

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

The Special Called Budget Committee met on Monday July 13, 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, STEWART PARKER  
DONNA COOK AND STEVE HAZARD

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Adkison, Ronnie Attkisson, Talvin Barner, Davis Burkhalter, Mike Fulbright, Terry Potts William (Tot) Roddy, Gary Stovall, Doug Lukonen, Linda Whiteside, and Media.

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order.

#### **II. OPENING PRAYER:**

Commissioner Shackelford gave the opening prayer.

#### **III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:**

Chairman Harris stated he wanted to add one thing to the agenda and that is a brief discussion on the Accounting and Budget Department in Director Weber's absence. Doug Lukonen gave a general overview of how things are going and talked about a few things in the office. Commissioner Hazard made an amendment to the agenda. Seconded by. There were no lights. Motion approved. Chairman Harris called for the approval of the agenda as presented with the amendment. Commissioner Parker made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. Motion approved. Doug Lukonen gave an overview of how things are going. Doug Lukonen stated the status of the Budget Department and everyone has come together and the staff has been able to roll the new year forward and the Budget Department is able to pay bills and carry on as normal business. Doug Lukonen stated the roles have become more difficult. The staff has come together and Director Weber has been engaged with the Budget Office as far as letting the Budget Office know of her condition and Director Weber did come up to the office today and she came to approve some things that Brooke Brady asked to hold for her that she normally approves. Mr. Lukonen stated his recommendation is the Committee wait a week and see how she is doing before any status changes are made. Mr. Lukonen stated as far as year-end there are deadlines coming up. Mr. Lukonen stated they have to finish up the year 2014/2015 and doing closing journal entries, our accounts receivable journal entries and they have to get that turned in and have 2014/2015 closed by August 30. Mr. Lukonen stated they are working on a budget that needs to be submitted to the Comptroller's Office before August 15, 2015. Mr. Lukonen stated he thinks the committee should wait a week and get an accurate date for when Director Weber is coming back and then the Committee came move forward from there. Mr. Lukonen stated he does not foresee the Budget Department missing any deadlines.

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Chairman Harris stated if anyone has any inquiries be aware of Mr. Lukonen's time. Chairman Harris stated if Mr. Lukonen feels the Budget Committee needs to get someone to intervene for inquiry or to help a little bit let the Budget Committee know and the Budget Committee will get something done. Commissioner Cook stated she wanted to thank Mr. Lukonen for stepping up and being competent and the ability to maintain the Budget Office and the Budget Committee appreciates Mr. Lukonen's efforts and she was glad the Budget Committee was able to unlock him in the computer in time. Mr. Lukonen stated that Bill Wells has access to the V drive and he can get someone in if there is an emergency. Chairman Harris stated to not be afraid to ask if there are any matters that may subject the County in Director Weber's absence to an audit criticism and let's get on it quick and get the state's input. Mr. Lukonen stated the Budget Department made all of the 941 tax deadlines for payroll. Mr. Lukonen stated there are no penalties yet and the Budget Department has met all of the deadlines. Mr. Lukonen stated Director Weber has been updating through Brooke Brady. Mr. Lukonen stated as far as staffing goes and getting the work done the Budget Office has been dealing with Kronos and updating that and Brooke Brady has been taking on more of a payroll position and also Accounts Receivable and Grants and she has been doing additional work helping Marilyn Harlan. Mr. Lukonen stated Kronos is on its way. It's in the testing phase. Mr. Lukonen stated right now all the staff is helping each other out. Mr. Lukonen stated the Budget Department is a group not one position. Commissioner Shackelford stated when he heard about this he contacted Chairman Harris and they made a visit to the Budget Office to make sure Mr. Lukonen had exactly what he needed to conduct the affairs of his duties and also had all the tools he needed so that he could be able to give the Service to the County There were no lights.

**IV. DELEGATIONS:**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2015-2016 Budget Work Session:**

Sandy Smith represented the Highway Department. Ms. Smith stated the Highway Department did want to change a few things and they did agree with the revenue. Ms. Smith stated Director Weber took \$25,000.00 off of the revenue but with some of the updates on diesel the committee wanted \$90,000.00 taken off of the Highway Department's budget. Ms. Smith stated if you look at the three year average it is \$4.09 and Mr. Boshers would like to go back to \$50,000.00 and go back to the original asking. Ms. Smith has asked for \$10,000.00 on vehicle and machinery parts due to the fact that all of their machinery is older. Ms. Smith stated they had changed Workman's Comp. and if you change those two things their budget is still under what was passed before. Ms. Smith stated this is putting all the line items to what they had first requested. Ms. Smith stated she wanted to put \$40,000.00 back in diesel and take \$50,000.00 out instead of \$90,000.00 and Ms. Smith stated she asked for \$10,000.00 in vehicle and \$10,000.00 in equipment parts. Chairman Harris asked Mr. Lukonen what is the bottom line for the deficit they are running in the Highway Department fund. Mr. Lukonen stated it is around \$200,000.00. The Workman's Comp. has been dropped down to \$205,789.00. Mr. Lukonen stated he would like to go over the changes he made in

