

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
February 27, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Franklin County Commissioners met in Special Called Session at the Franklin County Courthouse in Winchester, Tennessee, on February 27, 2017. Chairman Eddie Clark presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Sheriff Tim Fuller led everyone in pledging allegiance to the flag. Commissioner Gene Snead gave the invocation. Deputy Clerk Mary Sons recorded the minutes.

ROLL CALL:

Iris Rudder
Gene Snead
Stanley Bean
Lisa Mason
Dale Schultz
Dave Van Buskirk
Eddie Clark
Chuck Stines
Johnny Hughes
Helen Stapleton
Barbara Finney
David Eldridge
Angie Fuller
Doug Goodman
Don Cofer
Sam Hiles

PRESENT (16) ABSENT (0)

A QUORUM WAS DECLARED

- 1) Community Development Block Grant
 - a) Resolution 1a-022717 To Authorize Franklin County, Tennessee to Apply for a Community Development Block Grant
MOTION BY VAN BUSKIRK TO APPROVE, SECOND STINES, ALL AYES; APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. 16/0

- 2) Dedication of Funds: Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Franklin County Project Memorandum of Understanding
MOTION BY STINES TO APPROVE, SECOND FULLER, ALL AYES; APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. 16/0

- 3) Support of Broadband Accessibility Act
- a) Resolution 3a-022717 In Support of the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act as Proposed by Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam
MOTION BY STAPLETON TO APPROVE, SECOND HUGHES, ALL AYES; APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. 16/0

**DETAIL ATTACHMENTS TO
COMMISSION MINUTES
ON FOLLOWING PAGES**

RESOLUTION 1a-022717

TO AUTHORIZE FRANKLIN COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO APPLY
FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Tennessee is eligible for funds under the State of Tennessee “Small Cities” Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County and Grundy County are in need of a local off-site training facility in order to provide postsecondary training/education to its local residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed satellite Tennessee College of Applied Technology facility will house six high technology and high demand programs that will assist in addressing the workforce needs of businesses and industries in the Franklin County/Grundy County vicinity; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County wishes to make an application for said project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

- (1) The County Mayor be authorized and directed to execute and submit an application for funds to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$4,990,000.
- (2) The County Mayor be authorized and directed to enter into all necessary agreements to receive and administer such grant funds.
- (3) The County Mayor will be authorized to work closely with the Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee College of Applied Technology staff on all matters related to the project including design, planning, development, bidding, equipment purchases, etc.
- (4) Upon completion and closeout of the Project, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Franklin County will be transferred to the Tennessee Board of Regents for the purpose of ownership and operation.
- (5) The total cost of the project is \$5,990,000. The balance of \$1,000,000 in local matching contribution will be provided by funds from Franklin County

PASSED AND SO ORDERED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.



Eddie Clark, Commission Chairman



Richard Stewart, County Mayor

Phillip Custer
ATTEST: Phillip Custer, County Clerk

RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY: Eldridge & Hughes

MOTION TO ADOPT: Van Buskirk

SECOND BY: Stines

VOTES: AYES 16 NAYS 0

DECLARATION: Approved

Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Franklin County Project Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission, Franklin County Board of Education and Tennessee Board of Regents have come together to collaborate in an effort to provide an training facility for a Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has agreed to apply for a Community Block Development Grant for proceeds to build a facility on property dedicated to Franklin County by the Franklin County Board of Education. Said land value in 2006 for the eight point five (8.5) acres was Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000); and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Commission has committed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) towards the efforts of this project in their December 2, 2013 commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, the parties listed below have agreed to enter into a collaborative agreement in which Franklin County will be the lead agency and named applicant of said Community Block Development Grant and the other agencies will be parties in this endeavor as far as the best interest of the technical education of Franklin and surrounding counties student population; and

WHEREAS, the parties herein desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the services to be provided by the collaborative; and

I) Description of Partner Agencies

The Franklin County Commission (FCC) is the legislative branch of Franklin County, Tennessee and responsible for the funding of all local government operations. All Community Development Block Grant funds applied for by entities within and Franklin County are approved by the Franklin County Commission and managed within the Franklin County Budget.

The Franklin County Board of Education (FCBOE) is the governing body over educational facilities and educational programs operated by Franklin County Schools. The Board of Education does have technical programs at present and intends to further enhance, improve, and offer additional opportunities to students of Franklin County.

