

Law Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting

December 18, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

The Law Enforcement/Public Safety Committee met on December 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Committee members present included: Commissioners Jennifer Mason, Ricky Jones, Chas Morton and Bill Petty. Committee members Tom Tunnicliffe, Drew Torres and Brian Clifford were unable to attend

Also present were: Bobby Cook, County Attorney with Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Sheriff Jeff Hughes; Conner Scott, Public Safety Director; Todd Horton, EMA Director; Commissioners Lisa Hayes and Chris Richards; Phoebe Reilly, WC Finance Director; Jennifer Davis, WCSO Accounts Manager; Captain Freddie Moore and Captain Chad Yoker with the WC Sheriff's Office; and other interested individuals.

Citizen's Communication: Chairman Mason reviewed the sign-in sheet that was placed at the entry door 10 minutes before the meeting and reported that there were no signatures on the form and no one in the room that wished to speak. She then closed the Citizen's Communication portion of the meeting.

Minutes: Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2024 Law Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Morton seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Resolutions:

1. **Resolution Amending The Five-Year Capital Improvement Program For Schools, Roads, Fire Protection And Recreation.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. It was explained by Budget Director, Mrs. Reilly that the 5 Year CIP is a planning tool and this resolution does not approve any funding. After discussion, the motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
2. **Resolution Appropriating And Amending The 2024-2025 Sheriff's Office And Benefits Budgets By \$1,582,155.18 To Provide Funding For Additional Staffing Needs - Revenues To Come From Unappropriated County General Funds.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. Sheriff Hughes explained that, during last year's budget planning, at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Sheriff's Office requested 18 new positions. The Commission approved 9 positions and asked that he return halfway through the year in order to request the other 9 positions. Sheriff Hughes also noted that there are only 17 open positions in the Sheriff's Office, currently; only one of those open positions being in the SRO Division. The funds will be coming out of unappropriated County General since it is in the middle of the year but going forward will come out of the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget. The approximate cost increase of the Sheriff's Office Operating Budget for the upcoming year (with one time costs already taken out) is \$1,267,000. Sheriff Hughes noted that he will add an attachment to the resolution before it is filed, with a breakdown of the cost of the positions. After further discussion, the motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
3. **Resolution Accepting Donations On Behalf Of The Veterans Treatment Court And Appropriating And Amending The 2024-25 Williamson County General Sessions Court Budget By \$4,103.00 - Revenues To Come From Donations.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
4. **Resolution Approving A New Peer Support Specialist Position For The Williamson County Veterans Treatment Court.** Commissioner Morton made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Commissioner Mason made a motion to amend the resolution to add language noting that once the grant funds have been exhausted, the position does, as well. Commissioner Morton seconded the amendment. The amendment passed with a vote of 4-0. The resolution, as amended, passed with a vote of 4-0.
5. **Resolution Authorizing The Conveyance And Trade Of Two-Way Radios Owned By Williamson County To The Town Of Nolensville For A 2022 Mobile Home.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. Mr. Scott explained that the Town of Nolensville will be surplusng a double-wide trailer that they no longer use or need. Williamson County has a need for this trailer. Since the Town of Nolensville has previously borrowed two-way radios from the County that they would like to keep, a proposal has been made for a trade. The trailer is valued at approximately \$70,000 and the radios at approximately \$50,000. The motion to recommend approval of the resolution passed with a vote of 4-0.
6. **Resolution Authorizing The Williamson County Mayor To Execute A Real Estate Sale And Purchase Agreement To Purchase Real Property On Fernvale Road.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.

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7. **Resolution Accepting A Conditional Donation Of A Certified Narcotics Detection Canine From Brad And Amy Fann On Behalf Of The Williamson County Sheriff's Office.** Commissioner Morton made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Sheriff Hughes explained that Mr. and Mrs. Fann are donating a certified narcotics detection canine to be used by the Sheriff's Office for a new K-9 SRO program. The canine will operate at Independence High with SRO, Amy Fann. The dog will be used at the school mainly as a deterrent and will be used as needed at other schools within the County, as well. Mr. Fann is in the Narcotics Division at the WC Sheriff's Office and is also a K-9 handler. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
8. **Resolution Appropriating And Amending The 2024-25 Sheriff's Office Budget By \$4,500 – Revenues To Come From Opioid Abatement Funds.** Commissioner Morton made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
9. **Resolution Authorizing The Williamson County Mayor To Enter Into A Grant Contract With The United States Department Of Justice, Office Of Justice Programs And Amending The 2024-25 Sheriff's Office Budget By \$10,692.00.** Commissioner Morton made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
10. **Resolution Authorizing The Williamson County Mayor To Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement With The Maury County Emergency Communications District And The Williamson County Emergency Communications District.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
11. **Resolution Authorizing The Williamson County Mayor To Enter Into An Interlocal Agreement With The Maury County Emergency Communications District And The Williamson County Emergency Communications District For The Temporary Transfer Of 9-1-1 Calls.** Commissioner Jones made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morton. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.
12. **Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Execution And Delivery Of A Sublease Agreement With Franklin Web Printing Company, Inc. For The Lease Of Office Space For The Sheriff's Office.** Commissioner Morton made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion to recommend approval passed with a vote of 4-0.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: The Law Enforcement/ Public Safety Committee Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

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