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# Anderson County Board of Commissioners

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**6:30 P.M.**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**Monday, September 16, 2024**

- 1. Approval and corrections of August 19, 2024 County Commission Minutes**
- 2. Approval of Notary and Bonds**
- 3. Committee Reports**
  - ADA Oversight Committee Minutes (9/3/24)
  - Conservation Board Minutes (9/9/24)
  - Intergovernmental Committee Minutes (9/9/24)
  - Nominating Committee Minutes (9/9/24)

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**H. Tyler Mayes, Chairman**

Anderson County ADA Oversight Committee  
Minutes for September, 3. 2024

**Present:** ADA coordinator Roger Lloyd, Commissioners Steven Vernan and Anthony Allen, Marion Wildgruber, and Louise McKown, Chair of the ADA Oversight Committee

**Topic one Veterans who may want to be on the ADA committee:**

Steven said that Scott Nation, the new Veterans Affairs director was not really interested in finding veterans who might wish to serve on the ADA committee. It was suggested that he go to the monthly veterans' monthly breakfast at the Clinton Community Center to see if any of them would like to serve on the ADA committee. It starts at 7:00am. *The Oak Ridger* usually tells the date for the breakfast the day before it happens.

**Topic two overhead department signs and new signage at the courthouse.**

Roger said he will talk with Mayor Frank about signs that are over the door that say the department. They are hard to read until you get to a specific department. Also, we will get new signs that have a paper insert telling people where they are.

Roger showed us a new sign that he bought with his money. It has the white raised room number on **top** and underneath is Braille dots. The raised number is much higher than the signs we have now. Louise said that she would like the sign to have the room number at the **bottom** of the sign with Braille underneath it. This way we will not have the problem of the height the signs that we have now when they are put up, if that is at all possible. The restroom signs have Braille underneath the raised print Restroom, so hopefully the room signs will be the same on our other signs.

Roger said that he would like to have a directory on a big screen on the wall past the entrance to the courthouse where the sheriff deputies' desk is. He said most of the people coming to the courthouse are going to the third floor where the courts are. They need to know which court they will be attending.

### **Topic three Website Departments of Building and Grounds and Disability Services:**

Roger services both departments and Stephanie Wells can make changes in the website. They got together to discuss what both departments should say. Roger and Stephanie are convinced that both departments should say the exact same words.

### **Topic three Spreadsheet for three years and one year of all the ADA committee has accomplished.**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation/TDOT initially want the county to report to them what we did for one year. Now TDOT wants it every three years. At our July meeting Louise asked Roger to see if Andrew Stone, works at the Department of Human Resources if he could give us both. Andrew said he would be able to do it. That way we know how much we spent, when and what we accomplished. Last year Roger bought a step climber for people who cannot use the stairs and the elevator when an emergency arises. It was not listed in 2023. Hopefully, Roger will tell Andrew to put the step climber on this year's report and its cost.

### **Topic four Website:**

Mayor Frank has formed a committee to deal with the county's website. She, Anthony Allen, Carolyn Fogelman, and Patrick Care are on it. Also, Louise McKown and her sister, Anne Child came to the meeting, Anne offered to make a Google Spreadsheet with each department to see if we want to make any changes to the county's website.

We knew that the website used Arial font and 14 or 16 to be the font size. The website has a list of agendas and minutes from all the committees. Louise said that she did not want to have Annette Prewitt to go through the very long previous list, but in the future all committees must be typed in Arial font and 14 to 16 font size. Who will contact all these committees and boards to do agendas and minutes was not decided.

At this meeting Mayor Frank said got a telephone call about the Clinton Library's women's restroom that is not ADA compliant. Louise went to a meeting at this library and said it as even hard to get in the restroom because her power wheelchair's arm handles did bump up the sink closest to the door making it very hard for her to see the toilet. The toilet is too low and there was not a grab bar on the back of the toilet. Our transition survey only parking lots, sidewalks, ramps and entrances. It does not include drinking fountains, restrooms.

