

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 26, 1989

The Board of County Commissioner met this date in special session for the purpose of final public hearing for adoption of Fy 1989-90 millage rate and budget.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Donnell Whitfield, Chairman
James M. Dillard
Willie T. Grant
Monroe Cox
Commissioner Melvin was absent due to attending a County Commissioner Conference.

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistance

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Whitfield, and followed with prayer and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Commissioner Whitfield stated \$578,000.00 had been cut from budget request in order to fund the budget at 10 mills. Commissioner Whitfield also said no county employees would receive any raises. Approximately 20 citizens were present at the meeting, and posed many questions, re: sales tax, ad valorem taxes, gas tax, homestead exemption, grants, and utility tax service tax. The Board approved General Fund in the amount of \$499003.

The Board discussed and approved the county trans I budget in the amount of \$555,620.00.

Barbara Davis, Tax Collector was present and stated she had to have \$2700.00 added to her budget for the printing of tax notices, which she is under contract for, and also requested \$1500.00 be put in her budget for association dues.

The Board agreed to pay the \$2700.00 from a general fund line item when the bill comes in rather than increase her budget.

The Board discussed the Fine and Forfeiture Fund. Sheriff Smith was present to represent his budget request.

Sheriff Smith stated he was still requesting \$649,614.00., saying he needed the additional money for a drug enforcement officer, and for raise increase in deputy's pay.

The Board stated and agreed that they understood the need for additional money for a drug enforcement officer and pay increases for employees, however funds were not available due to lack of revenues. The Board did discuss with the Sheriff the possibility of a liter control officer being funded by a grant and when that grant is approved, the Sheriff could use that money to help fund his budget. Commissioner Whitfield stated we are on a 10 mill cap and the board is putting 40% of the total millage into his budget and we have no tax base.

After a long and lengthy discussion, Commissioner Whitfield presented loans owed to C & L Banks of Blountstown, and Bristol which are not included in this years budget, as follows:

<u>C & L-BLOUNTSTOWN</u>		<u>C & L-BRISTOL</u>	
\$87,000.00	Hospital	\$106,692.44	Prison Property
504,000.00	Ag Park		
300,000.00	Hospital		

The Board approved the total fine and forfeiture budget in the amount of \$558,125.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillard, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to adopt a resolution adopting millage rate of 10 mills for Fy 1989-90.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Grant, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and duly carried to adopt a resolution adopting Fy 1989-90, in the amount of \$2,845,260.

There being no further business, the board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, Clerk


DONNELL WHITFIELD, Chairman