

***KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met for Budget Hearings on Wednesday June 2, 2008 at 8:30 am. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Avenue. Those members present were Commissioners Strickland, McKenzie, Mark Harmon, Campen, Ivan Harmon, Davis, Daniels, Hammond, Leuthold, Briggs, Rountree, Lambert, Smith, Moore, Wright, DeFreese and Pinkston. Commissioners Norman and Ballard were absent from the meeting. Also present were Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, Mr. Richard Walls, Knox County Internal Auditor, Mrs. Ann Acuff, Accounting/Budget Director for Knox County, Director, Mr. Chris Caldwell, Accounting Manger, for Knox County and news media.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:  
Commissioner Thomas Strickland, Chairman, presided.

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**IN RE: ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Angie Nesbitt, Minutes Clerk to Knox County Clerk George Stooksbury called the roll.

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**IN RE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

Commissioner Thomas Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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**IN RE: AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Air Quality Management Board was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Lynn Liddington, Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Information and Technology was before Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Richard Morgan, Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: COUNTY CLERK:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the County Clerk was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, representing Mr. George Stooksbury, Knox County Clerk, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      PROPERTY ASSESSOR:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Property Assessor was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. John Whitehead, Property Assessor, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      JUVENILE COURT:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Juvenile Judge was before the Board of Commissioners.

Judge Tim Irwin, Juvenile Judge, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      KNOX COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Knox County Law Director was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. John Owings, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Dwight Van de Vate, Director, Governmental Affairs, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      REGISTER OF DEEDS:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Register of Deeds was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Nick McBride, Chief Deputy Register, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Sheriff's Department was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Allison Rogers, Budget Administrator, Knox County Sheriff's Department, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Tom Spangler, Chief Deputy, Knox County Sheriff's Department, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: TRUSTEE:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Trustee was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Fred Sisk, Knox County Trustee, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: CIRCUIT AND GENERAL SESSIONS COURT CLERK:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Circuit and General Sessions Court Clerk was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Tim Wheeler, Chief Deputy to Cathy Quist, Circuit and General Sessions Court Clerk, was present and spoke on the matter.

Ms. Wendy Norris, Administrative Assistant, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: PUBLIC BUILDING AUTHORITY:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Public Building Authority was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Kathy Manis, Director of Finance for Public Building Authority, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Community Development was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Erik Hoglund, Director, Community Development, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Engineering and Public Works was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Bruce Wuethrich, Director, Engineering and Public Works, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: ROLL CALL: 1:20 P.M.**

Those responding were Commissioners Strickland, McKenzie, Mark Harmon, Campen, Ivan Harmon, Davis, Daniels, Hammond, Leuthold, Briggs, Rountree, Lambert, Smith, Moore, Wright, DeFreese and Pinkston. Commissioners Norman and Ballard were absent from the meeting.

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**IN RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Engineering and Public Works was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Mark Jones, Director, Knox County Health Department, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Gary Acuff, Director of Finance, Knox County Health Department, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: HUMAN RESOURCES:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Human Resources was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Frances Fogerson, Director, Human Resources, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: MR. BILL LOCKETT, ATTORNEY:**

Mr. Bill Lockett, Attorney, was present and spoke on the Knox County Law Department.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: LIBRARY:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Library was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Larry Frank, Director, Knox County Library, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Steve Cottam, Director, East Tennessee History Center, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: CRIMINAL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT CLERK:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Criminal and Domestic Relations Court Clerk was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Joy McCroskey, Chief Deputy, Criminal and Domestic Relations, was present and spoke on the matter.

Judge Richard Baumgartner, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: PARKS AND RECREATION:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Parks and Recreation was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Doug Bataille, Director, Parks and Recreation, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: PROBATION/PRETRIAL RELEASE:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Probation/Pretrial Release was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Todd Cook, Director, Probation/Pretrial Release, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: KNOX COUNTY PURCHASING:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Knox County Purchasing was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Hugh Holt, Director, Knox County Purchasing, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: KNOX COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for the Knox County Mayor's Office was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Dwight Van de Vate, Director, Governmental Affairs, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: KNOX COUNTY FINANCE:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Knox County Finance was before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOODS:**

Consideration of the budget appropriation for Knox County Office of Neighborhoods was before the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Allison Wagley, Director, Office of Neighborhoods, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. John Troyer, Director, Knox County Finance, was present and spoke on the matter.

Mr. Grant Rosenberg, Deputy Director, Office of Neighborhoods, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE FY2008-2009 PROPOSED KNOX COUNTY BUDGET:**

Discussion of the FY2008-2009 Proposed Knox County Budget was before the Board of Commissioners.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Strickland declared the meeting adjourned.

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THOMAS STRICKLAND, CHAIRMAN