

January 26, 2024

Hey all,

Here's this week's report.

Blessings and keep the faith.

Bill

Williamson County School Board

School board met on Monday the 22nd [agenda video](#). The meeting starts on the video at 10:20. I was the only speaker, and I start at 14:45. **At the bottom of this recap is a sign** that is hanging in Bellevue Middle School in Nashville; that's only 20 miles away.

Both the Policy committee and Work Session are on February 8th and I'll have the details for them next week.

Great News!

The law suit against Williamson County Schools over the sexually explicit books is going to trial!!!!!!!!!! I am attaching both the suit and Judge Good's opinion. See attachments Gino 1, Gino 2 and the suit.

Action item. Eliot Mitchell apparently has moved out of District 3 so District 3 residents don't have a representative. Anyone who lives in District 3 needs to contact the Williamson County Schools and ask about this. Their number is 615-472-4000.

[Here](#) is an extremely well written article that will edify you on the insanity of the transgender movement.

Williamson County Election Commission

There was a meeting Thursday and another meeting set for Next Thursday at the election commission at 405 Downs Blvd at 4:00 pm. **This is an important meeting and we need all hands on deck.**

- First, conservatives are being greatly outnumbered by Leftists at these meeting now... more than 5-to-1. We need more patriots to attend and take advantage of the public comment section. The League of Women Voters are bringing members out and they're all saying the same thing but they're making an impact. We're not.

- One firm – we don't know who, the WCEC wouldn't announce it – will apparently be performing the hand-marked paper ballot feasibility study. More information will be shared at next week's meeting of the WCEC.
- Two new vote centers have been identified but the third is still up in the air.
- The attached Early Voting location and hours have been approved going forward.
- Very little was discussed about their communications strategy.
- The possible resolution that the WCEC was planning to approve and present to the County Commission declaring information surrounding all vendors and sub vendors who support or do anything with Williamson County's elections as confidential information and not available for citizens even with public records requests, was pulled from the agenda. However, Jonathan Duda explained that since the county's IT department might have similar needs to cloak information surrounding their vendors, Tennessee Election Coordinator Mark Goins had recommended they move this effort to the county's IT department.
 - NOTE: Our team has for some time had an open records request before the IT department for information about some equipment in place in the county that could wirelessly transmit information and we've been stonewalled. This move by the WCEC and Tennessee Election Coordinator Mark Goins could, itself, be executed in secret, since the IT department does not have public meetings like the WCEC does. We are moving quickly on this.
- The WCEC approved a proposal to increase the number of precincts in Williamson County from the current 34 to 55, which could further hamper efforts to bring hand-marked paper ballots into the county without adding an entirely new machine system that is not certified by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) nor the Tennessee State Election Commission and is projected to cost the county (which is already \$1.2 billion in debt) \$500K+.
- They also approved the Early Voting poll workers for the March election.
- The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 4 p.m. I'm awaiting the standard public notice to come out to confirm this.

Williamson County Commission

This week I'm passing on Mary Smith's newsletter that says it better than I can. **Note that there is an important meeting on Monday the 29th at 1320 W. Main at 5:30 between the county commission and the planning commission. They will be discussing the 5G tower issue. I am told that there are plans for 60 more 5G towers in Williamson County and many, if not all, will be placed close to schools. They are allotting only 15 mins for public comment, but we need to fill the seats. This is a really important meeting.**

Mary Smith, Commissioner

Welcome to 2024

Hope you all are staying nice and warm during these freezing temperatures. It's been a lot of fun seeing all of the snow and sledding pics from across our county.

As for what's going on in the county, this year is gearing up to be a busy one. There are already several important issues the Commission will be taking up over the next few months including:

- A special work session is scheduled for January 29th with both the County Commission and Planning Commission to discuss the current and proposed regulations on 5G Towers and the updated Urban Growth Boundaries for the municipalities and the Planned Growth Areas for the county. [It will be held from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Executive Conference Room located at 1320 West Main St, Franklin, TN](#)
- Nominating a Sheriff to take the place of Sheriff Dusty Rhoades prior to the County General Election to be held this August. There are currently [three candidates](#) who have filed including:
 - Mark Elrod, the current interim Sheriff who took over upon Dusty's retirement effective 1/1/2024.
 - Jeff Hughes, retired Brentwood Police Chief
 - Darren Barnes, current WCSO Detective
- Upcoming [School Board Candidate Forum](#) on January 30th at the AgExpo Center

As a voter in Williamson County, it is imperative that you stay informed as to why these elections matter. The newly elected sheriff will not only need to focus on recruiting and retaining highly qualified law enforcement officers, but he will also be overseeing the largest capital project this county has ever undertaken, currently estimated to be \$325 million. The school board oversees 65% of the county budget (\$517 million) and is now going to be faced with the real possibility of a significant budget cut if the General Assembly successfully passes a universal school voucher system across the state.

As always, if there is anything I can do to better serve our community, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Yours In Service,
Mary Smith

Financial State of the County (as of 11/30/2023)

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| Total Current Debt | \$1,124,685,000.00 |
| Original FY24 Budget | \$794,197,946.00 |
| Revised FY24 Budget | \$847,845,344.00 |
| Expenses to Date | \$265,849,381.00 |
| Revenue to Date | \$197,658,843.00 |
| Fund Balance | \$152,129,565.37 |

OUTCOME FROM JANUARY MEETING

Click [here](#) to watch the entire meeting

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Citizen spoke regarding our Sister City Program
- 3 Citizens spoke out about Election Integrity
- 1 Citizen spoke to suggest better ordinances around legacy trees and tree canopies

PROCLAMATIONS

- **Page High School Football Team**
- **Brentwood Blaze**

APPROPRIATIONS

Resolution No. 1-24-3, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Enter into a Grant Contract with the Tennessee State Library and Archives, on Behalf of the Williamson County Library and Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Library Budget by \$12,150.00 — Revenues to Come from State Grant Funds

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-5, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Parks and Recreation Budget by \$100,336.41 Revenues to Come from Donations

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-6, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Parks and Recreation Department Budget by \$90,000.00 — Revenues to Come from Participant Fees

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-7, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Animal Control Budget by \$12,234.92 — Revenues to Come from Donations

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-9, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Execute a Contract with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County on Behalf of the Office of Public Safety Concerning the 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program

Yes – 23, No – 0 (As Amended)

Resolution No. 1-24-10, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Execute a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee Department of Military, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and Appropriating and Amending the Office of Public Safety 2023-24 Budget by \$85,855.00 — Revenues to Come from Homeland Security Grant Funds

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-11, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Animal Control Budget by \$900 — Revenues to Come from Donations

Yes – 23, No - 0

LATE FILED Resolution No. 1-24-13, Resolution Authorizing the Williamson County Mayor to Enter into a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance and Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 Sheriff's Office Budget by \$40,000.00 — Revenues to Come from Grant Funds

Yes – 23, No - 0

LATE FILED Resolution No. 1-24-14, Resolution Appropriating and Amending the 2023-24 General Sessions Budget by \$6,000.00 — Revenues to Come from Probation Fees — Commissioner Webb

Yes – 23, No - 0

OTHER

Resolution No. 1-24-4, Resolution to Overrule the Denial of the City of Franklin Planning Department's Action Regarding the City's Sign Ordinance

Yes – 20, No – 3 (Aiello, Clifford, Richards)

Resolution No. 1-24-8, Resolution Accepting a Donation of a Microchip Scanner Kiosk from Girl Scout Troop #1255 on Behalf of Williamson County Animal Control

Yes – 23, No - 0

Resolution No. 1-24-12, Resolution Accepting a Donation of an Electric Push Lawnmower on Behalf of Williamson County Animal Control

Yes – 23, No – 0

NOMINATIONS

| COUNTY MAYOR: | | | VOTE |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Storm Water Appeals Board 3 Year Term, Expiring 1/27 | Terms Expiring | Nomination | |
| Building Contractor Rep. | Robert Adams Jr. | Robert Adams Jr. | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN |

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| | | | (Sanford) |
| Engineering Rep. | Andrew Reese | George Garden | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN (Sanford) |
| Agriculture Rep. | John Kinnie | John Kinnie | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN (Sanford) |
| COUNTY COMMISSION: | | | |
| County Commissioner 6" District | Resigned | Nomination | |
| Filling Unexpired Term until next General Election (9/24) | Erin Nations | David O’Neil | 22 – Y, 0 - N |
| Adjustment & Appeals Board | Terms Expiring | Nomination | |
| Building Industry | Kenneth Choate | Kenneth Choate | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN (Sanford) |
| Building Industry | John Lee | John Lee | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN (Sanford) |
| Public Administrator, Guardian & Trustee | Terms Expiring | Nomination | |
| 4 Year Terms, Expiring 1/28 | Russell Gill | Russell Gill | 22 – Y, 1 – ABSTAIN (Sanford) |

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Election Commission Meeting - January 24th at 4:00pm - [More Details](#)**
Please note on the agenda there is a call for the Commission to classify vendor information as confidential. This is an item that needs to be further reviewed to understand the need to limit transparency to our voters.
- **Joint Work Session with County Commission and Planning Commission to discuss 5G Tower Regulations and Urban Growth Plan/Planned Growth Areas for the Municipalities & County - January 29th at 5:30pm - [More Details](#)**

- School Board Candidate Forum - January 30th at 7:00 pm - [RSVP Here](#)
- Last Day to [Register to Vote](#) for March 5th Primary - February 5, 2024
 - Early Voting begins February 14th
- **Next County Commission Meeting - February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm at the County Administrative Building. If you are unable to attend in person, you can always view virtually by going to the [WC-TV website](#).**

REMINDER: The public is now invited to give input at any County Committee Meeting. Click [here](#) to see the full list of Committees and when the meet. You can find the most up to date public notices including County Commission, Planning Committee and Election Committee meetings [here](#).


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GENERAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION HAS BEGUN! Be on the lookout for legislation that will impact you both at the state and local level. Here's the latest [agenda](#). TN Stands does a great job of breaking down the bills that mean the most to us. Click [here](#) for more information on how you can take action.

[ELECTION MACHINES WERE IN THE NEWS AGAIN](#)...while our county no longer utilizes Dominion, the same types of vulnerabilities should be tested on any electronic device used to collect votes, manage registration or administer our elections. I still believe that Certifiable Hand-Marked Paper Ballots are the most secure method to cast our votes. And so do these countries, [Argentina](#) and [Taiwan](#).

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE...There is a new way to recycle mattresses in Williamson County and to save them from going into the landfill. Click [here](#) for more details.



Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA)

There were five meetings this we and one slated for next week [Here](#) is where you can find all the agendas and videos/audios.

Action items for next week

Joint meeting of County Commission on Monday the 29th at 5:30 pm at 1320 W. Main St. %G towers are up for discussion.

Election Commission on Thursday February 1st at 4:00 pm at 405 Downs Blvd. Very important meeting on transparency.

Contact the School main office about Eliot Mitchell not living in District # 615-472-4000

Last week Joy Reid attacked Tiffany Justice (co-founder of Mom's for Liberty). If you haven't seen it, you can go [here](#) and [here](#). I have written responses (see attached) to most of the left's weak arguments. Please feel free to edit them in any way you please and use them against the left.

**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)