

NOTIFICATION TO COUNTY MAYOR OF COMMITTEE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF MAURY COUNTY COMMISSION

The Special Called Budget Committee met on Monday, April 27, 2015 at approximately 4:30 PM in the Maury County Tom Primm County Commission Room with the following Committee Members present:

CRAIG HARRIS, SONNY SHACKELFORD, SUE STEPHENSON, MICHAEL FULBRIGHT, STEWART PARKER AND DONNA COOK,

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Adkison, Ronnie Attkisson, Talvin Barner, Davis Burkhalter, Don Morrow, Terry Potts, Eric Previti, Ricky Sims, Gary Stovall, Scott Sumners, Debbie Turner, Theresa Weber, Linda Whiteside, Tommy Wolaver and Media.

MINUTES OF MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Fulbright sat on the budget committee in Mike Kuzawinski place and all other members are present. Chairman Harris stated he was hoping to have the schools budget but they are working diligently on it and the commission is expecting it around the first of May. Commissioner Harris reminded everyone the budgets are being taken under advisement.

II. OPENING PRAYER:

Commissioner Shackelford gave the opening prayer.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. Commissioner Sims asked about the agenda that was published in the budget manual and is it not aligned with the agenda today and he wondered if it complies with open meetings advertising law. Director Weber stated the public notice states what date the meeting is to be held and that discussion would be held on budget items. Director Weber stated in the public notice Monday, May 4, 2015 was incorrectly put in the newspaper as Monday May 3, 2015. Director Weber stated there would be a notice on the County web-site that May 3, 2015 was incorrectly put in the paper and that the date of the meeting is Monday, May 4, 2015. Commissioner Burkhalter stated according to tonight's agenda that Mr. Chunn is presenting after Sandi McLain and Larry Roe and the water department is pretty much a pass through and Commissioner Burkhalter wondered if it would be the wishes of the Budget Committee to move the water department in front of Sandi McLain and Larry Roe. Chairman Harris stated he would take that into consideration. Commissioner Shackelford would like to make an amendment to the motion to move Item 5 in front of item 4 and he would like to add to the non-profit schedule below Item 26 make this item 27 Maury Chaplain Ministries. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Amendment approved. Chairman Harris went back to the original motion that was on the floor to accept the meeting agenda as amended. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

IV. Water Department Proposed Budget:

Larry Chunn presented the Water Department Proposed Budget. Mr. Chunn stated he would be glad to answer any questions. Mr. Chunn stated he had prepared a balanced budget this year. Chairman Harris asked about the capital improvements that were listed on the last page of his budget. Chairman Harris asked if those were coming out of the water departments fund balance. Mr. Chunn stated the Water Department has the funds to accommodate most of them and those are a long term projection. Mr. Chunn stated they are not asking the commission for any additional funding. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take the Water Department's budget under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Commissioner Shackelford asked about the revenue item and does he anticipate a rate increase. Mr. Chunn stated at the present time they are not anticipating a rate increase this year. Commissioner Shackelford asked if they would have any debt falling off this year. Mr. Chunn stated they would be carrying the same debt as in previous years. Commissioner Shackelford asked if this budget included a raise for his employees. Mr. Chunn stated it was calculated at 4% over what was estimated last year. Commissioner Shackelford asked Mr. Chunn did his employees get a raise last year. Mr. Chunn replied no. Mr. Chunn stated there was no cost of living raise last year and he stated they have looked at 2 ½ % and they have looked at 3% and whatever the board decides to do would be within this budget. Mr. Chunn stated the board will approve the budget after the commission approves the budget. Commissioner Shackelford asked when the last time was that Mr. Chunn's employees received a raise. Mr. Chunn stated it was the year before last and Mr. Chunn stated there were performance raises or step raises. Some employees did have those increases last year. There was not a percentage raise based on the cost of living. Commissioner Shackelford stated he noticed the IT expense has gone up. Mr. Chunn stated it is a new software. Commissioner Burkhalter asked about his revenue numbers. Commissioner Burkhalter asked if Maury County Water would have any problem meeting water demand for their customers. Mr. Chunn stated at this time Maury County Water is in pretty good shape. Commissioner Burkhalter asked about the debt that he has and how he has it financed. Commissioner Burkhalter asked Mr. Chunn if the water department has looked at refinancing any of their debt. Mr. Chunn stated that have not and the USDA loan is scattered out over 38 years and it would be hard to beat the 4.38%. Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Chunn how many employees he had in his department that were wanting the 4% raise. Mr. Chunn stated they had about 15 employees. Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Chunn if those employees were on the same benefit package as the other County employees. Mr. Chunn stated the Health Insurance is billed through the County and the Water Department pays the County for it. Commissioner Turner asked about the expenses under the Capital Improvements and there was \$30,000.00 under the building fund and Commissioner Turner wondered what that was for. Mr. Chunn stated they would like to put their PVC pipe in a pole barn. Commissioner Turner asked if this would be at their New Lewisburg Highway location. Mr. Chunn replied yes. Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Chunn if they had sold the other location they have in town. Mr. Chunn stated there is a contract on it and it should close June 1. Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Chunn if the water department is getting a fair price on the building

and Mr. Chunn stated they would get back out what they have in that building. Commissioner Turner asked Mr. Chunn if that money could be used to build the pole barn. Mr. Chunn stated it could be. Chairman Harris asked Mr. Chunn how much was in the Water Department's Fund balance. Mr. Chunn stated there is approximately \$3,000,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson asked if the Field salaries was his 15 employees. Mr. Chunn stated that is part of his employees. The other employees would be under office. Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Chunn out of the 15 employees how many got a performance raise. Mr. Chunn replied probably six or seven employees. Commissioner Stephenson asked if there was a point where the employees cap off. Mr. Chunn replied yes. Commissioner Previti asked Mr. Chunn if his employees worked a 35 or 40 hour week. Mr. Chunn stated they worked a 40 hour work week. Commissioner Parker stated that his questions was in regard to social security and tax expenses going down. Mr. Chunn stated they looked at their 3rd quarter budget and what was paid this year. The number was more escalated and they are going to bring it more in line to where it should be. Mr. Chunn stated there was more listed than it what has been paid in. Commissioner Parker asked out of the 15 employees how many were in the field and in the office. Mr. Chunn stated he has 6 in the office and 1 of those employees is part time and there are 9 in the field. Commissioner Fulbright asked do all the employees benefit from the increase in the insurance, health and dental. Mr. Chunn stated they all do except for the part time employee. Mr. Chunn stated there are 15 full time employees. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

V. Presentation of Budget Reevaluated:

Sandi McLain stated she was asking for a budget of \$1,135,852.00. Ms. McLain stated what was put under advisement was the 2014/2015 budget of 997,598.00 which was a decrease of \$138,254.00. Ms. McLain stated she sent a letter for a formal request to reconsider the committee's decision. Ms. McLain stated she asked for a 40 hour work week for 16 employees and she stated she had 3 part time employees. Chairman Harris asked Ms. McLain what would be the dollar amount to increase those employees to 40 hours. Ms. McLain stated it was in the original budget of \$1,135,852.00. The difference is \$138,254.00 which is mostly salary. Ms. McLain stated she would like the committee to reconsider and make all of her employees 40 hours and she would like to move the part time employees up to forty hours. Ms. McLain stated the payroll would increase the budget by \$145,958.53. Ms. McLain stated she also included on July 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 their office has collected at total of \$1,852,328.28 and this is in clerk's fees and for the fees that are collected for the county such as in taxes and Sheriff's fees and officer fees and this is a \$256,192.23 increase over last year and there are three more months to take into account. Ms. McLain stated she has had valuable employees leave because she cannot offer them more hours or more pay. Ms. McLain stated in the last three years they have trained 5 people in the other part time employees. Ms. McLain stated it is a revolving door in their office. Ms. McLain stated she had lost 2 employees to outside the County and 3 within the County in the past 2 to 3 years. McLain stated she had lost 3 in the past year. Commissioner Stephenson asked why had she originally came to the committee and asked them to increase 16 employees and now she is asking for 19 employees and to make her part time employees full time. Ms. McLain stated the

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employees are always looking for full time positions. Commissioner Stephenson asked since Ms. McLain was asking to make these employees 40 hour employees instead of 35 hours why was she asking for \$7,000.00 increase in overtime. Ms. McLain stated that was in her original request and she was fine with taking the overtime out or dropping it down to the 2014/2015 budget which was \$3,000.00. Ms. McLain stated if her employees were granted the 40 hours it would help in the overtime issue and she can't cut out of the overtime due to the court schedule but she may have more to work with the employees to keep the comp. time down. Commissioner Stephenson asked about the \$1,852,328.28 that was generated how much does the Circuit Court Clerk's office keep and how much goes into the County's account. Ms. McLain stated she would get back with the committee that number. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. McLain would she willing to take out the overtime all together if her employees were made 40 hours. Ms. McLain replied yes. Commissioner Parker asked about the 18,700 cases asked if those cases were physically entered in the computer by hand. Ms. McLain replied yes. Commissioner Parker asked how many hours per week does the part time get. Ms. McLain replied 28 hours per week. Commissioner Shackelford stated he was concerned about how much money was being turned in to the 101 fund. Ms. McLain stated the clerk's fees are \$825,874.11. The clerk's fees are up \$98,356.75 and the difference is the other fees. Commissioner Shackelford stated what he would want addressed by Ms. McLain's department is that the outstanding fees that are out there and have not been collected. Commissioner Shackelford asked Ms. McLain what were the total outstanding fees. Ms. McLain stated it was in the area of \$2,000,000.00 to \$3,000,000.00. Commissioner Potts asked how many employees she had in General Sessions Part II. Ms. McLain stated she had 4 employees in Mt. Pleasant and they are all full time. Commissioner Turner asked Ms. McLain about her chief deputy and how many years of service she has. Ms. McLain stated she has an office manager and 2 chief deputies. Ms. McLain stated she has one chief deputy that has hit 20 years of service and the other two employees they have around 10 or 11 years of service. Commissioner Previti asked in the budget she presented did she ask for any raises for her employees. Ms. McLain replied she did not ask for raises in her budget. Commissioner Previti asked if the commissioners could get a copy of the spread sheet of the numbers. Chairman Harris stated he would have to get back to him about that. Commissioner Sumners stated that basically Ms. McLain is asking for 80 extra hours for the 16 employees that she has. Commissioner Sumners stated he does not see how they can give Ms. McLain 3 extra full time employees if they increase the other employees to 40 hours. Commissioner Burkhalter stated there is an inequity about the way the County is doing their hours among the employees. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he hopes that everyone considers Ms. McLain's request for 16 employees at 40 hours and 3 employees remain part time. Ms. McLain stated she is trying to collect money and she is currently trying to find a collection agency. Commissioner Cook stated she would encourage Ms. McLain to strongly jump on an outside collection agency or possibly see two or three collection agencies. Commissioner Cook suggested staggering employee's hours. Commissioner Cook stated she would strongly ask the commission to think about cutting cost in our government expenses instead of raising expenses. Chairman Harris stated he had originally taken under advisement a budget request of \$997,598.00 and

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Ms. McLain is asking to increase the budget \$145,958.00 and that is a total budget request of \$1,143,556.00. Ms. McLain stated to take out the \$10,000.00 for overtime. The amount is \$1,133,556.00 and an additional amount of \$4,500.00 for postage. Chairman Harris stated with those changes made the new total is \$1,138,056.00 and that amount has \$10,000.00 of overtime eliminated and the increase of \$145,958.53 to accommodate 19 employees to 40 hours a week, with 16 full time and 3 part time and an additional \$4,500.00 for postage. The total from the original amount approved that being \$997,598.00 and Ms. McLain is asking for the budget committee to take under advisement \$1,138,056.00. Ms. McLain stated any extra time that she has that it would be used for collection. Commissioner Parker asked Ms. McLain if she would e-mail what the outstanding amount is. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker made a motion and seconded by Chairman Harris called for the vote, Commissioner Parker no, Commissioner Fulbright no, Commissioner Shackelford no, Commissioner Cook no, Commissioner Stephenson no, Chairman Harris no. Motion fails. Director Weber stated the \$1,138,056.00 if you take out the \$45,000.00 that is going to come out of her reserve account it brings it back to the \$997,598.00. Commissioner Cook wanted to know if there was a number for the jury foreman. Ms. McLain stated the jury foreman was not full time and in the budget his numbers went up from \$7,200.00 up from \$4,450.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated what should be taken under advisement is the change to \$7,200.00 and then what was approved before did not include the increase that was received on the health insurance so that is the Department Head request and it should be reflected what was taken under advisement should be reflected also. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber to make sure those two numbers are what Director Weber brings back to the committee which is the increase for the health insurance and the number that was taken under advisement and the jury foreman. Commissioner Burkhalter asked if there was any way that the commission could get a figure from Director Weber on taking Ms. McLain's office to 40 hours for 16 employees and keeping her part time help. Chairman Harris stated there is a request that is going to be showing what the total would be. Director Weber stated on May 4, the commission will get new books with updated numbers and they will discuss different payroll options that have come up and the raises portion.

Mr. Larry Roe stated his original dollar amount of \$403,675.00 which was taken under advisement. Mr. Roe stated under the first presentation that he had four options. The letter he prepared today has two options. The first on that budget the 2013/2014 budget that includes the operating expenses such as postage, paper, dues and memberships as well as salaries. On average Mr. Roe stated they will turn money back over to the general fund because they never expend all of those funds. He stated part of his option is he has one employee who has over 240 comp. hours and he had asked in the initial budget presentation and Director Weber had put in \$10,000.00 for overtime. Mr. Roe stated \$3,000.00 would be to take care of current needs during the year and \$7,000.00 would be to cash out that position. He stated that employee's hourly rate would be \$22.43 per hour at 240 comp. hours and if they were to cash her out it would be \$5,455.20 so Mr. Roe stated his proposal to the committee is that money for the budget that was approved last year the line item 348 and line item 349 one is designated postal charges and one is designated printing and stationery. For postal charges he has \$10,608.00 available and

for printing and stationery he has \$4,481.00 available and Mr. Roe thinks a good way to solve that issue is to take the overtime completely out and take that \$10,000.00 request out and to allow Mr. Roe to get with Attorney Murphy and have a budget amendment done. This would cancel out his request for overtime and cash that position out. The other component of option one would be to remove his request totally and for the clerk of court and take out the overtime and allow a 5% pay increase of 35 hours versus 40 hours. Mr. Roe stated it would take his payroll from \$197,143.00 to \$207,006.80. Mr. Roe stated his initial request was \$30,945.72 and this would bring that amount down to \$13,010.00. Mr. Roe stated option number two is an exact repeat of option number one. He stated the difference between his office and Ms. McLain's office, Steve Konz and Joey Allen and the rest of the offices since they are fee offices they are driven by fees they either have to enter into a letter of agreement with the County Mayor as to what was passed by the committee or the commission as a whole or you have to file a salary petition. Chairman Harris stated what he would like to do is for the commission to ask questions to Mr. Roe on his two options. Director Weber stated if they paid out Mr. Roe's employee and she is zeroed out that employee can go back up in her hours of comp. time or she can be paid overtime. Commissioner Shackelford stated the conversation about the \$10,000.00 is really another night's discussion. Commissioner Shackelford stated this could be brought in a form of a budget amendment at the regular budget meeting in 2 weeks. Commissioner Stephenson stated she needed clarification between what he originally presented and where he is at now. Commissioner Stephenson asked if he was eliminating the 40% for himself. Mr. Roe stated yes and Commissioner Stephenson asked if he was asking for a 5% increase for six employees. Mr. Roe replied yes. Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Roe if he was eliminating overtime all together. Mr. Roe replied yes. Commissioner Stephenson asked Mr. Roe how many employees he was asking to go to 40 hours. Mr. Roe replied 6 employees. Ms. Stephenson asked how one employee accumulated 240 comp. hours. Mr. Roe replied over her 27 years she has accumulated the hours but most recently especially the most recent 4 years of comp. time is due to court schedule. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber if she fully understood what his different options are how it relates to what is under advisement. Chairman Harris stated there is a number under advisement and the numbers could go up or down. There were no lights.

VI. Nonprofit Organization Donation Request:

Director Weber stated the first two are South Central Tennessee Development Dues and South Central Human Resources Agency and they have already been approved for those amounts and in the 51900. The Center of Hope, The Family Center and CASA are a pass through and our self-supported and that has already been approved. The Maury County Fire Department and that number is \$235,000.00 and that number has already been approved. The Tennessee Health Department in the amount of \$69,900.00 that was already approved.

Maury County Senior Citizens: Director Weber reported last year they received \$31,500.00. This year the Maury County Senior Citizens are asking for \$31,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner

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Fulbright. Commissioner Parker asked what they were using this money for. Director Weber stated it is a donation and it is going into the Senior Citizens General Budget. Commissioner Whiteside stated that these people that are requesting money should be here and to see their budget. Director Weber stated she has a stack of paperwork for non-profits information and anyone is welcome to come to Director Weber's office and look at it. Commissioner Parker made a motion to take \$31,000.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Spring Hill Senior Citizens: Director Weber stated they are requesting \$3,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Spring Hill Senior Citizens did not have a representative present. All in favor. Motion Approved. Chairman Harris stated if they do not have a representative to show up on May 6 then they will probably fall back to \$0.00.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (Forestry Division) Director Weber stated they are requesting \$2,000.00. Director Weber stated this has already been approved.

Maury Alliance: Director Weber stated they have already been approved.

Industrial Development Board: Director Weber stated they are requesting \$25,000.00. Director Weber stated his has been approved.

Maury Regional Airport Authority: Director Weber stated they are requesting \$40,000.00. Commissioner Turner stated that she was not sure why they are given this amount of money when they are pretty much self-sufficient. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to take the airport's \$40,000.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved is contingent on a representative being present May 6.

Spring Hill Library: Director Weber stated they are requesting \$62,119.00. Director Weber stated last year they received \$30,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve the \$62,119.00 request under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. Commissioner Stephenson withdrew her motion and Commissioner Fulbright withdrew his second. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take under advisement \$30,000.00 request. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. Commissioner Burkhalter stated the Spring Hill Library also gets money from Williamson County and he doesn't think Spring Hill should get more than \$30,000.00. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Columbia Main Street: Director Weber stated they did not ask for anything this year.

Center of Hope Additional Donation: Director Weber stated that the Center of Hope requested an additional \$10,000.00 above what they get for their Domestic Violence Revenues. This is the same request as last year. There was a representative present. The Center of Hope is 73% funded by grants. The \$10,000.00 would be used for things that

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the grants does not cover. Their grants are for their actual program and they pay their staff and they pay bills at the shelter, they cover food at the shelter but they not cover bus tickets, or an interview outfit or something like school items. The \$10,000.00 is for items the grants do not cover. Commissioner Stephenson asked what the Center of Hope's total budget is. The representative, Traci Cook stated the total budget is \$480,708.00. Commissioner Stephenson asked did any of the \$10,000.00 go toward administration. Ms Cook stated no. Commissioner Cook made a motion to take the \$10,000.00 request under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. Commissioner Shackelford asked Ms. Cook if the commission took some money from The Center of Hope last year. Ms Cook stated the Victims Assistance Program the percentages were changed. The impact was \$10,000.00 less than what they had been getting. Commissioner Fulbright asked Ms. Cook has her overall budget increased or decreased. Ms. Cook stated it is close to the same. Ms. Cook stated the Place of Hope usually stays between \$440,000.00 and \$480,000.00. Commissioner Whiteside asked Ms. Cook what amount they gave her last year. Ms. Cook replied \$5,000.00. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Neighbors Concerned (Harvest Share Food Pantry): Director Weber stated they are asking for \$1,500.00. Director Weber stated they did not get any money last year. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to take the \$1,500.00 under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker made a motion to amend the amount to \$0.00. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker aye, Commissioner Fulbright aye, Commissioner Shackelford aye, Commissioner Cook aye, Commissioner Stephenson no. Chairman Harris aye. Amendment carries 5-1. Chairman Harris called for the vote for the motion as amended reducing the amount of \$1,500.00 to take under advisement to \$0.00. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker aye, Commissioner Fulbright aye, Commission Shackelford aye, Commissioner Cook aye, Commissioner Stephenson no, Chairman Harris aye, Motion carries 5-1. Steve Konz represented Neighbors Concerned. Mr. Konz stated that he has been involved with this organization for many years. It is important that you have a well-funded, well run food pantry in your community. Mr. Konz stated if donations were given out Harvest Share should be a recipient. It was started 35 years ago and Harvest Share gives to 12 to 15 families every day

The Family Center: Director Weber stated they are requesting \$5,000.00. Director Weber stated they were given \$5,000 for the 2014/2015 budget. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to bring the request of \$5,000.00 for the Family Center under advisement. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. The Family Center did have a representative present. Dawn stated the Family Center is a non-profit social service. She stated it was used to pay salaries. She stated there was not grants to pay for salaries. Commissioner Fulbright asked how her budget has trended over the last 3 or 4 years. Dawn stated their budget is a little different and when it goes up, the donations go up. Their administrative budget stays about the same at \$154,000.00. Commissioner Fulbright asked Ms. Taylor if 1% of the total budget comes from grants. Dawn Taylor

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answered yes and they are striving to write more grants. Commissioner Fulbright asked about how many administrative expenses are there in the overall budget. Dawn replied it is mostly salaries. Dawn stated their entire budget was \$303,000.00 and 50% of that is salaries. Commissioner Stephenson asked Dawn if her total budget was \$303,000.00 and the administrative is \$154,000.00 of that. She stated they receive an \$8,000.00 grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter program. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote, Commissioner Parker aye, Commissioner Fulbright no, Commission Shackelford aye, Commissioner Cook aye, Commissioner Stephenson aye, Chairman Harris, aye. Motion carries 5-1.

Crime Stoppers: Director Weber stated they are not requesting anything this year.

Boys and Girls Club of Maury County: Director Weber stated last year they received \$5,000.00 and this year they are requesting \$11,520.00. Robin Perry is the development director for the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Perry stated they served over 400 youth last year and they have two clubs in Maury County now. They are open Monday through Friday for the after school program from 3-6:30 p.m. and they are open daily in the summer from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. They bus youth to the club from school every day. They are bused home in the evenings. They are fed a healthy snack in the school year and they are served breakfast, lunch and dinner in the summer. Ms. Perry stated they are first come first served. They keep their membership very low based on income. Ms. Perry stated with the County's support and other generous members of the community 100% of Boys and Girls Club seniors have graduated high school on time for the last 16 years since the Club was opened in 1999. They opened a second location in May of 2013 and they now serve over 40 youth per year. Ms. Perry stated the expenses have increased accordingly. Most of the money goes toward Program Staff. They are required by schools to keep a certain ratio. They must have 1 part time staff member for every 20 kids they serve. They currently have a \$654,000.00 operating budget and they will be facing significant increased cost as they continue to grow to meet the needs of the community's youth. Ms. Perry stated they are requesting \$11,520.00 from the commission this year and it does represent an increase because they need the funding and it would go towards to tutors, certified teachers. The reason they are asking for this amount is because 4 of the 8 tutors were funded through The Cities Tennessee Targeted Community Crime Reduction Grant and this was a three year grant and it ended in February of this year. Chairman Harris asked Ms. Perry outside of grant monies, what has the revenue done. Ms. Perry stated the grants make up about 31% of their budget and their fundraising efforts with individuals and corporations make up about 40% of the budget. Commissioner Stephenson stated she understood their total budget to be around \$654,000.00 and that 31% is grant funded and Commissioner Stephenson asked what the dollar amount would be of the 31%. Ms. Perry stated that amount would be \$183,696.00. Their annual fund from individuals make up 28% that is \$180,000.00 and special events are 19% and that is a combined total of about \$120,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. Perry what was the \$5,000.00 spent for last year that the Boys and Girls Club got from the County Commission. It was used for Academic Case Management program the same program that are requesting the money for this year.

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Commissioner Stephenson asked how much of their operating budget goes to program staff. Ms. Perry stated that is 75% of the operating budget and that is \$486,618.00. Commissioner Stephenson asked how many staff the Boys and Girls Club has. Ms. Perry stated the Boys and Girls Club has 5 full time staff and 16 part time staff and the 8 tutors. Ms. Perry stated they came up with the total to ask the commissioner for the money by paying the tutors \$12.00 per hour for 12 hours per week and a 40 week school year and 2 tutors. Commissioner Parker with the regard of schools and administration the children are the single most important investment that can be made. Commissioner Parker made a motion to take under advisement the \$11,520.00 presented from the Boys and Girls Club of Maury County. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Mediation Center: Director Weber stated this is a non cash donation by giving them an office downstairs in the basement of 1 Public Square and they give this a value of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve a non cash donation for the Medication Center to use an office in the basement of 1 Public Square. The non-cash value is \$3,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

CASA-Additional Donation (background checks): Director Weber stated they requested last year \$900.00 so they could do background checks. Director Weber stated they decreased it to \$855.00 due to the 3% and 5% cuts. Director Weber stated they are given money for their Victim's Assistance Fees and this is in addition to that. Kristen Parker made her presentation for CASA. Ms. Parker stated they have a full time staff of three but they have a volunteer force of 50 that act as a voice for abused and neglected children in the Maury County Juvenile Court system. CASA advocates work to assist the court in determining why the child came before the court and what they can do to make sure the child never comes back before the court as a result of child abuse. Ms. Parker stated CASA's request is for \$855.00 for Maury County Government to support the annual cost to train CASA volunteers. Because of the type of work that CASA volunteers do they want to make sure and understand that CASA is represented well in the court system and they undergo extensive training and all volunteers go through background checks and that includes an application and interview process but most importantly they have to go through 30 hours of pre-service training. CASA does provide an economic benefit to Maury County but they again need the help from the Maury County Commission. The \$855.00 that CASA is asking for is a 5% reduction of last year's allocation. Commissioner Stephenson asked Ms. Parker what was her total operating budget. Ms. Parker replied the total operating budget is about \$163,000.00 that does include \$16,000.00 in kind revenue. They have in kind rental space for their two offices. Commissioner Stephenson asked how they track their clients by calendar year or fiscal year. Ms. Parker stated they do it both ways. Ms. Parker stated for last calendar year they served 198 children and for this fiscal year through the third quarter they have served about 180 children. Commissioner Parker stated last year she understood they used the money for background checks but this year she would use those funds for training. Ms. Parker replied yes. Commissioner Parker asked Ms. Parker

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how long she has been director. Ms. Parker stated about three years. Commissioner Fulbright asked if the CASA volunteers are appointed by DCS or do the judges appoint those. Ms. Parker stated they are appointed by the Juvenile Court judges. The volunteers do not get any compensation other than possibly mileage or reimbursement if they ask for that. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve \$855.00 request under advisement for CASA. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. There were no lights. Commissioner Parker abstained. The motion carries 5-0 with 1 abstain.

KIDS PLACE: Director Weber stated they are new this year and they are requesting \$5,000.00. Commissioner Parker made a motion to take \$0.00 dollar donation under advisement for Kids Place. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Tennessee Vocational Training Rehabilitation Center (3070) Director Weber stated they are asking for the same as last year \$46,881.00. Ms. Brown the representative of the Vocational Rehabilitation Program for the State of Tennessee. This particular center is 1 of 17 programs that are through the state as well as there is one in Smyrna and one of eight comprehensive centers in the State of Tennessee. This program assists individuals with disabilities to go to work. They provide training, within their center as well as they provide services throughout the state. Last year they served over 20,000 individuals. The money helps the program through local programs. It is a 30/70 split. Ms. Brown stated they get local funding at 30% which helps draw down 70% of federal funds. Ms. Brown stated they are asking for \$46,881.00 towards their budget and their complete budget for the center is \$310,000.00. They are asking for \$93,000.00 in local funds but only \$46,000.00 from the County Commission because they do serve more than just Maury County at that center. The center is building skills in the center so that individuals can go to work in the community. Chairman Harris asked Ms. Brown if they get any training from any other counties Ms. Brown stated yes and Maury County is the largest county contributor and but other Counties do contribute. Chairman Harris asked who would be the next biggest contributor. Ms. Brown stated Lawrence County. Ms. Brown stated that Lawrence County contributed \$5,000.00. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber how much has Maury County contributed in the past three years. Director Weber stated in 11/12 year it was \$11,865.00 and 12/13 it \$39,600.00. Ms. Hardin the Director stated this year they have worked with 52 individuals and 34 of those individuals are from Maury County. They are working with a job placement counselor who is working with the local businesses to promote them in the community to assist them to acquire positions in the community. There is on the job training and Tennessee Vocational Training Rehabilitation Center will pay the wages of the client for up to 90 days. Commissioner Turner asked of the \$46,881.00 how much goes towards administration and salaries. Ms. Brown stated they do not have the \$46,000.00 broken down into administration and salaries what they have is the \$310,000.00 of the total budget of the center. Commissioner Burkhalter asked if the City of Columbia also contributes. Ms. Hardin replied yes. Ms. Hardin believes the amount is \$17,000.00. Ms. Brown stated that any funds that is given to the Vocational Center is matched with federal dollars. They are not a 501C3. They are in federal law. For every \$2.00 that the

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County gives they can get \$8.00 from the Federal Government. Commissioner Previti asked how many Maury County residents versus other County residents that were served at the vocational center. Ms. Hardin stated that 52 were served and 34 of those were Maury County individuals in the last fiscal year. Commissioner Turner would like to know the Administration and Salaries that is for the \$46,000.00 from Maury County. Ms. Brown stated she would get that information for the commission. Commissioner Turner asked was it a fair statement to say the \$46,000.00 the Vocational Center is asking for is going to the people that are in the rehabilitation program. Director Weber stated in 2008/2009 they received \$29,415.00 and 2009/2010 they received the \$39,600.00 and 2010/2011 they received \$39,600 and then it dropped to \$11,865.00 but total overall donations that year had dropped. Director Weber stated that one year there was an economic reason why the numbers dropped and then it went back up to \$39,600.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to establish a \$39,600.00 budget to be taken under advisement for the Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center. Seconded by Commissioner Fulbright. Commissioner Cook asked if there were any State employees in their organization. Ms. Brown stated all the employees are state employees. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker aye, Commissioner Fulbright aye, Commissioner Shackelford aye, Commissioner Cook aye, Commissioner Stephenson abstains and Chairman Harris aye. Motion carries 5-0-1 with Commissioner Stephenson abstaining.

Maury Regional Hospital-Ambulance: Director Weber stated this has already been approved. Director Weber stated this is where the hospital writes the county a check for \$925,000.00 and the County turns around and writes check to the ambulance service for \$635,000.00.

Keep Maury Beautiful (Litter Grant): Director Weber stated last year they received \$6,000.00 and Director Weber stated when she got the paperwork they didn't put a dollar amount down so Director Weber put in \$6,000.00 but Director Weber stated she has been informed they do want to come up and speak and ask for more. Their representative Diane McKee, stated their grant is a TDOT litter grant. They have 1 part time person that works 20 hours a week and they spilt it with solid waste. They have a retired teacher that is on their board and they prepare packets for her and she goes into every school and they teach over 1,300 kids every year. The representative Diane McKee stated they are working on a shoe string budget. They work every year for the Great American Clean Up and they are also doing the river clean up and the goal is to educate the community. Chairman Harris asked if there was any data that would support education is the key to curbing litter problems within a community. Ms. McKee stated she would see if she could find any from TDOT. Commissioner Stephenson asked if Keep Maury Beautiful got \$13,600.00 last year. Ms. Richardson state no they got \$6,000.00. Director Weber stated the litter grant itself is for \$54,400.00 and of that there is litter grant personnel and his salary has to be paid and after all the payroll items the salary is \$35,081.00 then he gives the donation to Keep Maury Beautiful for \$6,000.00 then the educational supplies that he buys is \$13,285.00 who is Mike Sweeney and Solid Waste Department. Director Weber stated she gets a report every month but they have to be reimbursed for

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this grant. They give the information of who went to the schools, what schools they went to and pictures of the children and that information is sent to the budget office so the budget office knows that someone is going out to the schools and educating the children. Mr. Sweeney buys educational supplies for the person that is going to the schools. The litter grant personnel that makes \$35,081.00 runs the litter truck. Chairman Harris asked Ms. McKee if she was receiving \$6,000.00 of the \$54,000.00 grant. Ms. McKee replied she is getting \$6,000.00 of the \$13,600.00. Chairman Harris asked how much additional money Ms. McKee was asking for. Ms. McKee stated she is requesting an additional \$7,600.00. Chairman Harris stated this is more of a request for the Department Head to allocate more money instead of the commission. Commissioner Shackelford stated Mr. Sweeney asked the county to apply for this grant so if he receives this grant he thinks it is within Mr. Sweeney's discretion and solid waste comes under the Mayor's management. Mr. Shackelford thinks the education component is important. Mr. Shackelford asked how many bags of garbage were picked up during Keep Maury Beautiful. Ms. McKee replied they picked up over 300 bags. Commissioner Shackelford asked Ms. McKee which grade level she would target to educate. Ms. McKee stated she would target middle schools and high school. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take under advisement \$7,600.00 for Keep Maury Beautiful. Seconded by Commission Stephenson. Commissioner Stephenson asked who writes the grant. Director Weber stated Solid Waste writes the grant. Director Weber stated this is a reimbursement grant. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would like some additional information from Mr. Sweeney. Commissioner Burkhalter stated if you get with the Mayor and get Mr. Sweeney to give Keep Maury Beautiful the \$13,600.00. Commissioner Turner added that Keep Maury Beautiful is the only one that is educating the kids. Chairman Harris called for the vote. All in favor. Motion Approved.

