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# Anderson County Board of Commissioners

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**6:00 P. M.**

**Courtesy Resolutions/Proclamations, Presentations**

**None**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Consent Agenda**

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

- 1. Approval and corrections of June 19, 2023 County Commission Minutes and June 22, 2023 Special Call Minutes.**
- 2. Approval of Notary and Bonds**
- 3. Waste Management Funds**
  - Clinton High School Band is requesting \$250.00 for meals for students during band camp.
- 4. Committee Reports**
  - ADA Oversight Committee Minutes (7/10/23)
  - Finance Committee Minutes (7/10/23)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Joshua Anderson, Chairman**



# Clinton High School Band

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Matthew Bimstein, Director

Ezekiel Schloss, Assistant Director

June 28, 2023

Dear Mr. McKamey,

As the Clinton High School Band prepares for another award-winning marching season with an intensive two week band camp, we are asking our community for help. We would like to provide all 14 meals during camp at no cost to students. Our goal is to provide well-balanced meals that include plenty of fruits and vegetables. We estimate that each meal will cost approximately \$250 to feed the entire band.

We are offering three options for our Clinton High School Band partners to support our meal program this year:

Level 1 Sponsor: \$75

- Social media post + Website recognition

Level 2 Sponsor: \$125

- Social media post + Website recognition
- Announcement at all home games and concerts

Level 3 Sponsor: \$250

- Social media post + Website recognition
- Announcement at all home games and concerts
- Recognition in ALL event programs
- 2023 CHS Band Shirt

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. L. Pao'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Bimstein*

CHS Band Director

*Ezekiel Schloss*

CHS Assistant Director

Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee  
Minutes for July 10, 2023 meeting

Present: ADA Coordinator, Roger Lloyd, Commissioner Steve Verran, Louise McKown, chair of the committee, and Mayor Frank briefly before going to the Rules Committee meeting.

**Assistive listening devices for people who are hard of hearing:**

Brian Young, IT director contacted Jody Holland, the owner of BIS who has a contact with us to provide assistive listening devices for Room 118A, said they will finally be here in mid-July, "which could be subject to change." When they do arrive, then we wait someone come from Nashville to install the device.

Louise asked Brian when it is installed to please have a paper telling people how to turn on the device and where the four head sets are stored. Brian said that when anything electronic is needed in Room 118A to call the IT department to activate the equipment. He showed us a sign mounted high on the wall outside the room. We may consider asking him move the sign down a little. For TTAP record's we hope he can tell us next month how much they cost. WE also need two more signs for the courts from BIS to let people know that assistive listening devices are available. Brian said he would take care of that.

Brian could not answer Louise's next question of how many people are using the headsets. She will ask Harold Cousins and Rex Lynch to ask each court how many times they have been used.

**Anderson County's Website needs some changes:**

Previously Louise had a hard time reading their email addresses in order to add Commissioners Allen and Veran to her email list in order to send them the agenda and minutes for ADA meetings. After the ADA meeting in May, Louise asked Annette Prewitt what she thought of how light-colored email addresses and the lists in the website's Index, Minutes and Agendas. Even the home page of the county's website has paragraphs using this light-colored gray print. Louise believes that if someone has low vision, the light gray print would be hard for them to see it. Annette said she had tried to talk with Brian Young to fix this to no avail.

So, while Brian was in our meeting, Louise asked him who is responsible for the website in order to fix this. Brian said the website has JAWS capability, a software product that people who blind use. However, most people with low vision or macular degeneration do not want JAWS. They just want letters that are black and possibly a

larger font. Brian will ask Stephanie Wells, Mayor Frank and Robert, the web developer with Pro Web Deb to deal with this matter.

### **Closed captioning on TV for county commissioners' meeting for people who are hard of hearing.**

Mayor Frank has been asked by two people who watch faithfully county commissioners' meetings, but cannot hear it what is said. They asked her when closed captioning will be available for these meetings. Before the ADA transition plan was even started five or six years ago, Mayor Frank went to a meeting where Tennessee's ADA coordinator came and said that closed captioning is very expensive, so wait because she knew a company is working to develop technology that would make closed captioning affordable. When Mayor Frank discussed this with these two people, she asked Louise if she knew if anything has been done along these lines. Louise emailed her contacts in Nashville who gave her three contacts: Governor Lee's office, the new TTAP ADA coordinator, and a theater that has been known to do this---but may not do it now--- for people who are deaf and especially, hard of hearing. Sign language is time consuming for adults to learn, and closed captioning is ideal for them.

Mayor Frank said that Leean Tupper is still working on it. And our broadcasts do not have the capability to do that local TV stations have.

Louise reminded the ADA committee that once we can find a less expensive way to do closed captioning, the cost monthly will be reoccurring. This is not in our survey's budget, so who do we ask: the budget committee or the appropriations committee? We will cross that bridge once we find a reasonable way to pay to do closed captioning.

### **Roger's update report about the renovations to the courthouse.**

Roger said that phase one is done. The County Clerks' office is completed and Jeff Cole and his staff are there. It has an accessible lower counter for wheelchair users that also has a cutout for wheelchair foot rests. Phase two is next to move the archives office to the first floor where the County Clerk's office was. This entails moving a huge number of heavy boxes some of which are high to reach them. Roger has been in contact with a moving company to supply him with men who have strong young backs. Phase three is to built witness rooms where the archives are now possibly starting in mid- August. Roger has shown the ADA Oversight Committee the plans from an architect about these rooms, which we approved.

Louise then asked questions about if Roger has made the time to put signs for the Areas of Refuge or bought accessible restroom signs. He replied he just has not had the time to do anything other the courthouse renovations. One company that provides

restroom signs has discounts when multiple signs are purchased. Because so many of our restroom doors have signs on the door instead of beside the latch side of the door, which is required by the ADA for people who are blind. Louise offered that she would go to every of our county owned buildings to see how many signs we need.

Louise also asked if we need to consider buying rugs for under benches, chairs, and tables in the courthouse's hallways. Steve suggested hard plastic mats with beveled edges. We agreed that Steve had an excellent idea. The mats will warn people who are blind who use white canes that something is shortly going to be their way.

Louise also noted that the van accessible parking signs have not been installed at the Oak Ridge Senior Center that is a voting site. Because the election commission is the only entity in the county running elections, voting sites must be accessible. Louise said they have some van accessible signs, but the access aisle is not wide enough. Roger offered to call his contacts about these signs because earlier this year met with various officials to discuss this matter and even offered to give some signs to the City from the old Senior Center that is now the Oak Ridge General Sessions Court.

**The need to find more people to serve on the ADA committee other than county commissioner, Roger, and Louise:**

Steve's first thought of asking veterans to serve on the committee. After the meeting, Louise went to talk with Annette to find out when the veterans meet so we could ask Leon Jaquet to put us on their agenda. Annette said they meet quarterly and their next meeting will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Annette also offered to write a press release to all her media contacts to say that the Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee would like to have more people with or without disabilities who have some knowledge about the ADA.

**Date for next meeting:**

Because the Rules Committee meets also at 3:00 pm on the first Monday of the month, and because Anthony Allen is on both committees, and because Labor Day is a holiday as is the case for the past two ADA meetings where the Rules Committee also decided to meet on the second Monday of the month at 3:00, Annette suggested we meet on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00pm in Room 118A. Louise called Steve and Anthony to ask them if they were OK with that. Hey both said, "Yes."

Minutes written and submitted by Louise McKown, chair of the ADA Oversight Committee.