

#### March 8, 2024

Hey all,

Here's this week's report.

Blessings and keep the faith.

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# **Williamson County Election Commission**

The election results are in, and we have candidates for all the odd districts for school board. The candidates are as follows:

District 1

Republican Tony Bostic
Democrat Elmer Mobley

District 3

Republican Dennis Driggers
Democrat Diane Cochran

District 5

Republican Margie Johnson Independent Jennifer Aprea

District 7

Republican Angela Beaton Independent Melissa Wyatt

District 9

Republican Claire Reeves
Democrat Shandus Parish

District 11

Republican Tonja Hibma
Democrat Laura Granere
Independent Tony Caudill

The general election for these races is August 1<sup>st</sup>. We have a chance to increase conservative voices on our school board and I hope you all get behind our republican candidates and help them over the finish line.

Here is the full election report from the election commission.

There are several row headings that may not be clear to you, at least they weren't for me:

**Unassigned** means that the write-in candidate was not officially on the ballot and therefore could not be counted.

**Overvote** means that the person voting voted for too many options. An example is when there is the opportunity to vote for multiple candidates, say seven from a list of 14 and the voter votes for eight. In that case none of the candidates gets a vote. This is really rare and can't happen when voting electronically.

**Undervote** means that the voter, who took a ballot, didn't vote for any candidate for a particular office. As an example, if Joe Doe was running against Jane Doe and the voter voted for neither.

**Two important elections** were for county sheriff and Circuit Court Judge, Division III, 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.

Sheriff Jeff Hughes

Judge David Veile

**Also, it looks like the HMPB feasibility study is on life support.** The county budget committee did not pass it at their meeting this past Monday. It still will be voted on this coming Monday at the County Commission meeting. We need people to come out in support.

# **Williamson County Commission**

Next meeting is Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at 1320 W. Main. Agenda. There are two important votes:

The vote to install Jeff Hughes as sheriff. He won the primary over Mark Elrod by 3,400 votes. There is no democratic opponent on the slate in August so, there is no reason not to install him now.

The vote on the HMPB feasibility study. This is a waste of \$100,000 that the county doesn't have as we are over \$1,000,000,000 in debt.

We need people to come for both of these issues, hold signs and speak if so inclined.

### Williamson County School Board

There were two meetings on Thursday. First was the policy committee <u>agenda</u>, <u>audio</u> Originally, there were three items on the agenda, but the library policy was taken off at the last minute because they wanted to tweak it some more. They promised it would be back on the April meeting. Of the two that remained, one was about excused absences and the other was about converting a pass-fail grade to letter a grade. You can read the policies and listen to the discussion.

The second was the work session agenda video This meeting was a  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hour marathon. A big chunk of it was spent discussing the 24-25 budget 1:56 to 3:11:44. After that a reiteration of the earlier policy meeting 3:11:44 to 3:34 followed by lengthy discussion about the voucher bills and the impact on WCS.

The proposed budget in the macro looks like this:

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$ (495,937,747) PROJECTED REVENUE**
$ (62,388,396) EST FUND BALANCE 02/29/24
$ (558,326,143) TOTAL RESOURCES
$ 566,960,603 EXPENSES
$ 17,008,818 3%
$ 583,969,421 TOTAL EXP AND 3%
$ 25,643,278 Original gap
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Costs are continually going up. This year there is a 24.5% increase in insurance along with teacher raises and inflation. There was a lot of talk about this budget and there is no way I can condense it down to a couple of paragraphs. The County Commission will be starting to look at this on April 1<sup>st</sup> and vote on it in June.

When you click on agenda above, scroll down to Budget Packet and WCS budget presentation if you want to get into the weeds.

Next meeting is the full board on Monday the 18th at 6 pm at 1320 W. Main St.

If you want to make a comment, this is how and when to sign up:

Public sign-up 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 <a href="mailto:publiccomment@wcs.edu">publiccomment@wcs.edu</a>. 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 March 18, 2024 meeting, the sign up begins at noon on Thursday, March 14, 2024, and goes through noon on Monday, March 18, 2024.

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

## Franklin Board of Aldermen and Mayor (BOMA)

This week Budget & Finance Committee met agenda video.

Next week there are several meetings. The two biggest are BOMA work session <u>agenda</u> and BOMA board meeting <u>agenda</u>. **The Pride Festival permit** is up for consideration and I don't know if they will be voting on it. **This would be a good time to call your alderman**. You can see the other meetings <u>here</u> and follow your nose.

## News you can use

If you are interested in learning more about the transgender movement and the havoc it is reeking on our young people, I have two links:

The World Professional Association of Transgender Health known as WPATH

**Leaked files** from WPATH and more

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)