

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE
BUDGET WORKSESSION MINUTES
MAY 5, 2009**

The Committee of the Whole held a Budget Work session on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 in the Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Mr. Davis gave the invocation and Mr. Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Debbie Summers, Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	George H. Smokey Davis
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
*John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
M. Todd Cullum	

*Mr. Carrigg arrived after the budget worksession was already in progress at 2:20 p.m.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; John Fechtel, Director of Public Works/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

FY2009-2010 Budget Discussions

General Fund Overview

Budget Policies

General Fund Appropriations

Sheriff's Department (Law Enforcement):

151100 Administration	2,938,027
151200 Operations	17,228,640
151210 Security Services	151,648
151220 Code Enforcement Services	535,319
151250 School Crossing Guards	264,305
151300 Jail Operations	12,396,035
159900 Non-Departmental Costs	1,123,030
Total Law Enforcement Budget (Includes Recommended New Programs)	34,637,004

Col. Allan Paavel reported on the Sheriff's Department budget as submitted and recommended for Council approval as well as the stimulus funds that have been provided to Law Enforcement.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the total Law Enforcement budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Public Safety/Fire Service:

131500 County Fire Service	10,851,543
131599 Non-Departmental Costs	271,881
Total Fire Service Budget (Includes Recommended New Programs)	11,123,424

Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator, reported on the Fire Service budget as submitted and recommended to Council for operating and capital budgets.

The Committee asked if Fire Service was able to include everything that was on schedule for capital improvements. Chief Rawl responded they were able to include everything that was in their five-year plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Fire Service budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

General Fund Departments

General Administrative:

101100 County Council	498,727
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A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the County Council budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

101101 County Council – Agencies

126,406

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the County Council Agencies (Contribution Agencies) budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

101200 County Administrator

406,202

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the County Administrator's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101300 County Attorney

228,500

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the County Attorney's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

101400 Finance

795,649

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Finance budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101410 Procurement Services

357,946

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Procurement Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

101420 Central Stores

342,376

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Central Stores budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

The Committee asked about the Central Stores' mini-van replacement request and if it would last for one more budget year. Ms. Hubbard replied if the mini-van did not, staff would come back to Council. She reported only administrative type vehicles were not recommended for replacement in this year's budget, however this does not affect emergency vehicles.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

101500 Human Resources

478,359

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Human Resources budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101600 Planning and GIS

766,339

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Planning and GIS budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101610 Community Development

1,933,629

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Community Development budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101700 Treasurer

1,035,891

Ms. Hubbard reported that the Treasurer's new program was recommended for approval to move fifty percent of the Treasurer's salary from the General Fund to the Delinquent Tax Collections Fund. This is the only new program recommended outside of Fire Service or Law Enforcement.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Treasurer's budget with the new program as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

Ms. Hubbard said that this reduced the Treasurer's requested budget of \$1,072,802 by \$36,911 to the final recommended appropriation of \$1,035,891.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101800 Auditor

810,234

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Auditor's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

101900 Assessor

2,055,322

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Assessor's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

102000 Register of Deeds

498,292

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the Register of Deeds budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

Ms. Debbie Gunter, Registrar, reported that since the submission of the FY09-10 Budget she has found funding to proceed with the new program requested for the Electronic Recording of Documents from funds not expended from the FY08-09 Budget. She also reported that the ROD office budgeted for nine employees in the FY09-10 Budget but will not need the total amount allocated for personnel.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

102100 Information Services

1,839,956

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Information Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

102110 Microfilming

168,939

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Microfilming budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

General Services:

111300 Building Services

1,666,250

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Building Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

The Committee asked if funding for landscape maintenance had been cut. Ms. Hubbard responded that Building Services' new program request was not recommended.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

111400 Fleet Services

1,147,910

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Fleet Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

Public Works:

121100 Administration and Engineering

896,123

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Public Works Administration and Engineering budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, asked Council to consider two capital items requested in the Public Works budget if additional funding becomes available. The requested items were digital cameras and GIS Mapviewer software program.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

121300 Transportation

6,138,444

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Public Works Transportation budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

121400 Stormwater

1,104,841

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Public Works Stormwater budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Public Safety:

131100 Administration

173,049

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Public Safety

Administration budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

131101 Emergency Preparedness

165,368

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the Emergency Preparedness budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

131200 Animal Services

696,527

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Animal Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

131300 Communications

1,898,971

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Communications budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

131400 Emergency Medical Services

9,300,787

The Committee asked what was the revenue for Emergency Medical Services. Chief Brian

Hood, EMS Coordinator, responded \$5.674 million in revenues were anticipated for the upcoming year. The Committee requested EMS staff to provide information on the difference between the estimated and actual revenue for EMS. Chief Hood reported on the rising cost of health supplies used by EMS and concerns about the health supplies account. He responded that the ambulance transportation fee for a county resident is \$496 and \$551 for a non-county resident, this includes CPI which reflects a three percent increase. Chief Hood indicated that EMS will be utilizing an EMS truck from the twelve-hour day services and use it as a twenty-four hour truck instead of purchasing a new vehicle.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Emergency Medical Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	

Not Present: Mr. Banning

Mr. Banning was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Judicial:

141100 Clerk of Court

1,199,280

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Clerk of Court budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

141101 Clerk of Court - Family Court

421,542

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Family Court budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Banning Mr. Cullum

141200 Solicitor – Eleventh Judicial Court

2,521,973

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Solicitor's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

141299 Circuit Court Services

75,070

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Circuit Court Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

141300 Coroner

823,792

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Coroner's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

141400 Public Defender

286,500

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Public Defender's budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

The Committee asked if the State will fund the Public Defender's office. Ms. Hubbard replied all indications are that the State will provide funding. The agreement between the County and Public Defender is still pending final review and approval from Council.

The Committee asked what the overall percentage of State cuts to date is for the County budget. Staff will return with a recap of the information at a later budget work session.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

141500 Probate Court

669,984

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the Probate Court budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

141600 Master-In-Equity

308,205

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Master-In-Equity budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Banning

142000 Magistrate Court Services

2,254,017

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the Magistrate Court Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

149000 Judicial Case Management System

103,536

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the Judicial Case Management System budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Cullum

149900 Other Judicial Services

74,339

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the Other Judicial Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

The Committee asked what the “Other Judicial Services” are. Ms. Hubbard responded this is the space allocated to state agencies which includes in-kind contributions by the state agencies.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Mr. Carrigg arrived for the remainder of the budget worksession.

Boards and Commissions:

161100 Legislative Delegation	22,605
161200 Registration and Elections	475,965
161300 Assessment Appeals Board	29,282
169900 Other Agencies	44,546
Total Boards and Commissions Budget	572,398

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the total Boards and Commissions budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

Ms. Hubbard reported the recommended Legislative Delegation budget had been reduced.

Ms. Summers called for further discussion; none occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	

Health and Human Services:

171100 Health Department	333,827
171200 Social Services	341,111
171300 Children's Shelter	181,870
171500 Veterans' Affairs	177,051
171700 Museum	181,733
171800 Vector Control	113,940
171900 Soil & Water Conservation District	72,905
179900 Other Health and Human Services	2,257
Total Health and Human Services Budget	1,404,694

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the total Health and Human Services budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Cullum	

General Operating Costs:

999900 Non-Departmental Costs	1,308,839
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A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the Non-Departmental budget as recommended.

Ms. Summers opened the meeting for discussion.

The Committee asked for clarification about the Lexington County Airport at Pelion for the requested amount of \$24,380 and the recommended amount of \$50,000. Ms. Hubbard responded grant matches were reinstated that were not picked up initially.

Ms. Hubbard requested to refer back to an earlier Committee question referencing the

Building Services budget regarding the maintenance accounts for the County grounds upkeep. She reported that ongoing maintenance is in the budget but moving forward with any other landscaping upgrades was not included in the upcoming budget.

The Committee asked about the \$405,000 in the Post Employment Health Insurance Fund and how will that change next year. Mr. Porth replied that is for the existing Post Employment Health Insurance. Ms. Hubbard responded that as long as the 1995 Plan exists there will be a need for allocation of funds for that particular line item.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Not Present: Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

The Committee concluded the Budget Worksession and will resume on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Budget appeals have been scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2009. The meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009 has been cancelled.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to adjourn the Budget Worksession.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Not Present: Mr. Jeffcoat

Mr. Jeffcoat was not present at the time the vote was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

Debra B. Summers
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk