BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 91-92 BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 24, 1991 5:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD PACK BOWDEN ELLIS MELVIN TRUMAN GRANT JOHN LINDSEY

PRESENT AND ACTING:

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

THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SHERIFF SMITH AND FOLLOWED WITH PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD WELCOMED THE AUDIENCE TO THE FINAL PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 91-92 BUDGET. APPROXIMATELY 17 CITIZENS WERE PRESENT AT THE HEARING.

CLERK WISE READ ALOUD PROPOSED LINE ITEM EXPENDITURES IN THE GENERAL FUND. THE BOARD & CLERK DISCUSSED PROPOSED EXPENDITURES, INTEREST RATES, LAND PAYMENTS AND ETC.

DURING DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER MELVIN QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD BE THE POSSIBILITY OF BALANCING THE BUDGET WITHOUT PUTTING A FEE ON ELECTRICITY AND PHONES. HE STATED HE WANTED TO CUT ENOUGH OUT OF THE BUDGET SO THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO PUT A TAX ON ELECTRICITY. HE RELAYED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH MRS. BROCK ABOUT THE BOARD CUTTING HER BUDGET FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE BACK APPROXIMATELY \$31,000.00 AND LET HER OPERATE ON \$100,000 FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS, THEN IF THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO FUND THE \$31,000 AT THAT TIME, HE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO BORROW THE MONEY. COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED THAT MRS. BROCK HAD AGREED.

QUESTIONS WERE POSED BY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE REGARDING PROPOSED ELECTRICITY AND PHONE FRANCHISE FEE, INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY (AG PARK & PRISON LAND) FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING, MSTU'S, UTILITY FEE FOR CITY RESIDENTS AND IDA BUDGET REQUEST.

CLERK WISE STATED THE BOARD IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO LEVY A FEE EXCEPT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF COUNTY UNLESS THEY CAN ENTER INTO AN INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITIES.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED HE WAS IN FAVOR OF PAYING LAND DEBTS WITH LAND SALES IN AG PARK.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR TO MINUTES.

CLERK WISE READ ALOUD THE PROPOSED LINE ITEM EXPENDITURES IN COUNTY TRANS 1, FINE & FORFEITURE, COUNTY TRANS II FUNDS.

CLERK WISE AND THE BOARD REVIEWED THE REVENUES IN GENERAL FUND, COUNTY TRANS I, COUNTY TRANS II, COURTHOUSE REVENUE SINKING FUND,

LEGAL AID AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS FUND.

AFTER DISCUSSION, MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING MILLAGE RATE AT 10 MILLS FOR FY 91-92.
2ND COMMISSIONER GRANT MOTION CARRIED 4-1
COMMISSIONER MELVIN VOTING NO.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER GRANT TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SETTING OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 91-92 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,804,524.

2ND COMMISSIONER LINDSEY
MOTION CARRIED 4-1
COMMISSIONER MELVIN VOTING NO.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD DID ADJOURN.