

## Roane County Commission

*May 8, 2017, meeting*

Fifteen members were present.

Hearing of Delegation:

Deana Jackson of Roane County United Way presented information telling of the impact the agency has in helping with much needed services including advocacy against child abuse. Their monetary impact amounts to \$2.5M, not including salaries. RCUW and a task force helped get the Free Medical Clinic located in Harriman. Now they are working to get free Dental Care for adults. Children can get some care at present. The Hiawassee mobile unit and RSCC will dedicate some time at the clinic, too.

John Dennis followed with a comment on needing some more teeth extracted. He again voiced his opinion in opposition to private schools. He stated that Senator Ken Yager seems to use good judgement in spending money. John likes going back to his high school, and said that it is a treasure like an antique.

County Attorney's Report:

Attorney Greg Leffew reported on bonds concerning mediation of property. On June 20 he will argue the long running Zumstein case.

County Executive's Report

County Executive Ron Woody announced the upcoming budget committee meeting all day on May 12. It will be open to the public. On May 15 there will be a public hearing at Pollard Auditorium in Oak Ridge with the Nuclear Energy Commission.

Special Orders:

Dr. Timothy Joseph, aquatic weeds specialist, was confirmed as a new member of the Environmental Board. His term will expire July 30, 2020.

New Business:

Bill Farnham was honored for his many years of service to the Division of Emergency Communication. He was very humbled and stated that his team deserved the honor.

In a change from the customary praises for athletic success, the commissioners honored the achievements of Roane County's top academic high school students.

Thirteen additional business resolutions were discussed and approved.

*~Hella Peterson, Observer*