

## June 26, 2023

David Abbott	P
Don Adkins, Jr.	P
Donald Blansett	P
Ruric Brandt	P
Logan Campbell	A
Jimmy Cantrell	A
Steve Franklin	P
Gene Hargis	A
Linda Mason	P
Chris Morrison	P
Jim Nunley	P
Dennis Rollins	P
Paul Schafer	P
Peggy Thompson	P
Sherry VanAllman	P

The Marion County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on June 26, 2023. Chairman David Abbott called the meeting to order. (Time: 02) Invocation was given by Commissioner Rollins. (Time :07) Pledge was led by Marion County Clerk, Joanie Spangler. (Time :48) Roll call was taken by Jaime Quick, Chief Deputy Clerk. (Time 1:04) Twelve commissioners were present. Absent this month Commissioner Campbell, Commissioner Hargis, and Commissioner Cantrell.

Time (0:02:23) A motion was made by Commissioner Schafer to approve the May 22, 2023, Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Franklin. 12 voting aye.

- Resolution- Set 2023-2024 Property Tax Rate (currently \$1.7603) Time (0:02:44) (Attachment) Commissioner Adkins, the Chairman of the Finance Committee addressed the recommendation of the committee that the property tax rate be set at 1.7603 for the coming fiscal year. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve. Commissioner Brandt seconded. 12 voting aye.
- Resolution-Approval of 2023-2024 Budget Time (03:21) (Attachment) Mayor Jackson addressed and highlighted areas of the 2023-2024 budget that was in the agenda packet. Mayor Jackson commented on the good job the elected office holders and county commission have done at watching their dollars. Commissioner Adkins made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget. Commissioner Mason seconded. Commissioner Franklin questioned the line-item amount for County Commission and the school line item for "Attendance". Commissioner Schafer questioned the need for an Executive Librarian Director and asked for a workshop to discuss why the county needs this position and asked for it to be removed from the budget. Counselor Gouger stated the budget could not be approved by line items that it must be approved as a whole. Commissioner Franklin suggested the commission go to the library board and request a job description for the position being questioned. Mayor Jackson stated he would have Counsel Gouger prepare a letter requesting a meeting with the library board and the commission. After discussion 11 voting aye, Commissioner Brandt voting no.
- Resolution- Approval for appropriations to Non-profit Charitable Organizations Time (34:00) (Attachment) Mayor Jackson read the departments of the county that are nonprofit that the county donates to. The two organizations that have been added for the 2023-2024 Fiscal year are the Food Bank and the Isaiah House. Commissioner Adkins made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. 12 voting aye

- Approval- Chattanooga State Lease Proposal- Time (35:28) (Attachment) Mayor Jackson read the letter on the intent for the building use and made a recommendation to accept the lease proposal for a buildout for a nursing building at Kimball campus. Commissioner Schafer made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Morrison. 12 voting aye
- Approval-Contract Extension with Southern Health Partners – (Attachment) Time (36:32) Mayor Jackson explained the contract with Southern Health Partners and how they have been doing the jail healthcare for several years and they have asked for a 3% increase. Sheriff Burnette as well as Mayor Jackson recommended accepting the contract extension proposal. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rollins. 12 voting aye
- Approval- Bid for the Painting and Cleaning of the Exterior of the Justice Center (Attachment) Time (37:34) Mayor Jackson stated there were two bids for the painting and cleaning that requires a special paint for the mold issue and made the recommendation to accept the low bid. Commissioner Morrison made a motion to approve the low bid. Seconded by Commissioner Thompson. 12 voting aye
- Election Commission- Time (38:43)
  - a. Approval – Bid for Voting System Conversion to allow paper ballots as now required by State law. Commissioner Adkins made a motion to accept and approve the only bid that was received. Seconded by Commissioner Franklin. 12 voting aye (Attachment)
  - b. Approval- Donation of Surplus Equipment Request – There are 16 metal ballot boxes that are obsolete and are no longer needed by our county. Request is made for eight (8) to be donated to Carter County. Commissioner Blansett made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Mason. 12 voting aye
- Acknowledgement of Fiscal 3 Star Confirmation Letter- Time (48:06) (Attachment) – Mayor Jackson read this letter. Commissioner Brandt questioned internal controls. Mayor Jackson stated each departmental office has their own internal control binder. Commissioner Rollins made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Morrison. 12 voting aye
- Update on Brow Trail – Time (50:12) Counselor Gouger stated there is finally a complete survey drawing of Brow Trail (drawing was hung on wall for all to see) This drawing was created to settle boundaries and to establish the location of the road right of way. Recommendation was made to approve the survey and to move forward with the Deed of Dedication. Commissioner Morrison made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Franklin. 12 voting aye.
- Commissioner Schafer- Ethics Committee Recommendations – Time (52:30) Commissioner Schafer stated the Ethics Committee met at 5pm today. Commissioner Schafer also presented the knowledge he obtained from an Ethics Workshop he attended at CTAS and presented the recommendations of the committee and read the Commissioner Acknowledgement Letter. Commissioner Schafer also asked for approval of a new committee member to the Marion Innovation and Technology Advisory Committee (MITAC). Commissioner Blansett made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Mason. 12 voting aye.
- Budget Amendments- Marion County Local Government – Time (1:03:07) (Attachment) Fund 101, Fund 152, Fund 156 Commissioner Adkins made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Schafer. 12 voting aye
- Budget Amendments- Marion County Board of Education- Time (1:09:37) (Attachment) Carol Newton was present to present the amendments on behalf of the Board of Education. #1- Fund 141 General Purpose School Fund Amendment

