

The Union County Commission met in Special Called Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 10, 2024 at the Union County Courthouse. The Honorable Jason Bailey, County Chairman, Presiding. A quorum being present, Union County Commission was duly opened at 7:00 P.M.

The Agenda for June 10, 2024 is as follow:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Announcements: (if any)
6. Approve List for Public Comments
7. Approve/Disapprove FY25 Budget and Budget Related Documents
8. Adjourn

1. County Commission was duly opened by Union County Sherriff Deputy Jason Berry.
2. **Invocation** by Commissioner Sidney Jessee, Jr.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Commissioner Dawn Flatford.
4. **Roll Call** by Amy England, Union County Chief Deputy Clerk. **Commissioners Present:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker.

**Commissioners Absent:** Larry Lay and Eddie Simpson

5. **Announcements**
  - a. Chamber of Commerce Meeting June 11, 2024 First Bank at 6 P.M.
  - b. Audit Committee Meeting June 27, 2024 Corum Bookkeeping at 9 A.M.
  - c. Independence Day Festival June 28-29 at Jaxx Drive Thru Arena, 874 Hickory Star Rd.
6. **Public Comments**
  - a. Tom Fitzharris spoke about making the fire departments essential in the budget instead of a charitable contribution. He has a personal goal of raising \$20,000 for the Volunteer Fire Departments.
7. **Approve/Disapprove FY25 Budget and Budget Related Documents**
  - a. **FY25 Fund 141-General Purpose School**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Cheryl Walker** to approve **FY25 Fund 141-General Purpose School** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**b. FY25 Fund 142-School Federal Projects**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Mike Boles** to approve **FY25 Fund 142-School Federal Projects** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**c. FY25 Fund 143-Central Cafeteria**

A **Motion** was made by **Dawn Flatford** and **Seconded** by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** to approve the **FY25 Fund 143-Central Cafeteria** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**d. FY25 Fund 145-Tennessee Virtual Academy**

A **Motion** was made by **Cheryl Walker** and **Seconded** by **Ashley Mike** to approve the **FY25 Fund 145-Tennessee Virtual Academy** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**e. FY25 Fund 177-Education Capital Projects**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Cheryl Walker** to approve the **FY25 Fund 177-Education Capital Projects** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**f. FY25 Fund 118-Ambulance Service**

A **Motion** was made by **Lynn Beeler** and **Seconded** by **R.L. Jones** to approve the **FY25 Fund 118-Ambulance Service** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**g. FY25 Fund 122-Drug Control**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Angela Conner-Murphy** to approve the **FY25 Fund 122-Drug Control** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**h. FY25 Fund 127-American Rescue Plan Act**

A **Motion** was made by **Kenny Moore** and **Seconded** by **Ashley Mike** to approve the **FY25 Fund 127-American Rescue Plan Act** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**i. FY25 Fund 131-Highway**

A **Motion** was made by **Cheryl Walker** and **Seconded** by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** to approve the **FY25 Fund 131-Highway** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Linda Effler, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford and Ashley Mike. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**j. FY25 Fund 151-General Debt Service**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Kenny Moore** to approve the **FY25 Fund 151-General Debt Service** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

**k. FY25 Fund 171-General Capital Projects**

A **Motion** was made by **Cheryl Walker** and **Seconded** by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** to approve the **FY25 Fund 171-General Capital Projects** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

1. **FY25 Fund 172-Industrial Committee**

A **Motion** was made by **Ashley Mike** and **Seconded** by **Cheryl Walker** to approve the **FY25 Fund 172-Industrial Committee** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

m. **FY25 Fund 101-General Fund**

**Motion #1**

A **Motion** was made by **Cheryl Walker** and **Seconded** by **Gerald Simmons** to approve the **FY25 Fund 101-General Fund** as presented.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Linda Effler, Sidney Jessee, Jr., Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, R.L. Jones and Ashley Mike. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Failed.**

Union County Commission went into **recess** at 8:10 P.M. and was reconvened at 8:20 P.M.

**Motion #2**

A **Motion** was made by **Ashley Mike** and **Seconded** by **Greg Dyer** to approve **FY25 Fund 101-General Fund** and to give the 39 full and part-time employees from the following offices a **Six Percent (6%)** pay increase from FY24 Budget: Mayor, Administrator of Elections, Register of Deeds, Maintenance Department, Finance Department, Director of Finance, Property Assessor, Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit/Sessions Court, Juvenile Court, Chancery Court, Soil Conservation and the Secretary for the Senior Citizens Assistance. This excludes the Sheriff's Department, Jail, Special Patrols and EMS, which will still receive the **Two Percent (2%)** pay scale increase. Also excluded are Elected and Appointed Officials. The Director of Senior Citizens Assistance will receive the pay increase of **Fourteen Percent (14%)** as recommended by the Budget Committee.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Greg Dyer, Dawn Flatford, R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike and Kenny Moore. **Commissioners Voting Against:** Bill Cox, Linda Effler, Sidney Jessee, Jr., Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

n. **Fund Balance Transfer into Capital**

A **Motion** was made by **Cheryl Walker** and **Seconded** by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** to transfer \$2,295,808 from fund balance into capital projects per the Fund balance policy.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

8. **Adjourn**

A **Motion** was made by **Sidney Jessee, Jr.** and **Seconded** by **Dawn Flatford** to **Adjourn**.

County Chairman, Jason Bailey, Called for a Roll Call Vote. **Commissioners Voting For:** Lynn Beeler, Mike Boles, Angela Conner-Murphy, Danny Cooke, Bill Cox, Greg Dyer, Linda Effler, Dawn Flatford, Sidney Jessee, Jr., R.L. Jones, Ashley Mike, Kenny Moore, Gerald Simmons and Cheryl Walker. **Commissioners Voting Against:** None. **Commissioners Passing:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Union County Commission Special Called Meeting **Adjourned at 8:48 P.M.**