

**MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED FY 2009-2010 WARREN COUNTY BUDGET HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON JUNE 8, 2009 AT 6:00 PM.**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Barry Richardson. Other Commissioners present: Ernest Fleming, William "Bill" Davis, Jennifer Jordan and Ulysses Ross. Others in attendance: Linda T. Worth, County Manager and Barry Mayo, Finance Director.

Notice of public hearing was read by the Clerk to the Board. Citizen Comments were as follows:

**John Hoffman** of Macon, stated taxes will double. He used to be referred to as being on a fixed income, now income is declining. Reviewed budget presentation on web site and discovered there is no money. When business or home has a decrease in funds, they cut back. To continue spending is not right, nor moral. Requested the board direct the County Manager to give budget that cuts back big time. Additions need to go, levels of service need to be reduced. Lot of good things in budget but sheriff getting two new deputies, it will not fly, the money is not there. It's a two-way-street, cut back on good things, there will be screaming.

**Ann White Tate of Henderson & Macon:** "Ditto to former speaker," property in small counties are devalued. Ms. Tate lives in Henderson and owns property in Warren County, a cabin on the lake. Property in the lake area is considered Warren County's goose that laid the golden egg. A few people are bearing the burden for others. People are losing jobs and having trouble paying bills. Many on lake came from other places and now have less income because of retirement. Most lake area residents she's familiar with are from Wake County where taxes are lower than here. Can't sell because you will not get what it is worth. Suggests tax office accept credit card and debit card payment with a lower fee. Ms. Tate also suggested, tax revaluation take place more often than every eight years.

**Gerald Petersen** of Colonial Heights, VA commented via letter to the Board (on file in Clerks office).

Commissioner Fleming reminded the public that the budget had not gone to a formal vote yet. There are two (2) more work sessions scheduled before budget adoption.

On a motion of Commissioner Fleming, which was seconded by Commissioner Davis and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Budget Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap  
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk