

Haywood Local Government/Rules Committee (LGC)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 4:00PM – 5:00PM

Haywood Justice Center - Conference Room

Committee Members - Commissioners

Sharon Hayes (Chair) • Dell Phillips (Vice Chair)

Jim Duke • Richard Jameson • Rhonda Thompson

Minutes:

I. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

Hayes called the meeting to order and declared a quorum, with committee members in attendance as follows: Commissioners Hayes, Phillips, Duke, Thompson. Absent – Jameson.

Others present: County Attorney Sarah Levy

II. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for August 13, 2024 were duly approved upon motion.

III. Public Comments on Agenda – Three at two minutes each; hearing none this item was closed.

IV. Resolution Recommended - Proposed Training Incentives for Commissioners

LGC voted unanimously in favor of a resolution drafted by CTAS to offer training incentives for county commissioners. Continuing from last month, the LGC reiterated the importance of training and recommended adopting the incentives encouraged in the recently amended state statute, Public Chapter 997. Under the legislation, commissioners who successfully complete eight hours in CTAS training annually will be eligible for \$600 in compensation. The attached resolution will be forwarded to the Commission for consideration at the September meeting.

V. Tennessee County Commissioners Association (TCCA) / Recently Passed Legislation

Hayes reported on her attendance August 29th at the TCCA regional meeting of county commissioners at TCAT Stanton. Recent state laws impacting county governments were distributed by TCCA Director Charlie Curtiss, and have in turn been shared by email with the Commission. Attorney Levy will advise on any that would necessitate rule updates locally.

VI. Proposed Rural Connect Internet Tower Lease for County Gravel Pit on N Washington

This matter was referred to LGC by Mayor Livingston. The Committee had several questions concerning the proposal, which Attorney Levy will forward to their attorney. From earlier inquiries to City Planner Shelton Merrell, Hayes reported that this proposed tower project is already under consideration by the city.

VII. Other – Updates & Progress on Previous Actions

a. Status-Proposed Commission Meeting Room Design - Mayor has taken on this project

b. Study of Financial Operations & Processes – CTAS will be scheduled for future meeting

c. Public Records Commission – Archives Resolution goes to Commission in September

d. Museums Docents & Archives Manager – Job descriptions drafted/budget estimates submitted

e. Dyersburg State Community College – Fall classes at TCAT Stanton; Jim Duke & Tim Stokely appointed to DSCC Foundation board

f. Human Resources Committee – HR position advertised; 7 applicants so far

g. County Planner – JECDB Recommended 2-20-2024 – Position drafted and pending

h. Grant Writer – Phillips will take lead on follow-up to determine status

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Commissioner Sharon Hayes



Haywood County Commission

September 2024 – Resolution Number _____

RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBERS OF HAYWOOD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, under T.C.A. § 5-5-113, counties are authorized and encouraged to pay a supplement of six hundred dollars (\$600) to county legislative body members who successfully complete in each year at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS); and

WHEREAS, Haywood County desires to provide for such an incentive payment to county legislative body members who successfully complete the annual training, subject to budget availability and appropriation of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the county legislative body of Haywood County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session at Brownsville, Tennessee, that:

Section 1. Any county legislative body member of Haywood County who has completed at least eight (8) hours of continuing education training at conferences or meetings provided or approved by CTAS and whose completion of such training has been verified by CTAS shall be paid the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) out of county funds appropriated for that purpose.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective upon its passage and approval, the public welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED: this _____ day of _____, _____.

APPROVED: County Mayor _____

ATTEST: County Clerk _____