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Wanda Moody honored with naming of bridge

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"Tough but fair and never afraid to speak her mind" was the description given Friday at the dedication of the Wanda Moody Overpass on North Winston Road. Those words were from Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogers who served with Moody on the Knox County Commission.

Moody stood between Rogers and Congressman Tim Burchett prior to the unveiling of the bridge sign. Burchett said Moody is "a lifelong friend" and said she's the only person he allows to call him "Timmy."

Moody, who served the county for 20 years in commission, told the audience of past and present elected city, county

and state officials how much she appreciated the honor. The former Bearden High School teacher recalled her family history in the West Hills area and remembered how difficult it was to get to Kingston Pike before the bridge was constructed.

She also served on the State Board of Education on an appointment by then Governor Lamar Alexander. Burchett read a letter from now Senator Alexander honoring Moody. Alexander called the naming "a recognition well deserved."

Congressman Burchett had suggested the naming of the bridge to the Public Property Naming Committee and Councilwoman Lauren Rider oversaw the passage

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Former Knox County Commissioner Wanda Moody is joined by, from left to right, Commissioner Michele Carringer, granddaughter Emma Grace, Knox County Clerk Sherry Witt, Moody (at sign), Joan Ashe, former Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe, former Knox County Executive Tommy Schumpert, former Councilman Larry Cox and Congressman Tim Burchett.



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Commissioner Randy Smith, at left, stands under an umbrella as the building that houses the Norwood Library is dedicated to the late Lynn Redmon. Dozens of office holders, citizens and friends turned out Wednesday morning for the dedication.

Community leader Lynn Redmon memorialized

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Lynn Redmon, a Norwood and Knoxville community leader, passed away last year and was memorialized Wednesday as the Norwood Public Library building was named for him. Redmon was known

and respected for being a spokesman for neighborhood causes, a political consultant, and an all-around nice gentleman.

Former Knox County Chairman and current Commissioner Randy Smith hosted the meeting which drew dozens of city

and county officials, neighborhood leaders, former officials, and friends of Redmon. On hand for the ceremony were Redmon's daughter, Renee, and his long-time companion Sue Rickabaugh.

Commissioner Smith noted that Redmon's late

wife, Ann, worked for 30 years at the library and he called Redmon a "guiding star" that helped him get elected. He noted that Redmon was a strong supporter of the library, active in the Norwood neighborhood, and was a local historian.

"His efforts made the community and the county better," Smith said.

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs spoke briefly and said that it is "fitting that the library be dedicated to Mr. Redmon."

Also present were Knoxville Mayor Madeline

Rogers, Commissioners Evelyn Gill, Carson Dailey, Michele Carringer, Brad Anders and Larson Jay, and a representative of Congressman Tim Burchett. Many other officials were also present. The library has a plaque to Redmon inside the building.

Knox County School Board honors retirees

By Anne Primm

School Board Chair Terry Hill called the Wednesday, July 17, 2019 meeting to order promptly at 5:00 p.m. Several members arrived late but shortly all nine board members were in attendance.

Hill asked that Consent Agenda item 6C be moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda. The board members agreed to this request. Next, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Fourth District Representative Virginia

Babb.

With great appreciation and joy, Chair Terry Hill, began recognition of Knox County Schools' 2018-2019 retirees. At the end of this school year 311 people retired from Knox County Schools. Of those, 27 were present at Wednesday evening's meeting to be recognized. Those present received a certificate and a photograph with Hill and Superintendent Bob Thomas.

Next, all items and contracts were approved

without discussion. Board Policies, however, presented some disagreement. Specifically, board members had differing views on item 7G, "Use of Personal Communication Devices in School." Third District Representative Tony Norman advocated a strict policy of "no cell phone use between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m." This became known as "version two" of the proposed policy. Student Representative Noah Kalley interjected that this policy is too confining because

students often need to use their phones for legitimate reasons during lunch or class change. First District Representative Evette Satterfield feels student desire for constant cell phone usage is reflective of a societal problem. Nonetheless, several of the school board members have previously been teachers themselves and know first hand what a disturbance cell phones can be in class. They definitely interfere with the

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Pond Gap Repairs, use of a logo and tax break approved by council

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Despite more than six hours spent wrestling with Recode Tuesday night, the Knoxville City Council actually managed to do some other business including approving construction to the Pond Gap wall and street.

Although the Pond Gap Neighborhood Association had asked for a

postponement Commissioner Andrew Roberto said a proposal to repair a holding wall, repairing sidewalks, and raising the road was acceptable. The repairs, at no cost to the city, will be funded by Elington Capital Group subject to final city approval.

The project is part of a large apartment complex being built at the top of

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