**Commission meeting 1/13/25**

**Date**: January 15, 2025
**Duration**: 1:48:33

**Action Items**

* All Commissioners - **Submit budget meeting time preference** Email preference for June 20th budget meeting time (9am or 6pm) to the Chair and copy Diane Giddens within 7 days

**Overview**

* County issued two bonds in December 2024:
	+ General obligation bond for **$56,330,000** with **3.6378%** interest
	+ County district bond for **$20,785,000** with **3.628%** interest
* Sheriff's department approved for **9** new positions at cost of **$785,655** for staffing needs
* Education impact fees generated **$1.5 million** in November 2024, bringing total available to **$86.3 million**
* Commission approved purchase of Fernvale Road property for new fire station at **$380,000**
* Cool Springs Conference Center profits:
	+ October 2024: **$93,087**
	+ November 2024: **$39,260**

**County financial reports and bond updates**

* Phoebe Riley reported two bonds issued December 5th:
	+ General obligation bond: **$56,330,000** at **3.6378%** interest
	+ County district bond: **$20,785,000** at **3.628%** interest
* Both bonds sold at premium, allowing reduction in borrowed amount
* General obligation bond included **$20 million** for JJJ project as first phase
* Education impact fee generated **$1.5 million** in November
* Total education impact fee funds available: **$86.3 million**
* Privilege tax collections for November: **$897,254**
* Cool Springs Conference Center profits:
	+ October: **$93,087**
	+ November: **$39,260**

**Hospital performance and NICU expansion**

* Phil Mazzuca reported new NICU opened **December 16th**, expanding from **8** to **9** beds
* Hospital statistics for November 2024:
	+ Admissions down **11%** from budget
	+ Inpatient surgeries down **20%** from budget
	+ Net revenue: **$28 million** vs budget of **$29.5 million**
	+ Operating loss: **$891,000**
* Hospital met debt coverage ratio of **1.99** vs required **1.5**
* December 2024 saw highest admission rates in past 12 months
* Hospital maintained operations during recent snow event with staff staying overnight

**Sheriff's department staffing expansion request**

* Commission approved **9** new positions at **$785,655** for salaries and benefits
* Sheriff Hughes reported:
	+ No additional staffing added since 2018
	+ Currently **17** positions vacant across department
	+ Staffing shortage improved from **60** vacancies last year
	+ Thompson Station police coverage fee to increase **100%** from **$125,000** to **$250,000**
* Thompson Station represents **13.9%** of sheriff's department call volume

**Fernvale Road property purchase for fire station**

* Commission approved purchase of property for **$380,000**
* Property includes **3.5** acres with existing garage structure
* **$400,000** allocated in capital improvement plan for building modifications
* Location chosen to improve fire coverage in Fernvale area
* Comparable 1-acre parcel across street sold for **$100,000**

**Opioid settlement fund allocations**

* Approved **$4,500** for Sheriff's Office from settlement funds
* Approved funding for three organizations providing remediation services:
	+ Educare
	+ The Refuge Center
	+ Resolve Diagnostics
* Settlement payments expected to continue for **9-10** years
* MTSU's Office of Prevention Science reviewing grant applications

**Five-year capital improvement program**

* Commission approved updated program covering:
	+ Schools
	+ Roads
	+ Fire protection
	+ Recreation
* Program required by private act for privilege tax collection
* Commissioners noted program represents planning document, not guaranteed projects

**Emergency communications agreements with Murray County**

* Approved two interlocal agreements:
	+ Murray County to provide backup 911 call answering for Williamson County
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* Agreements ensure continuous emergency communications coverage

**Equipment and property transactions**

* Approved trade of two-way radios to Nolensville for 2022 mobile home
* Accepted donation of narcotics detection canine for Sheriff's Office
* Approved sublease agreement with Franklin Webb Printing Co. for Sheriff's Office space
* Authorized conveyance of roll-off truck to DeKalb County (this was a late resolution that didn’t make it into the packet. I have copied it below.

