On Wednesday, June 1, 2011, the White County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and first reading of the proposed fiscal year 2012 budget – for the budget year beginning July 1, 2011. Present at the meeting were Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Carol Jackson, Finance Director Vicki Mays, and County Clerk Shanda Smallwood.

Budget comparison sheets for FY 2009 – FY 2012 (Proposed) and FY 2012 Budget Summaries were made available for the public review. Vicki Mays also reminded the audience that line item proposed budgets by department were available for viewing on the county’s website.

Chairman Turner called the Public Hearing to order.

Ms. Carol Jackson presented the FY 2012 Proposed Budget (see the following presentation). She summarized that she was presenting the Board of Commissioners with a balanced budget with the general fund being balanced at $13,052,000.00 which was down from the FY 2011 of $13,513,519.00 (a difference of $461,259.00). Ms. Jackson stated the proposed budget reflected a projected decrease in tax revenues of $247,010.00. She noted that all department heads and elected officials had been extremely cooperative in their efforts to reduce the FY 2012 budget during the difficult economic circumstances. Ms. Jackson also explained that the seventeen separate funds, outside of the general fund, totaled $5,107,381.32 – which was an increase from the FY 11 budget total of $5,016,683.02 (increase of $91,698.30). She stated this increase was a reflection of the debt service on the jail project bonds which was required to be stated within the budget. Ms. Jackson emphasized that some difficult decisions were required in order to present a balanced budget – including reductions in staff across several departments and elimination of the County’s contribution to employee retirement.

Following the presentation, Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. John Jordan - Mr. Jordan stated he had some concerns regarding the proposed budget and that in the interest of time he would be forwarding a list of his questions and concerns to the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Turner announced that a second public hearing would be held on Monday, June 13, 2011 immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 4:30 p.m.

The minutes of the June 1, 2011 Public Hearing are hereby approved as stated this 13th day of June, 2011.