

September 27, 2024

Hey all,

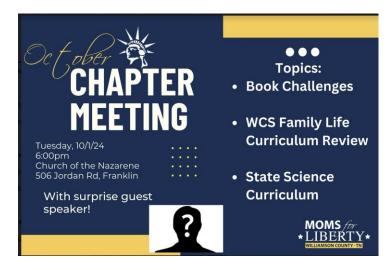
I hope if you have any friends or family in the hard-hit areas from the latest storm that they are on high ground and safe.

Every day we are getting closer to November 5th. It is important that we all get out and vote. Nationally, our country is hanging in the balance. A Harris/Walz administration would be a disaster, and I don't know if our republic could survive four more years leftist policies. Locally, we have some important races as well. We need to support conservative values right here in WC. There are those who want to turn our county blue and we can't let that happen.

I have been encouraging you all to check out <u>Williamson County Citizens</u>. It is a great site for information on elections. They provide information about every office and candidate in the county as well as when to vote and where. Besides election information, they have conducted interviews with me, Sheriff Hughes and commissioner Mary Smith and plan to do many more. I can't recommend it enough.

I have also mentioned that Kelly Jackson has a new site called Turthwire News and if you want to follow her go <u>here</u>

Finally, Mom's for Liberty is having their monthly meeting on Tuesday the 1st and they will be presenting information on issues that all parents should know about.



Blessings and keep the faith,

Bill

Williamson County Election Commission

The Commission delayed the planned Post-Election Performance Audit for the August 1st election that was supposed to be held in conjunction with the WCEC meeting, so the meeting was short. Here are the high points:

- The focus of the WCEC's communications strategy has been an app that works with the county (textmygov).
 - o The link to subscribe to it appears when someone logs onto the WCEC website.
 - The WCEC still has more work to do on the app, especially to generate outgoing news about voting.
- They approved a roster of individuals who will be on the absentee counting board.
 - Some will be alternatives.
 - We have requested a copy of this list since they did not pass it out to citizens attending the meeting.
 - o Chad verified that about 1,500 absentee ballots have been sent out to this point.
 - o 500 are UOCAVA ballots to military and civilian support workers oversees.
 - Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act = UOCAVA
- They approved 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. as the opening and closing times for election day voter center locations on November 5, 2024.
- They approved a poll visitor policy for early voting and election day voting sites.
 - We've requested a copy since they did not pass it out to citizens attending the meeting.
- As mentioned, the Post-Election Performance Audit (per TCA 2-20-103) was deferred to Friday, October 4 at 3 p.m. because they said they are still working on the criteria/process.
 - Williamson County was chosen to perform the audit by the Secretary of State.
 - o The new day and time for the audit is Friday, October 4 at 3 p.m. It is open to the public.
 - We are still waiting on the criteria/process sheet. Apparently, there was a checklist the county was given at the May 6, 2024 Election Law Seminar conducted for all 95 county commissions by the Secretary of State and his Election Coordinator in Nashville. So, the WCEC has had four months to develop this checklist for the audit. This was not explained to meeting attendees.
- Earlier this month, in preparing for unrest around the November 5th election, the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency held a series of meetings that were attended by various members of the WCEC.
 - The meetings included State Homeland Security, coordinating public safety agencies, law enforcement, first responders.
 - They're still working on the plan.
 - An initial meeting on August 28th was attended by Commissioner Williamson and Secretary Graham.
 - Discussed 911 calls to protests.

Williamson County School Board

There were no meetings this week. **Monday the 30**th is the monthly policy meeting at 6:00 PM in the Training Center on the 1st Floor at the Williamson County Administrative Building. Located on the first floor at 1320 West Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064. <u>Agenda</u> Video will be available <u>here</u> at 6:00 PM on Monday and thereafter.

There are a couple of things on the agenda that merit mention:

First, I want to point out that the first paragraph of the **Interscholastic Athletics policy 4,301** has not changed since 2021 and it states the following:

No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person, or otherwise be discriminated against in any athletic program of the school. Equal athletic opportunities shall be provided for members of both sexes.

- 1. Student athletes shall only be allowed to participate in athletic activities or events that align with the student's sex indicated on his/her original birth certificate.
- 2. The Superintendent of Schools/designee shall require the parent/guardian to provide the student's original birth certificate prior to participation in any interscholastic athletics. If the original birth certificate is not available or does not indicate the student's sex at the time of birth, the parent/guardian shall provide medical documentation showing evidence of the student's sex at birth.

With all of the confusion about the new Title IX regulations it is good to know that WCS is allowing only biological boys on boys' sports and biological girls on girls' sports.

The Dress code 6,310 has the following recommended changes:

3. Clothing shall not use or depict hate speech that targets groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or other protected classification.

The blue indicates new wording and the line through indicates wording to be taken out.

Williamson County Commission

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on Thursday the 26th <u>Agenda</u>. I'm not sure what happened at this meeting as there is no video, however, the agenda was very sparse.

Next week is the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on Monday, October 1st at 5:30 pm in the executive conference room of the Administrative Complex at 1320 W. Main. No published agenda.

Highway commission on Wednesday the 2nd at 8:30 am at 302 Beasley Dr. Franklin Agenda.

The Rules Committee will meet on Thursday the 3rd at 4:30 pm in the Executive Conference Room at 1320 W. Main. Agenda

Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

There were three meetings this week. On Tuesday the 24th, the **work session** was held at 4:00 pm Agenda Video. I want to draw your attention to three items on the agenda:

Item 4 is a discussion concerning a request for a right turn only eastbound on south Margin at 3rd Ave south. It starts at 31:00 on the video. The reason this intersection is a problem is because of all of the traffic that has accompanied the population growth of Franklin.

Item 8 is a presentation and discussion of the annexation capabilities and growth potential by drainage basins and it starts at 1:10 and here is the full report. These basins are tracks of land that are being considered for further development. During the discussion, there was no mention of traffic, which was the major issue with item 4.

Item 11 is a discussion about increasing the pay for the aldermen and it starts at 1:40.

The next meeting was the **board meeting** that started at 7:00pm Agenda Video

Of interest is **Item 6** which is a consideration to rezone 192.688 acres of farmland to residential with a plan to build 4.34 units per acre which equates to 837 homes as well as a 75-room inn not to exceed two stories. You can see the map here. The video starts at 15:15. This project has, according to Bev Berger, been going on for at least 10 years. New Highway 96 and Mack Hatcher are crowded already, and they are currently adding multiple units just across New 96 next to Westhaven. The vote was 8-0 to move ahead with this project. This was the first of three readings and there is a **public hearing scheduled for October 22**nd.

Thursday the 26th the Franklin Municipal Planning Commission met at 7:00pm. Agenda Video.

Item 14 is another example of continued growth that is destroying the ambiance of our county. Video starts at 10:45. You need to listen to the speakers pleading to retain the rural feel of their neighborhood. My question to all is, what will Williamson County look like in 10 years? This is the question we must ask ourselves. All development can be rationalized if one believes that all growth is good. Our roads are crowded, and our infrastructure is inadequate and yet we keep adding homes and businesses. Again, I ask, what is Williamson County going to look like in 10 years?

Next week looks like this.

If not me, who?
If not now, when?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1)