

October 18, 2024

Hey all,

As you know, I am running for County Commissioner for District 10. It does take up a big chunk of my time. HaHa. There was a lot to report on this past week and I wanted to do it justice. So, here it is.

I want to continue to promote [Williamson County Citizens](#) because they are doing a great job of keeping “We the People” informed about our elections.

Also, Kelly Jackson has a good article about the lawsuit against WCSB. [Here](#).

The Giant QR code (I couldn't figure out how to make it smaller) will take you to some videos of me as well as my website in my race for the District 10 seat on the County Commission. If you don't want to allow your camera, just choose "cancel." If you choose to allow, you can watch me with whatever your camera is looking at in the background.

Blessings, and keep the faith.

Bill

Williamson County Commission

The Commission met on Monday the 14th. There were 23 commissioners present, and Brian Clifford was absent. [Agenda Video](#)

As you look at the agenda, there are three parts: First, the October combined Commission Packet.PDF; Second, the 2024 Public Safety Task Force CC Presentation. PDF; Third 2024 Public Safety Task Force final [Report. PDF](#)

It was a four-hour meeting and several highlights are:

The Public Safety Task Force presentation that starts in the video at 35:15 and ends at 1:16:41. You can follow along with the presentation from the packet. It is an interesting report and the needs it enumerates will require funding in the future. There are a number of issues that will have to be addressed in the coming years. Infrastructure is a big one and new equipment and land purchase of fire stations is another. It is another issue that we must deal with as Williamson County continues to grow. Read report [here](#)

Resolution 10-24-2 to grant an easement to Vogue Tower Partners so that they can power up a new 5G tower. The problem is that this tower violates the new code that requires any 5G tower to be 1,500 ft from a school. The original contract was signed before the new 1,500 setback code was voted on in February of this year. Breaking this contract with Vogue Tower partners is problematic and the commissioners voted to defer voting on this resolution until November so that legal can

study the contract more fully and that the mayor might have time to reach an amicable arrangement with Vogue Tower Partners to move the tower. The deferment passed 23-1 with Jeff Graves voting no. You can watch this from 1:33:52 to 2:05:17.

My question is; if it was important enough for the safety of our children to make a policy that no 5G towers can be less than 1,500 feet from a school, then why have it if it doesn't apply to this tower?

Resolution 9-24-40 for \$40,000,000 which passed 16-6-1 with Mary Smith, Barb Sturgeon, Lisa Hayes, David O'Neil, Drew Torres and Chris Richards voting no and Jeff Graves abstaining,

Resolution 9-24-41 for \$23,320,000 which passed 17- 5-1 with Mary Smith, Barb Sturgeon, Drew Torres and Chris Richards voting no and Jeff Graves abstaining. (both are in the packet) You can watch this starting at 2:06:23 to 2:09:10.

Resolution 10-24-28 to approve the sheriff's proposal to install and operate license plate recognition cameras on state highway right-of ways. This passed 21-1-1, Chris Richards voted no, and Lisa Hayes abstained. Go to 3:50:10 to watch the discussion.

Next week looks like [this](#).

Williamson County School Board

The board met for their monthly work session on Thursday. [Agenda Video](#) I am adding **Donna Clement's** (school board member for district 8) newsletter to my reports going forward as she is, and has been a stalwart conservative voice on the board. Go [here](#) for her website and sign up for her newsletter.

Two highlights that stuck out to me were:

Equal Opportunity Employment Policy number 5.104. The only change to this policy was adding the SCOTUS ruling on Bostock v. Clayton County. At the work session there was discussion on simplifying group description already protected by federal, state and local governments. To watch the discussion, go to 1:19:10.

Board member request for reconsideration of the March 2024 **Resolution on Education Freedom Scholarship Act Legislation.** At Monday's meeting, the board will discuss whether or not to rescind the resolution which denounced the vouchers. The resolution passed 7 to 5 in March. Go to 1:35:04 to watch the discussion. Board members are getting a lot of emails about this. **If you support them taking a neutral position on this**, send your board member a quick note. Go [here](#) to contact your board member.

The basic argument is that the resolution is moot because no voucher bill was passed in the last General Assembly so the school board should take a neutral position.

The really big news for the school board this week is the Writ of Mandamus from Judge Deana Hood. As many of you may know, WCSB was sued back in August of 2023 over their failure to

follow state law for determining the appropriateness of books in schools. I have **attached the actual memorandum** from Judge Hood but here is the order in layman's terms:

The Williamson County School board is ordered to comply with Tenn. [Code 49-6-3803](#) with regards to all five books in question which are: ***Perks of being a Wallflower, Where the Crawdads Sing, Speak, the Field Guide to the North American Teenager, and Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*** and that they must use their latest policy [4.403](#) to make their determination.

What this means is that **each board member must read all five books** and that the full board must vote on the appropriateness of each book within 60 days. If the board fails to vote on the books within the 60-day time period, then the plaintiffs can take the issue to the State Curriculum Commission. The State Curriculum Commission is not set up to handle this and my guess is that any appeal to them for a decision will end up in a bureaucratic black hole, just my opinion.

This coming week, there are two meetings: **The full board meeting on Monday at 6:30 pm** at 1320 W. Main. [Agenda](#) If you want to watch it, go [here](#) at 6:30 pm

Another meeting that is very important is the **Planning Session** that is open to the public and runs from 1:00 -5:00 pm in Williamson County Administrative Complex, 1320 W Main St, Franklin, TN 37064, USA - Executive Mayor's Conference Room. [Agenda](#)

If you want to speak at the board meeting on Monday:

Public Comment for School Board Meetings

Effective with the October 18, 2021 School Board Meeting, sign up to speak during public comment will be done by emailing publiccomment@wcs.edu. Thirty (30) minutes is placed on the agenda for the Chair to recognize individuals to make comments.

If you would like to speak at the October 21, 2024, meeting, sign up will begin at 12 pm on Thursday, October 17, 2024 through Monday, October 21, 2024 at 12 pm.

After the district receives your email request to speak and the items listed below, you will receive a confirmation email. That email must be brought with you to the meeting.

To be considered to speak we will need the following items:

Your First and Last Name
Complete Address
Your Topic of Comment
Any Organization You Represent

Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

Nothing of import this week, but next week looks like [this](#)

Williamson County Election Commission

Early voting started on Wednesday, and we are breaking records. So far, the voting by site looks like:

November Federal/State/Municipal Election			Early Voting Daily Totals							
ELECTION DAY: November 5, 2024										
Total Registered Voters: 198,288 (includes inactives)										
			OFFICE	BRENTWOOD	NOLENSVILLE	LONGVIEW	FAIRVIEW	FRANKLIN REC	COLLEGE GROVE	TOTAL
10/16/2024	<i>In Person</i>	Wed.	2039	2159	977	1344	717	1525	557	9,318
10/17/2024	"	Thurs.	1796	2247	861	1201	673	1545	469	8,792
10/18/2024	"	Fri.	1956	2271	1027	1378	741	1462	489	9,324
10/19/2024	"	Sat.	1143	1294	477	837	342	854	266	5,213
10/21/2024	"	Mon.								
10/22/2024	"	Tues.								
10/23/2024	"	Wed.								
10/24/2024	"	Thurs.								
10/25/2024	"	Fri.								
10/26/2024	"	Sat.								
10/28/2024	"	Mon.								
10/29/2024	"	Tues.								
10/30/2024	"	Wed.								
10/31/2024	"	Thurs.								
Nursing Homes (Cumulative)			341							341
Absentee/By Mail (Cumulative)			2,258							2,258
Total Early Voting			9,533	7,971	3,342	4,760	2,473	5,386	1,781	35247 (17.8.0%)

At this rate we'll be at 62% by the end of early voting. I doubt we will keep this rate, but who knows.

**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)