

**Cannon County,  
Tennessee  
Board of  
Commissioners  
Legislative Minutes**

**August 1,12,13,15,16,20,27,  
2019**

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Brent Bush called the meeting to order Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the courtroom of the Cannon County Courthouse.

### PRAYER

Prayer was led by Commissioner Greg Mitchell.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brent Brandon.

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey, Jr. All Present.

### READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Kim Davenport stated that there are two corrections that need to be made, the tax freeze is for taxpayers 65 and older only and the TCA Number is 67-5-1515. Motion to approve with all amendments was made by Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Matt Tepley, Administrator of Elections, reminded the Commission that they are a Maintenance of Effort office and the county does not have to add money but cannot cut money without the approval of the Election Commission. Mr. Tepley explained that they will need \$14,500 for the March Election but that money will be reimbursed by the State. Tepley said previously he was given a set amount so that he is not covered on the county's insurance. If he takes the county's insurance it would cost the county \$400.00 per month when currently it is only costing just over \$300.00 per month.

Rick Shaner questioned Executive Bush about an article in the Cannon Courier about a check written for \$7,500. Executive Bush responded that the check was for an insurance deductible and was approved by the previous Commission and was written June 25, 2018 by the previous administration.

Diane Turner addressed the Commission about the budget committee and how Dana Davenport deserved their attention and should not have been walked out on. Also she said the Commission works for the people and not the officeholders. She felt that the Commission does not have to give any dept everything they ask for, she said Sheriff Young and Solid Waste could settle for less. Commissioner Jim Bush responded to Mrs. Turner about the sheriff's budget and offered to go over figures with her.

### NOTARIES

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford to approve the notary applications of Phuong Emily Nguyen and Anna M. Pittman. Motion was carried by Voice Vote.

### Mark Farley, Executive Director - Upper Cumberland

Mark Farley, Executive Director with the Upper Cumberland Development District addressed the Commission about the dues for the Human Resource Agency and the Upper Cumberland Development District. Mr. Farley described the various programs they have and the assistance they provide counties, and the assistance with grants. He stated that he understood the financial position our County is in, but hopes that if we do not have the funds this year that we could give them a commitment that when we are back on our feet that we would put those dues back in our budget.

### Discuss Barrett Group:

Resolution - General Litigation

Resolution - Adequate Facilities Tax

Donna Barrett with the Barrett Group updated the work that has been done so far. There are 7 new tax streams, 4 have been implemented recovery to date for a total of \$66,636.10 (re-occurring) and \$35,004.02 (one time). The 3 new proposed additional incomes are General Sessions Judge Tax, General Sessions Jail/Courthouse Tax, & Adequate Facilities Tax with a projected re-occurring tax of \$204,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush to adopt Resolution 2019-2 increasing the current \$60.00 litigation fee to \$110.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeannine Floyd. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeannine Floyd to adopt Resolution 2019-14- General Sessions Judge Tax increasing the current \$15.00 per case to \$25.00 per case. This tax will be delegated to paying the Judge's salary. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion Carried.

The Adequate Facilities Tax is a tax that was previously voted down. This tax is a per square foot fee that would be on all new construction homes and apartments. Public buildings, Agricultural buildings, disaster repair, 501c3's are all exempt. The money will go to fund Capital Expenditures for the Public School System. This Resolution will need  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote, at two (2) consecutive, regularly scheduled meetings. Commissioner Corey Davenport questioned about the money being used for other things. Mrs. Barrett read a separate Resolution that was drawn up that said 100% of proceeds this schools adequate facility tax if adopted will be budgeted in the fund balance of Education Debt Service Fund for future construction needs and a new school facility for Cannon County public schools. That resolution would limit this money collected to school construction. A second section that the interest earned on the balance here going forward would be remitted back to General Debt Education Services. Commissioner Corey Davenport would like something from the Comptroller's office stating that we can use this tax to pay the payment of the 100,000.00. Mrs. Barrett offered to search out with the Comptroller about the new revenue, the interest, and also confirmation that this money can be dedicated and will get back to the Commission the second meeting. The County Executive's Office will collect this tax. A motion was made by Commissioner Jeannine Floyd, seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush to approve \$.90 per square foot Adequate Facilities Tax. Voting Aye:

Voting Aye: Jeannine Floyd, Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford. Motion Carried. Resolution will require a second vote.

#### Approve TRANS Notes for FY19/20 from Comptroller, State of TN

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to approve \$600,000.00 TRANS Note with the stipulation that it is only if we need it. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. After discussion it was decided no vote was necessary and Commissioner Davenport withdrew his motion and Commissioner Gannon withdrew his second.

#### Approve Appropriations for FY 2019/2020

County Executive and Chairman Bush provided a proposal in the packets and the process is the appropriations and then setting the tax rate. Commissioner Jim Bush recommended taking the proposal home and looking at it for a couple of weeks. Commissioner Corey Davenport recommended going over the budgets that everyone agrees with. Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to accept the proposed budget by Ronnie Mahaffey. Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey stated this proposed budget is just a framework for all 10 Commissioners to come together on. Commissioner Jeannine Floyd said that the Commission needs to work on the School's Budget. Commissioner Russell Reed said that last year the Commission approved \$.685 for the school's budget. The School rejected that amount and wanted \$.75 but the Commission approved permission for the school to take the difference out of their reserves. The County only funded the \$.685. Commissioner Jeannine Floyd made a motion to not approve the School budget at \$.85. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. After discussion motion was

withdrawn. Commissioner Jim Bush requested that a speed limit be set at 20mph for Rogers Rd. Commissioner Jim Bush made a motion to set speed limit at 20 mph. Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. After discussion the motion and second was amended to 30 mph. Motion was approved by Voice Vote.

Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey shared the thoughts of Clark Boyd and that he had wanted to be there but was not able to. He had fought for the portion of the Hotel/Motel tax to be put back to the General Fund through a private act because we ask for it and the Commission did not pass it. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Kim Davenport made a motion to reactivate the Jail Study Committee and it should be made up of Commissioners only as Commissioners will be the ones funding it. Commissioner Jeannine Floyd seconded the motion. Commissioner Kim Davenport rescinded the motion.

The Commission started going over the budget by each department. No votes were taken. The meeting was recesses until August 12, 2019

August 12, 2019

Call to Order (Recessed from August 1, 2019)

Roll Call

PRESENT: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey.

ABSENT: Jeannine Floyd

Tyler Wakefield with the Forestry Division Wildland Fire Response was present to answer any questions from the Commission. Mr. Wakefield explained the line in the budget for \$1,500.00. This is used for the equipment to respond to wildfires, 3 full time and 2 part time staff on call during fire season, 1 type 6 engine and 1 dozier.

Commissioner Karen Ashford gave a statement of opinion of remarks that were made at the August 1, meeting by Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey. Commissioner Ashford said in her statement she felt singled out and that she had not received more overtime than anyone else. This agency is a 24/7 job and someone has to be there, a dispatcher is a lifeline to the citizens of this county as well as emergency personal. Commissioner Ashford stated she was chairman of the budget committee this year and listened and tried to do the best job that she could and she felt like the four members that walked out was disrespectful to her and the other members of the budget committee. "Our goal as commissioners to the citizens of this county is to do the best job we can and for the employees also."

Roy Sullivan, 911 Director made a statement that at the August 1 meeting there seemed to be much confusion regarding the 911 service in Cannon County and the funding structure. The County Commission, City of Woodbury, 911 Board all agreed in the beginning that the 911 Center is by far the most cost effective way to fund dispatch operations. County Government has always had the responsibility to fund the cost of dispatch operations. State law states the call center has one of three responsibilities to dispatch 911 calls, direct dispatch (how Cannon County is set up), relay the call, or transfer the call to another location. In 2007 all dispatchers became employees of the 911 District, with the county and city giving contributions to the 911 District. The payroll was kept at the Courthouse to which seemed to be the best method at the time. In 2016, County Auditor, stated that 911 must cease reporting to TN Consolidated Retirement because they are not employees of the county. Since 2016, 911 District has had its own TCRS rate and it is set by the state at 5.21%. Director Sullivan stated that he had asked the County Mayor, and all stakeholders for 911 dispatchers and budget service on several occasions to sit down to discuss the budget structure. The overtime expenditures is a justified concern but should not have been directed at Karen Ashford. Sullivan said he strongly believes that the

county district employees are an asset and investment and has recommended to the 911 board that their benefits must be a priority to reduce the turnover rate. Commissioner Mahaffey questioned Director Sullivan about the Interlocal Government Agreement that was executed in August 2018, Sullivan responded that it was because the raise in the contribution rate. In 2006 there was no dollar amount and the State 911 Board requested having this on file. Commissioner Mahaffey said any Interlocal Agreements must be authorized by each governing body of each party to the contract and it was not brought before the Commission. Director Sullivan stated the County Attorney at the time, approved the contract and it was brought before the budget committee and the commission received a copy. Commissioner Mahaffey also questioned about the overtime received by Karen Ashford due to her being a 911 dispatcher and school bus driver. Director Sullivan said that it was when the payroll was still at the courthouse and at that time they were under the impression that they were county employees. Now the payroll is out of the courthouse and is separate with a separate governing board. No employee receives overtime unless it is over 40 hours. Commissioner Kim Davenport would like the lawyer to look at the contract. Commissioner Corey Davenport said that if they cut the \$49,000 then they would have to look at how it would affect the Sheriff's Dept if 911 shut down. Commissioner Karen Ashford and Sheriff Darrell Young stated with all the computers and equipment that the Sheriff's Dept would not have the space to move dispatch to the Sheriff's Dept.

Commissioner Randy Gannon moved to go over budget by department, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. Motion was approved by Voice Vote.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion to disapprove the \$.85 School Budget, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Pass: Karen Ashford. Motion Carried.

5100 County Commission - Motion to approve budget as is \$10,735.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Kim Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried

51240 Other Boards and Committees (Audit Committee)

Motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve \$34.00 budget, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

51300 County Mayor - Motion to change line 331 to \$5,000 for a total of \$172,276.00 was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

51500 Election Commission - Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. After discussion Commissioner Davenport rescinded his motion. No vote was taken.

51600 Register of Deeds - Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$116,050.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

51720 Planning BZA - Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$18,290 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Brent Brandon. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

51800 County Buildings - Motion to change line 328 to \$11,000 and approve budget in the amount of 199,045.00 was made by Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey, seconded by Commissioner Kim Davenport. Voting Aye: Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

51910 Preservation of Records - Motion to approve budget amount of \$4,000.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

52000 Finance - Motion to approve budget amount of \$154,395.00 was made by Commissioner Greg Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

52300 Property Assessor's Office - Changes to line items 317 to \$4,173.00, 169 to \$14,000.00, 191 to 1,250.00 and earmark new revenue stream of \$12,191.00 for the Property Assessor's Office. Total Budget amount \$151,078.00. Motion to approve with these changes was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford. Voting Nay: Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Motion Failed.

Motion was made by Commission Corey Davenport for changes to line items 317 to \$4,173.00, 169 to \$14,000.00, 191 to \$1,250.00 and use the new revenue stream paid by the city for these increases, any funds left over out of the \$12,191.00 will go into the general fund. Total budgeted amount of \$147,000.00. Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

52400 County Trustee's Office - Motion was made to approve as written \$169,003.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commission Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

52500 County Clerk's Office - Motion to approve as written \$181,647.00 was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Pass: Corey Davenport Motion Carried.