Place of Hope: Tom Loftin stated he works at the Place of Hope and he is representing the Executive Director Mike Coupe who was not able to attend. The Pace of Hope is requesting \$20,000.00. Mr. Loftin stated for more than 15 years they have served several thousand citizens of Maury County and their families. They serve individuals with alcoholism and drug addiction. They are also a half-way house for alcoholism and drug addiction. They also give supportive living for individuals who suffer from mental illness. They provide 3,200 square feet space, utilities, maintenance and housekeeping at the clinic with no charge to the individuals. They are supported by funding from the State of Tennessee Middle Health and substance abuse services. He stated if there were any budgetary questions Mr. Coupe stated he would be glad to answer any of those questions by e mail. Mr. Loftin stated they would be glad to do whatever it takes to answer and satisfy the commission's questions. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to take under advisement \$20,000.00 request from Place of Hope. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Commissioner Stephenson asked about the Hope Medical Clinic and if the Hope Medical Clinic was separate from Place of Hope. Mr. Loftin stated it is separate. The Place of Hope provides the space to The Hope Clinic for no charge and they work in cooperation with them. He stated they serve many of Place of Hope's clients. Commissioner Stephenson asked if Place of Hope and The Hope Clinic were 501C3. Mr. Loftin replied yes. Commissioner Cook asked if Place of Hope served

veterans. Mr. Loftin replied yes and that is at no charge. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Chairman Harris did a roll call vote. Commissioner Parker no, Commissioner Fulbright no, Commissioner Shackelford no, Commissioner Cook no, Commissioner Stephenson aye. Chairman Harris no. The motion fails for lack of vote. Commissioner Stovall stated he had listened to others get donations and other people come down and present and they are turned down. Chairman Harris stated he is having a problem with the County approving donations for our constituents is the right thing to do on a large scale or if those donations should be asked for on a constituents one by one basis. Chairman Harris stated he is caught 50/50 at this point whether or not it is a county commissioner's role to donate his constituent's money or whether they should have that choice to do that. Commissioner Stovall stated if the commission is going to donate to people and organizations and then a group that really needs the donation especially a person of addiction or a homeless person and then they are turned down it does not make any sense to him. Commissioner Stephenson stated the paperwork came in late and the individuals that need to answer the questions about the budget are not present. Commissioner Stephenson stated that you have to be prepared when you come before the commission with the information the commission needs. Commissioner Whiteside stated she felt that taxpayer money should not be used for charities.

Director Weber stated there were two new non-profit request which were Place of Hope and Kid's Place and the other non-profits that did not show up they can show up May 6. Director Weber stated she had put some paperwork on revenues and if they have any questions they could e-mail her and ask her about it. Chairman Harris stated some of the paperwork shows what was taken under advisement and the property tax allocation and you will be able to see if there is a deficit or a surplus and start getting an idea on penny allocation.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Tax Levy & Revenues on the agenda and Capital Expenditures Request will carry over to the next meeting. Chairman Harris stated there is a budget session for May 4 and May 6. The May 4 meeting will be after Health & Environment meeting and the May 6 will be at 4:30 P.M. On the May 4, the school budget will be presented and there will be a county request to up everyone to 40 hours, which is a payroll scenario. Chairman asked if Director Weber if she would provide them with numbers and what the overall cost for the payroll would be and if the 40 hours was to be done and to take the overtime out. Chairman Harris would like Director Weber to get an answer on the comp. time if there are legalities or notices if that was to be changed. Director Weber stated the labor laws would have to be looked at and the Maury County Policy and she stated she would get with HR Director Dana Gibson. Director Weber stated on Capital Expenditures report that was given out was by order of priority by what the Department Head's had requested. The budget for last year's capital expenditures was \$986,028.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated what was funded was \$912,000.00. Chairman Harris stated what was taken under advisement into the 101 fund where does the County stand up or down from last year. Director Weber stated at present from the worksheets she has

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done and the numbers that have been put in it is a negative \$380,000.00. Chairman Harris asked Director Weber to check on the comp. time issue whether or not if that is purchased out for employees can it be purchased down to 40 hours or does it have to be purchased in full. Director Weber stated she would get a copy of the comp.time policy for the commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A. There was a Motion made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.

APPROVED _____
Charlie Norman, Jr., County Mayor

SIGNED _____
Craig Harris, Budget Committee Chairman