.
- b. Paula McCullen, Booker Street, stated that she was the one who had previously brought up finding another electric provided and thinks it is still a good idea to try and see what is out there.

- X. Closed Session- Motion made by Commissioner Hooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Galloway, entered closed session at 7:23p.m.