

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for scheduled budget work session for the proposed Fiscal Year 2004/05 County Budget in the Council Chambers of the Administrative Building, located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Wednesday, June 9, 2004, 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

County Manager Richard Morris
 County Attorney Jonathan Jordan
 Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Others in Attendance:
 Finance Director Julia Edwards
 Mr. Jack Veit - Stokes Intern

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Inman 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.

Cancellation of the June 11th Budget Work Session

Chairman McHugh moved to approve the motion to cancel the Budget Work Session Scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2004, 6:00 pm at the Administrative Building, Commissioners' Chambers-Second Floor located in Danbury. Budget work sessions will resume as scheduled on June 16th at 6:00 pm. This meeting has been cancelled due to the Federal Declaration of a National Day of Mourning honoring the late President Ronald Reagan.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Libraries

Regional Director John Hedrick
 Joan Sherif - Area Consultant

Director Hedrick noted the following concerning the proposed Library Budget:

- Increase in allocation for the upcoming fiscal year 2004/05
- Increase of group insurance
- Increase of maintenance cost due to upgrading circulation system
- For the first time in 36 years, the Region Headquarters is being charged rent for their space by the Town of Elkin - \$9736
- Rent is being prorated to all libraries
 - King Public Library = \$1158
 - Danbury Public Library = \$751
 - Walnut Cove Public Library = \$728
- Impact on rent being charged to Libraries
- Discussion of Maintenance of Effort - State funding

Facilities in Stokes County
Internet usage in the Libraries

Legal

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan noted the following concerning the proposed Legal Budget:

- Professional Services if needed for additional legal services
- Justification for purchase of laptop computer
- Possible cost allocation for legal services for DSS
- Legal Services rendered to DSS
- Dues and Subscriptions -Bar Dues, Lexis Nexis- Research Services
- Justification for increase in travel - DSS Attorney's Conference, etc

Commissioner Joe Turpin questioned the County's purchase cost for laptops.

Commissioner Joe Turpin requested specifications on the laptop to compare with other vendors for a lesser cost price.

Regional Sewer Fund

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the following concerning the proposed Regional Sewer Fund:

- Miscellaneous Expense reflects the overpayment due Stokes Reynolds Hospital
- Decrease Miscellaneous Contractual Services
- Cost allocation for services performed by public works department
- Increased repairs during fiscal year 2003/04
- Need for upgrades to the system in the future

Sale of County Property

County Manager Rick Morris

County Manager Morris noted the potential out-year sources of revenue by selling the following County property:

- Prison Site - Meadows
- King Clinic Building
- Road Frontage near Danbury Library

The Board discussed the pros and cons of selling County property.

The Board unanimously agreed to direct County Manager Morris to seek further cost estimates for complete cleaning of the King Clinic Building in order to put the building back in service.

Commissioner Joe Turpin requested information whether the house located on the Prison Site could possibly be rented for revenue.

County Manager Morris noted that State Personnel had been contacted concerning the usage of the sewer packaging plant. State Personnel would have to inspect the sewer packaging plant before any decision could be made.

A request has been made to the State.

Purchasing

County Manager Rick Morris

County Manager Morris noted the following concerning the proposed Purchasing Budget:

- Purchasing being separated from Finance Department
- 25% Finance Accounting Tech being used from Finance Department
- Advertising - Contract Bids, Sale of County property
- Discussion of telephone lease

Vice Chairman John Turpin noted the use of UPS Software to save time.

Commissioner Joe Turpin questioned the County's usage of purchases from State Contract.

Medical Examiner

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the same funding as previous fiscal year although expenditures have already exceeded current budget's year funding.

Superior Court

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the following concerning the proposed Superior Court Budget:

- Increase is due to juvenile services.
- Covers rent/utilities for office in King
- Jury Commissioners expenditures
- Contract for software for jury selection

Enhanced E911 Fund

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the following concerning the proposed Enhanced E911 Fund:

- \$30,000 Transferred to Capital Reserve for Hardware/Software Upgrade
- Tower Project has been completed
- Equipment upgrades for telecommunications
- Eliminations for use of E911 funding

Capital Reserve

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the following concerning the proposed Capital Reserve Fund:

- Public Building - Paving Fund \$10,000
- Technology - Upgrades for network - \$10,000
- Vehicle Maintenance - Garage Equipment - \$2,000
- Vehicle Maintenance - New tanks for new garage - \$50,000
- Animal Control - Truck - \$5,000
- E911 - Upgrade hardware/software - \$30,000
- GIS/Mapping - Upgrade hardware/software - \$10,000
- Environmental Health - Truck - \$5,000
- Planning - Truck - \$5,000

Stokes Reynolds Bond Fund

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted budget reflects the principle and interest on revenue bonds which will expire in three years.

The Board discussed possible future costs concerning the operation of Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Forsyth Technical Community College

Finance Director Julia Edwards

Finance Director Edwards noted the following concerning the proposed Forsyth Technical Community College:

- Separated from Special Appropriations Budget
- Operating cost for site at Governmental Center
- Additional vehicle cost for use by FTCC personnel

Stokes County Schools

Chairman McHugh requested the Board be provided with a copy of the School System's audit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to adjourn the budget work session.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman