

County Executive's Report 1-12-15

1) First quarter Commission work session will be held on Thursday, February 19th @ 6:00 pm. If you have any agenda items, please forward those to Melanie in my office.

2) Item #11- The county 2015 Budget has been accepted and approved by the Comptroller's Office. Three funds were noted to have financial concerns. The ambulance fund has been under financial review by the county. The highway fund should be in good shape depending on the budgeted appropriations that go unspent. The third fund was the school fund which has been losing \$2 million a year for the last two years and is expected to lose \$3 million this year. The school fund financial issues must be addressed this coming 2016 budget year by the school board and commission.

3) Item #23- The Environmental Review Board and I requested an extension of public comment on the proposed modification of the TVA landfill. Part of the request was for the commission to understand the modification request and allow the commission if desired to have a briefing by TDEC on the modification. Here is a summary of the landfill permit and modification:

1. TVA has a landfill permit to store gypsum which is a by-product of the scrubber system.
2. The landfill permit is a Class II industrial landfill.
3. The permit was issued prior to the ash spill in 2007-2008.
4. The landfill has been constructed and is receiving gypsum.
5. The landfill is about 100 acres.
6. The landfill is about 200 feet from the Clinch River.

Modifications requested to the landfill permit:

1. Permitted site height will be 84 feet lower than approved at 140 feet from bottom of landfill.
2. Site would accept dry coal ash.

Public comment period has been extended until February 9, 2015.

4) Mr. Woody thanked the Volunteer Fire Departments and other responding services for their assistance for the five (5) alarm fire in Harriman the prior week. Many departments responded, many departments supported, many departments were alerted to prepare for backup if additional response was needed due to the potential for other fire response needs.