

**Anderson County Board of Commissioners**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**AGENDA**

**May 11, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m. Electronic**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Prayer / Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Appearance of Citizens**
- 5. Mayor Frank**
  1. Report on the work the committee has accomplished regarding the idea of a single entrance to the Courthouse.
  2. Presentation by Architect Bill Blankenship
- 6. Status Update on the Oak Ridge General Sessions MOU – requested by Commissioner McKamey**
- 7. Discussion of the East Wolfe Valley Convenience Center – referred from County Commission April meeting**
- 8. Grass Roots Discussion on the Wants and Needs of the American Public – requested by Chairman Isbel**

**New Business**

**Old Business**

**Adjournment**



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## Operations

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**Terry Frank** <tfrank@andersontn.org>  
To: Annette Prewitt <aprewitt@acs.ac>

Wed, May 6, 2020 at 10:59 AM

Hi Annette,

Last month, Operations and full commission recommended a small working group to look at the idea of a single entrance.

I wish to add to the Agenda a report on the work the committee has accomplished. Architect Bill Blakenship will be on hand to make a presentation as well.

Many thanks!

Terry

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## May Operations agenda

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**robert** <robertmckamey@comcast.net>  
To: aprewitt@acs.ac

Tue, May 5, 2020 at 6:57 PM

Would you please add "Update on the status of the General Sessions MOU" to the May agenda? Also if you can find out when it was passed by county commission. I am not sure if it was February or March.

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

**Memorandum of Understanding  
(Oak Ridge General Sessions Court)**

Come now the parties, Anderson County, Tennessee and the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee by and through their respective legislative bodies and freely and voluntarily enter into this MOU in an effort to memorialize their partnership to provide a second General Sessions Court within the boundaries of the City of Oak Ridge for the use and benefit of all citizens of Anderson County.

**WHEREAS**, at the request of the parties, the Tennessee General Assembly passed *Private Act Chapter 226* in 1992 establishing a General Sessions Court inside the boundaries of Oak Ridge; and

**WHEREAS**, *Section 14* of the referenced Private Act states as follows:

There shall be two full-time Judges for the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee, one being the Judge of Division I and the other being the Judge of Division II, with the same qualifications and term of office as provided by the Constitution of the State of Tennessee for Judges of inferior courts; and such Judges shall take the same oath as prescribed for Circuit Judges and Chancellors. The Judges of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee shall be licensed attorneys of this State and residents of Anderson County, Tennessee. The Judges shall devote full time to the office and shall not otherwise practice law, and shall be paid a salary as provided in Section 15. The Judges of Division I and Division II shall have and exercise all the same jurisdiction and may hold court and hear cases in either Division: Both Judges shall devote such time as necessary between either Division to equalize the case load and to provide for the expeditious hearing of all cases in both Divisions. **Cases arising in Division II of the General Sessions Court of Anderson County, Tennessee shall be heard in Oak Ridge, Tennessee subject to the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee providing adequate courtroom and office facilities for the Judge and support staff. (Emphasis Added)**

**WHEREAS**, after several years of hosting the court inside the Oak Ridge Municipal Building, it became evident that the building was no longer adequate to house the court and associated office facilities as required by the Private Act; therefore, on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Judge Ron Murch sent a letter to Oak Ridge City Manager, Jim O'Connor, requesting additional court space. That request was denied by Mr. O'Connor; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2007 and subsequent to Mr. O'Connor's decision, Anderson County leased space from Vintage Development Corporation alongside the Oak Ridge Turnpike for use as the General Session Division II court due to space and security concerns that existed at the Oak Ridge Municipal Building; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 a joint meeting was held between the Anderson County Commission and the Oak Ridge City Council and it was determined that the City of Oak Ridge

would contribute \$2,500 per month toward the new lease. That arrangement was subsequently approved by the Oak Ridge City Council on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2017, the parties were notified by Vintage Development that the sale of the existing General Sessions Div. II courtroom adjacent to the Oak Ridge Turnpike was imminent and arrangements needed to be made to relocate the court to another suitable location; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anderson County Board of Commissioners decided to renovate the county-owned Daniel Arthur Rehabilitation Center (DARC) for use as a permanent location for the General Session Div. II court; and

**WHEREAS**, Anderson County commenced construction on the new courtroom and clerk's office space in the fall of 2017 at a total cost in excess of \$700,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oak Ridge continued its partnership with Anderson County and assisted with the construction by providing technical expertise and a one-time \$40,000 payment for a new HVAC system for the building. The City has also made two annual payments in the amount of \$35,000 in an attempt to offset construction costs.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the parties hereto agree that they will continue to partner and fulfill their duties under the Private Act and provide a second General Session Court inside the boundaries of Oak Ridge. Anderson County will continue to house the General Sessions Division II court inside the DARC provided that the City of Oak Ridge continues with an annual monetary donation of \$40,000 per year for twenty (20) years or, in the alternative, \$80,000 per year for ten (10) years to offset costs associated with providing the court and clerk's office inside the municipal limits of Oak Ridge. The City of Oak Ridge also agrees to pay twenty-five percent (25%) of all utilities attributed to the building and contribute twenty-five percent (25%) to correct major repairs including roof, structural or HVAC deficiencies. Anderson County will continue to provide a General Session Judge, judicial secretary, Clerk's office and staff, security, fixtures, office equipment and daily maintenance for the court facility.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto, each acting under due and proper authority have accepted the terms and executed this Agreement.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

{Signatures on Page 3}

**ACCEPTANCE FOR THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TN:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Warren Gooch, City Mayor

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Dr. Mark Watson, City Manager

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Ken Krushenski, City Attorney

**ACCEPTANCE BY ANDERSON COUNTY, TN:**

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Terry Frank, County Mayor

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Tracy Wandell, Chair Anderson Co. Commission

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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N. Jay Yeager, County Law Director

21. Commissioner Yager made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy document as submitted to include wording changes on page 5 H seconded bullet to say "County can allow" and third bullet to say "County can permit". Seconded by Commissioner Mead. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

22. Commissioner Yager made a motion to approve ACWA vehicle maintenance agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

23. Commissioner Denenberg made a motion to approve resolution 20-04-812 authorizing the use of electronic meetings pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 16 and consistent with the comptroller's guidelines.(Exhibit C) Seconded by Commissioner Yager. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

24. Commissioner Meredith made a motion to approve resolution 20-04-813 to protect Melton Hill and Norris Lakes and in support of the combined efforts of the Tennessee State General Assembly, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, United States Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Valley Authority to control and prevent the spread of invasive Asian Carp in all East Tennessee waterways.(Exhibit D) Seconded by Commissioner Denenberg. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

25. Commissioner Mead made a motion to approve a MOU for the Senior Center.(Exhibit E) Seconded by Commissioner Denenberg. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

26. Commissioner Scott made a motion to establish a group consisting of Commissioner Yager, the Sherriff, the Mayor and two fee officials to work with the architect to present ideas for consideration for a single entrance to the courthouse for security reasons. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

#### Old Business

No action at this time.

#### New Business

27. Commissioner Isbel made a motion to refer to the Solid Waste and Operations Committee the discussion of the East Wolfe Valley Convenient Center. Seconded by Commissioner Denenberg. Voting aye: Fritts, Wandell, Jameson, Meredith, Waddell, Anderson, Vowell, Isbel, McKamey, White, Denenberg, Mead, Creasey, Scott, Yager and Smallridge. Voting no: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.