

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY MAY 20, 2008 AT 5:00 P.M. PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS SMITH, FUCHS, CARMONY, DEBAUN, SANDERS, GRUBBS, BRUNK, AND THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

MINUTES:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2008 MADE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY FUCHS. APPROVED 7-0

ADDITIONALS / TRANSFERS:

COMMISSIONERS:

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN FUND 0100-130-01-1824 UNEMPLOYMENT TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,000.00 TO PAY FOR A PAST JAIL EMPLOYEE. MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY FUCHS SECOND BY SANDERS. APPROVED 6-1

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN FUND 0202-004-03-6213 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000.00 TO PAY FOR PHASE II 400 N FAIRLAND ROAD, FUND 0202-004-03-6325 PHASE III CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 AND FUND 0200-004-03-6315 PHASE III ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,000.00 THESE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS ARE ALL FOR 400 N FAIRLAND ROAD. MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY FUCHS, SECOND BY CARMONY, APPROVED 7-0

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

-REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN FUND 4412-000-02-1212 MISCELLANEOUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00 THIS IS GRANT MONEY THAT THEY RECEIVED AND NEED TO APPROPRIATE IT. MOTION TO APPROVED MADE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY BRUNK. APPROVED 7-0

-REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$415.00 FROM 0213-000-03-1263 (BOOK BINDING BIRTH AND DEATH) TO 0213-000-02-1213 (SUPPLIES PERSONAL HEALTH) THIS IS TO COVER IMMUNIZATIONS CLINICS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008. MOTION TO APPROVED MADE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY SANDERS. APPROVED 7-0

MISCELLANEOUS:

SENATOR JACKMAN:

JACKMAN ALONG WITH VIVIAN ROSS PRESENTED TWO HANDOUTS AND WENT THROUGH THEM SHOWING THE DIFFERENCE IN TAXES UNDER THE NEW HEA 1001 THAT WAS PASSED IN LEGISLATURE. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE OF PROPERTY TAX IN THE STATE IT IS A 6.3 BILLION DOLLAR PRICE TAG. WE HAVE REMOVED NINE LEVIES AND SHIFTED THEM OVER TO THE STATE SO THAT TAKES CARE OF 1 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT IS GOING TO LOWER PROPERTY TAXES STATE WIDE 16 2/3 %. NOW TO PAY FOR THAT WE RAISED THE SALES TAX .01. THE STATE IS GOING TO PUMP \$620 MILLION INTO THE PROPERTY TAX THING THIS YEAR. WHAT IS GOING TO MAKE THIS PERMANENT IS THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS. THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BE VOTED ON BY THE PUBLIC TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. THEY ARE GOING TO FAZE THESE IN OVER THE YEARS. LAST YEAR JACKMAN WAS HERE AND EXPLAINED THE LOIT TO CONSIDER TO ADOPT. TO GET TO PLAN C (PUBLIC SAFETY) YOU HAD TO ADOPT A & B, WELL THIS YEAR YOU HAVE A LOT MORE FLEXIBILITY. YOU CAN DO ABOUT ANYTHING TO FIT YOUR COUNTY OF CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE LOCAL OPTION INCOME

TAX. STILL THE ONLY NEW MONEY THAT YOU CAN RAISE IS THE .25 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVERYTHING ELSE WILL GO TO REPLACE PROPERTY TAXES DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR. THIS IS PRETTY MUCH THE GENERAL, AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE ON AND GET VIVIAN ROSS UP THERE TO GO OVER THE REST OF THE PAPERS.

THE SECOND SHEET OF THE PROVISIONS IS JUST A REFERENCE TO SHOW YOU WHEN THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS ARE IN EFFECT AND FOR WHICH TAXING UNITS AND GROUPS. CIRCUIT BREAKERS ARE A REVENUE LOSS TO THE TAXING UNIT AND WILL HAVE TO BE MADE UP SOME OTHER WAY OR CUT. IF YOU WERE TO ADOPT THE LOIT YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS YOU COULD PUT THE LOIT TO HOMESTEADS ONLY, TOA ALL RESIDENTIAL, OR BROAD BASE.