Louise asked the head librarian what the county gives them. She said it depends, stating that it is the size of the library. Clinton's Library is the biggest of the four in the county. *The county is \$150,000 and the City of Clinton gives their library \$70,000. But I did not write down those figures when she told me, so I am not certain what it actually is. She said that she got the city to have accessible parking spaces in the city's parking lot across the street from the Clinton Community Center but not the library's parking lot. Someone using a cane, walker or wheelchair would have to go either up the hill in the lane of traffic or go across the bridge which has problems that the surveyor noted to get to the entrance. Her next project is to replace the drinking fountain.* I do not believe that the county has to do with the restrooms. To renovate the courthouse restrooms cost at least \$50,000 for one and to \$100,000 for two.

Anthony Allen asked, "Did you check the male restroom?" Louise said. "No." There were not many men at the library to ask.

#### **Topic Five Anderson County Senior Center:**

Roger said that the Senior Center needs a push button door opener. Louise said that it actually needs two of them. One at the main entrance and one at the side entrance leading into a very big room. However, when she went to the Senior Center recently the big room was closed and full of boxes and a sign on the door said. "Do not go through this door."

Louise said the drinking fountain was something like she never saw before. It was mounted on a cabinet but it did not have a space for a wheelchair to fit under it. Roger said he already had found a plumber to put in a new ADA compliant drinking fountain.

Louise asked Roger to bring a screw driver with him when he meets the plumber to unscrew the accessible parking signs to switch the van assemble signs and the regular accessible signs to their right places.

#### **Topic six Anderson County Health Dept. and Dental Services:**

Roger said that the Dental Clinic in Oak Ridge is no longer giving dental services once a month. Roger said they are now expanding the dental clinic in Clinton. Hopefully, they will improve the drinking fountain which is the same as at the Senior Center.

#### **Topic seven Polling sites:**

Louise votes early because she goes to around the county to see how much has been done to make them accessible for people with disabilities. This

time she did not go to *all* the polling locations, mostly in Oak Ridge and Clinton, plus one in Norris.

The maintenance director for Oak Ridge Schools assured Louise that at **Robertsville Middle School** new side entrance to the auditorium at to be ADA compliant. However, the auditorium is not where people were voting. It was the gym that has a slew of problems for wheelchair users to vote or see a basketball game.

**Linden Elementary School's** parking lot is OK, but Louise has not had the time to test the door's weight.

Nothing at **Glenwood Elementary School** has been done on our transition plan.

**Pine Valley District** has parking signs that are not in the right place for vans and cars wheelchair users. The sidewalk is not there and a wheelchair user would have somehow go over gravel at one point to get to the ramp.

**Midtown Community Center/Wildcat Den**, is where people vote on Election Day and Early Voting. It has five accessible parking spaces. The museum has some plumbing problems for the past year. They have two huge containers that are in two on both side of the ramp. During early voting that maybe OK, but on Election Day it is not at all OK. Louise will email or speak to Commissioner Bob Smallridge, who once or still is on the board of the Oak Ridge Historical Museum that is in this building.

The only good thing that was done at the **Woodland Elementary School** is that they finally put in access aisles beside the accessible parking spaces and accessible park signs on the side entrance to the school. They have not fixed the door handle nor have they put in a sidewalk to the main entrance. This means wheelchair users will be going into the line of traffic.

The **National Guard Armory** is in Clinton. Louise spoke to the maintenance person about six years ago about needing pole signs and painting wheelchair signs on the pavement near the ramp. He said that he wanted to help people with disabilities and he would go to get the signs and poles, even though she told him we can provide him with poles and signs. He bought the wheelchair emblem signs but the poles were very short and not the height to be ADA compliant. **This year the signs and poles disappeared!** The two good things are the pavement signs are still there and the very deep pothole was paved over.

Nothing has been done at **Norris Community Center**. Even though the city manager and the mayor received a letter more than 10 years good showing what the ADA problems were and easy and inexpensive ways to fix to problems.

**Early Voting site for Andersonville has moved.** It is in a strip row shopping that contains the County Clerk and the Trustee's offices. They do not have any Van accessible signs and access aisles. Possibly we could take the Van accessible signs from the previous strip row shopping center across the street to be used to the new shopping center. I did not go to door to see if the door is opens easily and can be open with one fist. And if the keyhole is below the door handle. Any changes to these offices must be OKed by the owner of the shopping center.

**Anderson County High School** did not have any portable pole signs for accessible parking signs that were there four years ago.

