

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
JEREMY MANSFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
JANUARY 9, 2023**

Present:

Jeremy Mansfield, Chairman

David Klein, Vice-Chairman

Robert B. Brown III

Darrell Rogers

Matthew Shoaf

Jamie Teachenor

Absent:

Merrol N. Hyde, Commission Chairman

Also Present:

Eric Sitler, Law Director

John C. Isbell, County Mayor

Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Jeremy Mansfield brought the regular scheduled Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation by Comm. Klein on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Mansfield declared a quorum present to conduct business. Chairman Mansfield noted that Commission Chairman Hyde is running late.

3. Approval of Agenda. Chairman Mansfield moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to add a resolution prepared by Comm. Shoaf to the agenda under Old Business as item d. Upon motion of Comm. Rogers, seconded by Comm. Brown, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda, as amended.

4. Approval of minutes of December 12, 2022. Upon motion of Comm. Rogers, seconded by Comm. Shoaf, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022.

5. Recognition of the Public.

Charlotte Gribbons of 2339 Hwy 25, Cottontown spoke against giving the Cottontown Community Center property, Bridal House and hazard mitigation grant properties to a community non-profit. She requested to finish FEMA projects then sell the property and offered to buy the Community Center property. Mrs. Gribbons spoke against a Leiper's Fork type development.

Wayne Padgett of 279 Bursby Branch Road, Cottontown recognized that the sports complex at Station Camp High School was built with donated money by the Gribbons family. He also offered to buy the Cottontown Community Center and spoke against giving the four parcels of Cottontown property to the community non-profit.

6. Report of the Chairman. No report

7. Report of County Mayor. No report

8. Old Business.

a. Comer Barn update. No action taken

Law Director Eric Sitler stated there is no update on the deed at this time giving the Comer barn back to Rogers Group.

b. 2021 Code Resolution (Codes department). No action taken

c. Old School House/Cottontown Community Center Property, Bridal House Property, and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant properties located at 2265 TN-25 and 2268 TN-25 Cottontown, TN 37048.

Chairman Mansfield moved, seconded by Comm. Klein to table the Old School House/Cottontown Community Center Property and Bridal House Property. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mansfield clarified he would like to keep the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant properties since they are time sensitive and would like to bring them back in February after more information is obtained.

d. *A Resolution requesting the Governor of Tennessee and State Attorney General take appropriate action to protect the medical freedom of those serving in the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard and Tennessee State Guard (attached).*

After explanation and without objection, Comm. Shoaf asked to defer to February 2023.

9. New Business.

a. Veterans' service report (attached). No action taken

b. Discussion and actions taken on amending Standing Rules and Procedures to include the prohibition of cell phone usage during meetings of the Full Commission.

Chairman Mansfield moved, seconded by Comm. Shoaf, to discuss. The motion carried unanimously.

During discussion, Comm. Rogers called for question, seconded by Comm. Shoaf. The motion to call for the question carried unanimously.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Brown, to approve with amended language to add to allow for emergency use as provided by Chairman Mansfield. The Committee voted to approve (4-2-0). Comm. Rogers and Teachenor voted against.

#### 10. Commission Recognition.

- a. Beech High School Football Team
- b. Nancy Amanda Wright – retirement juvenile court
- c. Hadley Brown
- d. Kenny Minchey
- e. Liberty Creek High School Cheerleading Team – deferred to February 2023
- f. *Liberty Creek Middle School Cheerleading Team – deferred to February 2023*

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Shoaf, to group and approve items 10a through 10d. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mansfield moved, seconded by Comm. Brown, to add Liberty Creek Middle School Cheerleading Team to the agenda for February 2023 and defer Liberty Creek High School Cheerleading Team to February 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 11. Zoning.

- a. 456 Thompson Lane PUD – Rezoning – Applicant is seeking to rezone 5.02 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the purpose of operating a steel fabricating company. Subject property is located at 456 Thompson Lane, Portland, Tennessee, 37148, is on Tax Map 073, Parcel 013.2 acres and is zoned Rural Residential (RR). Second Reading (attached).  
No action taken

10. Adjournment. Chairman Mansfield declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Shoaf, and seconded by Comm. Teachenor.

**SUMNER COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE  
AND STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION  
TO PROTECT THE MEDICAL FREEDOM OF THOSE SERVING IN  
THE TENNESSEE ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND  
TENNESSEE STATE GUARD**

**RESOLUTION 2023-XX**

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard provide a vital service to the citizens of Tennessee in times of emergency, and to the United States for national security; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration and the U.S. Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin issued an arbitrary order that Tennessee Army and Air National Guard service members be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus as a condition of their service to the state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the above cited vaccination mandate has had extremely negative impacts on recruiting and retention efforts, compromising the readiness of the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard, and violate the medical freedom of our guardsmen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration has, because of the successful petition of military and civilian leaders concerned with the readiness of our Nation's armed forces, relented on its ill-advised vaccine mandate programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County, Tennessee Board of Commissioners meeting this \_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023:

**SECTION 1:** That the Governor of Tennessee is hereby urged to take the following steps, consistent with his powers as the chief executive of the State of Tennessee, to restore readiness to Tennessee National Guard units and to mitigate against the negative impacts of such readiness as caused by the arbitrary and unjustified actions of the Biden administration which required COVID-19 vaccinations of Tennessee Guardsmen as a condition of service to our great state and our nation.

- a. Publicly condemn the firings and non-pay status of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members because of service members refusal to take a hastily developed vaccine; and
- b. direct the Adjutant General, Tennessee National Guard, to immediately reinstate the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members full benefits who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine; and
- c. issue a letter of apology to Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who were separated from service due to the above-stated refusal; and
- d. request the Tennessee Adjutant General, Major General Jeffery Holmes, to halt any further firings of Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members who have refused the COVID-19 vaccine, including those with medical or religious exemptions; and
- e. file a Request for Information and/or subpoena the Tennessee Army and Air National Guard for any documentation related to vaccination results within the state regarding vaccine injuries, guard member retention, and readiness of the force over the past 6 years and make public any findings thereof; and
- f. terminate the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for the Tennessee State Guard, a volunteer state force that is not federally funded and cannot be federalized for any deployments; and
- g. request that the Tennessee General Assembly draft legislation, consistent with Title 32 United States Code, which forbids the President of the United States, via the United States Department of Defense, from requiring any medical treatment of any kind for Tennessee National Guard service members without the express consent of the Governor and General Assembly of the State of Tennessee.

**SECTION 2:** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each of the Representatives and State Senators that represent Sumner County, Tennessee with the recommendation that appropriate action be taken by the Tennessee General Assembly in regular or special called session to facilitate the recommendations made in Section 1 of this resolution.

**SECTION 3:** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Sumner County Clerk to each of the other county clerks in the state of Tennessee through the Tennessee State Association of County Clerks with the recommendation that this resolution be considered for action by other county legislative bodies in the state of Tennessee to mitigate the harm caused by arbitrary and unjustified vaccine mandates made by the Biden Administration and the United States Secretary of Defense Llyod Austin on August 24th, 2021.