

**MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
JEREMY MANSFIELD, CHAIRMAN  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

Present:

Jeremy Mansfield, Chairman  
David Klein, Vice-Chairman  
Merrol N. Hyde, Commission Chairman  
Darrell Rogers  
Matthew Shoaf  
Jamie Teachenor  
Late:  
Robert B. Brown III

Also Present:

John C. Isbell, County Mayor  
Eric Sittler, Law Director  
Steve Weiner, Staff Attorney  
Jennifer Mitchell, minute taker

Chairman Mansfield brought the regular scheduled Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation by Commission Chairman Hyde on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Mansfield declared a quorum present to conduct business.

3. Approval of Agenda.

Without objection, Chairman Mansfield added a proclamation for family court awareness month as item 10b. He also added a request for procedural requirement for cast vote records request as item 9f.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Klein, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of September 11, 2023. Upon motion of Comm. Shoaf, seconded by Comm. Rogers, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023.

5. Recognition of the Public.

Tina Tobin of 462 Gibbs Lane, Gallatin spoke to her public records request for the cast vote records which was denied and expressed support to make the cast vote records a procedural requirement.

Laura Baigert of 424 AB Wade Road, Portland stated she never received a response to her previous request for cast vote records. Expressed several concerns with the Resource Authority. Supports Hendersonville Library discussion clarifying ownership/funding, grant review resolution and permanent funding for SROs in state code.

6. Report of the Chairman. No report

7. Report of County Mayor. County Mayor John Isbell stated he would address the items as they come up on the agenda.

8. Old Business.

- a. Discussion – Resolution 1504-02 clarifying Ownership, Routine Maintenance, Support Service, and Funding for the Hendersonville Library.

Comm. Klein moved, seconded by Comm. Brown, to discuss. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Mansfield stated this is to clarify what the County is responsible for and what the City of Hendersonville responsible for. He explained it appears the City of Hendersonville needs to reimburse the County for any maintenance and repairs made to the air conditioner.

Law Director Eric Sitler stated any major building repairs, since joint owned, would be split 50/50 with routine maintenance to be paid by City of Hendersonville and insurance and liability of property an encumbrance of the County.

Commission Chairman Hyde moved, seconded by Chairman Mansfield, to direct Chairman Mansfield and County Mayor John Isbell to meet with the Mayor of Hendersonville to clarify understanding. The motion carried unanimously.

To remain on old business for next month.

- b. Resolution – Grant Review.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Brown, to approve and forward to full Commission.

County Mayor John Isbell expressed concerns with the time constraints given in the resolution.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business.

a. Veterans' Service Report and Presentation.

Jeff Oakey, Veteran Services Director gave a brief overview of office activity.

b. Resolution – Requesting Permanent Funding for SROs in State Code (attached).

Commission Chairman Hyde moved, seconded by Comm. Shoaf to approve and forward to full Commission.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Teachenor, to amend to add language to items 1 and 2, to read as follows:

1. "We strongly urge the State General Assembly to codify legislation that permanently includes funding for School Resource Officers (SROs) as a mandatory provision within TN Code Annotated; we specifically request the Sumner County legislative delegation to carry such legislation.
2. We strongly urge the State General Assembly to enact legislation that would release the County from the maintenance of effort obligations tied to the acceptance of said funds in the event of State funding discontinuation, thus reducing the County's maintenance of effort requirements; we specifically request the Sumner County legislative delegation to carry such legislation.

The motion to amend carried unanimously.

c. Discussion – Resource Authority Improper Meeting Letter.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Comm. Klein, to discuss. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Commission Chairman Hyde moved, seconded by Comm. Teachenor, to ask the Sumner County legislative delegation to request an Attorney General opinion on status of Airport Authority. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution – Broadband Ready Communities Program.

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Klein, to approve and forward to full Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

e. Resolution – Appointment of Steve Nelson as Judicial Commissioner.

Comm. Rogers moved, seconded by Commission Chairman Hyde, to approve the appointment of Steve Nelson as Judicial Commissioner. The motion carried unanimously.

f. Request for Procedural Requirement for Cast Vote Records Request.

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

After discussion, Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to direct the Law Director to investigate the best method for the County Commission to institute or mandate a procedural requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Commission Recognition.