I long waited for the Election Commission to put up a portable accessible parking sign with red cones for the access aisles on small side parking lot at the **Clinton Middle School**. To my surprise there were four parking spaces, two for "Anderson County Schools Vans" for ---without the access aisles and for two cars for "Visitors Parking with ID" to someone at the entrance door. **However, the was not a portable accessible parking sign with red cones for the access aisle provided by the Election office.**

**Clinton Community Center** has accessible and van accessible parking signs and parking places on the side behind the community center near the ball fields. But there have never been signs directing voters and the public to let the know they are available there or the accessible entrance is on the side of the building, so that they do not have to climb stairs that do not have handrails. The sad part is that the access aisles have never been painted there. Because they are diagonally parking spaces, the ADA regulations say that access aisles must be to the right of the parking space. What I did see in the main parking lot were tiny four red cones in parking spaces without the portable pole sign. If a person with a physical disability parked there, they would have to walk into the street because there is no sidewalk there.

**The next ADA meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00pm in Room 118A.**

# ANDERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Members Present:

Chairman Josh Anderson, John Croes, Lewis Ridenour, Tony Powers

Members Absent:

Scott Burton

Others Present:

Ben Taylor – Parks Director, Gary Long – Road Superintendent, Andrew Stone – Secretary

Chairman Anderson called the Conservation Board meeting to order at 5:00pm on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**1<sup>st</sup> Item of Business:**

Motion by John Croes, seconded by Lewis Ridenour to approve prior meeting Minutes from August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Item of Business:**

Update provided on shore-line erosion around Norris Lake and entrance road into Anderson County Park by Road Superintendent Gary Long.

Item deferred to next meeting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Item of Business:**

Discussion held on Park Eviction Policy drafted by Assistant Attorney Rachel Wallace.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by John Croes to accept the Park Eviction Policy with an immediate implementation date.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4<sup>th</sup> Item of Business:**

Discussion held on jurisdiction and zoning of a new pavilion and paved parking area at Lost Bottom Park.

Board requests Park Director Ben Taylor confer with Mayor Terry Frank and Tourism Director Stephanie Wells on updated jurisdiction and zoning.

Item deferred to next meeting.

**New Business:**

Discussion held on a discount to be applied via the camping registration website.

Motion by Lewis Ridenour, seconded by Tony Powers to apply a half (½) off discount for Anderson County residents on short-term rentals for the month of October.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Next meeting scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Anderson County Board of Commissioners  
**Intergovernmental Committee**  
**Minutes**

**September 9, 2024**  
**Room 312**

**Members Present:** Tim Isbel, Bob Smallridge, Shain Vowell, Ebony Capshaw, Shelly Vandagriff and Tracy Wandell

**Members Absent:** None

**Others:** Mayor Frank, Commissioners Palmer and Allen

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Wandell called the meeting to order.

No citizens addressed the Committee.

Commissioner Isbel made a motion to nominate Tracy Wandell for Chairman. Second by Commissioner Vowell. Commissioner Vowell moved to cease nominations and appoint by acclamation. Motion carries.

Commissioner Isbel nominated Dr. Smallridge for Vice Chairman. Second by Commissioner Vowell. Commissioner Vowell moved that nominations cease and appoint by acclamation. Motion carries.

Commissioner Smallridge made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-09-1182 Recognizing September 23-27 as Clean Energy Week. Seconded by Commissioner Isbel. Motion carries.

Commissioner Vowell made a motion for the Mayor to go forward with a joint workshop with Intergovernmental and the school board with the Mayor leading the meeting to discuss programs/classes in nuclear engineering for the future. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Motion carries.

Next meeting will be October 14, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.



Anderson County Board of Commissioners  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
Minutes

**September 9, 2024**

**Members Present:** Tyler Mayes, Denise Palmer, Tim Isbel, Bob Smallridge and Anthony Allen

**Members Absent:** Sabra Beauchamp, Josh Anderson and Jerry White

**Call to Order:** Chairman Mayes called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Palmer. Motion carries.

No citizens addressed the committee.

Commissioner Mayes nominated Commissioner Palmer as Chairperson. Seconded by Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Mayes moved to appoint by acclamation. Motion carries.

Commissioner Isbel nominated Commissioner Verran as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Mayes moved to cease and appoint by acclamation. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business**

Commissioner Isbel made a motion to defer the Beer Board appointment until next month on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Smallridge. Motion passed.

**New Business – None**

**Meeting Adjourned**