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Workman's Comp. Commissioner Burkhalter asked what was the bottom line and how much difference is what the Highway Department is asking for and what Mr. Lukonen has on the sheet. Mr. Lukonen stated in the new budget the Highway Department is asking for \$6,231,075.00 and what was presented last time was \$6,230,694.00. Chairman Harris stated Workman's Comp. was lowered. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he wanted the bottom line number. Mr. Lukonen stated the bottom line number is \$6,231,075.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated the Workman's Comp. numbers were wrong. There were no lights. Commissioner Cook made a motion to take the Highway Department's numbers under advisement. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Hazard Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No, Commissioner Cook Aye, Commissioner Stephenson Aye. Motion carries with 5 Ayes and 1 No. Chairman Harris moved on to Solid Waste. Mr. Sweeney stated if you look at the bottom line of the last column, they went back and cut another \$276,000.00 out of the budget. Mr. Sweeney stated he didn't have anything else to cut. Mr. Sweeney stated the Solid Waste budget was cut to \$3,700,000.00. Mr. Sweeney stated he would do the best he could to come in at that number but he does not honestly feel that he can. Chairman Harris asked Mr. Sweeney where he feels in the budget it has been cut too much. Mr. Sweeney stated there wasn't one particular one. Mr. Sweeney stated now they have signed a new contract and Mr. Sweeney stated they are going to lose some business from this new contract. Chairman Harris asked what he meant by they were going to lose business from this new contract. Mr. Sweeney stated people could go to other places cheaper. Commissioner Parker asked if the disposal fees did they collate with the number of people in the county and those individuals production of trash. Mr. Sweeney answered yes and no because it is not just the individuals because Mr. Sweeney stated he takes trash from businesses and industry and anything that will come across his scales that he can make money. Commissioner Parker stated the expense is there especially when you are basing this budget on population growth. Commissioner Burkhalter stated Mr. Sweeney is right about losing business. Commissioner Burkhalter stated the fees were raised because they were raised on them. If disposal fees go up the revenue should go up. Commissioner Burkhalter stated what was under advisement was \$3,979,776.00 and the Department Head asked for \$3,931,741.00. Mr. Sweeney stated he was comfortable with his Department Head request. Chairman Harris asked with the Department Head request what the deficit for the Solid Waste Department was. Mr. Lukonen stated the number is \$544,344.00 of deficit. Mr. Lukonen stated if you changed the Department Head request to revenue to the suggestion revenue there would be less of a deficit. Mr. Lukonen stated this changes his Department Head request deficit to \$178,344.00. Commissioner Roddy would like to know how much money it will take for his department to run a plus revenue. Chairman Harris stated that one extra penny would bring him up close to a balanced budget. Mr. Sweeney stated he is going to try to come in under the \$178,344.00. Commissioner Cook asked if the front loader was still in his budget. Mr. Sweeney stated that he wanted to replace a loader that is a 1950's model and he would like to rebuild Hwy 31 Convenience Center, which is sinking. Mr. Sweeney thinks for a \$100,000.00 he can do that. Chairman Harris asked would that \$200,000.00 cover those

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two items. Mr. Sweeney stated yes. Mr. Sweeney stated that is in his capital request not the Commission's capital request. Commissioner Stephenson asked if the Convenience Center in Culleoka had been paved. Mr. Sweeney stated no but he would love to pave every one of them but he just doesn't have the money to do it. Mr. Sweeney stated Commissioner Roddy asked a question if he could do it with what he had on last year's budget and Mr. Sweeney stated he thinks he can and he doesn't think he needs any additional pennies on the tax rate. There were no lights. Chairman Harris stated they are looking at \$178,000.00 deficit and Mr. Sweeney has fund balance which can mitigate that risk. Commissioner Potts asked how much to pave that convenience center was. Mr. Sweeney stated he is going to the five centers that are not paved and they are going to get an estimate on them and what they would charge to pave each one. Commissioner Stephenson asked which five convenience centers were not paved. Mr. Sweeney stated Glendale, Tindell Lane, Fly, Theta and Chickasaw Park. Commissioner Shackelford asked if they could have a recap on Solid Waste Budget. Chairman Harris stated they are looking at approving because they made an adjustment to the revenue number and they took under the Department Head's request the \$3,753,000.00 when the net of the two is \$178,000.00 deficit. Commissioner Fulbright asked if the revenue had been adjusted to match what this year's revenue was. Commissioner Parker asked what the total was the Budget Committee was taking under advisement. Chairman Harris stated the total expenditure was \$3,931,734.00. The overall deficit budget is \$164,343.00. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote to take this budget under advisement. The motion carries 6-0. The total dollar amount on Solid Waste was \$3,917,740.00. Chairman Harris moved on to the Library. Adam Southern represented the Library. Mr. Southern stated the last time he was here they went ahead and approved the Department Head request but he was told it would be a good idea to come tonight and see if the committee had any additional questions about the budget. Mr. Southern stated he was happy with the Department Head request. Chairman Harris stated the library's budget is \$639,145.00. There were no lights. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris asked about the overall report that department's runs deficit over the year end numbers and the department's that run surplus. Mr. Lukonen stated he E-Mailed those out to the full commission. Chairman Harris moved on to the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bucky Rowland stated he was good with the advisement section. The amount that was originally taken under advisement on the May 4 session which was \$6,185,037.00. Mr. Lukonen stated the only adjustments is in payroll which is in Medicare, state retirement and social security. Commissioner Cook asked what the Sheriff's Department year to date spending was. Mr. Lukonen stated there is \$5,987,748.00 but keep in mind there are accounts payable journal entries expenditures that are awaiting approval. Mr. Lukonen stated this is as close as they are going to get at this point before the Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable entries for closing last year. Chairman Harris asked about the medical cost of the jail as to what was budgeted last year. Sheriff Rowland stated that was the only increase with anything was the medical on the jail side. Sheriff Rowland stated it has almost doubled each year over the past four years. Commissioner Burkhalter asked if the \$6,185,037.00 will keep that personnel level at the same level it is right now. Sheriff Rowland replied yes. Chairman Harris stated they are looking at the under advisement number on May 4

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category. There were no lights. The under advisement number is \$6,185,037.00. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Jail. Sheriff Rowland stated the actual year to date was \$4,970,969.00. Sheriff Rowland stated his request was \$4,951,478.00. Commissioner Parker stated the only concern he has is they are setting the Jail up for failure. Commissioner Parker stated to be fair to the commission and to be fair to the Sheriff the Under Advisement number is at least \$100,000.00 low based on an item that has been steadily increasing 20% on an annual basis. Chairman Harris stated the drugs and medical under advisement is \$230,000.00 and it was \$348,000.00. There is a \$120,000.00 difference. Commissioner Shackelford stated what was approved last year was \$4,724,495.00 and at the end of the year there was a budget amendment and there was \$643,000.00 additional dollars in over expenditures and line items that exceeded what was budgeted and they balanced some of that by under expenditures in other line items and that total was \$264,000.00. The fund balance was hit for \$379,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated his question is has the Journal Entry been made. Mr. Lukonen stated the budget amendment want show up in the actual year to date numbers. Mr. Lukonen stated it is waiting for approval and as soon as the budget amendment is made it will be under budget. Chairman Harris stated the Jail spent \$4,979,069.00 and the Jail is asking Under Advisement \$4,951,479.00 and if you add \$379,000.00 to that number that is what the Jail spent. Chairman Harris asked Mr. Lukonen what the deficit budget would be for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Lukonen stated the deficit amount for 101 is \$385,000.00. Chairman Harris stated if they take the Jail under Advisement there is a deficit in the overall 101 of \$385,446.00. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he figured they have increased the Jail side by \$226,983.00 over what was last year's budget. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote on the Jail budget as presented. The amount under the suggested column is \$5,047,994.00. Chairman Harris called for the vote. All in favor. Motion approved 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the 122 fund and it is self-funded. Chairman Harris stated there is a motion to approve by Commissioner Shackelford. Seconded by Commissioner Hazard. There were no lights. Motion carries. Chairman Harris moved on to Juvenile Services. Chairman Harris stated Director Weber had suggested \$256,220.00. The under advisement was \$256,220.00. The Department Head request was \$277,495.00. Mr. Nicholas Abdallah stated he would most likely be coming back to do a budget amendment. Mr. Abdallah stated when they are contacted by law enforcement and they are dealing with a juvenile and certain offenses require detention. Mr. Abdallah stated that some years they don't detain as much and that is when you see a lower figure. Chairman Harris stated the other contracted services came back at \$105,000.00 and this year was \$99,000.00 and there was only \$80,000.00 budgeted. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. Chairman Harris called for the vote to approve the \$276,220.00 budget under advisement for Juvenile Services. Chairman Harris moved on to Maury Rural Fire Department. Chairman Harris stated Director Weber's suggestion was for \$221,451.00 and under advisement was \$265,000.00. There were no lights. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he doesn't think \$221,451.00 covers any tanks for the Fire Department. Chairman Harris stated he would recommend to take the suggestion under advisement and Mr. Lukonen can clarify possibly

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tomorrow and report to the budget committee and it could be amended. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would like to see a decision on some number and then it could be amended. Chairman Harris stated he is recommending the amount of \$221,451.00. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris stated there had been some past discussion about monies that can be collected from Larry Roe's and Sandy McLain's departments. Chairman Harris stated he had talked with Larry Roe and Sandy McLain to put together an aging on what kind of total is out there and how delinquent those accounts are and a history of what they collected in the past. Sandy McLain stated before the meeting she did pass out a table that shows the fees accessed and receipted totals for their office from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2015. It shows what was accessed in each court and what was receipted in each court. Chairman Harris asked if Ms. McLain had information on how much the office collected the last few years. Ms. McLain stated she had talked with a collection agency before the budget process started. Ms. McLain stated she did have some numbers on the Clerk's fees. Ms. McLain stated for the last four years they are increasing. In June 2014 \$827,323.00 that was the total of June 2014 for clerk fees. Ms. McLain stated year to date for June 2015 \$967,170.00. Ms. McLain stated it is increasing yearly. Ms. McLain stated with additional hours and a collection agency coming on board it can only get better. Ms. McLain stated the County pays nothing out of pocket for the collection agency. They collect a fee on top of the collection for Ms. McLain's office. Ms. McLain stated it has to be a six month period from the time of the accessed. Commissioner Cook stated she appreciated Ms. McLain bringing the numbers in today. Commissioner Cook stated when she received information from Commissioner Parker which reflected \$66,000,000.00 in uncollected revenue Commissioner Cook requested that Ms. McLain send her some information and she never got a response. Commissioner Stephenson asked about the collection agency and will Ms. McLain report back to the commission. Ms. McLain stated on a monthly basis the fees are reported by Director Weber. Commissioner Stephenson stated she would like to see the results of bringing a collection agency in. Chairman Harris stated there is a way to track it by a quarterly basis. Commissioner Shackelford asked Ms. McLain how many judges were in General Sessions I. Ms. McLain stated there are Judge Sands and Judge Lovell and General Sessions II is Judge Bailey. Commissioner Burkhalter asked Ms. McLain if the collection agency will only be adding a fee to what they collect and not a portion of the County's money. Ms. McLain stated that is correct. They will be adding a fee to what they collect. Chairman Harris asked what the fee would be. Ms. McLain stated it would be based on a percentage. Ms. McLain stated the percentage is 25 to 30%. Ms. McLain stated she had been looking at three collection agencies and she has chosen one. The company that was chosen was Pioneer and they have been in business for 30 years and they do government work. Ms. McLain stated she had other meetings with clerks in the state that are using Pioneer Collection Agency. This company is always working with Local Government. The software that Ms. McLain uses to link it together. Commissioner Parker stated he wondered if the collected versus the accessed has gone up from a percentage basis. Chairman Harris stated he would like to see what the department is collecting and then additional to see what this service is adding to. Chairman Harris stated he would like to see record keeping going forward for this

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committee and the taxpayers so that the committee can see what the department is collecting. Commissioner Shackelford stated early on they received Circuit Court Clerk's fees collected schedule. Commissioner Shackelford stated this is a nine month number. Ms. McLain stated this was from July 1 through February 28. The total clerk's fees from July 1, 2014 through February 28 of 2015 was \$688,425.28 and that included circuit, General Sessions I and General Sessions II and Juvenile I and II. The excess clerk's fees that were turned over were \$39,277.37 which were \$35,213.24 more than the previous year. Commissioner Potts asked does the new collection agency carry the individuals to criminal court or civil court. Ms. McLain stated they will send three letters and then garnishments and levees will be made against the bank accounts. Commissioner Cook stated will they be able to attach their refund check on the IRS. Commissioner Cook asked could that be done as well. Ms. McLain stated they have not done that before. Commissioner Cook asked Ms. McLain if she could send her an e-mail with information on record and how much is in judgment fees. Commissioner Cook stated she would like to see a breakdown. Ms. McLain stated she can run a report that has everything on it. Commissioner Shackelford stated there was a new law that went into effect that if you don't have your driver's license you cannot get insurance. Chairman Harris asked Larry Roe to come to the podium. Mr. Roe stated he had three pages on the handout. Mr. Roe stated he ran the report from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Roe stated accessed \$1,974,469.58 and collected was \$1,695,988.07 and those are divorces, probate cases, orders of protection. The difference is of the amount \$320,000.00 of not collected is the result of the filings on the front end where the judge waives the person files an affidavit of indigence. When the case comes to a conclusion the court cost will be to the plaintiff, defendant or spilt the cost. Mr. Roe stated when you move to the taxes the accessed amount is \$2,208,034.69 and collected was \$1,313,709.71. That amount will greatly go down the closer it gets to the March 19 tax sale. Commissioner Cook stated she sent an e-mail and Mr. Roe stated he sent Commissioner Cook an aggregate report. The bulk of the uncollected is the timing. They do not receive the tax amounts from the Trustee from the City until after April 1. Mr. Roe stated what he sent Commissioner Cook and he can e-mail this to Doug and he can send it out to the full commission. Mr. Roe went back to 2005 tax year and for 2005 still on the books it is \$38,617.52. Those numbers continue to go down. Mr. Roe stated he had talked with County Attorney Murphy and he stated he would probably not be able to collect anything over 10 years old by statute. Mr. Roe stated that Ms. McLain and he were fortunate to go to the clerk's conference and Mr. Roe has three scheduled collection agencies on August to meet with Mr. Roe and look at Clerk & Master's reports and to choose one and be up and going by hopefully September 1, 2015 to use a collection agency. Mr. Roe stated he had never used a collection agency before and he had talked with Ken Duncan with Pioneer and Mr. Roe stated he seemed very credible. The company has a good reputation. There would be no cost to the County and no cost to the office. Mr. Roe stated the collection agencies stated you could collect 3 to 5% of your total the first year and then it would drop off. Commissioner Stephenson asked when someone has to make a payment are they going to be sending the money to Ms. McLain and Mr. Roe. Mr. Roe stated that two of the vendors would be able to set up electronic payment so that it would batch in every