- a. NASRO Model Agency Recognition (School Resource Officers)
- b. *Family Court Awareness Month*

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to group and approve item 11a and 11b. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Zoning.

- a. Wil-Ro, Inc. – Rezoning – Applicant is seeking a rezoning from Rural Residential (RR) to Light Industrial (LI). Subject property is located at 1155 Old Hwy 109N, Gallatin, TN 37066, is on Tax Map 104, Parcels 093.01 & 061.01, contains 8.37 acres and is zoned Rural Residential (RR). Second Reading (Attached).
  
- b. N. Palmers Chapel Road 0 Assignment of Country Zoning to Deannexed Pacel – Sumner County is recommending a zoning classification of Rural Residential (RR) to subject property due to de-annexation from the City of White House, TN. Request is being made pursuant to Chapter 17, Section 1705 of the Sumner County Zoning Resolution. Subject property is located at N. Palmers Chapel Road, White House, TN, 37188, is on Tax Map 077, P/O Parcels 099.00, 100.04 & 100.05, and contains 4.6 acres. Property was formally deannexed from the City of White House June 15, 2023. Second Reading (Attached).

Comm. Shoaf moved, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to group and approve items 11a and 11b. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment. Chairman Mansfield declared the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Shoaf and seconded by Comm. Rogers.

Prepared by Jennifer Mitchell

# LEGISLATIVE

NAME

ADDRESS

Tina Tobin

462 Gibbs Lane

Laura Berger

424 AB Wade Road

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WORTH

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMANENT FUNDING FOR SCHOOL  
RESOURCE OFFICERS IN STATE CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of our educational institutions are of paramount importance to the well-being and development of our students; and

**WHEREAS**, School Resource Officers (SROs) play a crucial role in maintaining a safe and conducive learning environment by providing security, mentorship, and support to students, faculty, and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of adequate funding for SRO programs ensures that schools can benefit from the presence of trained law enforcement professionals who can respond effectively to emergencies and contribute positively to the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent and permanent funding for SRO programs is essential for County governments to make long-term financial plans and commitments to ensure a continuous and stable SRO presence; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Chapter No. 367 comprehensively addresses vital aspects of school safety, encompassing safety plans, security systems, annual drills, security assessments, and training requirements for armed security personnel; nevertheless, it notably lacks a mandatory provision for securing permanent funding dedicated to School Resource Officers (SROs) in educational institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Endowment Grant Contract for the Statewide School Resource Officer (SRO) Grant Program shall take effect on July 01, 2023, and shall remain in force only for a duration of twelve (12) months from the effective commencement date (hereinafter referred to as the "Term"), with the State holding no responsibility to the Grantee (Sumner County) for any grant-related commitments beyond the specified Term; and

**WHEREAS**, enshrining SRO funding within the state code will provide a clear and enduring framework for supporting these vital programs, allowing for efficient and recurring allocation of resources and sustained investment in our schools' safety.

**WHEREAS**, if the state should withdraw SRO funding, the County would continue to be bound by the maintenance of effort obligations associated with the acceptance of said funds, thereby continuing the County's maintenance of effort requirements without a funding source, potentially necessitating property tax increases; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sumner County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session on the \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 that:

1. We strongly urge the State General Assembly to <sup>codify</sup> ~~pass~~ legislation that permanently includes funding for School Resource Officers (SROs) as a mandatory provision within the ~~state code~~ <sup>TN code annotated; - - -</sup>
2. We strongly urge the State General Assembly to enact legislation that would release the County from the maintenance of effort obligations tied to the acceptance of said funds in the event of State funding discontinuation, thus reducing the County's maintenance of effort requirements.
3. We believe that this step is necessary to ensure the continued safety and security of our educational institutions and the overall well-being of our students.
4. We call upon our elected representatives to prioritize the passage of such pieces of legislation, recognizing the critical importance of SRO programs in fostering a secure and nurturing learning environment.
5. We further request that this resolution be communicated to the State General Assembly and relevant state officials, highlighting our community's commitment to the safety and welfare of our students and schools.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that upon approval and signing of this resolution, a copy be transmitted to all appropriate stakeholders, including the State Legislators representing Sumner County, Tennessee, the Governor of the state of Tennessee, the Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and the Speaker of the Tennessee Senate.



