



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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## **Telecommunications Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 6:00 pm  
Administrative Conference Room, 1930 S Germantown Road

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sandra Abel, Alderman Rocky Janda, Dan McCleary Tom Messenger, Ken Ketcham, Jack Parnell and Kurt Weil

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**PRESENT STAFF LIASON:** Tony Fischer, IT Director  
Stephanie Logan, Technical Services Coordinator

**PRESENT NON MEMBERS:** Frank Bluestein, GHS-TV  
Blake Tutor, GHS-TV  
Lucy Fulliton, GHS-TV  
Alison Rogers Long – Interim Director – GHS-TV

### **Call To Order**

Chairman Ketcham called the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Telecommunications Commission to order at 6:02 p.m. Tony Fischer conducted a roll call and it was noted that a quorum had been established.

### **Approval Of Minutes**

Chairman Ketcham called for the approval of the April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Telecommunications Commission Minutes.

### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

Kurt Weil made a motion, seconded by Jack Parnell, to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 Telecommunications Commission Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **GHS-TV Report**

Frank Bluestein stated the April 2013 monthly statistics for GHS-TV: Germantown Community Television cablecast 720 hours of programming. The total number of non-repeat local and national television shows by show title cablecast is 90. The total number of local and national television shows by number of airings per month cablecast is 1030. The total number of television shows/taped reports/special projects produced locally is 38. The total number of television shows/taped reports/special projects produced locally for the 2012-2013 season is 267. The total number of programs produced for the Access Together Project for 2012-2013 seasons is 108.

Frank noted that that Community Foundation funding is encumbered for equipment on order.

He also noted that GHS-TV had attended the student Emmy awards in April and GHS-TV had the most nominations, won 3 awards and also the Hometown Video award.

### GHS-TV Report Cont'd

Alison Rogers Long was introduced to the Commission as the interim Fine Arts Director.

### IT Report

Tony Fischer reviewed the IT update and briefly overviewed.

- **Public Safety Radio System** – Work continues for the Public Safety Radio System Project. The project is approximately 99% complete.
- **New World CAD Upgrade** – New World consultants continue to conduct on-site training and software installation/configurations. Training and system configuration is expected to continue on various components of the system over the next 6-7 months. Training schedules will increase as the project nears anticipated go-live date in late August.
- **Google Apps** – Google Apps project went live City-wide on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The week prior to Go Live 254 employees attended Messaging training for this migration. Additional training classes will continue over the upcoming weeks.

### Old/New Business

Chairman Ketcham moved to Old Business and asked for information on the COMCAST Audit and the attorney Scott Crosby.

Tony Fischer replied stating that things were moving along slowly and that there was no reply or news yet. It is anticipated to take a while for a resolution.

Chairman Ketcham then moved on to the Access Together Agreement item and reviewed the previous agreement that is set to expire on June 30, 2013. He asked Alderman Janda for an update.

Alderman Janda stated that he had been to the FAC meetings and had received no support. He said that he suggested an amendment to the budget to fund GHS-TV and Arts Alliance \$100,000. Alderman Janda then reviewed, in detail, the Budget for the Commission, clarifying the amendment that had been added at last Monday's BMA meeting. A lengthy discussion ensued about funding and marketing for GHS-TV.

Chairman Ketcham asked how much money it would take to fund GHS-TV and Alderman Janda stated that it would take a property tax increase of \$0.05.

It was noted that there was a GHS-TV meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Ketcham asked for any additional comments from the Commission.

### Adjournment

On hearing no further business, Chairman Ketcham called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

### **\*\*MOTION\*\***

Sandra Abel made a motion, seconded by Jack Parnell. The motion passed unanimously.