WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL

YEAR 2009-2010

HELD JUNE 29, 2009, AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners conducted a second Public Hearing on June 29, 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 explained that the budget process in s process which takes several months to complete each year and 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.

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

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments.

Sheriff Neal Walden expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners and Ms. Neikirk for the position they took in forming the FY 10 budget; however he urged then to be mindful of the County Employees and to review their decision of no salary increases for the County Employees at the first of 2010, based on the economic situation at that time.

Odessa Davis, a member of the White County Senior Center, expressed her appreciation for the assistance of the Board of Commissioners in supporting the expansion at the White County Senior Center.

There being no further questions, the public hearing was adjourned to a called meeting.

The minutes of the Public Hearing held June 29, 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