

Berkeley County Commission Meeting

March 8, 2010

11:00 A.M.

Present:

Ronald K. Collins, President

William L. Stubblefield, Commissioner

Anthony J. Petrucci, Commissioner

Deborah Hammond, County Administrator

Norwood Bentley, County Counsel

Also Present: Penny Miller, County Commission

The Morning Prayer was led by Commissioner Stubblefield followed by the Pledge led by Commissioner Petrucci.

Re: Agenda

**Budget Workshop Session #1 – Presentation of Revenue Projections
Fiscal Year 2010-2011**

Deborah Hammond, County Administrator reviewed the Presentation of Revenue Projections.

Ms. Hammond stated the Assessed Values had been received from the Assessor's Office. Ms. Hammond stated that the Rollback values and Certification values had seen a reduction in the 2010-2011 Assessed Values and was a 6% reduction from prior years.

Ms. Hammond reviewed the Rollback calculations for each Levy Rate and explained examples for each Levy Rate at the 3%, 5%, 7%, 9% and 12%.

Ms. Hammond stated that with the 3% Rollback Increase, 1% would go to the County Budget with the remaining 2% being provided to the Assessor's Valuation Fund. Ms. Hammond stated that the 3% Levy Rate would be sufficient to cover the known and unknown expenses of the County for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Ms. Hammond stated that it was the recommendation of the staff to implement the 3% increase.

Commissioner Stubblefield stated that he recommended the County to stay at the 3% increase.

President Collins stated that he agreed to stay with the 3% increase. He also stated that this shows the hard work the County has done watching expenditures and are now able to keep the Levy Rate as low as possible. President Collins stated that with the possible 20% increase to Water and Sewer bills, the County is glad to be able to keep the Levy Rate at 3%.

Commissioner Petrucci stated that he agreed with President Collins and Commissioner Stubblefield and felt that the County owed it to the public to keep the increase to a minimum and recommended the 3% increase for the 103% Levy Rate.

President Collins stated that he believes this shows the excellent management for the County Commission in staying within their budget.

Commissioner Stubblefield made a motion to approve the Rollback calculation and keep the Levy Rate at 3%. Commissioner Petrucci seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Hammond reviewed the dates for the remaining Budget Workshop Sessions. Ms. Hammond stated that after Thursday, March 11, 2010 Meeting there would be only two budget presentations to be presented and these would be scheduled for the March 16, 2010 Commission Meeting. Ms. Hammond stated that President Collins would be out of town on March 18, 2010 for Insurance Meetings and the Commission would have March 23, 2010 to review all of the numbers with approval of the budget to be made on March 25, 2010.

Re: Items from the Public

The Honorable John Small, County Clerk, appeared before the Commission for the President's signature.

Re: Adjourn

Commissioner Petrucci made a motion to adjourn the March 4, 2010 Berkeley County Commission Meeting. Commissioner Stubblefield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approved: _____

Ronald K. Collins, President