

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING-BUDGET
SEPTEMBER 10, 2001-5:15 P.M.**

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE: Eddie Creamer, Chairman; Bevin Putnal, Jimmy Mosconis, Cheryl Sanders, and Clarence Williams, Commissioners; Kendall Wade, Clerk; Amelia Varnes, Deputy Clerk; Ruth Williams, Finance Officer; Ethel Jenkins, Assistant Finance Officer; Van Johnson, Solid Waste-Animal Control Director; and Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services.

5:15 P.M. Chairman Creamer called the meeting to order.

(Tape 1-11) Kendall Wade, Clerk, announced this was the first public hearing regarding the adoption of the tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2001. He read the following into the record: Public Hearing to Adopt the Tentative Budget, Monday, September 10, 2001. At this meeting the Board must adopt the tentative budget and tentative millage rate to be advertised according to statutory requirements. It will take 5.573 mills to fund the tentative budget. The total of the tentative budget is \$18,095,637.00. The Tentative millage rate of 5.573 is 11.02% over the rolled-back rate of 5.02 mills. The date set for the Final Budget Hearing to adopt the millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2002 is Monday, September 24, 2001 at 5:15 p.m. at the Franklin County Courthouse, County Commission Meeting Room.

(Tape 1-45) The Humane Society Budget was discussed at this time. The following people spoke regarding the budget: Gayle Dodd, Human Society Director, Bill Hartley, Jill Drew, Laurel Newman, Dixie Partington, Mary Ann Durrer, Gail Knight and Linda Trogger. Mr. Johnson reported on the meeting he had with Ms. Dodd and Ben Watkins, Humane Society benefactor, regarding the budget.

(Tape 1-685) Don Kirksey, property owner on SGI, said he was not concerned about the Humane Society; he was concerned about his high millage rate. Bill Toole, a resident of Eastpoint, said he too was concerned about the millage rate. Alan Pierce, Director of Administrative Services, and Mr. Wade explained how the millage rate is arrived at.

(Tape 1-950) Chairman Creamer asked for a motion to adopt the tentative budget and the tentative millage rate. Commissioner Putnal made a **motion adopting the tentative budget, \$18,095,637.00 and the tentative millage rate of 5.573%.** Commissioner Mosconis seconded the motion. All for. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD
THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

Eddie Creamer

EDDIE CREAMER, CHAIRMAN

Kendall Wade

KENDALL WADE, CLERK