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night. Mr. Roe stated when his office goes to close down on a daily deposit and create the deposit the money is electronically sent to the Clerk & Master's office. Commissioner Stephenson stated her concern was how you collect when check bounces a credit card payment that doesn't go through. Commissioner Cook stated she is excited to see there are some serious collection agencies involved here and Commissioner Cook stated this has been an ongoing problem for probably 10 to 20 years. Commissioner Cook stated she would like to see future reporting's. There were no questions. Chairman Harris asked Ms. McLain to come back up. Ms. McLain stated the \$30,000.00 had been added back into her budget. Chairman Harris stated the budget with the \$30,000.00 was brought up to \$1,099,084.00. Ms. McLain stated she is recommending an additional \$19,000.00 more and she wants to take the \$3,000.00 out for the overtime and put it towards the \$19,000.00 and all she needs is \$16,000.00 to make her 35 hour employees to 40 hours. Ms. McLain stated with the \$30,000.00 she needs an additional \$16,000.00. Chairman Harris stated they are looking at a \$49,000.00 increase in the budgeted number. Commissioner Stephenson asked if she was talking about her full time or part time getting 40 hours. Ms. McLain stated this is just the 16 full time. Ms. McLain stated there would still be 3 part time employees. Ms. McLain stated this is \$20,768.00 lower than the original request. Commissioner Cook asked Mr. Lukonen if this reflected all the medical or workman's comp. Ms. McLain stated she was told it would cover everything. Chairman Harris stated the bottom line was \$1,115,084.00 Chairman Harris called for the vote for \$1,115,084.00 for the Circuit Court Clerk's upcoming budget. Motion carries 6-0 to take that number under advisement. Doug Lukonen went back to the 101 fund and looked at the total dollar amount. Mr. Lukonen stated the 101 fund was at \$421,446.00 deficit. Chairman Harris moved on to Mr. Roe's budget. Chairman Harris stated Director Weber's suggestion was \$452,049.00 and what was under advisement was \$403,000.00 and there was roughly a \$49,000.00 difference in what Director Weber had recommended. Mr. Roe had originally asked for \$469,000.00. Mr. Roe stated he felt comfortable taking the \$10,000.00 out for overtime. Commissioner Shackelford stated under the medical insurance why is it increasing under Director Weber's scenario. Mr. Lukonen stated he believed that was for Mr. Roe's additional employee. Mr. Roe stated he did not need the additional employee. Mr. Roe stated in terms of revenue probate filings have went up about 25% each year and as of June 30 Mr. Roe stated he had 178 and that is \$19,800.00 more than what he had last year. The other source of revenue that Mr. Roe had \$402.00 where they notarized people's documents and they are able to charge \$5.00 for that. Commissioner Stephenson stated she was looking at the 189 line item under the other salaries and wages and she stated she was a little confused by that. Commissioner Stephenson stated there is a \$10,000.00 difference between what Mr. Roe requested and what is suggested. Commissioner Stephenson stated she is confused about the additional \$30,000.00. Mr. Roe stated that his understanding when talking with Director Weber was those were the calculations that Director Weber and Marilyn Harlan had come up with for Mr. Roe to use additional salary for additional hours. Commissioner Parker stated the committee asked Director Weber to come up with a number on giving each employee 5 hours. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he remembered giving Mr. Roe another 35 hours and Mr. Roe said he doesn't need another