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) establishes, governs, manages, and controls the State University and Community College System of Tennessee. They are responsible for the oversight of all Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) facilities and programs including partnerships of satellite locations offering TCAT education.

II) History of Relationship

- *The FCC and the FCBOE have been partners in the education of the Franklin County student population since the school system's establishment. The FCBOE in the establishment of policy, operations, and development of budget needs and the FCC in the annual approval of funding in regard to revenue and expenditures and capital needs of the school system to best meet the needs of the student education programs.*
- *The FCC in 2008 began the process to establish dedicated funding and a collaboration of efforts*

to accomplish obtaining a Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Franklin County (TCAT-FC) program. The FCBOE dedicated land for this facility on Dinah Shore Boulevard in Winchester, Tennessee at the previous Franklin County High School site in 2008. This eight point five (8.5) acres was valued at Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000) in 2006. The FCC approved on December 2, 2013 to dedicate One Million Dollars (\$1M) toward the project for the facility upon receiving a grant to build the facility in question. As well as local industrial business support for the facility.

- TCAT-Shelbyville applied in 2016 for a capacity grant through the Governor Haslam's "Drive 55 Initiative".
- The FCBOE is dedicated to the student population, this includes technical education resulting in certifications for these programs. The FCBOE is contemplating offering state approved technical programs at younger ages in order for student's to have the ability to accomplish certifications in programs that would enable them to commence work upon completion of their high school graduation or seek post-secondary education
- The FCC and the FCBOE is working with the TBR in optimistic resolution of this task. FCC under advisement of state government is in the process of applying for a Community Development Block Grant for a facility that would function as a TCAT-FC that would be gifted to the TBR with the responsibility to maintain and operate with staff for full time applied technology classes through the State of Tennessee upon completion of the CDBG.

III) Development of Application

- Upon funding not being awarded through the state's "Drive 55 Initiative" - capacity grants. The FCC in communications with the State of Tennessee is advised to apply for funding for this project through the Community Development Block Grant program through the South Central Tennessee Development Agency, being funds availability and criteria being met for this grant program.
- The FCC is in the process of approving this application process and the dedication of funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1M) for facility as needed and is taking the necessary pre-application steps at present.
- The FCBOE is in the process of deeding the eight point five (8.5) acres on Dinah Shore Boulevard in Winchester being the "Old Franklin County High School Site" to the FCC as the site for the facility being applied for.
- The TBR is working closely with the FCBOE and FCC in resolution of a facility plan with required equipment that the TBR could accept and operate, for a TCAT-FC program.

IV) Roles and Responsibilities

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the partners as follows:

- The FCC will apply for the CDBG and be the government entity for the receipt and disbursement of funds, following all local, state, and federal regulations.
- The FCBOE will be relinquishing property dedicated for this TCAT-FC project by deeding the property to FCC for the stated purpose. Property Map 065L-A-001.01, 8.5 Acres, 2006 value \$850,000.
- The TBR will receive ownership by deed of the finished facility equipped with the necessary furnishings and equipment and offer full time programs in the categories of Industrial Maintenance, Computer Information Technology, Welding Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant, and Licensed Practical Nursing, upon completion and closeout of the CDBG funds.

- *The FCC will utilize grant proceeds in order to build a minimum twenty thousand square foot building and provide one million dollars (\$1M) allocation of county funds for the new facility project.*
- *The FCBOE will provide the land (8.5 acres) for the facility and support in the Franklin County Schools technical programs to coincide with the TCAT – FC programs for the benefit of providing the best education for its student population, encouraging continuing education at the TCAT – FC level.*
- *The TBR will assume responsibility of the land, facility, furnishings, and equipment in order to operate the TCAT – FC program, including ownership by deed, upon the completion and closeout of the CDBG funded project.*

V) Responsible Parties

- *Richard Stewart, Franklin County Mayor and Andrea Smith, Finance Director will work together in the application process, budgeting process, and management at the local entity level for the CDBG program, coordinating with all parties to accomplish the required end result of the TCAT – FC project.*
- *Amie Lonas, Franklin County Board of Education - Director of Schools and Christine Hopkins, Franklin County Board of Education member will work on behalf of the FCBOE coordinating with all parties to accomplish the required end result of the TCAT – FC project.*
- *James D. King, TBR Vice Chancellor and Director of Project Management and Ivan Jones, Director of Tennessee College of Applied Technology – Shelbyville, will work on behalf of the TBR coordinating with all parties to accomplish the required end result of the TCAT – FC project.*

VI) Collaboration

- *The FCC and FCBOE will work together to seek a CDBG in order to locate and build a TBR approved TCAT – FC facility and continue to seek additional funding in order to help enhance the TCAT – FC project in an effort to best serve the citizens student population that would benefit from the TCAT – FC program.*
- *The TBR will assume ownership and responsibilities, working to make the TCAT – FC program a successful addition to the TCAT programs across the State of Tennessee.*

VII) Timeline

The roles and responsibilities described above are contingent on **Franklin County Government** receiving funds requested for the project described in the CDBG grant application. Responsibilities under this Memorandum of Understanding would coincide with the grant period, anticipated to be **03/01/2017** through **02/28/2020**.

VIII) Commitment to Partnership

- 1) The collaboration service area includes Franklin County and surrounding counties.
- 2) The FCC and FCBOE agree to collaborate and provide a TBR approved facility adequately equipped for operations of TCAT programs based on funding from a CDBG program.
- 3) TBR will assume ownership of land and building, with the responsibility of maintaining the facility, adequately providing staffing for a successful TCAT – FC program.

- 4) We, the undersigned have read and agree with this MOU. Further, we have reviewed the proposed project and approve it.

Authorization Signatures:

Richard Stewart
Franklin County Mayor
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Winchester, TN 37398
(931) 967-2905

Date

Amie Lonas
Franklin County Director of Schools
215 South College Street
Winchester, TN 37398
(931) 967-0626

Date

James D. King
Tennessee Board of Regents - Vice Chancellor &
Director of Project Management
1 Bridgestone Park, Third Floor
Nashville, TN 37214
(615) 366-4460

Date

cc: Agencies and Interested Parties

RESOLUTION NO.: 3a-022717

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TENNESSEE BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT AS PROPOSED BY TENNESSEE GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM

WHEREAS, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam has announced his intent to introduce legislation to increase broadband access to Tennessee's citizens who are presently unserved by broadband (See Press Release announcing proposed legislation attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act, along with the proposed budget, will provide funds in the form of grants and tax credits to assist in making broadband available to unserved homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, many citizens in Franklin County, Tennessee do not have broadband access and would benefit from said Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Commission of Franklin County, Tennessee that said Commission fully supports the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act and does hereby request that said Act be introduced and passed by the Tennessee Legislature as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that


1. A copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor's Office and to State Senator Janice Bowling and State Representative David Alexander requesting our legislators to fully support and seek the passage of the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act.

2. This Resolution shall be properly recorded upon the records of the County Clerk of Franklin County, Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect upon adoption, the general welfare requiring it.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2017.


APPROVED:


Richard Stewart, Mayor

APPROVED:


Eddie Clark, Chair of Commission

ATTEST:


Phillip Custer, County Clerk

RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY: Commissioner Snead and Commissioner Stapleton

MOTION TO ADOPT: Stapleton **SECOND:** Hughes

VOTES: AYES: 16 NAYS: 0

DECLARATION: Approved

**SIGN-IN
GUEST/MEDIA**

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FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
1. <u>Christine Hopkins</u>	<u>Technology College, Chair's</u>
2. <u>Philip J. Lorenz III</u>	<u>Herald Chronicle</u>
3. <u>Dick Wolff</u>	<u>County Buy</u>
4. <u>Michael Haffer</u>	<u>County Buy</u>
5. <u>Andre Smith</u>	<u>Finance</u>
6. <u>Scott Smith</u>	<u>EMA</u>
7. <u>Will Chen</u>	<u>FCSW</u>
8. <u>Al Tipps</u>	<u>WCDT</u>
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16. _____	_____

**MOTION BY STINES TO ADJOURN AT 7:03 PM, SECOND RUDDER,
ALL AYES; APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. 16/0**

Benediction was given by Chairman Clark

FEBRUARY 27, 2017 REGULAR SESSION

DATE APPROVED BY COMMISSION: _____ MB _____ PAGE _____

CHAIR OF COUNTY COMMISSION

COUNTY CLERK