Hiring county Finance Department director put on hold

BY LISA HOBBS Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Any applicant hoping to become Warren County's new Finance Department director will have to wait until August.

The deadline to apply was June 15 and nine applications received.

However, the county Financial Management Committee has decided to hold off until after the election to allow the new Warren County Executive a voice in the hiring pro-

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Executive Herschel Wells, who is chair of the committee, pulled the plug on Thursday's discussion to review the applications

"I've thought about this," said Wells, who then pointed toward Finance

Department director Linda Hillis. "She works very closely with me and I work very closely with her. She may be the financial director but I am the financial officer. If you can't get along with this person, there's going to be a problem.

Committee members had previousy expressed a desire to hire someone who could work with Hillis before she retires. She oversees the county's \$86 million annual budget with a staff of nine employees.

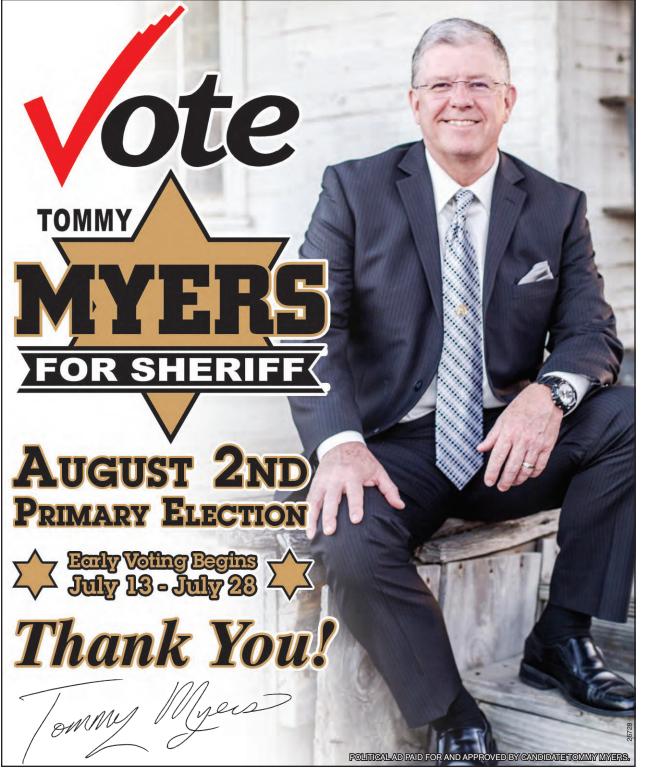
Wells says training may not be necessary.

"Linda says there are several in there who can take this thing and run with it," said Wells. "Can we wait until after the election and see who gets elected?"

Committee members unanimously agreed.

"We've got three candidates running for your position," Commissioner Scott Rubley to Wells. "It would be nice if that person was allowed some input on this. The welfare of the county depends on this. I agree completely."

The measure will be revisited after Aug. 2.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at the Warren County Administrative Building located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

MONDAY, JULY 2

The county Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 4 p.m. to discuss: 1) tax increment financing for hotel project, 2) budget amendments and transfers, 3) discussion of any other business.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

The city Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19 for the Community Development Department.

NOTICES

McMinnville government offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. There will not be garbage service Wednesday. That route will run along with Thursday's route.

Warren County government offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4. Convenience centers and the Tire Collection Center will also be closed.

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