

Roane County Commission

April 9, 2018 meeting

Hearing of Delegation: Gary Johnston expressed appreciation for the commissioners considering the input of Roane County residents about upcoming decisions for a new school and its funding, which would include a wheel tax.

Eva Brown agreed about holding a referendum for the people of Roane County to let them decide whether or not a tax increase is worth the benefits of the new school.

Mike Parkison also spoke about upcoming fiscal decisions and asked whether all other options have been exhausted prior to a new financial commitment.

John Dennis spoke on variation among people and said that culture change begins at home.

County Executive report: Ron Woody hopes to have the sales tax issues, mentioned in correspondences, resolved within the next two weeks.

The County had a successful delinquent property tax sale this year. Those property owners have one year to redeem their properties. The County is currently evaluating our bids to see if we want to have the Chancellor confirm the bids.

Referendums mentioned by some citizens were discussed. A wheel tax could be placed on a referendum by Commission. A Bond resolution under general capital outlay could be called by petition of registered voters.

County Attorney's report: The Grand Vista Bay sewer main has been conveyed to the County, the deed has been recorded and the related lawsuit is pending dismissal.

Special Orders: The election to fill the vacancy on the Roane County Commission due to the passing of Steve Kelly failed. Votes were 7 for Mr. Kelly's widow and 6 for Jerry White, who let it be known that he is interested in the position and resides in Oliver Springs. One Commissioner did not vote.

New Business: Seven resolutions passed, two were postponed, and one was deferred.

~Hella Peterson, Observer