

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

The Special Called Budget Committee met on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at approximately 4:30 PM in the Maury County Tom Primm County Commission Room with the following Committee Members present:

DAVIS BURKHALTER, SONNY SHACKELFORD, STEWART PARKER, GWYNNE EVANS, TOMMY WOLAVER AND DONNA COOK

OTHERS PRESENT: Gerald Adkison, Talvin Barner, Craig Harris, Terry Potts, Eric Previti, William (Tot) Roddy, Sue Stephenson, Gary Stovall, Scott Sumners, Debbie Turner, Linda Whiteside, Theresa Weber, and Media.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Burkhalter called the meeting to order. Chairman Burkhalter stated all members of the budget committee are present.

**II. Opening Prayer:** Chairman Burkhalter offered the opening prayer.

**III. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Commissioner Cook made a motion to Approve. Seconded by Commissioner Shackelford. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0.

**IV. Discussion/Vote to Full Commission:**

1. **Juvenile Services:** Mr. Nicholas Abdallah is requesting \$277,632.00 and what was approved for his budget in 2015/2016 was \$276,220.00. Mr. Abdallah is asking above the 2015/2016 year is \$1,412.00. Mr. Abdallah is seeking to bring one of his employees the last remaining employee at the courthouse at 35 hours to 40 hours. Mr. Abdallah stated it will go towards cutting down on comp. time. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to bring Mr. Abdallah's employee from 35 hours up to 40 hours and keep in the \$2,000.00 in the overtime line item. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0.

2. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

3. **Employee Raises:** Chairman Burkhalter stated a 4% raise starting in September was taken out from under advisement for the employee raises. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would like to see is the committee do a 3% and a 1% bonus and the 1% being a merit bonus at the discretion of the Department Heads. Commissioner Wolaver stated he did not have a problem with this either way. Commissioner Sumners stated when you are topped out you do not get any more raises. Chairman Burkhalter stated that Commissioner Sumners is correct, if you are topped out you cannot get the raise. Commissioner Evans stated you can technically rescind the motion that was passed the other night and start over. Commissioner Evans stated he would recommend since the 4% was passed is let it go on to full commission like it is and then when the motion

is read at the full committee meeting at that point in time it is a brand new item. Commissioner Cook made a motion to do a 4% at cost of living with rescinding of the motion from Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Wolaver seconded the motion. Commissioner Stephenson stated in the motion that was just made there was no qualifiers so that is what is being repeated so if there are exceptions there it needs to be noted in the motion or it will be repeated what was done Tuesday. Commissioner Cook stated she would withdraw her motion at 4% cost of living so they can be separated out. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to rescind the action that took place Monday night and he will withdraw his second to Commissioner Cook's motion. Commissioner Cook seconded. There were no lights. Chairman Burkhalter stated they are now voting on what was rescinded what was voted on as far as employee raises. Chairman Burkhalter did a roll call vote. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. Motion Approved 5-1. Chairman Burkhalter stated the floor is open for a new motion. Commissioner Cook made a motion for a 3% cost of living raise starting first pay period in September and a 1% onetime bonus starting February 1 or first pay period in February with no temporary personnel and those that were hired after January 1, 2016. Commissioner Stephenson asked does this motion include those that were topped out. Chairman Burkhalter replied yes. Commissioner Shackelford seconded the motion. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver No, Commissioner Evans No, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Burkhalter No, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. Motion Fails 2-4. Commissioner Parker made a motion for a 2% cost of living raise and a 2% merit raise with a total of 4% in September and nobody hired after January 1 and no temporary and officially hopefully the Administrative Committee will take this under advisement so they can avoid anyone who would not qualify for the raise to be able to be qualified if they were given the full 4%. Commissioner Shackelford seconded the motion. Chairman Burkhalter repeated the motion and it is the committee is going to give a 2% cost of living and a 2% merit starting the first pay period effective 9/1 and the qualifers are that nobody qualifies for it hired after January 1, 2016 or no temporary personnel. Commissioner Sumners asked is there a good evaluation process for a raise then it want work or it can be abused. Commissioner Parker stated recognizing Commissioner Sumners point he would withdraw his motion. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would withdraw his second. Commissioner Evans made a motion for 4% cost of living starting 9/1 for everyone except the temporary personnel and the employees that started after January 1, 2016. Seconded by Commission Cook. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0. Ms. Curry withdrew her request for clarification.

