

THE SHELBY COUNTY COUNCIL MET ON TUESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. PRESENT WERE COUNCIL MEMBERS, SMITH, CLAXTON, TITUS, LANGKABEL, FISCHER, ASHER, SANDERS, COUNTY ATTORNEY (LEE MCNEELY) THE COUNTY DEPUTY AUDITOR.

**SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY TAX:**

TONY TITUS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND WENT OVER THE PUBLIC SAFETY TAX AND THE REASON THE COUNCIL IS LOOKING AT THE TAX, THE COUNTY HAS HAD A NUMEROUS REVENUE SHORTAGES, AND AT THIS TIME THE FLOOR WAS OPENED FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

**TODD DAY** – WAS NOT FOR THE TAX AND ASKED ABOUT THE LOTTERY MONEY THAT IS SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR THE SHERIFF PENSIONS.

**MIKE STEPHENSON** – WAS FOR THE TAX AND ASKED HOW COULD YOU NOT PASS YOU HAVE LOST REVENUES, HE HAS SPOKE WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE AND NOT TOO MANY HAVE SAID YOU DON'T NEED THE TAX, THIS COUNTY NEEDS THE MONEY.

AT THIS TIME COUNCIL TITUS WENT OVER THE DIFFERENT REVENUES THAT EACH UNIT WOULD RECEIVE:

COUNTY: \$947,249  
CITY OF SHELBYVILLE: \$1,234,403  
ST PAUL: \$2,775  
EDINBURGH: \$22,732  
MORRISTOWN: \$41,749  
FAIRLAND: \$4,225

**DON CURRY**- ASKED WHERE DID THE NUMBER 13 COME FROM FOR THE JAIL EMPLOYEES, SHERIFF PARKS EXPLAINED THE STATE AUDIT AND THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE SAYING WE NEED FOR THE AMOUNT OF INMATES THE COUNTY HAS AT THIS TIME.

**PEYTON MCQUEEN** – ASKED HOW MUCH MONEY HAS THE COUNTY SAVED IN RACINO MONEY AND WHY DON'T THEY USE THIS MONEY TO FUND WHAT THE COUNTY IN NEED OF?

THIS WAS ALL OF THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION THAT WENT ON. AT THIS TIME TONY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL FOR INDIVIDUAL THOUGHTS ON THE TAX.

**TONY TITUS:**

TONY ADVISED HE DOESN'T WANT THE TAX BUT WITH THE REVENUE THAT THE COUNTY IS LOOSING THERE ISN'T ANYTHING ELSE THE COUNTY CAN DO. IF WE DON'T ADOPT IT TONIGHT THEN WE LOOSE A WHOLE YEAR OF COLLECTION AND THEN HAVE TO WAIT TWO YEARS TO TAKE ACTION WITH NEW EMPLOYEES.

**LEIGH LANGKABEL:**

LEIGH ADVISED THAT THEY WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THE COUNTY AND TAX PAYERS. THE RACINO MONEY COULD GO AWAY AT ANY TIME. HE SEES IT THAT THERE ISN'T VERY MANY HERE TO SPEAK FOR IT OR AGAINST IT AND THAT TELLS HIM THE TAX PAYERS ARE PUTTING THEIR TRUST INTO THE COUNCIL.

**BRYAN FISCHER:**

BRYAN HAS BEEN BATTLING BACK AND FORTH WITH THIS. EVERYONE IS FED UP WITH FEDERAL TAXES AND THEY DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH MORE TAXES, BUT THE COUNTY TAXES ARE OUR SERVICES THAT WE RECEIVE.

- WE NEED TO LOOK INTO INEFFICIENCIES AND THEN WE COULD ADOPT IT, BUT NOT RIGHT NOW
- BUDGET IS SHORED UP FOR THE 2016 YEAR, SO LETS WORK ON FINDING THE IN-EFFICIENCIES FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS.

**LINDA SANDERS:**

UMBAUGH HAS TALKED TO US, THE MAYOR HAS ASKED US BEFORE AND WE HAVE SAID NO AND DROPPED IT AND NOW WE ARE BRINGING IT UP AGAIN. SHE FEELS RUSHED, WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT IT AND FEELS LIKE WE NEED IT, BUT NOT RIGHT NOW

**SCOTT ASHER:**

SCOTT ADVISED THAT IF WE HAD A POWER POINT PEOPLE WOULD UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT WE NEED IT. HE FEELS WE NEED TO GO WITH IT AND START THE COLLECTION OF REVENUE AND WORK ON IT THIS YEAR, IF NOT WE LOOSE A YEAR OF COLLECTIONS AND HAVE TO WAIT TWO YEARS.

**RYAN CLAXTON:**

RYAN HAS SPENT A LOT OF TIME LOOKING AT THIS LONG AND HARD. THE COUNCIL IS THE FISCAL STEWARDS OF THE BUDGET. RYAN WENT THRU THE YEARLY REPORT BOOK FROM INDIANA FARM BUREAU ON EACH COUNTY; HE GAVE LOTS OF STATISTICS OF WHY THE COUNTY NEEDS THIS. HE FEELS WE SHOULD GO AHEAD AND DO IT THIS YEAR.

**TERRY SMITH:**

TERRY ADVISED THAT PERRY COUNTY & HENRY COUNTY HAVE PASSED THIS TAX, BUT YET BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY DIDN'T, THIS 2016 BUDGET HAS ALREADY PASSED WHY NOT WAIT ONE MORE YEAR AND LOOK AT THINGS AND HOW THINGS ARE GOING TO BE SPENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT ONE MORE YEAR.

AT THIS TIME TONY TITUS OPENED THE FLOOR ONE MORE TIME, BUT NO MORE COMMITS WERE MADE BY THE COUNCIL OR THE PUBLIC. TITUS AT THIS TIME READ ORDINANCE 2015-36.

TITUS ADVISED LETS VOTE THEN, NO ONE OBJECTED WITH TAKING A VOTE.

MOTION TO APPROVE WAS MADE BY CLAXTON, SECONDED BY LANGKABEL, APPROVED 4-3 (SANDERS, SMITH & FISCHER)

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ASHER SECONDED BY FISCHER  
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SHELBY COUNTY AUDITOR