THE NEXT PAGE SHOWS YOU THE NET TAX IMPACT FOR THE VARIOUS TAXING UNITS. LEVY GROWTH IS GOING TO BE A LOT LESS THEN IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE NEXT PAGE IS THE YEAR OVER YEAR THAT PROVIDES YOU A LOOK BUT PUTS IT INTO PERSPECTIVE THAT IF YOU GO DOWN 29% IN ONE YEAR AND THEN GO UP 5% AND THEN ANOTHER 2.2% YOU ARE STILL 25% LESS THEN YOU 2007 AMOUNT. THIS CAN GET A LITTLE BOGGED DOWN WITHOUT LOOKING AT 2007.

THE NEXT PAGE IS THE SAME AS THE FIRST, BUT IT ASSUMES THAT YOU ADOPTED 1% CAGIT RATE AND USE 50% OF THE REVENUE TO PROVIDE PTRC BROAD BASE AND YOU USE 50% OF REVENUE TO PROVIDE JUST HOMESTEAD CREDITS. IT REDUCES THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ESTIMATES FOR THE TAXING UNITS. CARMONY ASKED IF THE PTRC GOES TO ALL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS, AND YES IT DOES IT EVEN GOES TOWARDS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES. THEN GRUBBS ASKED IF THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE OR GOING TO COME TO A STOP, THIS IS GOING TO STOP, THE ANSWER IS YES.

THE NEXT FEW PAGES ARE COMPARISONS FROM TODAY AND IF LOIT IS ADOPTED. THE LSA USES THE DATA THE COUNTY AUDITOR SUBMITS. ULTIMATELY THEY WOULD LIKE TO NOT HAVE HOMESTEAD CREDITS IN THE END AND HAVE LOCAL CONTROL OVER HOW THEY DISTRIBUTE HOMESTEAD AND PTRC DECIDING HOW IT'S GOING TO BE DISTRIBUTED. GRUBBS ASKED IF YOU COULD ADOPT LOIT ANYTIME YOU WANT. YES YOU MAY. THEN GRUBBS SAID THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE SHE HAS BEEN TALKING TO YOU MAY NOT BE WRITING THE CHECK TO THE TREASURER BUT IT COMING OUT OF YOUR PAYCHECKS. JACKMAN AGREED THIS IS JUST A SHIFT.

THE LAST THERE IS A TWO YEAR DISTRIBUTION OF \$50 & \$70 MILLION 50 IN 2009 AND 70 IN 2010. THIS IS TO HELP SCHOOLS THAT WILL HAVE CIRCUIT BREAKER LOSSES THAT ARE MORE THAN 2% LEVY. THIS IS THE ESTIMATED DOLLARS DISTRIBUTED TO THE SCHOOLS. THIS IS JUST A TWO YEAR APPROPRIATION. SMITH THEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE STATEMENT AT THE BOTTOM THAT SAYS "STATE DISTRIBUTIONS MAY CHANGE IF SHELBY OR OTHER COUNTIES ADOPT LOITS WHICH REDUCE CIRCUIT BREAKER LOSS BELOW 2% OF LEVY." THIS MEANS IF YOU ADOPT A LOIT OR ANY OTHER COUNTY ADOPTS THE LOIT IT COULD REDUCE A SCHOOLS LOSS BELOW THE 2% THRESHOLD, WHICH MEANS THEY WOULDN'T BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT. SMITH ASKED FROM THE SCHOOLS PERSPECTIVE IF WE DON'T ADOPT THE LOIT THEN THIS MEANS THAT THE STATE WOULD GIVE THEM THE DISTRIBUTION, BUT IF WE DO ADOPT THIS THE STATE WON'T DO THE DISTRIBUTIONS. GRUBBS ASKED IF WE COULD OFFSET SOME OF THIS LOSS WITH RACINO MONEY. YES YOU CAN, THIS COUNTY IS LUCKY THAT THEY HAVE THAT CHOICE, BUT A LOT OF OTHER COUNTIES WON'T HAVE THIS OTHER REVENUE. GRUBBS ASKED IF YOU COULD EXPLAIN WHY NORTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS DISTRIBUTION IS SO LOW COMPARED TO ALL OF THE OTHER SCHOOLS SYSTEMS. MY EDUCATIONAL GUESS IS THAT THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE ARE NOT ABOVE THE CIRCUIT BREAKER THRESHOLDS. AT THIS TIME SMITH WOULD LIKE TO TURN OVER THE QUESTIONS TO THE AUDIENCE. KEVIN CARSON ASKED - IF IN SHELBY COUNTY AND WE

ADOPTED THE LOIT TAX WE WOULD BE SUBSIDIZING OTHER COUNTIES WE WOULD ALSO BE HELPING OUT THE OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY.

