

The McMinn County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called Session on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 6:30 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Crews.

2. INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Jack Powers.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Holbrook.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Judy Brumback, Deputy County Clerk, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Present  
Dale Holbrook – Present  
Jeannie King – Present  
Roger Masingale – Present  
Gary Mason – Present  
Jerry Millsaps – Present  
Bob Powers – Present  
Jack Powers – Present  
Tad Simpson – Present  
Chairman David Crews – Present

5. APPROVAL OF THE FY 2008-2009 BUDGET

Mr. Luallen referred to his memorandum, dated July 10, 2008, with a detailed listing of revenue and expenditures by fund, Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 Budget Analysis as of July 10, 2008, Minutes of the Budget Committee meeting on June 2, 2008, and a draft of the advertisement of budget information and notice of time and date for final approval.

Mr. Luallen said that the Budget Committee also met prior to this meeting and they recommend that the full Commission approve the budget as well as the advertisement to be published in *The Daily Post Athenian* tomorrow.

MOTION made by Commissioner Jack Powers, and seconded by Commissioner Mason, to approve the recommendation of the Budget Committee.

Motion carried by roll call vote, as recorded:

Scott Curtis – Aye  
Dale Holbrook – Aye  
Jeannie King – Aye  
Roger Masingale – Aye  
Gary Mason – Aye  
Roger Millsaps – Aye  
Bob Powers – Aye  
Jack Powers – Aye  
Tad Simpson – Nay  
Chairman David Crews – Nay

Chairman Crews noted that the two nay votes were due to opposition to the increase in salary for the new Director of Schools, as discussed in the Budget Committee meeting earlier this evening.

6. APPROVAL OF BIDS AND PURCHASES

None.

7. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS

None.

8. APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

None.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

10. RESOLUTIONS

None.

11. ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATIONS

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COUNTY OFFICIALS, COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

A. Budget Committee – Commissioner Jack Powers.

Commissioner Jack Powers thanked the Finance Office and the County Mayor's Office for all their hard work on the budget.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE COUNTY MAYOR

Mr. Gentry said the staff in the Finance Office does the hard work and he expressed his appreciation. He also thanked the Commission for their dedicated efforts.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. Question from Commissioner Mason.

Commissioner Mason asked about the Hiwassee Utilities Commission (H.U.C.) expansion project. The original plan called for a main transmission line to Niota from the H.U.C. plant. However, it was removed due to bid day cost of the total project. Mr. Gentry said he would request an H.U.C. representative at the next meeting to give an update.

B. Comments from Mr. Jason Luallen, Finance Director.

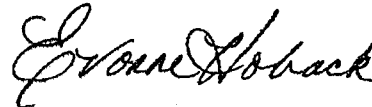
Mr. Luallen expressed his sincere thanks to his staff because he is not the one who does all the work, especially on the Board of Education side. He said that side of the budget is extremely difficult to put together and he thanked his Deputy Director Brenda Baker, his payroll clerks, Cindy Moore and Terri Morris, and his secretary, Whitney Reynolds. Mr. Luallen also expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their willing and cooperative attitude.

C. Comments from Mr. David Pierce.

Mr. David Pierce echoed what Mr. Luallen said about his staff and he also expressed his appreciation to the County Commission and added that this is a complicated budget. He also said that he did not become the Director of Schools based on the salary, he became the Director of Schools because of his commitment to the young people of this County, and added that he plans to work hard for that salary. Chairman Crews told Mr. Pierce that the discussion concerning his salary was not personal and that he would have felt that way no matter who had the job.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



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EVONNE HOBACK  
McMinn County Clerk

Attest:

    j'b                        7-17-08  
Deputy Clerk                    (date)