#### **4. Under Advisement Expenditures**

- A. 101 Fund-Nonprofit Donations:** Director Weber stated the new amount that she has is \$458,470.00. Director Weber stated that is the full amount of the nonprofits and some of the affiliated. There were no lights. Chairman Burkhalter stated this

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had already been taken out from under advisement and Director Weber was sharing some new numbers with everyone.

- B. 131 Fund-Highway: Director** Weber stated that 131 fund bottom line is with the 4% effective 9/1 total expenditure for 131 would be \$6,116,997.00. Chairman Burkhalter stated this budget has been taken out from under advisement. Director Weber stated she got new Workman's Comp. Fees and those were incorporated. The increase was approximately \$7,000.00 from last year. The numbers that went in the budget were approximately \$21,000.00 for workman's comp. because when they did it last year Director Weber did not get the updated numbers until later. The adjustment was about \$21,000.00 for Workman's Comp. this year. There were no lights.
- C. 207 Fund-Solid Waste Fund:** Director Weber stated the total for the 207 with the 4% across the board with the qualifiers is \$3,840,545.00. Chairman Burkhalter stated he had contacted Director Weber and had her bring up the property taxes by 2% in all funds that were receiving property taxes.
- D. 261 Fund-Central Maintenance Fund:** Director Weber stated the total for the 261 fund with the 4% across the board and qualifiers and the total expenditures would be \$1,962,977.00. Chairman Burkhalter stated the new numbers on the 122, 125 and 176 Funds all stay the same.
- E. 101 Fund-General Fund:** Chairman Burkhalter stated he had asked Director Weber to increase property taxes by 2% and that is the only revenue number he had asked her to increase. Director Weber had calculated a 4% raise starting in July but now she has backed it back down to September so there is a 4% and with what is passed tonight there is a 4% raise built in for everyone and if everyone does not qualify for it that will be taken up at a later time. Director Weber stated she has to adjust the one person in Juveniles Services going to 40 hours from 35 hours. Director Weber stated that number will be slightly different. Chairman Burkhalter stated what he is looking for from this committee is 11 new employees for the Sheriff's Department and 1 new employee for the Parks Department. Chairman Burkhalter stated he is looking for a motion to take the 101 out from under advisement with the expenditure number at \$28,402,101.00. Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept these numbers for the 101 fund. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0.
- F. 151 Fund-Debt Service Fund :** Chairman Burkhalter stated the schools are requesting \$21,300,000.00 for capital needs to our schools and in that \$21,300,000.00, \$16,000,000.00 will be going towards capital needs and \$4,500,000.00 will be going to planning for new facilities, some feasibility studies, some land acquisition and design cost. The \$16,597,163.00 will cover the maintenance of the school buildings. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve this budget with the borrowing of \$21,300,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. Commissioner Wolaver stated his amendment to the motion is to move the figure of \$21,300,000.00 back to \$16,597,163.00 and he would like to see better use of all facilities in Maury County and

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some rezoning done which would help alleviate construction of new buildings and see if there is the availability of land from a developer who would be willing to at least cut back the amount of money needed to purchase the land. Commissioner Shackelford seconded the motion. County Attorney Murphy stated you are voting on how much money to put in debt service and to actually issue the debt. You will have a separate resolution that will come forward. County Attorney Murphy stated if you pass the budget and you do not put the pennies in there to cover this debt service, County Attorney Murphy stated he recommend that you not pass your budget because Attorney Murphy stated he is not going to get in to a Moody's telephone call and say they are going to raise the tax rate to cover indebtedness and it not occur. Attorney Murphy stated if you do that again you will impact your bond rating and cost more money in the future. After discussion Commissioner Wolaver stated he would like to withdraw his amendment. Commissioner Shackelford stated he would withdraw his second. Chairman Burkhalter stated the committee is back to the original motion. Chairman Burkhalter stated the original motion by Commissioner Evans is to put \$21,300,000.00 in debt service plan. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote on the original motion. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Wolaver No, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. The motion carries 4-2.

**G. 189 Fund-Capital Projects Fund:** Chairman Burkhalter stated he is going to take them individually instead of bundling them all together. Chairman Burkhalter stated they are going to take the Airport first.

**Airport:** County Attorney Murphy stated he had met with the Airport and they had told County Attorney Murphy to lower it to at least \$40,000.00 and hopefully it will be less than that once the State gets through. Mayor Norman read a letter from Will Evans about the airport. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to fund \$40,000.00 in the 189 Fund for the Airport. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. Motion passes 5-1.

Chairman Burkhalter stated that Mr. Blackwood made a request the other night for \$41,000.00 or \$42,000.00 for a pickup. Chairman Burkhalter asked if there was anyone on this committee that is willing to give him anything. There was no response.

**Sheriff's cars:** Chairman Burkhalter stated the Sheriff is requesting 8 new vehicles at \$362,800.00 and that is \$45,300.00 apiece. Chairman Burkhalter stated that is purchased and completely equipped. Commissioner Parker made a motion to Approve. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. Chairman Burkhalter stated he had a withdrawal of the motion and the second. Chairman Burkhalter stated his suggestion since there was money in the 189 fund was to buy 5 of these cars out of the 189 Fund and probably wait and get until March and purchase him 3 out of the 189 Fund. Commissioner Cook made a motion to purchase 5 cars out of the 2016/2017 189 budget. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Mr. Lukonen

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stated that leaves a fund balance of \$199,854.00 in fund balance after you take out the 3 cars out of this year's fund balance. Chairman Burkhalter clarified the motion is to buy 5 five cars out of the 2016/2017 budget out of the 189 Fund and the Sheriff will come back in the next month or so to request the other 3 cars. The total amount is \$226,750.00 for the five cars. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0.

**Fire Truck:** Commissioner Cook made a motion to withdraw the fire truck. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. Mr. Lukonen stated the total for the fire truck was \$325,000.00. There were no lights. Chairman Burkhalter stated if you are voting yes you are taking the fire truck out of the 189 fund. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye., Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans No, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner No. Chairman Burkhalter stated the motion passed 4-2 to take the fire truck out of the 189 fund.

**School Buses:** Chairman Burkhalter stated there is a figure of \$950,000.00. Chairman Burkhalter asked Dr. Burkins how much is the buses for the roll off cost. Dr. Burkins stated the roll off cost would be \$688,000.00. Dr. Burkins stated the additional 7 buses are \$92,700.00 apiece and that total for the 7 buses is \$648,900.00. Dr. Burkins stated that is a total of \$1,336,900.00. Chairman Burkhalter stated the 7 buses that are rolling off is because they have used their 15 years up. The other seven buses was for the no walk zone. Chairman Burkhalter stated they needed to fund these seven buses for sure. Commissioner Cook made a motion for 7 school buses at the cost of \$688,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. Chairman Burkhalter stated they are voting on the seven roll off buses. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved 6-0. Chairman Burkhalter moved on to the seven no walk zone buses. Commissioner Parker made a motion to purchase all seven of the no walk zone buses which is a total of \$648,900.00. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Wolaver No, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter No, Commissioner Shackelford No. Motion failed 2-4. Chairman Burkhalter stated he could possibly support 5 new buses. Commissioner Evans made a motion for 5 buses. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. Mr. Lukonen stated the total for the 5 buses is \$463,500.00. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote on the five buses. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Wolaver No, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No. The vote failed 3-3. Chairman Burkhalter asked Mr. Lukonen what the new number for the 189 fund is \$980,250.00. Mr. Lukonen stated that if 5.75 pennies. Chairman Burkhalter stated in the 189 fund there needs to be the Other Charges and the Trustee Commission. Mr. Lukonen stated the Trustee's Commission is \$25,000.00 and the Other Charges is \$500.00. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion to include the Trustee's Commission and Other Charges. Seconded by Commissioner Cook. There were no lights. All in favor. Motion Approved. Mr. Lukonen stated the 189 fund is going to be a surplus of \$564,054.00.

5. **Tax Rate/Penny Allocation:** Chairman Burkhalter stated he told Director Weber to add 8 cents to the 101 Fund. Mr. Lukonen stated that \$12,054,192.00 is the new expenditure amount so with the revenue with the additional 4 cents right now it puts

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us at a deficit of \$255,097.00. The 151 with the 8 cents will give you a 100% of your annual debt service. Commissioner Shackelford stated in the 151 the expenditure number was \$11,675,226.00. Commissioner Shackelford stated to make the 151 fund 8 cents to balance. Commissioner Evans made a motion for 8 cents in the 101 fund, 9 cents to the 151 fund and 3 cents to the 189 fund and leave the rest of the funds where they are at. Seconded by Commissioner Wolaver. Chairman Burkhalter stated this is going to be raising the property tax from \$2.62 to \$2.82 and 8 additional cents to the 101 fund, 9 additional cents to the 151 fund and 3 additional cents to the 189 fund and everything else staying the same. There were no lights. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No. Motion failed 3-3. Chairman Burkhalter asked for a recommendation. Commissioner Parker recommended 12 cents and leaving everything else the same. Commissioner Evans seconded. Mr. Lukonen stated a tax increase of 8 cents to the 101 fund, 12 cents to the 151 fund and 3 cents to the 189 fund with a total of 23 cents tax increase with a \$2.85 tax rate. Commissioner Shackelford made an amendment to the motion to bring down the 189 fund instead of .8 to .6. Chairman Burkhalter stated now the tax increase is 20.46 cents. Fails due to a lack of a second. Chairman Burkhalter went back to the original motion that was made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Evans to put 8 cents in the 101 fund, 12 cents in the 151 fund and 3 additional cents to the 189 fund and all the other funds staying the same for a total of \$2.85 tax rate. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Wolaver No, Commissioner Evans, Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No. The motion failed 3-3. Chairman Burkhalter asked for a recommendation. Commissioner Wolaver made a motion for 8 cents in the 101 fund, 10 cents in the 151 fund and 2 cents in the 189 fund for a total of \$2.82 for an increase of 20 cents with the other funds remaining the same. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. There were no lights. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford No. Motion failed 3-3. Commissioner Shackelford asked what the debt at 8 cents was. Mr. Lukonen stated it is approximately \$379,948.00 deficit. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to take the 101 fund down to 6 ½ cents, the 151 fund 11 cents, and leave the 189 fund at 2 cents for a total of \$2.81 ½ for a 19 ½ cent increase. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Commissioner Parker No, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook No, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. Motion Approved 4-2. County Attorney Murphy stated while they have the tax rate there still is not a budget. County Attorney Murphy stated everything was passed except the schools. County Attorney Murphy stated it is his recommendation he would have one resolution come forward to bring and come straight to the commission or if they want to bring it back to the committee's study session with the actual resolutions in hand that will be going to the commission. County Attorney Murphy stated they can do it on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June when they have the Special Called Full Commission meeting. County Attorney Murphy stated the committee should vote to bring a

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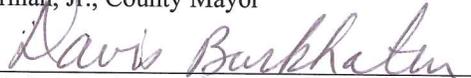
combined resolution. County Attorney Murphy stated he could bring a resolution on what was passed and what the school board passed for the committee to vote on. There would be three resolutions. There would be non-profits, tax rate and the budget resolution to recommend to go to the full commission. Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to bring the combined resolution back to the budget committee to be considered on Tuesday night. Seconded by Commissioner Evans. Chairman Burkhalter called for the vote. Commissioner Parker Aye, Commissioner Wolaver Aye, Commissioner Evans Aye, Commissioner Cook Aye, Chairman Burkhalter Aye, Commissioner Shackelford Aye. Motion Approved 6-0.

- V. **Announcements:** June 20, 2016 Full Commission Meeting.  
June 21 & 27, 2016 Special Called Budget meeting if required.  
June 28, 2016 Special Called Budget Meeting to do year end and clean up.  
June 28, 2016 Special Called Full Commission to approve year end budget amendments and to possibly vote on the 16/17 Budget.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- A. There was a Motion made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:33 PM.

APPROVED   
Charlie Norman, Jr., County Mayor

SIGNED   
Davis Burkhalter, Budget Committee Chairman