

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2009-2010

OF JUNE 22, 2009, AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing on June 22, 2009, at 4:30 P.M. in the Grand Jury Room of the White County Courthouse. Present were Chairman Travis C. Turner, Post 2 Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Alton Brown, Chief Financial Officer Vickie Neikirk, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Chairman Turner called the public hearing to order.

Vickie Neikirk stated the significant downturn of the economy had greatly impacted the budget preparations for the FY 2009-2010 budget year. She further stated in preparing the budget the Board of Commissioners had directed no salary increases, no new positions, no new capital outlay, and to make the budget as lean as possible without decreasing the level of services. Ms. Neikirk gave a presentation on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010. (See the following copy of presentation.)

Ms. Neikirk noted the proposed general fund budget being presented for FY 10 was a balanced budget, as required by law, with revenues and expenditures each equaling \$13,255.70 – this being a 6.73% (\$955,734) decrease from the FY 2009 general fund budget. All other County fund contributions decreased or remained the same from the FY 2009 budget.

Commissioner Bryant asked if we had any additional information on the cost of employee insurance for the upcoming fiscal year. Shanda Smallwood stated the information remained the same, with having a very good claims year since the October 1, 2008 renewal, our broker has informed us to not expect and increase, with a slight decrease in cost being possible.

Chairman Turner asked Vickie Neikirk to provide a summary of the contribution process to the Enotah Judicial Fund which White County participates in with Lumpkin, Towns, and Union Counties. Ms. Neikirk explained the County's contribution to the Fund had slightly decreased, as the administrators of the fund had decided to use a portion of their fund balance in order to assist the participating counties during this economic downturn.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments.

Vickie Neikirk expressed appreciation to the White County Elected Officials and Department Heads for their assistance in making the necessary, critical adjustments to the budget during such unusual economic conditions.

There being no further questions, the public hearing was adjourned.

The minutes of the Public Hearing held June 22, 2009 have been approved as stated this the 2nd day of July, 2009.

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s/ Travis C. Turner
Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/ Joe Campbell
Joe Campbell, Post 1

s/ Craig Bryant
Craig Bryant, Post 2

s/ Shanda Smallwood
Shanda Smallwood, County Clerk