55130 Ambulance - Motion was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford to approve budget in the amount of \$1,071,649.00, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. This is the same tax rate as 2018/2019 (560511) budget and insurance is \$600.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Greg Mitchell Motion Failed.  
Recessed until Tuesday August 13 at 5:30.

August 13, 2019

Call to Order - (Recessed from August 12)

Roll Call - Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd.

Marsha Petty, Library Director spoke about the importance of the partnership with the Adams Memorial Library and State of Tennessee and Cannon County. Cannon County has a Maintenance of Effort with the Library of \$159,637.00 as of last year. The Adams Memorial Association provides the 2 million dollar building, its upkeep and cleaning. The budget proposed is the same as last year. Because of the change in health insurance they are asking to use savings from TCRS and the city's contribution to cover \$7,200. The employee would still pay \$82.00 and \$580.00 would be coming out of the budget.

54110 Sheriff's Department

With changes made to budget a motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon to approve est. budget amount of \$1,416,510.00. Voting Aye: Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Greg Mitchell, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Pass: Brent Brandon Motion Failed.

53100 Circuit Court

Motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush to approve budget in the amount of \$243,055.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

53300 General Sessions Court

Motion was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve budget in the amount of \$110,277.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

53400 Chancery Court

Motion was made by Commissioner Greg Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford to approve budget in the amount of \$127,323.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Pass: Corey Davenport Motion Carried.

### 53500 Juvenile Court

Motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon to approve budget in the amount of \$23,347.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

### 53700 Judicial Commissioners

With changes a motion was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve budget amount of \$35,880.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

### 53910 Probation Services

Motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve budget amount of \$61,099.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

### 53920 Courtroom Security (Grant)

Approved with no vote

### 53930 Victim Assistance Programs (SAVE)

Approved with no vote.

### 54490 Other Emergency Management

Motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford to approve budget in the amount of \$121,110.00. Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

### 54610 Medical Examiner

Motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell to approve budget in the amount of \$13,477.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

### 55110 Local Health Center

Motion was made by Commissioner Jim Bush, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport to approve budget in the amount of \$33,254.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport. Voting Nay: Ronnie Mahaffey Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

### 55310 Regional Mental Health Center (Health Dept Grant)

Approved with no vote.

55510 General Welfare Assistance (Grant)

Approved with no vote.

55710 Sanitation Management (Litter Program)

Approved with no vote.

56500 Library

Motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell to approve budget amount of \$187,000.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell to recess until Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

August 15, 2019

Call to Order - (Recessed from August 13, 2019)

Roll Call

Present: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd

54310 Fire Prevention and Control

Michael Underhill and Tim Bell answered questions about the fire department and the status of the 501c3. They explained that they are in the process of dissolving the 501c3. Commissioner Randy Gannon made a motion to approve budget amount of \$111,493.00, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Greg Mitchell, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Brent Brandon. Abstain: Jim Bush Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Failed

Commissioner Karen Ashford made a motion to approve budget amount \$116,675.00, Commissioner Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

51500 Election Commission

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to approve \$166,514.00, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. The Election Commission had not approved this budget resulting in Commissioner Corey Davenport rescinding his motion.

56700 Parks and Fair Boards (Community Ctr)

A motion to approve budget amount of \$15,600.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried

57100 Agriculture Extension Office

A motion to approve budget amount of \$70,722.00 was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

58300 Veteran's Service

A motion to approve budget amount of \$12,500.00 was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport,

Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Ronnie Mahaffey.  
Voting Nay: Kim Davenport Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 58400 Other Charges

Motion to approve the budget amount of \$268,485.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 58500 Contributions

Motion to approve budget amount of \$247,985 was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 58600 Employee Benefits (Litter Grant)

Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$11,651.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 58900 Miscellaneous

Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$26,398.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 76100 Regular Capital Outlay

Motion was made by Commissioner Greg Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford to approve budget amount of \$8,200.00. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

#### 55710 Sanitation Management

Motion to approve budget amount of \$431,119.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Brent Brandon. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Abstain: Jim Bush Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

Commissioner Randy Gannon moved to recessed the meeting until Friday, August 16, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

August 16, 2019

Call to Order (recessed from August 15, 2019)

Roll Call

Present - Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd.

Commissioner Kim Davenport read something from Lori Bernard with the Comptroller's Office. She said the budget must be adopted no later than August 31 and she strongly recommend that the board focus on the big picture and follow their adopted cash management and fund balance policies. The board should focus on the services that are Constitutionally required and if there is no money available for other things then cut those.

55130 Ambulance Services

Ambulance Service budget was discussed but no vote. Will bring back Tuesday August 20.

54110 Sheriff's Department

Motion was made to approve budget in the amount of \$1,423,419.00 was made by Commissioner Russell Reed, seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport. Voting Nay: Ronnie Mahaffey Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

Chairman Bush announced that the \$100,000.00 had came through for the roof repair of the Courthouse. Meeting was recessed until Tuesday August 20, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

August 20, 2019

Call to Order (recessed from August 16)

Roll Call

Present - Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey.

Notaries

Motion to approve Felicia Brown and Anita Parton's notary application was made by Commissioner Greg Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Randy Gannon. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

Chairman Bush made sure that everyone received the letter from the Comptroller's Office.

Commissioner Karen Ashford made a motion to not renew the contract with the Barrett Group. Commissioner Russell Reed seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Brent Brandon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Failed.

54210 Jail

Motion to approve the budget amount of \$1,135,556.00 was made by Commissioner Jim Bush, seconded by Commissioner Kim Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

55130 Ambulance Service

Motion to approve budget amount of \$1,075,841.00 was made by Commissioner Karen Ashford, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

51500 Election Commission

Motion to approve budget amount of \$165,354.00 was made by Commissioner Jim Bush, seconded by Commissioner Kim Davenport. Voting Aye: Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford, Randy Gannon. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

### 52400 County Trustee's Office

Since the last vote the Trustee has hired a new employee that is taking the county insurance which will change the budget amount. A motion to approve new budget amount of \$173,803.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

### 131 Highway/Public Works

Motion was made to approve budget in the amount of \$4,314,902.00 was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd Motion Carried.

### 151 General Debt Service

It was decided to hold before a vote on this line.

Commissioner Kim Davenport made a motion to hold a formal public hearing for the budget be held prior to the Commission voting on the final appropriations for the budget and the property tax levy. This public hearing will be advertised in the local paper. At that public hearing any county taxpayer will have two minutes to address their concerns and thoughts on the proposed budget. I request this vote be tallied, roll call vote so the voters know who is opposed to allowing the public to give input on the final budget and tax increase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Karen Ashford Absent: Jeannine Floyd 8 For, 1 Against, 1 Absent Motion Carried. This public hearing will be held Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:30.

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to recess this meeting and for everyone to take this budget home, and look at it, and come back Thursday, August 20 at 5:30.

August 27, 2019

Call to Order (Recessed from August 20, 2019)

Roll Call

Present: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd.

Jason Mumpower, Deputy Comptroller with the TN State Comptroller's Office was present to explain some of the process of the budget and to offer advice or assistance. Mr. Mumpower stated that we are only days away from the statutory deadline that is required to adopt a budget. Cannon County is the only county in Tennessee without an adopted budget. Deputy Comptroller Mumpower stated that as Commissioners you only have one responsibility and that is to adopt a balanced budget. He strongly encouraged the Commission to live up to the only obligation the only duty to the citizens of Cannon County and that is to adopt a balanced budget. Mumpower explained that September 1 at midnight the Comptroller will act immediately to take control of the budget. If the Commission fails to adopt a budget by September 1 all spending will be suspended and can not be conducted until approved by the Comptroller. Mr. Mumpower answered questions from the Commission and from the public. Kim Davenport asked if we try to adopt a budget tonight can this be done without the school budget? Brian Burkland answered by saying by Operation of Law, the school will have a budget. If you want to adopt a different budget you will have to do it before Friday. You can't set a tax levy until all budgets are set. The school budget Operation of Law is last year's budget plus any mandated improvements. Tom Floyd said that we have been working without a budget for a number of years, why is this different now? Mr. Mumpower corrected Mr. Floyd in saying that Cannon County has been operating under a budget and the County Commission has not walked this close to the line in recent years. Mr. Floyd also ask again about the school budget and Mr. Mumpower stated if the budget was not passed by August 31 the school budget is automatically the school budget from last year plus the mandated. Russell Reed ask is the operational budget of the school what the County sets or is it what they were approved to spend from their reserves? Mr. Burkland said it is what they used last year total. Corey Davenport ask what if we want to approve less than what they want? Mr. Burkland said that the only budget that could be approved up until August 31 is what the School submitted and it must be approved by both bodies. After August 31 it would go to the Operation of Law and revert back to last years budget. Rick Shaner ask about the MOE and if the number of students go down does it affect the amount the County kicks in? Mr. Burkland said that the State Dept of Education calculates that. It is called a second tier Maintenance of Effort test. Mr. Mumpower stated that if you had a year after year it may affect, but not after just a year or two. Clark Boyd was present and stated that he is willing to help and

his office is available if Cannon County needed them. He recommended that the Commission lay their differences aside and pass a budget.

### Public Comment

Paul Morgan gave 10 of his concerns: Commission are against volunteer work of the County Attorney, they are against using cash on hand for a safe convenience center, overfund an ambulance service that should run on a third of what we fund, open a VSO office, approve a loan for school roofs for twice the actual cost, extend tax pay raise and raise taxes to pay for it, authorize new raises while raising taxes, don't consider the elderly, small business owners and farmers, give special interest groups free use of facilities while making the vast majority pay for it, got this job by saying you are against tax raises but yet we are looking at a \$.16 increase and more on commercial property.

Herb Alsup represents the Adams Memorial Library Association. The Association was started in 1964 after the death of Dr. Adams and the Library facility was constructed in his honor. For 55 years the County has had free usage of a 2 million dollar building. No county money is used for any maintenance on the building or cleaning. Mr. Alsup said that we have the best library facility in any small county in Tennessee. A minimum fee of \$159,000 a year for \$.06 is cheap for a library that has 5,000 card members and 7,000 to 8,000 counting children who do not have a membership card. People use the library for job applications, schools, & internet.

Mike Reed owner of Paul L. Reed Furniture spoke in support of the Library. Paul Reed, Mike's father was one of the people who first started the library. Mr. Reed said that when he was young he spent 7 to 8 hours a week in the library and that it is the "Jewel of the Crown" for our County. Bobby Moore said that he has nothing against the library or the Ambulance Department, but he does have a problem with the Commission voting to work on the Convenience Center and having the money to do it, and that money is wanted to be taken to fund non essential stuff. Mr. Moore does not want a tax increase and wants to see that facility finished so everyone has a nice place to take their trash.

Fay Northcutt Knox, Vice Mayor of the Town of Woodbury, stated that our City Council supports our library and appreciates the Commission funding it for as many years as it has been open. She said the library is vital for our County, without a library a County will die. Please don't forget to fund education.

Dara Shaner, member of the 3rd district, thanked Ronnie Mahaffey, Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Jeannine Floyd for asking questions so the members of the community knows where our tax dollars are going and how they are being spent. You ask questions of the different departments and those departments and the people who support them do not want those questions asked. She stated she is terribly sorry that their questions have created an environment that does not welcome questions. She said we as a community elected you to be fiscally responsible for how and where our tax dollars are spent. Taking money from a department with a fund balance to move it to a department that has overspent year after year is not fiscally responsible.

Jan Powell wanted to say how disappointed she is in the people sitting around the table. She said they represent the taxpayers not themselves. She said the people are being taxed to death and cannot stand it any longer. Ms. Powell said that maybe people should band together as citizens of this community and show you by not paying their taxes. Ms. Powell recommended the Commission do their jobs.

Tony Neal said that the Commission approved an increase of the Jail and Sheriff's Dept of over \$500,000 and turn around and cut department that ask to work on the same budget as last year, the Ambulance Service, Fire Dept., Library. Mr. Neal stated that the Commission needs to look at the budget a little more and try to do a little more cuts. He said everyone has an opinion and tonight is the night to let it be heard and stop letting a few run the meeting and everyone speak their mind.

David Jordan said that no one wants a tax increase and from running a business he knows the first thing you do is look at where you can make appropriated cuts. Now that the Commission has done that he hopes that they will take to heart the citizens do not want a tax increase and if they raise taxes this year, next year will be even more. It's a vicious cycle.

Will Daniel, EMT said the people that say the Ambulance Service non-essential need to talk to the people that their lives have been saved by this Ambulance Service. When the 2 trucks are out on calls they rely first responders to run the medical calls until those trucks are in service.

Rick Shaner said there is no doubt that we need an Ambulance with our county being 40% over the age of 60. He said he found in the last few months that part of their budget is \$6,000 for tee shirts. And when they get their list of who they are going to bill the director decides who is going to collections according to who they are related to. He said it does not make sense to him.

Tom Floyd said we are paying over \$600,000 for the Ambulance Dept. and some of the money is going to buy tee shirts, some is for 6 or 7 TV's, paying overtime. He said he is not suggesting to get rid of the Ambulance Service but the money needs to be cut and maybe new management is the way you do it. Mr. Floyd said that maybe we need to privatize our Ambulance Service. Some counties are funding their Ambulance Service on \$120,000 to \$150,000. Why are we paying \$600,000? If the Ambulance Service was cut by \$500,000 it would pay for all the other services.

Cathy Frye spoke in support of our local Library, she said there is something magical when you open a book, it opens a whole new world. Ms. Frye suggested one of the books to check out is How to Balance a Budget.

Will Daniel said that paramedics will not stay if you cut what they are being paid now. He said they spend a year going to school why should they not get something in return. If you privatize the Ambulance Service they will be running transports and when you have a 911 call you won't have an ambulance to respond.

Rodney McMillan ran an Ambulance Service in the past and was very profitable and it was because they only accepted patients with insurance. If there is a paying run from another county you have to send it if not the company would go broke.

Jaylene Johnson works with the EMS, but has personal experience with them before that, she said her mother has congestive heart failure and lives in Auburntown. She credits Cannon County Ambulance Service and their response, their treatment, and timeliness in getting her to the hospital that her mother is still alive. If she had waited on a truck to come out of Rutherford, Wilson, or Dekalb County she would not be here. It is nice to have the first responders and EMS who is local who care about the county.

Tabitha Smith reminded the board that their job is to balance a budget. Regardless of your feelings, feelings and emotions will not balance a budget. She said you have to take the facts before you and look at the numbers and you have to balance the budget. If it is discretionary it is not necessary.

Jennifer Stevens expressed her love for Cannon County, but said we are in a beans and cornbread situation we don't have money for steak. She said we need to cut it doesn't mean do away with, we need a Library, Sheriff's Dept, Ambulance, restaurants and things for our young people. Ms. Stevens said her budget is tight working a full time job and 2 part time jobs and she still struggles. She asked the Commission to please think of the citizens, the senior citizens, the backbone of this county. She said we need to all work together, come together as a county, maybe do some fundraisers. Ms. Stevens said we are the Volunteer State, we should volunteer and bring our county back together, bring our Commissioners back together for the good of all of us. She told the Commission, we voted for you because we trusted you, please don't disappoint us.

