

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY MARCH 20, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M. PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS SMITH, FUCHS, CARMONY, BRUNK, GRUBBS, SANDERS, DEBAUN, AND THE AUDITOR.

MINUTES:

THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2007 WERE MOTIONED FOR APPROVAL BY SANDERS, SECOND BRUNK, WITH CHANGES MADE UNDER THE WHEEL TAX APPROVED 7-0

PROBATION:

REQUEST FOR PART TIME RECEPTIONIST TO HELP THE FULL TIME SECRETARY DUTIES AND WILL FILL IN FOR HER WHILE OUT FOR SURGERY. THEY WILL PAY FOR THIS PERSON OUT OF THE 410, MOTION MADE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY BRUNK APPROVED 7-0

PUBLIC DEFENDERS:

MR. LISHER & MR. LUX PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL A REQUEST FOR TWO MORE DEFENDERS AND A LEGAL INTERN. THIS IS TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THE STATE DUE TO THE CASE LOAD PER THE STATE. COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE STATE AND WAS ADVISED IF WE PUT SOMETHING IN PLACE FOR 2008 WE WOULD BE OK NOT HIRING SOMEONE THIS YEAR. THEY ALSO ASKED FOR A RAISE FOR THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER, THIS WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT WANTING ANOTHER RAISE WHEN HE WAS GIVEN A 3% RAISE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, LIKE ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, MR. LISHER ADVISED THAT HE WOULD WITH DRAW HIS REQUEST IF THEY WOULD BRING THE OTHER PUBLIC DEFENDERS UP TO SCALE WITH THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES. MR. LUX PRESENTED THAT THEY CAN'T PAY THE PUBLIC DEFENDERS ACCORDING TO THEIR CONTRACTS, HE WAS THEN ASKED BY THE COUNCIL WHY THE CONTRACT AMOUNTS WERE NOT PUT IN THE BUDGET THIS WAY, RESPONDING THAT THEY DON'T SIGN THE CONTRACTS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. THEY WERE THEN ADVISED TO TRY TO CHANGE THE TIMING OF THE CONTRACTS SO THAT THE PROPER AMOUNT COULD BE BUDGETED. DOUG BROWN TALKED AND PRESENTED THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN IN THIS SITUATION BEFORE AND HAVE DONE NOTHING ABOUT IT, AND THAT THEY ARE VIOLATING THEIR CONTRACT. MR. JOHNSON THEN SPOKE OF TWO PUBLIC DEFENDERS THAT ARE OR HAVE LEFT BECAUSE OF THE MONEY. MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE THREE POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR 2008 AND DENY THE PAY INCREASE AT THIS TIME BY BRUNK SECOND BY SANDERS, APPROVED 7-0

CORONER:

TOM LAUGHLIN PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY THAT THE CORONERS OFFICE WAS IN NEED OF MONEY TO PAY BILLS. THE CORONERS OFFICE IS ALWAYS SHORT MONEY DUE TO THE FACT THEIR BUDGET IS CUT SO MUCH EACH YEAR. HERE IT IS MARCH AND I HAVE ALREADY RUN OUT OF MONEY, ALL I WANT IS TO PAY MY EMPLOYEES AND THE BILLS. TOM ALSO PRESENTED THAT THEY HAVE ONLY ONE COMPUTER FOR EIGHT PEOPLE, HE HAS 19 CASES OPEN FROM LAST YEAR WITH NO MONEY TO ENCUMBER, OFFICE SUPPLY BUDGET WAS ONLY \$500 THIS PAYS FOR PAPER SUPPLIES, BODY BAGS ETC. AND NOW THE HOSPITAL HAS ADVISED HIM THAT HE CAN'T DISPOSE OF MEDICINES WITH THEM ANYMORE DUE TO THE COST. THE CORONERS OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE PHONE OR INTERNET SERVICE; EMPLOYEES ARE USING THEIR OWN SOURCES. COUNCIL CAN MAKE NO MOVE ON THIS TODAY DUE TO ADVERTISING ISSUES, SO THEY WILL MEET AT 5:00 P.M. ON MARCH 27, 2007 TO VOTE ON THIS.

WHEEL TAX:

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE ACCORDING TO FIRST READING BY SANDERS SECOND BY FUCHS. FLOOR WAS OPENED TO COMMITS FROM COUNCIL – NONE MADE, FLOOR WAS THEN OPENED TO PUBLIC – DAVE ERNSTES TALKED ABOUT THE EXPENSE THAT WOULD BE INCURRED FOR HIS BUSINESS WITH OVER 500 TRUCKS ON TOP OF THE HEAVY HIGHWAY TAX, FUEL TAX, WE ARE BE TAXED TO MUCH, AND HE IS ASKING NOT TO APPROVE THIS TAX. SUE KEATON FROM MORRISTOWN COUNCIL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS TAX BECAUSE THE MONEY WILL HELP THEIR COUNCIL GET THEIR ROADS PAVED. MIKE SMITH THEN SPOKE NOT IN FAVOR OF THE TAX, BUT SAID IF IT DOES PASS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM NOT ONLY REPAVE THE ROADS BUT WIDEN THEM ALSO. LINDA CONNER SPOKE AGAINST THE TAX SAYING THAT THIS IS UNFAIR TO FARMERS, AND MOTORCYCLE OWNERS BECAUSE THEIR VEHICLES ARE ONLY USED ½ OF THE YEAR. CLOSED FLOOR AND A VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE. VOTE PASSED 5-2 (BRUNK & GRUBBS NOT IN FAVOR)

ASSESSOR:

LYNN ASKED THE AUDITOR TO PRESENT THAT THEY SHOULD BE READY TO ROLL TO THE AUDITOR BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

COMMISSIONER NEWTON BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL THE REQUEST TO SALE THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, THEY WILL SET UP A SPECIAL FUND AND USE THE MONEY FOR ONLY PURCHASING THE HOUSES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ANNEX FOR PARKING AND A MAINTENANCE BUILDING. MOTION MADE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY SANDERS APPROVED 7-0

TONY ALSO BROUGHT UP A TRANSFER THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE AUDITORS OFFICE IN FEBRUARY FOR \$15,000.00 FROM WORKMEN'S COMP TO UNEMPLOYMENT TAX AND WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT. THE AUDITOR SPOKE UP AND SAID SHE DIDN'T RELIES THAT THE TRANSFER HAD TO GO BEFORE THE COUNCIL SINCE THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED IT. MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE BY GRUBBS SECOND BY SANDERS APPROVED 7-0

RECORDER:

THE RECORDER BROUGHT FOR AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ENHANCED ACCESS FUND TO BE ADOPTED. THIS ORDINANCE IS FOR A SPECIAL FUND AND ACCOUNT TO BE SET UP SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN GO ON LINE AND ACCESS HER RECORDS AND IF THEY WANT TO PRINT THEM THEY HAVE TO PAY AND THE MONEY WILL GO INTO THAT ACCOUNT. MOTION TO APPROVE BY SANDERS SECOND BY GRUBBS APPROVED 7-0.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR:

TONY NEWTON & SCOTT FERGUSON PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL TO MAKE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR NEEDS TO BE A FULL TIME POSITION. THEY THINK THE PROGRAM IS MISSING OUT ON GRANTS THAT COULD REALLY HELP THE COUNTY OUT ON ITS FUNDING. THEY FIGURED THEY WOULD NEED TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE, HAVE GAS EXPENSES AND THE SALARY. HOMELAND SECURITY IS GOING TO START RATING YOU COUNTY SO THIS WILL REGULATE YOUR FUNDING. THIS WOULD BE NEW IN 2008.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY CARMONY SECOND BY BRUNK, VOTE 7-0.

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Terry A. Smith
Bryce
Gordon Long
T. K. Deane
L. J. Smith
Muel A. Brink

ATTEST:

AMY L. GLACKMAN
SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR