



**CAMPBELL COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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Memorandum for: Campbell County Commission Chairman Johnny Bruce

SUBJECT: Veto of Commissioner Davis' December 20, 2021 Statue Museum Resolution

1. Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to veto the resolution on the subject line. In its final version, this action allows for any statue to be placed here. I cannot vote against actions of the Commission during business meetings, as law allows me no vote. I can however, veto. Some statues do not represent our county. Bringing other communities' controversies here is a disservice to our welcoming and hospitable Campbell County people.
2. General: Commissioner Davis introduced the action in workshop on December 13, 2021 pertaining to presidential statues. Commissioner Davis changed the motion, as the last item of business on December 20, 2021, to include any statues removed from other sites.
3. Parliamentary Notes: While this action garnered the support of the Chair, several committee Chairmen and the Tennessee County Commissioner's Association President, this was not a unanimous action. Commissioner Higginbotham proposed a unanimous second, which failed. Commissioner Kitts protested the unanimous second then voted no, with King and Nance abstaining.
4. I appreciate the public input on this issue. I encourage public participation in County government processes and Commission workshop meetings.

Sincerely,

E.L. Morton  
Mayor