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Mayor says Operational Efficiency Led to Budget Surplus

Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr., says an \$8.7 million surplus at the end of fiscal year 2010-2011 can be attributed to good management oversight by elected officials and their employees.

“As with many businesses, Shelby County Government has accomplished more this past year with fewer employees. That’s led me to ask the Shelby County Commission to approve one-time checks to employees, excluding elected officials,” said Mayor Luttrell.

The cost of the bonus checks would be \$2.5 million. All permanent County employees hired before July 1, 2011, would be eligible for a stipend at 1.5% of their base pay.

Temporary employees already on the payroll June 30, 2010, who remained on the job through November 30, 2011, will also get a one-time \$200 check.

“Several factors led to the surplus. Forty-six (46) permanent jobs throughout the County were eliminated during the fiscal year. Other jobs were held vacant for a portion of the year and more delinquent tax revenues were collected. Perhaps most importantly, the surplus was generated without a tax increase,” added Mayor Luttrell.

County employees did not receive raises for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2011. Additionally, take-home pay for County workers was reduced by higher medical insurance costs and a mandatory increase in employees’ contribution to the retirement fund.

If approved by Shelby County Commissioners, the stipend checks would be distributed December 15th. The balance of the surplus will be retained in the County’s general fund.

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