

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met in recessed session (recessed from the Wednesday, June 18, 2003 meeting) in the Council Chambers of the Administrative Building, located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Friday, June 20, 2003, at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Sandy McHugh
Vice-Chairman John Turpin
Commissioner Howard Mabe
Commissioner Leon Inman
Commissioner Joe Turpin

Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Julia Edwards delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman McHugh opened the meeting by inviting the citizens in attendance to join the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORK SESSION-PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003/04 COUNTY BUDGET

The Board discussed the following departments in the proposed county fiscal year 2003-04 budget:

Social Services

Interim Director Jan Spencer had notified Chairman McHugh that the State had reclassified the two proposed Human Resource Placement Specialist positions (grade 63) to Community Employment Case Manager positions (grade 65). Interim Director Spencer had requested the reclassifications for the upcoming budget. Notification of the reclassification was received after the submission of the budget to the Board.

Motion: Chairman McHugh moved to approve the reclassifications of the two proposed Human Resource Placement Specialist positions (grade 63) to Community Employment Case Manager positions (grade 65).

Second: Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Joe Turpin voting against the motion.

Animal Control

The Board had previously discussed the additional funding for dog food for the Animal Shelter.

Motion: Chairman McHugh moved to budget an additional \$1700 for dog food from hold harmless into Animal Control-Departmental Supplies.

Second: Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Social Services – HCCBG

The Board had previously discussed the HCCBG funding for Social Services.

Additional discussion concerning the reduction of hours for clients.

Motion: Chairman McHugh moved to approve the motion to transfer \$14,576 for HCCBG in the Social Services' proposed budget, which includes the allotment of \$13,108 in Grant funding and \$1468 County matching for In Home Aid.

Second: Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Stokes County Schools-Capital Outlay

Chairman McHugh had recently met with David Burge-Stokes County School Administration-Maintenance concerning the requested \$50,000 for emergencies in the proposed school budget for items such as air conditioning, leaking roofs, etc.

Motion: Chairman McHugh moved to budget the \$50,000 from hold harmless funding for the Stokes County Schools-Capital Outlay – Category One –Emergencies.

Second: Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments-RPO

Chairman McHugh had received a request from Mr. John Robertson, NWPRPO Coordinator -NWPCOG after the budget had been submitted to the Board. Mr. Robertson requested \$2000 from Stokes County to help cover the match of \$21,366 for planning funds from the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$85,462 for the RPO for fiscal year 2003/04. The total funding for the RPO would be \$106,828.

Discussion of RPO funding for the fiscal year 2003-04 and if future funding is requested to include possible funding from the Town of Danbury and Town of Walnut Cove.

Motion: Commissioner Inman moved to budget the \$2000 funding for the Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for the fiscal year 2003/04.

Second: Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments

Stokes County Nursing Home & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committees

Chairman McHugh had received a request from Ms. Amy Vernon NWPCOG-Regional LTC Ombudsman after the budget had been submitted to the Board. Ms. Vernon requested \$500 from Stokes County to help cover travel reimbursement for members of the Stokes County Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committees for the 2003/04 fiscal year.

Motion: Commissioner Mabe moved to fund the \$500 for travel reimbursement for the Stokes County Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committees.

Second: Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Budget Changes –Proposed Budget

Finance Director Julia Edwards presented the Board with an updated listing of amendments approved for the proposed 2003/04 county budget.

Arts Council

Chairman McHugh presented the requested information from the Arts Council, which detailed revenue, expenditures, programs, and audit for 2002 and 2001.

Schools – Current Expense and Capital Outlay

Dr. Ron Carroll submitted to the Board the 2002/03 and proposed 2003/04 Stokes County Board of Education Budget Resolutions, 2002/03 instructional expenditures, state public school fund –chart of accounts and combined employee salaries by category.

Dr. Carroll spoke to the Board concerning items in the proposed 2003/04 Budget Resolution.