#8- Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Adkins. 12 voting aye. #2 Fund 143 Child Nutrition: Commission Amendment #2 - Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Morrison. 12 voting aye. #3 2023-2024 Original Allocations- Federal Projects Fund 142- Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Schafer. 12 voting aye.

- Budget Amendments- Marion County Highway Department- Time (1:12:49) Road Superintendent Cory Pickett requested budget amendment approval for additional funds to satisfy wages for the remainder of June 2023. Commissioner Morrison made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rollins. 12 voting aye. Commissioner Adkins commended Mr. Pickett for his good work and updates he was proving on social media.
- Mayor's Report- Time (1:14:08) Mayor Jackson stated there were two packets returned on eight of the RFI's this month, Project Tin and Project BRT. Mayor Jackson stated there was a daycare grant a year ago that Nonna's Nest had applied for and at this time there had been no bids on the project and it would be rebid out again. Mayor Jackson also stated the State has agreed to provide additional funds for the airport project. Mayor Jackson also updated the water projects bid on Kelly Cove and Sweetens Cove areas. Mayor Jackson has also met with Kimball and South Pittsburg on the interconnect of the waterlines. Next County Commission meeting is July 24, 2023, 6pm at the Lawson Building.
- Approval of Notaries- Time (1:24:06) Marion County Clerk Joanie Spangler read the following names for approval: Kathryn R. Leiderman, Conella S. Gann, Michael P. Dowd, Eloise A. Hood, Sky Lanterman, Melissa Thomas Willis, and Tanya M. Kilgore. Commissioner Rollins made a motion to be approved, seconded by Commissioner Brandt. 12 voting aye
- General Business- Time (1:24:35) Commissioner Morrison addressed a current road situation (Incline Road) that is being blocked by a property owner. Counselor Gouger gave his opinion that this is a public road and landowners of the Hang Glider Association would be seeking legal action against this road being blocked. Motion made by Commissioner Morrison for Counselor Gouger to proceed with the research regarding this road. Seconded by Commissioner Schafer. 12 voting aye.
- Commissioner Brandt revisited the question of the MITAC members being compensated for their fuel cost and asking for a workshop to discuss fuel pay. Mayor Jackson suggested Counselor Gouger draw up a resolution to present at the July meeting for approval. Information about the date and time for this workshop will be sent out to all commissioners.
- Chairman Abbott announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman effective immediately, but he will retain is Commission seat. Commissioner Mason will be Chairman for July and August. Commissioner Mason nominated Commissioner Morrison for Co-Chairman. Commissioner Rollins made motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Adkins. 12 voting aye.
- Adjournment- Time (1:38:27) Commissioner Blansett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Thompson. 12 voting aye

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Abbott, Chairman  
Joanie Spangler, County Clerk