Monday, October 16, 2023 at 12:41:26 Central Daylight Time

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Request for Procedural Requirement for Cast Vote Records Report  
**Date:** Monday, October 16, 2023 at 12:15:15 PM Central Daylight Time  
**From:** Steven Weiner  
**To:** Steven Weiner  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

**From:** Tina Tobin <[Tina.Tobin@protonmail.com](mailto:Tina.Tobin@protonmail.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Request for Procedural Requirement for Cast Vote Records Report  
**Date:** October 15, 2023 at 8:59:30 PM CDT  
**To:** County Commission Board <[CountyCommissioners@sumnercountytn.gov](mailto:CountyCommissioners@sumnercountytn.gov)>

Dear Commissioners,

I urge the County Commission to implement measures that guarantee public access to standard election reports. The citizens of Sumner County require transparency to fortify their trust in the electoral process. Numerous counties across the United States routinely furnish a standard Cast Vote Record (CVR) following each election. In fact, the Williamson County election office set a precedent by releasing their CVR within 24 hours of their most recent election.

**IS IT POSSIBLE FOR MICROVOTE TO PRODUCE THE REPORT?- YES**

The CEO of MicroVote, Mandy Miller, explains that counties "have not been running this report because it is not a "procedural requirement." (see attached email)

The machine creates and stores this information in the machine according to the bid documents.

**MY OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS - REPEATEDLY DENIED**

During 2021, I submitted public records requests to the election office for the 2020 election's CVR report. I was informed that the CVR record did not exist and that it could only be CREATED on election night.

I planned ahead for the November 2022 election and submitted in a request BEFORE the election for the CVR report. Specifically asking that the report should be created/run on election night. I was denied this request and told that I could not request a record before it existed.

THIS left me with NO OPTION to get this report. The report cannot be request ahead of time, and cannot be request after the election since it would not have been created.

**VOTER CONFIDENCE**

The TN Voter Confidence Act, TCA 2-20, is dedicated to overseeing elections with the primary goal of instilling voter confidence in the electoral process within the state. Offering the CVR report to the public serves as a fundamental step in enhancing transparency and bolstering voter trust. This report, a routine feature stored within the voting machines, can be readily generated. According to the CEO of MicroVote, the sole impediment to this practice is the absence of a prescribed procedural requirement.


I am formally requesting that the commission institute a procedural mandate, ensuring that the Cast Vote Record (CVR) report is made available for public access in every local Sumner County Election, commencing with the Millersville Special Election.

Sincerely,

Tina Tobin

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

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From  Dana Jones <Dana@wccocoffice.com>  
To tnlibertynetworktina@protonmail.com

★ Sep 7, 2022

Tina Tobin,

As you can see from the email below from MicroVote we do not have Ballot Logs for the November 3 election. What we do have are permanent voting machine tapes. We used approximately 141 voting machines Nov 2020. Each tape would have to be retrieved from archives, unfolded, copied manually and returned to the machine envelope. Again these are permanent records in Tennessee. You may request copies on our County Records request form which I will attach to this email. Estimated cost would be \$355 in paper cost. (est 10 sheets per machine at .25 a page and estimated time 47 hours at \$19 an hour \$893.

Hello,

We know many of you have received requests for public records generated by your voting system for the 2020 general election, commonly asking for individual ballot records, also known as cast vote records or CVRs.

For your voting system, individual ballot records are created by generating an "Infinity Vote Record Report," printed from each voting machine post-election. We understand that counties did not generate this printed report for the 2020 election as there is no procedural requirement to do so. Instead, counties generated an "Infinity Consolidated Tally Report," printed from each voting machine which consolidates the results for that machine.

Please call me or Bill Whitehead with any questions.

Vandl Miller CEO

## Family Court Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Family Court Awareness Month (FCAM) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission at FCAM is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated, 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of FCAM is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence, childhood trauma, child sexual abuse, coercive control, post separation abuse for all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of FCAM is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and:

**WHEREAS**, the mission at FCAM is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children. This research includes CDC Study: The Adverse Childhood Experiences Study; National Institute of Justice funded Study: Child Custody Evaluators' Beliefs About Domestic Abuse Allegations ; and The GW Law School, Institute of Justice funded Study: Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare every month of NOVEMBER, to be FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH.

I encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.