Peggy Tate, volunteer at the library, asked how many of the Commissioner have been in the library?

David Jordan ask how many actual property owners are paying taxes? Trustee, Norma Knox replied that there are 8700 parcels, population of approximately 13,800.

Chairman Bush ask the Commission if they want to consider the appropriations that are in the budget or if they have any questions.

Commissioner Corey Davenport asked if anyone wanted to make a motion to privatize the Ambulance Service since there had been so much discussion of it. There was no motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corey Davenport, seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed to put \$.04 in Debt Service. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd By a vote of 6 for, 3 against, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Karen Ashford ask to look at the Election Commission Budget, Matt Tepley said his salary should be offset if he did not take the insurance. No action was taken.

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to lower the General Fund to 1.45. Motion was withdrawn.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.47, Solid Waste - \$0.09, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance - \$0.2239 for a total of \$2.4489. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Voting Nay: Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. By a vote of 4 for, 5 against, 1 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Karen Ashford made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.47, Solid Waste - \$0.09, General Purpose Schools - \$0.685, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance - \$0.2239 for a total of \$2.5089. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Russell Reed. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford. Voting Nay: Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. By a vote of 2 for, 7 against, 1 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.46, Solid Waste - \$0.09, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service \$0.40, Ambulance - \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.42. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Karen Ashford, Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. By a vote of 5 for, 4 against, 1 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Randy Gannon had to leave for work.

Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to pass the 2018/2019 budget and bring it forward to the 2019/2020 budget year. There was no second.

Commissioner Ronnie Mahaffey made a motion to pass the 2018/2019 budget plus the mandated increases. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jim Bush. Voting Aye: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Voting Nay: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon. By a vote of 3 for, 5 against, 2 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.46, Solid Waste - \$0.09, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service - \$0.40, Ambulance - \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.42. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon. By a vote of 5 for, 3 against, 2 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.45, Solid Waste - \$0.09, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance - \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.41. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon. By a vote of 5 for, 3 against, 2 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to go back to the original appropriations of the 2019/2020 budget. General Fund - \$1.31, Solid Waste - \$0.12, General Purpose Schools - \$0.685, General Debt Service - \$0.050, Ambulance Svc - \$0.2189 for a total of \$2.3839. Motion seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Karen Ashford. Voting Nay: Corey Davenport, Jim Bush, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon. By a vote of 2 for, 6 against, 2 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.45, Solid Waste - \$0.08, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance Svc \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.40. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon. By a vote of 5 for, 3 against, 2 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.45, Solid Waste - \$0.06, General Purpose Schools - \$0.625, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance Svc \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.38. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Corey Davenport. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd, Randy Gannon  
By a vote of 5 for, 4 against, 1 absent Motion Failed.

Commissioner Randy Gannon returned to the meeting.

Commissioner Karen Ashford made a motion for the Appropriations, General Fund - \$1.45, Solid Waste - \$0.08, General Purpose School - \$0.685, General Debt Service - \$0.040, Ambulance - \$0.2050 for a total of \$2.46, that is an 8 cent increase. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd. By a vote of 6 for, 3 against, 1 absent Motion Carried.

Commissioner Greg Mitchell made a motion to accept a tax rate of \$2.46, seconded by Commissioner Karen Ashford. Voting Aye: Russell Reed, Corey Davenport, Karen Ashford, Greg Mitchell, Brent Brandon, Randy Gannon. Voting Nay: Jim Bush, Kim Davenport, Ronnie Mahaffey. Absent: Jeannine Floyd By a vote of 6 for, 3 against, 1 absent Motion Carried.

Commissioner Corey Davenport made a motion to consolidate the budget, but after discussion the first vote approved the appropriations, and the second vote approved the tax rate.

Commissioner Russell Reed made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mitchell.