

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL MET AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY MAY 18, 2004. PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS MCCLAIN, CARMONY, EBERHART, SMITH, KASTER AND THE AUDITOR. COUNCIL MEMBERS RIGGINS AND PARIS WERE BOTH ABSENT.

**MINUTES:**

A MOTION TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT MONTH DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A FULL QUORUM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WAS MADE BY MCCLAIN, SECOND SMITH, VOTE 5-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUVENILE INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 (PERSONAL SERVICES \$6,600.00 AND \$23,400.00 FOR OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES) WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND KASTER, VOTE 5-0.

**COUNTY ASSESSOR:**

A MOTION TO REDUCE 100-30-01-23 AND APPROPRIATE IT TO 100-09-03-91 FOR THE COUNTY ASSESSOR DUES WAS MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL BY CARMONY, SECOND SMITH, VOTE 5-0.

**SHERIFF FIREARMS TRAINING:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$1,000.00 FOR AMMUNITION SUPPLIES WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND MCCLAIN, VOTE 5-0.

**CUM BRIDGE:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$193,000.00 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS WAS MADE BY KASTER, SECOND CARMONY, VOTE 5-0.

**LOCAL ROAD AND STREET:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$45,000.00 FOR PHASE III LAND ACQUISITION WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND KASTER, VOTE 5-0.

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$673,747.00 FOR FLAT ROCK ROAD CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND KASTER, VOTE 5-0.

**HIGHWAY:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$117,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PAVER WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND MCCLAIN, VOTE 5-0.

**EDIT:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE \$8,000.00 FOR THE GWYNNEVILLE NORTH EAST REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND KASTER, VOTE 5-0.

**SHELBY COUNTY JAIL:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,603.29 FROM 100-05-01-46 TO 100-05-01-45 TO COVER CORPORAL PAY WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND MCCLAIN, VOTE 5-0.

**SUPERIOR COURT I:**

A MOTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00 FROM JURORS TO EQUIPMENT REPAIRS WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND SMITH, VOTE 5-0.

A MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00 FROM JURORS TO INTERPRETER WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND SMITH, VOTE 4-1, (MCCLAIN).

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR DISCUSSION OF 2002/2003 AND 2003/2004 ASSESSMENT DUE DATES AND TAX BILLING FOR 2003/2004 AND 2004/2005:**

THE COUNTY ASSESSOR STATED THAT AS OF TODAY HER OFFICE HAS COMPLETED THE 2003/2004 ASSESSING AND HAS INTERFACED WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

THE ASSESSOR SAID THE JULY 01 DATE WAS A QUESTION ASKED FROM COMMISSIONER WARNECKE IF THE OFFICE WOULD BE DONE BY JULY 01. THE OFFICE HAS STARTED ON 2004/2005, WITH NEW BUILDING PERMITS AND THEN SPLITS. THE CONTRACTOR WOULD NOT START UNTIL JUNE 01 AND THEY SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THEIR OFFICE BY AUGUST.

THE ASSESSOR STATED THAT 2002/2003 WAS FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND THE 2003/2004 IS AN INTERFACE OF NEW VALUES OR CHANGES. THE ASSESSOR SAID THEY ARE TRYING TO GET BACK ON TRACK. THE ASSESSOR SAID DURING A NORMAL YEAR SHE ROLLS VALUES TO THE AUDITOR IN LATE AUGUST. THE AUDITOR STATED THAT THOSE VALUES ARE USUALLY NOT RECEIVED UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER.

YALE SCHROCK ASKED THE ASSESSOR HOW MUCH REASSESSMENT COST. THE ASSESSOR ESTIMATED THE COST (ROUNDED TO) \$600,000.00 FOR THE VENDORS CONTRACT ONLY. THE COUNTY ASSESSOR STATED THAT THE CURRENT CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN WITH THE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY 17 YEARS AND SHE FELT HE GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND.

YALE SCHROCK ASKED THE ASSESSOR HOW MUCH THE ABATEMENTS HAD TO DO WITH THE DELAY? THE ASSESSOR SAID SHE DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ABATEMENTS. THE AUDITOR EXPLAINED THAT DURING EACH REASSESSMENT THE BASIS ON THE ABATED PROPERTIES HAS TO BE RECALCULATED AND THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE HAS ALWAYS RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. THE CONSULTANT PROVIDES THE INFORMATION AND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS ARE CALCULATED BY THE ASSESSING FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DLGF.

THE AUDITOR EXPLAINED THAT THE FIELD REP. WAS HERE ON THREE OCCASIONS AND THERE WAS A DELAY BECAUSE THE AUDITOR SENT THE INFORMATION TO THE STATE FOR REVIEW BECAUSE OF THE HUGE DISCREPANCIES. THE AUDITOR EXPLAINED THAT THE AREA FIELD REPRESENTATIVE CAME TO HER OFFICE, REVIEWED THE INFORMATION AND AGREED THAT THE ABATEMENTS NEEDED ADDITIONAL REVIEWS.

COUNCILMAN SMITH QUESTIONED THE AUDITOR'S REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS. THE AUDITOR EXPLAINED THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY HAS TO BE COMPLETED FOR SHELBYVILLE ADDISON, ALL DEDUCTIONS HAVE TO BE ENTERED IN THE SYSTEM, LAND VALUES HAVE TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE ON NEW CONSTRUCTION FOR ABATED PROPERTIES, PERSONAL PROPERTIES HAVE TO BE CALCULATED AND THEY HAVE TO BALANCE WITH THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

THE AUDITOR STATED NORMALLY IT ALLOWS ONE MONTH FOR THIS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BUT BECAUSE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE 1 1/2 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. THE AUDITOR EXPLAINED TO THE COUNCIL AFTER THE AV IS COMPLETED IT IS SENT TO THE STATE FOR CERTIFICATION, RATES ARE RECEIVED, THE ABSTRACT IS THEN COMPLETED AND SENT TO THE STATE AUDITOR FOR APPROVAL AND THEN THE COUNTY IS GIVEN AUTHORIZATION BY THE STATE TO BILL THE TAXES. THE LAST THING TO BE DONE IS THE CREATION OF THE TAX FILE AND SENDING IT TO THE VENDOR FOR PRINTING.

THE AUDITOR STATED THAT AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE TREASURER THEY HAVE PLANNED ON A ONE-TIME BILLING IN NOVEMBER. THE AUDITOR ALSO STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE EVERYDAY DUTIES IN HER OFFICE, SETTLEMENT BEING DONE, AND BUDGETS COMING UP IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE DONE BEFORE THEN.

**INNKEEPERS BUDGET:**

JOHN DEPREZ REQUESTED AN ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TO HEAR THE INNKEEPERS ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST. THE AUDITOR STATED THAT THE INFORMATION WAS NOT RECEIVED IN HER OFFICE ON TIME FOR ADVERTISEMENT. MR. DEPREZ REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON THE ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE.

JOHN DEPREZ REQUESTED THE COUNCIL ENTERTAIN A REQUEST TO HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM LARRY LUX FROM THE INNKEEPERS BOARD. MR. DEPREZ ASKED THE COUNCIL IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING AT A LATER DATE. MR. DEPREZ EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD HAS OUTSTANDING CLAIMS TO RUNNEBOHM THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID YET.

THE AUDITOR SAID WITH THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS THE MEETING COULD BE HELD 10 DAYS FROM THE ADVERTISEMENT DATE OF MAY 21, 2004 WHICH WOULD BE JUNE 02.

MR. DEPREZ SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NONE OF THE CLAIMS HAVE BEEN PAID. MR. LUX SAID THE PROJECT WAS GIVEN AN ADVANCE AND THE AMOUNT WOULD BE DUE JULY 01.

DAVID PHARES WANTED TO KNOW WHEN THE BUDGET WAS RECEIVED. COUNCIL PRESIDENT EBERHART STATED THAT THE MAIL WAS POST MARKED MAY 13. THE AUDITOR STATED THAT SHE RECEIVED THE BUDGET FROM JOHN DEPREZ THE EVENING OF MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AT THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. THE AUDITOR STATED IT WAS RECEIVED BY HER AFTER THE ADVERTISING DATE FOR THE CURRENT COUNCIL MEETING AND WOULD HAVE TO BE HELD UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING.

MR. DEPREZ SAID THE BUDGET WAS BOUNCED BACK AND FORTH FROM ONE INDIVIDUAL TO ANOTHER AND WHEN HE RECEIVED IT HE IMMEDIATELY GAVE IT TO THE AUDITOR TO FORWARD IT TO THE COUNCIL. MR. PHARES SAID THE BUDGET HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT LEAST 60 DAYS AND WANTED TO KNOW WHO DROPPED THE BALL.

COUNCILMAN CARMONY MOTIONED TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING, SECOND SMITH, VOTE 5-0. COUNCIL PRESIDENT EBERHART SAID THE COUNCIL HAD REQUESTED NOT ONLY THIS BUDGET BUT ALSO OTHER REQUESTS AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEM. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

EBERHART SAID THAT SOMEONE NEEDED TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND GET THINGS IN AND DONE ON TIME.

COUNCILMAN SMITH REQUESTED TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION TO DETERMINE IF A SPECIAL MEETING IS NEEDED. LARRY LUX STATED THE COST FOR THE WELCOME CENTER WOULD BE \$550,000.00. THE TOURISM BOARD IS REQUESTING \$216,500.00 TO BE PAID DOWN ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE REMAINING \$333,500.00 WOULD BE GETTING PAID FROM A LOAN FROM BANK ONE FOR 15 YEAR LEASE. THE YEARLY LEASE AMOUNT IS \$37,500.00 PER YEAR AND BECAUSE IT IS FIXED IT WOULD INCREASE EVERY YEAR FOR 5 YEARS AND AFTER FIVE YEARS THEY WOULD CONSIDER REPRISING THE LOAN. \$30,000.00 WOULD GO TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF THE PARK AND THE REMAINING WOULD GO TOWARDS MARKETING. MR. LUX STATED THAT THE BOARD WANTED TO HIRE A MARKETING FIRM TO HANDLE THE MARKETING NEEDS FOR SHELBY COUNTY FOR THE \$60,000.00. \$30,000.00 IS INCLUDED FOR OPERATIONAL COST.

MR. LUX EXPLAINED THE MARKETING FIRM SUGGESTED A PART TIME TOURISM DIRECTOR TO ANSWER PHONES, HAND OUT PAMPHLETS ON THE HOTEL, AND DELIVER FLYERS APPROXIMATELY 8-10 HOURS PER WEEK. MR. LUX SAID THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. THE INSIDE WILL HOUSE NON-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND PERMANENTLY HOUSE SCDC AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UTILITIES, PHONES, MAINTENANCE AND ALL CONDITIONS INSIDE THE BUILDING.

MR. LUX SAID THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OWNS THE BUILDING AND HAS THE NOTE, AND THE TOURISM BOARD WILL LEASE THE BUILDING FROM THEM FOR 15 YEARS. COUNCILMAN EBERHART SAID NOT ONLY IS THE COUNTY PAYING ON THE IMPROVEMENTS BUT THEY ARE ALSO PAYING A LEASE. MR. LUX SAID AFTER 15 YEARS THEY WOULD HAVE TO RENEGOTIATE WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. MR. LUX SAID HE COULDN'T SAY IF THERE WILL BE RENT AFTER THE 15 YEARS AND THERE COULD BE \$50,000.00 TO \$100,000.00 IN IMPROVEMENTS.

MR. LUX SAID THE REASON FOR THE 15 YEAR LEASE IS TO LOWER THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS AND INCREASE THE MARKETING DOLLARS. COUNCIL PRESIDENT EBERHART SAID THE COUNCIL SAID THEY ARE WAITING ON A RESOLUTION AND ASKED THAT IT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CARMONY, SECOND MCCLAIN, VOTE 5-0.

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*Margaret L. Brunk*

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SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR