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### FOR PUBLIC PRESS RELEASE

The Honorable James Taylor  
Juvenile Court Judge  
115 Justice Center Drive  
Rogersville, Tennessee 37857

RE: Formal Charge M2011-00706-CJ-CJ-CJ  
File No. 10-4293

Dear Judge Taylor:

This shall serve as a public reprimand pursuant to the agreed order entered into in the above captioned case file in the Tennessee Court of the Judiciary.

This reprimand relates to you having made an appearance before the County Commission of Hawkins County, speaking before that legislative body at their request, in connection with the deliberation of that legislative body to grant approval to have a "Citizens Heritage Display" displayed in the courtroom lobby of the Justice Center of Hawkins County. This action was a violation of Canon 4C (1) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, as set forth in Rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. This reprimand further deals with the fact that you became involved in the collection of funds for the construction of said display, making it publically known that you would be collecting funds for said display at your private law office. This action was a violation of Canon 4C (3)(b)(i) and (iv) of the Code of Judicial Conduct, as set forth in Rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

This letter serves as a public reprimand and will be appropriately filed and disseminated.

Sincerely yours,

Don. R. Ash  
Presiding Judge

DRA/mpm  
cc: Disciplinary Counsel  
Investigative Panel  
Paul Whetstone