SHELBY COUNTY TENNESSEE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE MAYOR

AN ORDER CREATING A COMMITTEE TO MONITOR ON AN ONGOING BASIS THE DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES BY SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO TRACK THE EFFECTS OF BUDGET CUTS INCORPORATED IN THE FY2009 OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, The Shelby County Mayor has submitted to the Shelby County Commission a proposed budget which if adopted would not require an increase in the present County property tax rate; and

WHEREAS, In order to reach said proposed budget, it was necessary for the Mayor to identify and propose financial cuts in certain offices and divisions of Shelby County Government, including, but not limited to, the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, the Shelby County Division of Corrections, and the Shelby County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, The cuts reflected in the proposed budget are based on the Administration's good-faith belief that said cuts will not bring about a decrease in the ability of Shelby County Government to deliver essential services to the degree that the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Memphis and Shelby County would be adversely impacted; and

WHEREAS, It is extremely difficult to predict future needs in those service delivery areas that might be impacted by the cuts; and

WHEREAS, The Administration wishes to provide assurances to the Commission and to the residents of Shelby County that Shelby County Government will be vigilant in seeing to it that the cuts do not result in any unacceptable decrease in services in the critical areas of health, safety, and justice; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has proposed that Shelby County Government immediately establish a mechanism to monitor said services, so that the County Commission may be notified immediately in the instance that the FY2009 budget results in a decrease in Shelby County's ability to deliver essential services which would work to the detriment of the citizens of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor has proposed the creation of a Service Delivery Monitoring Committee to monitor on an ongoing basis the delivery of essential services by Shelby County Government to track the effects of budget cuts incorporated in the FY2009 operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, A C Wharton, Jr., Mayor of Shelby County, Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Shelby County Charter, do hereby order and direct the following:

(1) That there is hereby created a committee to consist of not less than five nor more than eleven members. The following individuals and/or representatives will be invited to participate:
   (a) Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee of the Shelby County Commission
   (b) The Shelby County Sheriff
   (c) The Shelby County District Attorney General

(d) The Director of the Shelby County Crime Victims Center
(e) A representative of the Shelby County Deputy Sheriff's Association
(f) A representative of an appropriate neighborhood-based organization such as, and for example only, Neighborhood Watch or other citizen organization
(g) Representative of the Administration
(h) Such other members to be designated by the Mayor.

(2) That the Committee shall be constituted and begin its work within 30 days of the adoption of the Shelby County budget and shall meet at least bi-monthly or more frequently as circumstances may dictate and that it shall report in writing to the Administration and the County Commission its findings with respect to the ability of Shelby County Government to deliver essential services as set forth above and to immediately report to the Shelby County Commission and the Administration any findings it might make with respect to a decrease in essential services and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Administration with respect to how said decreases should be addressed.

(3) That the Mayor may from time to time, as the need arises, make specific assignments to the Committee with respect to service levels and request it submit findings thereon.

(4) That the Committee shall remain in existence until terminated by the Mayor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my signature and caused the Great Seal of The County of Shelby to be affixed this 23d~~th~~ day of May, 2005.

May 23, 2008

A C Wharton, Jr. **Date**
Mayor of Shelby County

Brian Kuhn, **Date**
County Attorney