

Roane County Commission

Regular Meeting, March 11, 2019

Fourteen Commissioners were present. Invocation was given by Pastor Brenda A. Poole of the Swan Pond United Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Bailiff Jim Kelley.

Chairman Randy Ellis was presiding.

All commissioners approved eleven Notary Publics who desired to serve the county.

Hearing of Delegation:

1. Robert Kennedy of Oak Ridge , Chairman of the City of Oak Ridge's Environmental Advisory Board addressed the Commission and spoke out against the waste site and about an item on the agenda rescinding the resolution from last October regarding EMDF, large amounts of mercury and fish kill in Poplar Creek.

2. Pam May with the Roane Alliance spoke of the high points from the 2018 report and the lowest unemployment since 2004 in Roane County.

Roane County received the seal of approval from the American Association of Retirement Communities, saying that Roane County is a great place to retire. Organized were the first ever All Teacher Visits where teachers visited participating industries. The Ribbon cutting for the K25 overlook takes place this spring.

3. Mark Turpin of 210 Sportsman's Club Road addressed the commission about the number of problems on this road and his fear of what may happen to his home from the excess rain damage. This has been going on for two years and he fears that his neighbors house is threatened first by a 150 feet crack in the mountain and his house would be next. He feels that nothing has been done to fix the problem.

4. Michael Parkinson thanked the commissioners for their open and honest participation about the possible consolidation of the high schools.

5. Henry Redmon of the Rockwood American Legion invited everyone to come to their Memorial Day prayer breakfast on May 18.

County Attorney Report: Greg Leffew spoke about the Sportsman Club Road conditions as well as Airport Road. Bowman Bend and Riggs Chapel owners have to give slope easement. The county does not have a right of way and will need core samples before repair can be discussed.

County Executive Report: Ron Woody discussed among a number of issues the Legislatvie house bill 1365 and senate bill 1356 with tax relief on delinquent taxes due to the ash spill. The county was unaware the filing. It could cost the county and the city in hundreds of thousands of dollars. They have been working with the comptroller's office on this bill.

A draft of the lawsuit being filed by Attorney Jim Scott of the ash spill is under review.

TDEC and Department of Health submitted sampling plans for the SPSC to the county about three weeks ago, which were then sent to TVA who then asked

for some amendments. These amendments were sent back to TDEC who sent an implementation schedule. It appears that the county could have results in the fall.

The Swan Pond Sports Complex is off limits to events and staff.

The county has estimated flood damage to be over \$6 million which is greater than Knox County's \$44 million when compared on a per capita basis.

Tim Joseph, PhD' presented on behalf of Executive Woody a report on Invasive Aquatic Plants. (on file with the county clerk's office).

The Harriman Middle School Girls Basketball Team and their coaches Ken Tilley and Leslie Ladd were honored with much enthusiasm.

Carolyn Bush-Roddy, in addition to being a member of the 2019 Women's Basketball Hall of fame Inductee class, was honored and recognized to standing ovation for her long years of dedication to the sport of basketball and for her commitment to Roane County, its athletics and its residents. She will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a ceremony scheduled for June 8th in Knoxville.

Ten additional county business resolutions were discussed and passed.

Hella Peterson, Observer