

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 7, 2016

8:30 am

PRESENT: Mayor Leon Humphrey, Peggy Campbell, Danny Ward, Charles VonCannon, and Ray Lyons.

The meeting was called to order by Ray Lyons.

Quorum present.

Adopt Agenda: Motion was made by Danny Ward, second Mayor Leon Humphrey to approve the agenda with the removal of Sheriff Dexter Lunceford from New Business. Mrs. Christa Byrd made comment that Sheriff Lunceford has stated that he is not ready to present the information from the TBI investigation at this meeting. Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Danny Ward to approve the August 3, 2016 minutes with the only change being to replace the term wielding with yielding. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Finance Director, Christa Byrd, made comment that the budget has been sent to the State to be reviewed for approval on July 22nd. Mrs. Byrd stated that she has been checking on the status of the budget approval and the information that she has received at this moment is that the County budget has yet to be reviewed. Mrs. Byrd stated that the biggest issue of not having an approved budget is that the 3% raises promised to our employees cannot become effective until full approval by the State. Christa Byrd also stated that we are postponing major purchases that are not emergencies until the budget is approved.

Old Business: None to discuss

New Business:

- Ray made mention that the committee was supposed to have a presentation from the Sheriff's Department regarding the TBI report regarding the former Sheriff's administration; however, he has not heard anything from Sheriff Lunceford or Chief Parrish in regards to presenting the report. Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that he feels making a decision on this TBI report is outside of the scope of the Financial Management Committee. Mr. Ray Lyons stated that he agrees this issue may be outside the scope of the Financial Management Committee to make a decision but he would still like to get the TBI report for review by the Committee. Mr. Lyons, stated that his intent was to get the report for the committee to review and then state that the investigation has taken place by the TBI saying that the attorney general did not indict on misdemeanors or felonies and as the chair he was going to ask for a motion to table the issue. Ray stated that he thinks it would behoove the committee to go ahead and get the report to be reviewed then entertain a motion to stop the process at that moment because the reports already in the minutes.

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Motion was made by Danny Ward, second by Charles VonCannon to table the TBI report issue until next month's Financial Management Meeting.

Mayor Humphrey	Aye	Charles VonCannon	Aye
Danny Ward	Aye	Ray Lyons	Aye

All ayes, **motion passed**

- **Recent Bids:** Finance Director, Christa Byrd, reviewed a list of recent bids
- **County General Update:** Mayor Leon Humphrey stated that the Re-roofing project of the County building will start on September 8, 2016. Mr. Humphrey commentated that the winning bid for this project was Leonard Roofing. The Mayor stated that the project will take several days to finish due to all the prep work necessary. He also discussed that the air conditioning unit has been set up and that the courtroom should be air conditioned sometime during the week of September 7, 2016.

Mayor Humphrey stated that there are a lot of projects currently going on at the animal shelter. He also commented that Reedy and Sykes is working on the design for the approximate 1,000 square foot expansion that will be funded from the estate. Mayor Humphrey also stated that he will be going before the budget committee to request a \$20,000 transfer from the Snoopy fund for fencing and roofing to outdoor kennels. These kennels will be used to help with the cleaning process. He also stated his hopes to start construction on this project in the next 30 to 45 days.

Mayor Humphrey indicated that the animal shelter has undertaken a lot of cleaning and painting recently to help prevent and stop the spread of diseases that have plagued the animal shelter in the past. He also stated that the success rate at the animal shelter is tremendously improving. Mayor Humphrey made a comment that approximately a year ago he noticed that the animal shelter was having a problem; therefore, he started moving money from the buildings and grounds fund to help relieve said problem. He also stated that earlier this year he started receiving multiple complaints about the animal shelters many processes. Mr. Humphrey stated then and only then did the Mayor's office actually go to the animal shelter to get involved one-on-one. He specified after doing a top-to-bottom review he has discovered the many shortcomings at the animal shelter and he indicated that it's going to take a commitment on the part of the commission and the new director to make sure protocols are being adhered to on a daily basis. Mr. Humphrey stated the animal shelter is not adequately funded and staffed to properly take care of these animals

therefore after the true cost is interpreted the animal shelter will be coming before the full commission to ask for its support.

- **County Highway Department Update:** Not present at the meeting.

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- **County School Department Update:** Ms. Peggy Campbell filled in for Dr. Kevin ward to discuss the current events at the County School Department. Ms. Campbell stated that she is super excited about the teachers we have hired this year in the literacy program. Ms. Campbell also stated that the school board is currently reviewing and updating Board policies. Ms. Campbell made the comment that the reason Dr. Ward was not able to attend the Financial Management meeting was due to the School Boards number one challenge at the time which is providing continual quality health insurance. She discussed that the Board of Education has formed an insurance committee that has met a couple of times to discuss the possible options in regards to the State insurance issues. The issues with the State insurance is that the County was told the insurance was only to increase by 6.1% during the budget season and once the State had a meeting the number was increased to 20% on the policy that approximately 80% of the School employees have plus the employees could no longer keep their Gap policies. Mrs. Byrd stated that the School department is looking at all their options to get the best policy for the employees and the Counties budget. Mrs. Byrd also stated that open enrollment begins in October; therefore, if the School department does not make a decision soon they will have to remain on the State plan until they have time to look at a good alternate option.
- **Bobbie Gouge-Dietz:** Not present at the meeting.
- **Ray Lyons:** Ray Lyons stated that he appreciates all the County Officials and employees for helping work through the challenges of the past two years.
- **Charles VonCannon:** Mr. Charles VonCannon stated that the Financial Management Committee was successfully able to take care of the Highway Department cemetery issue. He still believes that we should tweak the new policy slightly to fix some of the possible issues that may occur in the future in regards to cemeteries using the program when they have the money to do the work already. Mayor Leon Humphrey asked Finance Director Christa Byrd if she has heard anything from Mr. Roger Colbaugh in regards to setting up an RFP for cemetery roads. Mrs. Byrd stated that she would follow-up with Mr. Colbaugh.
- **Danny Ward:** Mr. Danny Ward stated that the committees he has served on has made a lot of progress in the past two years. Mr. Ward also thanked Deputy Director of Finance Michael Kennedy and Mayor Leon Humphrey for helping him with a pauper burial.
- **Adjourn:** Motion made by the Mayor Leon Humphrey, second by Danny Ward

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Kennedy

Ray Lyons, Approved for File