Dr. Carroll explained the following Program Report Codes in order to help understand the federal and state funding:

STOKES COUNTY SCHOOLS

Outline of State and Federal PRCs

State	001	Teacher allotment for academic (English, math, science, social studies) and enhancement (art, music, physical education, foreign language) programs plus a few vocational and exceptional children’s teachers. Disregard the money allotment as the positions are guaranteed regardless of cost. (348 positions)
	002	Money allotment for Central Office administrator salaries and benefits. Does not include clerical personnel.
	003	Money allotment for non-instructional support personnel (custodians, clerical, substitutes). We pay all custodians from this allotment first, then Central Office clerical staff (mandated by statute), then as many other clerical staff as the money will allow. The remaining clerical positions and most substitutes are funded with local dollars.
	005	Positions for school-level administration (principals and assistant principals) allotted as months of employment. Ignore the dollar allotment as the positions are guaranteed regardless of cost.
	007	Position allotment for instructional support personnel. This allotment funds counselors, media coordinators, psychologists, one school nurse, and some speech therapists. Again the positions are guaranteed regardless of cost.
	013	Position allotment for vocational education teachers. Most vocational teachers are funded through this allotment. The allotment is for months of employment regardless of cost.
	014	Vocational education program support. Money is used to purchase materials and equipment for the various vocational programs. Vocational programs are hands-on and require substantial funds to operate.
	027	Dollar allotment for teacher assistants in grades K-3. We hire as many as the money will allow. Does not fund an assistant for every K-3 classroom.
	028	Staff development allotment. Most funds are allocated to the schools to fund staff development activities as decided by the school.
	031	Low wealth money. Used primarily to fund 20+ teaching positions that used to be in the local budget. Also funds some teacher assistants in critical areas. Balance has been used in recent years for technology and library books. Low wealth money carries a non-supplant requirement, meaning that local money cannot be reduced because of these extra state funds.
	032	State funds for exceptional children’s programs. Money used to pay 40+ teachers and 25+ assistants to implement individual educational plans for exceptional children. Also used to contract with private companies for such specialized services as psychology, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and audiology.
	034	State allotment for programs for the academically gifted. Pays for approximately 5.5 teaching positions (about half of our program needs).
	054	Limited English program. Money used to pay approximately 75% of salary for one of our three LEP teachers.
	056	Transportation. Funds the operation of the total transportation program, including bus drivers, mechanics, fuel, parts, etc. Does not cover the entire cost of operation, so local budget reflects the difference.

- 061 Materials and Supplies. Most of this allotment is divided among the schools based on membership, and schools make purchasing decisions. Small portion retained in Central Office to purchase instructional materials for use on a system wide basis. Also funds part-time testing assistants during the heavy testing periods and assists with payment for PSAT and AP exams.
- 069 At-Risk Student Services. Funds In-school suspension programs at middle and high schools, contract with Sheriff's Department for high school SROs, most of cost of alternative school, and part of cost for summer school.
- Federal** 017 Vocational educational program. Funds two vocational support positions.
- 044 Sliver Grant for exceptional children's program. Funds approximately one-half of salary and benefits for an EC teacher at the alternative school.
- 048 Safe and Drug Free Schools. Funds DARE program materials, other materials and staff development for drug education programs, and contract with Step One for drug education and prevention services.
- 049 Preschool Handicapped. Funds one preK teacher for EC students plus part of contract for private provider of speech services for preschool handicapped students. Note: We are required to serve all eligible EC students ages 3-21.
- 050 This is the largest program funded under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Provides funding for teachers, assistants, materials, staff development for remediation programs in eligible elementary schools; the eligible schools determine how to use the funds. Also funds two preK programs for developmentally delayed children.
- 059 Innovative Programs. Funds part of cost for one preK "blended" program which serves both EC and non-EC students.
- 060 This is the major federal EC allotment; its intent is to provide a portion of the excess cost of operating EC programs but has never been fully funded. Used to pay approximately 15 teaching positions, some assistants, and contracts with private providers of specialized services.
- 103 Relatively new program. Used to fund eight teaching positions to lower class size in grades K-3. Also to assist with costs for teachers to become "highly qualified" under federal guidelines.
- 107 Used to help with technology expenses.

NOTE: All federal allotments carry a non-supplant requirement; state and local funds cannot be reduced because of receipt of federal funds.

Chairman McHugh noted that the Board of Education's Budget Resolution did not separately break out each line item by federal, state, and county funding.

Dr. Carroll concluded that larger counties had financial staffing and funding capabilities of providing detailed budgets such as Guilford County.

Health Department

Chairman McHugh presented information from Health Director Steve Smith along with a citizen request for funding for Health Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman McHugh moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman