Chairman Holden commenced the Board of A&T Budget Workshop at 8:15 p.m. For the benefit of new members and to streamline the upcoming budget meetings, he explained the budget process protocol for the joint meetings of the Board of A&T and the BOA for the Department interviews.

He proposed the possibility of the Board having immediate votes at the time of discussion with Department Heads if there are non-controversial budget decisions that can be made.

He discussed the basic procedures he’d like to follow, avoiding issues that are politic in nature, the need to avoid comment of insignificant expenditures (i.e. $50.00) and remain focused on the big picture (the $110,000,000 budget). As a practical matter it takes about $5M in order to make a difference of 1 Mil in the tax rate.

In regard to the Workshop process, Chairman Holden stressed the need to start out with a motion to approve the 2010-2011 budget as presented by the Mayor. It needs to be seconded. This will be done to establish a starting point for discussion. He clarified that this motion would not be voted on until the end of the workshop process.

He opened the discussion for other Board members for comments and questions. Chris Besescheck departed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The Workshop adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk, Board of Apportionment and Taxation

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