

County Executive's Report May 9, 2016

- I hope everyone received my Commission update of May 4, 2016. I will file the email as part of my report.
- I received today from Administrator of Elections Charles Holiway a letter dated May 9, 2016, referencing the City of Harriman's Ordinance 0316-01 intent to hold a referendum for the purpose of increasing the local option sales tax .25% totaling 2.75%
The Commission has 40 days to act upon the ordinance in the event the county desires to increase the local option sales tax 0.25% to total 2.75%. By this report and the filing of Charles Holiway's letter, a copy of which you now have and is being filed with the clerk, the county is assuming proper notice.

Commission Update - May 4, 2016

Swan Pond Sports Complex

We should be seeing more activities at the Sport Complex over the next several months as capital improvements are being made. **First**, let's talk about putting the asset into play. There are **three (3) components** to put Swan Pond Sports Complex into play or use. These components are: 1) **Capital Investment** of which we have four (4) identified. 2) **Operations and Maintenance** of the asset and 3) **Programming**. We need to understand some complexities here in that our County Recreation Department has experience in 1) Capital Investments and 2) Operations and Maintenance but has little to no experience in Programming. The Sports Recreation Committee will be busy the next several months on establishing policies and procedures for programming. How, who, when, and where programs will be scheduled could experience a bumpy road going forward. We will be looking to our city rec departments for assistance.

Delinquent Property Taxes

The state Senate and House Bill on financial risk of delinquent tax property has passed. We will be providing additional information on how the county anticipates managing delinquent property before bidding, during the period of redemption and after the county receives the tax deed.

2017 Budget

First of all, thanks goes to your Budget Committee for their work on the 2017 Budget. We have a ways to go but continue to make progress.

Second, here is the status of where we are in the 2017 Budget. **Bold Funds have not been recommended.**

General Fund 101. This fund currently has some financial issues. Revenue has been reviewed by the Budget Committee at \$16.4 million. **2015 Revenue was \$16.1 million** so you can see little growth in revenue. Current Department requests total \$18.9 million. We are \$2.5 million out of balance. We can accept about \$1.2 million being out (Est real expenditures of \$17.7 million) thus we have a \$1.3 million short fall. Budget Committee has much work to be done in the next few weeks.

Solid Waste Fund 116- Recommended. No tax rate

Ambulance Fund 118- Recommended same tax rate- 2 cents

Fire and Animal Control Fund 121- This fund has some financial issues. Tax rate outside all cities currently 6 cents. The Fire Board will review this fund at its next meeting.

Sheriff Drug Control Fund 122- Recommended. No property tax

Recycling Fund 123- Recommended same tax rate- 3 cents

Highway Fund 131- Recommended same tax rate- 10 cents

School Funds 141,142,143,144,146- have not been received by Budget Committee

Debt Funds 151- Recommended same tax rate- 14.5 cents

Debt Fund 152- Recommended same tax rate- 14.5 cents

Debt Fund 156-Recommended same tax rate- 2 cents

General Capital Fund 171- Recommended same tax rate -5 cents

Highway Capital Fund 176- Recommended. No tax rate

Education Capital Fund 177- Not Received by Budget Committee

Wastewater Fund 204- Recommended

Employee Dental Insurance 264- Recommended

Workers Compensation Fund 266-Recommended

As one can see we are down to the General Fund, Fire and Animal Control and Schools.

General Capital Project Fund 171

As recommended here are our main plans for capital projects:

Five (5) cents property tax totals \$590,000, Transfers in \$310,000 other revenues \$110,000. Total Capital Revenue and Transfers \$1,035,000.

Total Appropriation of \$1,873,200.

AMBulance- New ambulance and used adm truck along with cardiac monitors and equipment-\$197,000.

BALance- New Accounting software and Sheriff computer server-\$100,000

CCC Convenience Centers-improvements at Blue Springs, Glen Alice and Pumphouse centers along with security cameras-\$140,000

CHJ Courthouse and Jail-Boiler Replacement \$175,000, Security Cameras upgrades and additions at Courthouse and Jail \$95,000, Jail Biometric machine \$65,000, Roll Call system \$20,000.

IND Industrial Development- enough funds for Phase 2 of certified site at RRBTP not yet budgeted available \$299,261

OES Office of Emergency Services- Equipment and Computer Server \$42,000

OFI- Other Facility Improvements- improvements at Animal Shelter \$12,000

RCY- Recycling Center- Site improvements and equipment \$100,000

REC- Recreation- NRT Grant \$175,000, Caney Creek Campground bridge \$125,000, others \$20,000.

SPC- Swan Pond Sports Complex- Phase 2 grant match \$250,000, Contingency for phase 1&2 \$26,000.

VEH- Vehicles- Sheriff \$217,200, Animal Truck \$35,000, Code \$28,000, Jail Van \$36,000

VOT- Voting Machines accumulating funds for future machines in 2018 by adding \$50,000 bring total to \$150,000.

Commission should be proud of the work that has been approved, improved and planned as we manage our investments and reinvestments in our capital assets.

UT Battelle Assessment

The Property Assessor's office has resolved the square footage difference with UT Battelle. Approximately 100,000 square feet has been removed from the assessment. The good news is that even though we billed UT Battelle for the additional value of the 100,000 square feet they only paid the undisputed portion of the tax bill. Therefore, they did not pay the taxes on the additional 100,000 feet and thus there will be little adjustments in our records for the actual taxes. There will be an adjustment on total assessed value.

TVA Invest Prep Grant- phase 1 and ECD Grant Phase 2

The **Jones Road** (new road into a certified industrial site) **project- Phase 1** is being completed. As Budget Committee reviewed the Capital SubFund of IND, we are projecting that upon completion we should have approximately \$300,000 remaining.

The \$300,000 is proposed for **Phase 2** to match with the Industrial Development Board. Our thoughts and plans are 25% County (\$200,000), 25% IDB (\$200,000) and 50% ECD grant (\$400,000) allowing us to **grade and flatten** approximately 7-10 acres. As these type of projects go, we generally get a set dollar amount from ECD and the county's and IDB's percentages increase some above the 25%. **Good News we have been awarded the Phase 2 Grant.** More to come with a resolution in June to appropriate our portion of the grant.