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employee but Mr. Roe stated he could give his employees an additional 5 hours. There were no questions. Chairman Harris stated the suggestion total is \$435,149.00 for the Clerk and Master. There were no lights. Chairman Harris took a vote on the amount of \$435,149.00 under advisement for the Clerk & Master. Motion carries 6-0. Mr. Lukonen stated the total for the 101 fund was \$421,055.00 deficit. Chairman Harris moved on to General Session Part I. The suggestion is \$809,486.00. Chairman Harris stated the under advisement amount was \$806,542.00 and this was discussed at the May 4 session and Director Weber came back with \$2,944.00 increase. There were no lights. Chairman Harris stated the suggested number is \$809,486.00 which is a Department Head request and Chairman Harris called for the vote for \$809,486.00 for the General Sessions Part I. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Hazard. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion approved 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to General Sessions Part II. Chairman Harris stated under advisement was \$275,365.00 and the Director Weber's suggestion was \$276,315.00 and that is the same amount for the Department Head request. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hazard seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote to approve the \$276,315.00 budget request from General Sessions Part II. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Victim's Assistance Program. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve the Victim Assistance Program budget of \$54,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hazard. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote to accept \$54,000.00 for the budget number for the Victim Assistance Program. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the District Attorney General. Chairman Harris stated that \$101,200.00 was under advisement and Director Weber's suggestion was \$101,200.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. Chairman Harris called for the vote on the amount of \$101,200.00 for the District Attorney General. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to Office of Emergency Management. Chairman Harris stated the suggestion is \$316,522.00 and the under advisement was \$315,980.00 that was taken under advisement on May 4 session. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. Chairman Harris called for the vote on the Office of Emergency Management of the suggestion of \$316,522.00. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Public Safety Grants for the Sheriff. Mr. Lukonen stated the only grant that anticipate is the new GHSO grant that was budgeted for. The total is \$31,881.00 and that amount was what Director Weber recommended and what was under advisement. Commissioner Hazard made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. There were no lights. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Health Department. Mr. Lukonen stated it was basically funded by a grant. Chairman Harris stated the Department Head suggestion was \$844,600.00 and on May 4 \$844,600.00 was taken under advisement and Director Weber suggested \$844,600.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve the \$844,600.00 budget suggestion for the Health Department Seconded by Commissioner Parker. There were no lights. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Health Department that is not funded by a grant. Mr. Lukonen stated the Year to Date was \$176,862.00. The Department Head suggestion was \$171,203.00

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and the amount \$171,203.00 was taken under advisement and the same is suggested by Director Weber. Commissioner Parker made a motion to accept the \$171,203.00 for the uncovered cost of the Health Department. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to Rabies Control. Mr. Lukonen stated the suggestion was for \$718.00 more than what was under advisement. The year to date was \$105,295.00. Chairman Harris stated there is a \$3,000.00 increase over what was year to date request and what was taken under advisement. Chairman Harris stated the amount is \$108,852.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve the \$108,852.00. Commissioner Parker seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote to accept \$108,852.00 budget for the Rabies Control. All in favor. Motion carries 6-0. Chairman Harris moved on to the Animal Shelter and this is where the expenses are split with the City. Mr. Lukonen stated the difference is \$1,521.00 from the suggested budget compared to the under advisement. The Year to Date was \$485,963.00 and Mr. Lukonen stated the City will be billed this month for half of last quarter's expenses. Chairman Harris stated under advisement was \$542,167.00 and Director Weber's suggestion was \$543,688.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take accept what was previously under advisement during the May 4 session in the amount of \$542,167.00. Commissioner Hazard seconded. Commissioner Shackelford withdrew is motion. Commissioner Shackelford withdrew his second. Commissioner Hazard made a motion to set the budget for the Animal Shelter at \$490,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. All in favor. Motion carries 6-0. Mr. Lukonen checked the 101 fund and the amount is \$367,367.00 deficit. Mr. Lukonen stated there is an appropriation to the state the County has to do. The amount is \$69,900.00 it is a contract the Health Department has. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved. Chairman Harris moved on to Other Public Health and Welfare Grants. Mr. Lukonen stated he would mark that as approved since the amount is \$0.00. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the two other Public Health and Welfare grants. They are the THDA Housing Grant and the Water Treatment Plant Grant the County has for Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Lukonen stated these are a pass through. The amount of the grant is \$352,500.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve \$352,500.00 for the Public Health and Welfare Budget. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carries 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the Senior Citizen Center. Chairman Harris stated there is an actual year to date of \$34,500.00 and a Department Head request of \$34,000.00 and under advisement is \$34,000.00 and suggested amount of \$34,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to accept the \$34,000.00 suggestion. Seconded by Commissioner Stephenson. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0.

Mr. Lukonen moved on to Parks and Fair Board. Chairman Harris stated the Department Head request for the Parks and Recreation was \$1,034,701.00 and on May 4 session the amount of \$723,106.00 and a suggestion by Director Weber of \$727,227.00. Chairman Harris stated the actual year to date was \$975,000.00 and Kids Kingdom was actually around \$264,000.00 or \$265,000.00 and was non-recurring. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take under advisement the Parks and Recreation Board budget of \$727,227.00. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. There

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were no lights. Motion carries 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Agriculture Extension. Mr. Lukonen stated Director Weber has an increase in contracts with government agencies and Mr. Lukonen stated he was not sure which government agency that was. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion for the budget for the Agriculture Extension Service to be \$123,517.00. Commissioner Hazard seconded. The budget for Agriculture Extension to be under advisement is \$123,517.00. There were no lights. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Forest Service. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for the Forest Service. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Soil Conservation. Chairman Harris stated the budget amount of \$43,317.00 for the Soil Conservation Department is the same across the board. Commissioner Parker made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen stated they had already done Tourism. Mr. Lukonen stated that \$370,000.00 is what was settled on. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the Industrial Development Board. Chairman Harris stated what was under advisement was \$227,500.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve. Commissioner Shackelford seconded. There were no lights. Motion Approved 6-0 to accept under advisement the \$227,500.00 for the Industrial Development Board. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the Mayor's Emergency Fund. Chairman Harris stated what was previously under advisement was \$1,200.00 on May 4. There were no lights. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve. Commissioner Shackelford seconded. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the Airport. Mr. Lukonen stated the contribution to the airport is \$40,000.00. Mr. Lukonen stated this for the expenses to run the airport. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Veteran's Services. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to approve the budget of \$89,950.00. Commissioner Hazard seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Contributions to Other Agencies. Mr. Lukonen stated the Spring Hill Library's contribution last year was \$30,000.00. Commissioner Burkhalter stated that Maury County is under no obligations to give them anything. Commissioner Burkhalter stated Maury County has given them \$30,000.00 a year in the past. The City of Spring Hill gets \$250,000.00 from the GM money. The City of Columbia doesn't receive it. Commissioner Burkhalter stated he would like to see the Committee leave the amount at \$30,000.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would rather see the In Lieu of Tax payment to Spring Hill and let them do what they want to with the allocation of the money. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to give the Spring Hill Library \$20,000.00. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Commissioner Shackelford stated to establish the contribution for the Center of Hope, The Neighbors Concerned, Harvest Share, The Family Center, The Boys & Girls Club, The Mediation Center and CASA for the amounts of \$10,000.00, \$1,500.00, \$5,000.00, \$11,000.00, \$520.00, \$3,000.00 and \$855.00. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote on those contributions. Commissioner Parker, abstain, Commissioner

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Hazard Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye, Commissioner Cook Aye, Commissioner Stephenson Aye, Chairman Harris Aye. Motion carries 5-0 with 1 abstain from Commissioner Parker. Chairman Harris moved on to the Vocational Training Center. Chairman Harris stated under advisement was \$39,600.00. Commissioner Stephenson stated the Vocational Training Center previously received \$11,000.00 from United Way of Maury County and they were cut to \$2,000.00 because there was problems with their financial statement. Commissioner Stephenson stated the Vocational Training Center gave a number of 300 clients and when they presented to the Budget Committee they did not say anything about the number of clients. Commissioner Stephenson stated the committee doesn't know how many clients actually received services. Commissioner Stephenson stated on the financial sheets there are no revenues. Commissioner Stephenson stated she was told recently the Vocational Training Center was down to half a dozen clients and they are closing at mid-day and they are actually transferring work to the other Rehabilitation Centers in Smyrna and Cookeville. Commissioner Stephenson stated there are a lot of questions on what is going on. Commissioner Stephenson stated when Commissioner Turner asked the Vocational Training Center when they were present if they had applied for United Way funding. The Vocational Training Center stated that United Way just gives them the money. Commissioner Stephenson stated that anyone that has been involved with the United Way know that you have to get an application and you have to complete it and you have to attach your financials and you have to schedule an interview and go through an interview that is conducted by the Board of Directors. Commissioner Stephenson stated the Vocational Training Center stated they did not apply and the next night they went for their interview. Commissioner Stephenson stated she will have to recuse her vote because she was previously involved with this agency. Commissioner Stephenson stated she wanted to make the commission aware there have been staff members that have walked out and there have been staff that have requested transfers. Commissioner Shackelford stated he did not believe that Commissioner Stephenson had to recuse her vote. Chairman Harris stated he believed they should cut their funding in half because he does not feel that you should take taxpayer dollars for non-profits. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to give the Vocational Training Center a contribution of \$30,000.00. The motion for \$30,000.00 fails for lack of second. Commissioner Parker stated based on the information that Commissioner Stephenson has provided he does not see contributing anything. Commissioner Parker made a motion to contribute \$0.00 to the Vocational Training Center. Commissioner Cook seconded. Commissioner Shackelford stated he never could justify the level the Commission was at. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would be somewhere in the \$10,000.00 range since the \$30,000.00 didn't get a second. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Harris No. Commissioner Stephenson, abstain. Motion fails. Commissioner Hazard made a motion to contribute \$10,000.00 to the Vocational Training Center. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Hazard Aye, Commissioner Shackelford no, Commissioner Cook no, Commissioner Stephenson abstain, Chairman Harris Aye, The motion fails with a lack

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of four votes. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to give a contribution to the Vocational Training Center in the amount of \$12,500.00. Commissioner Hazard seconded. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Hazard, Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Commissioner Stephenson abstain, Chairman Harris Aye, Motion carries to give the Vocational Training Center \$12,500.00. Chairman Harris stated for Mr. Lukonen to recap the other items that need to be finished at tomorrow night's regular scheduled Budget Committee meeting and they will get with County Attorney Murphy to make sure it is alright to do that. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Pre- Employee Benefits. Mr. Lukonen stated this is for pre-employment physicals. The amount is \$29,500.00 across the board. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve. Commissioner Stephenson seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Payments to Cities. Mr. Lukonen stated this is the Spring Hill Contract and this amount is \$250,000.00. Commissioner Cook made a motion to approve. Seconded by Shackelford. There were no lights. Chairman Harris called for the vote. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to Miscellaneous and this is the Tax Relief Program and Trustees Commission which is actually a pass through. It flows back into the 101 fund. Chairman Harris stated the Department Head request is \$513,895.00 and that amount was taken under advisement. Director Weber had increased it \$2,016.00 in the amount of \$515,911.00 and it is in the Trustees Commission. Commissioner Cook made a motion in the amount of \$515,911.00. Seconded by Commissioner Hazard. There were no lights. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen moved on to the Contract with the Ambulance Service. Commissioner Cook made a motion to accept the amount of \$635,000.00 for the Ambulance Service. Commissioner Parker seconded. There were no lights. Motion Approved 6-0. Mr. Lukonen ran the expenditures and it was \$27,567,222.00 and that results in a deficit of \$350,267.00. Chairman Harris asked if anyone had any information or thought about the cash/fund balances. Chairman Harris stated he does not think it is a good time to be reducing the fund balance accounts. Commissioner Cook stated she strongly wanted to look at the fund balance in the 101 fund and she would like to move money out of 101 to cover the 10 cents. Mr. Lukonen spoke with Ashley McAnulty and he spoke with the liquidity and the bond rating and how to maintain it and keep it going up for future borrowings. Mr. Lukonen stated when he looked at the cash balance and the 151 fund the County is at \$11,300,000.00 presently and Mr. McAnulty suggested the County has enough for the next fiscal year to be able to pay for all the debt payments. Mr. Lukonen stated that usually when the bond rating agency comes in and they check to see if you are going to be worthy of borrowing or not and keep your credit at a AA rating you want to have at least above 80% of the cash balance to pay all of next year's debt. Mr. Lukonen stated next year's payments would be \$10,580,000.00 and the 151 fund balance at the end of 13/14 was \$10,645,000.00 and that was audited. Mr. Lukonen stated another thing a bond rating company looks at is the 101 fund balance and a healthy 101 fund balance is something that needs to be maintained. The bond rating company does a five year summary of the fund balances in the 101 and they want to see it gradually going up and any decreases that are volatile can hurt our bond rating. Commissioner Cook stated she would like someone from the Comptroller's office

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come in and talk about this. Commissioner Shackelford stated when he talked with Mr. McNulty and some other people their advice is don't cut yourself short. Commissioner Shackelford stated the County needs flexibility and he doesn't believe they should be overfunding the 101 fund and he doesn't feel they are. Commissioner Cook stated she wanted to remind everyone and echo Commissioner Shackelford's comment that growth means revenue and Maury County is growing. Commissioner Cook stated she does not see an underestimated revenue projection. Commissioner Cooks stated there is no reason to increase our taxes. Commissioner Cook wanted to remind the committee in a couple of months the Budget Committee is going to re attack the GOFO rating which is a bond increase rating as soon as they can get the budget office on board Commissioner Cook will do a presentation to the full commission and that certification has already been done by Brentwood, Franklin, Rutherford County, Bedford County and others throughout the State. Commissioner Cook stated this certification is very inexpensive and it will give you an immediate bond increase rating.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Chairman Harris stated the regular scheduled Budget Committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A. There was a Motion made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:20 PM.

APPROVED

  
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Charlie Norman, Jr., County Mayor

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Craig Harris, Budget Committee Chairman