

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Knox County Board of Commissioners met in session for Budget Hearings on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Avenue. Those members present were Commissioners McKenzie, Broyles, Norman, Ownby, Anders, Smith, Wright, Brown, Hammond and Shouse. Commissioner Briggs was absent from the meeting. Also present were Mr. Joe Jarret, Knox County Law Director, Mr. Richard Walls, Knox County Internal Auditor, Mr. Dean Rice, Chief of Staff for the Knox County Mayor, Ms. Ann Acuff, Accounting/Budgeting Director, Mr. Chris Caldwell, Accounting/Budgeting Manager, and members of the news media.

Commissioner Hammond, Chairman, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Kim Ellis, Minutes Clerk to the Knox County Clerk, called the roll.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS BUDGET WITH DR. JIM McINTYRE:

Ms. Indya Kincannon, Chairwoman for the Knox County School Board of Education, and Dr. Jim McIntyre, Superintendent for Knox County Schools, were present and spoke on the matter.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET WITH SHERIFF J.J. JONES:

Ms. Allison Rogers, Finance Director for the Knox County Sheriff's Department, and Mr. J.J. Jones, Knox County Sheriff, were present and spoke on the matter.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET WITH DR. MARTHA BUCHANAN:

Dr. Martha Buchanan, Health Officer and Director for the Knox County Health Department, was present and spoke on the matter.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE KNOX COUNTY ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BUDGET WITH DWIGHT VANDEVATE:

Dwight VanDeVate, Director for Knox County Engineering and Public Works, was present and spoke on the matter.

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IN RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA:

1. At this time, Commissioner Hammond indicated additional budget hearings would be held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. for various county departments, elected officials and constitutional offices; and at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following zonings for Public Budget Hearings.

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2. At this time, Commissioner Hammond indicated the Commission would meet in Special Session on Monday, June 13, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. by request of the Knox County Mayor.

Mr. Dean Rice, Chief of Staff for the Knox County Mayor, was present and spoke on the matter.

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3. At this time, Commissioner Hammond amended the agenda to add the following item: Discussion of the FY2011-2012 proposed Knox County Budget.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF THE FY2011-2012 PROPOSED KNOX COUNTY BUDGET:

1. Mr. Rick Roach, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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2. Ms. Diana Conn, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.; Mobile Meals; and Legacy Parks.

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3. Mr. James H. Ware, President of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc., spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

Mr. Dean Rice, Chief of Staff for the Knox County Mayor, was present and spoke on the matter.

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4. Mr. Avon Rollins, Executive Director/CEO for the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc., spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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5. Ms. Sheryl Rollins, President of the Knoxville Branch of the NAACP, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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6. Mr. Anthony Brown, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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7. Ms. Taloni Stuart-Lee, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.; and the Kuumba Festival.

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8. Reverend George Banks, Pastor of Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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9. Mr. Cato Clowney, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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10. Mr. Andre Canty, Assistant Director at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc., spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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11. Mr. Joshua Outsey, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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12. Ms. Sharon Ann Murphree, Co-chair with the special agent in charge of the FBI, Richard Lambert, of the East Tennessee Civil Rights Working Group, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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13. Ms. LarJuanette Williams, owner/operator of Optasia Productions, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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14. Ms. Margaret Gaiter, member of the Board of Directors for the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc for the concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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15. Ms. Carole Borges, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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16. Ms. Lida Mayer, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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17. Mr. Leroy Thompson, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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18. Ms. Kimberly Leffall, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.; and the Kuumba Festival.

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19. Ms. Nkechi Ajanaku, African American Appalachian Arts, Inc., spoke concerning the Kuumba Festival; and the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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20. Mr. Eddie Davis, concerned citizen, spoke concerning the Beck Cultural Exchange Center, Inc.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

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

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MIKE HAMMOND, CHAIRMAN