COUNTY ASSESSOR:

LYNN PRESENTED TONIGHT A PLAN THAT SHE WOULD LIKE THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE FACTS ARE THAT WE CURRENTLY EXPECT TO GET THE NUMBERS TO THE AUDITOR BY JUNE 30, 2008 AND OUR RATIO STUDY HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009 THE STATE CAN START WITHHOLDING MONIES FROM ALL TAXING UNITS FOR INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN SUBMITTED ON TIME BY ALL OFFICES. AS OF JULY 1, 2008 THE COUNTY ASSESSOR WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE 13 TOWNSHIPS AS WELL AS THE ADDISON TWP WORK LOAD. IAAO RECOMMENDS THAT AN OFFICE HAVE 1 EMPLOYEE FOR EVERY 25 HUNDRED PARCELS OF LAND. THIS MEANS THAT WE WOULD NEED 11.5 EMPLOYEES. AT THIS TIME WE CURRENTLY HAVE 4 EMPLOYEES INCLUDING THE FLOAT POSITION IN MIKE FLYNN'S BUDGET. LYNN PLANS ON USING THE ADDISON TWP ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY AND HAVE THREE EMPLOYEES OVER THERE AND THEN POSSIBLE PART TIME HELP (TRUSTEES) DURING THE APRIL - MAY MONTHS. THESE POSITIONS STARTING NEXT YEAR CAN BE FUNDED WITH THE MONEY THAT IS NOT BEING PAID OUT TO THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY \$114,000.00. ALL OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES ARE PAID OUT OF REASSESSING FEES. LYNN STRESSED THEY ARE DOWN TO 5 WEEKS. LYNN STRESSED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF TRUSTEES THAT HELP THE FARMERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES COMPLETE THEIR FORMS. AND THEN ON THE COUNTY SIDE THEY WILL DO THE REAL PROPERTY WITH FOUR EMPLOYEES THIS WOULD PUT THEM IN THE NEED FOR ONE MORE EMPLOYEE ON TOP OF THE FIELD ASSESSOR THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED. LYNN ASKED FOR \$23,537.00 FOR THE FIELD POSITION AND ANOTHER \$20,306.92 FOR THE NEW DEPUTY ASSESSOR AT COMOT III LEVEL. MY GOAL IS NOT TO FALL BEHIND. IN ORDER TO GET CAUGHT UP AND STAY ON TOP OF THINGS THIS IS WHAT I NEED. LYNN WAS ADVISED BY THE COUNCIL THAT THEY COULD NOT AT THIS POINT MAKE ANY MOTIONS ON THE NEW POSITION OR THE FUNDING OF THE FIELD ASSESSOR BECAUSE THE DOLLARS WERE NOT ADVERTISED. SMITH THEN ASKED ABOUT THE FREEZING OF THE BUDGETS AND SPENDING ON THE ASSESSOR. THOSE DO NEED TO BE RELEASED AND AS OF JULY 1, 2008 THE AUDITOR WILL PUT THOSE FUNDS INTO THE ASSESSORS BUDGET. SMITH TOLD LYNN SHE WILL NEED TO GET WITH MIKE FLYNN AND PUT TOGETHER THIS NEW POSITION AND THEN GO BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL OF THE POSITION AND THEN COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE FUNDING.


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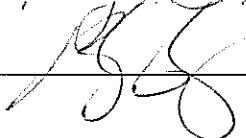
SANDERS ASKED IF ANY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE STATE CALLED COUNCIL CONFERENCE. AND ASKED IF AMY WOULD GET EVERYONE REGISTERED.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CARMONY SECOND BY FUCHS APPROVED 7-0

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