Call to Order
The Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Chair John Purcell at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Bob Davidson, Elizabeth Flowers, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, Scott Gryder (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Others Present: Sheriff Dwight Baird, Latreese Caldwell, Julie Hanna, Undersheriff Harold Martin, Tom Thomas, Jeff Wilkins

Claims Review and Approval
The Committee reviewed the County claims report. A motion was made by Member Davidson to forward the approval of claims in an amount not to exceed $697,734.19, second to the motion by Member Flowers. **With all members in agreement, the motion carried.**

Department Heads and Elected Official Reports

**Undersheriff Harold Martin, Sheriff’s Office** – No report

**Tom Thomas, Health Department** – No report

**Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator** – No report

Items of Business

- **Tax Abatements for Business Expansions** – Chair Purcell provided background information on abatements that the County has offered to large businesses in the past, and asked if the committee would be interested in offering tax abatements to other business owners for business expansion that would increase the value of the property. Discussion on parameters, guidelines, repayment percentages, and other taxing unit participation.

- **Courthouse & Jail Security System Funding** – The committee discussed the impending need for a replacement security system, and other equipment upgrades or replacements that will need to be made in the near future.

- **Position Attrition Discussion** – Discussion on the possible need for attrition when employees resign or retire. The committee will continue to discuss this item as they await word from the State legislation meetings regarding state budget cuts.

FY 2016 Budget and Levy Discussion – Discussion on the estimated deficit this year, the potential deficit for next year, possible budget cuts, Health Insurance increases, IMRF, Social Security, SLEP, the CPI and levies.

Old Business – None

Items for Committee of the Whole – None

Action Items for County Board

 Approval of Claims in an amount not to exceed $697,734.19

Public Comment – None

Questions from the Media – None

Executive Session – None Needed

Adjournment – Member Gryder made a motion to adjourn the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, second by Member Flowers. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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