

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
PUBLIC MEETING
091191

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
PACK BOWDEN
ELLIS MELVIN
JOHN LINDSEY

PRESENT AND ACTING:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK
GAIL O'BRYAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
JOE TAYLOR, FINANCE
JOHN LINDSEY
WILLIAM G. SMITH, SHERIFF

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET THIS DATE IN SPECIAL SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 91-92. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SHERIFF SMITH AND FOLLOWED WITH PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN.

A DISCUSSION ENSUED ON THE PROPOSED UTILITY TAX AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES. COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED HE WAS AGAINST THE UTILITY TAX AS HE FELT IT WAS AN UNFAIR TAX AND WANTED HIS VOTE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES AS NO. HE SAID HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF PUTTING A TAX ON THE PEOPLE TO PAY OFF LAND.

CLERK WISE EXPLAINED THAT THE WAY THE MOTION WAS SET UP WAS THAT THE FUNDS WAS DESIGNATED FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE AND FIRE CONTROL. THE FUNDS FREED UP BY THE TAX HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE LAND DEBT LINE ITEM, BUT DID NOT RESTRICT THE USAGE OF THESE FUNDS.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO TIE THE UTILITY TAX TO AMBULANCE SERVICE ONLY, DUE TO THERE BEING A POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH THE CITY OF BLOUNTSTOWN AND CITY OF ALTHA REGARDING FIRE CONTROL.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF USING ANY PROCEEDS OBTAINED FROM SALE OF LAND IN THE AG PARK TO PAY AG PARK DEBT.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING CUTS IN LIEU OF THE UTILITY TAX.

\$1,500 PEST CONTROL	\$31,000 FINE & FORFEITURE
5,000 ATTORNEY FEES	4,946 UTILITIES

SHERIFF SMITH RELAYED HE HAD WORKED WITH THE BOARD AND TALLAHASSEE AND HAD CUT HIS BUDGET ALREADY. HE SAID HIS BUDGET WOULD NOT STAND A \$31,000.00 CUT AND HE COULD NOT OPERATE WITH THE CUT.

THE BOARD AND CLERK REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 91-92 BY LINE ITEM.

AFTER DISCUSSION, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN TO TENTATIVELY ADOPT A MILLAGE RATE OF 10 MILLS FOR FY 91-91.
2ND COMMISSIONER BOWDEN
MOTION CARRIED 4-0

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LINDSEY TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY
91-92 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,804,524.00.

2ND COMMISSIONER BOWDEN

MOTION CARRIED 3-1

COMMISSIONER MELVIN VOTING NO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD DID ADJOURN.

ATTEST:

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

S. Donnell Whitfield

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD,
CHAIRMAN

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