

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 17, 2004

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 Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building, located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Thursday, June 17, 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
Assistant Finance Director Lisa Lankford
Mr. Jack Veit - Stokes Intern

Chairman McHugh called the budget session to order.

County Manager Rick Morris 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.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)

Jack Moore - Juvenile Services
Clyde Stewart - Surry/Stokes Friends of Youth
Bert Wood - Step One
Robin Testerman - Scan

Mr. Moore presented a brief overview of the services provided by the funding administered through the JCPC. Mr. Wood also commented on the need of the services provided by the funding and the cost of \$51,000 a year for a youth to stay in a training facility.

County Manager presented information concerning surrounding counties and similar counties compared to reclassifications and salary classification schedule.

Animal Control

Chief Animal Control Officer Sarah Shumate

Chief Animal Control Officer Shumate noted the following areas in the proposed Animal Control Budget:

- Vehicles - 4 wheel drive in this year's budget and one in next year (debt service)
- Training - Cruelty Investigator for entire staff/state convention
- Replacement of roof - damaged by wind (deductible in budget)
- Separation of travel and training this year's budget
- Vaccinations as a possible revenue item
- Possible spay and neuter program for the future

Reclassification of Animal Control Attendant to Deputy Animal Control Officer
Reclassification Animal Control Officer II
Reclassification Deputy Chief Animal Control Officer
Rabies Clinic
Adoption Fees and Procedures
Veterinarian Contractual Services for court cases

Forestry

Forest Ranger Mr. Michael Pell

Mr. Pell explained the forestry services provided to citizens of Stokes County.

Arts Council

Arts Council Director Eddy McGee

Director McGee noted the following areas in the proposed Arts Council Budget:

Upcoming Events for Fund Raising- Fund Drive ,Seven Island Bridge Portrait Raffle, Fund Drive, Stokes Stomp (Rubber Duck Regatta, Canoe/Kayak Race, Auditions for "Outdoor Channel"), Wonderful Adventures of Brer Rabbit children's plays, Harley Davidson Motorcycle Raffle, Fall Motorcycle Ride for the Arts.
Other upcoming events - NC School of the Arts Summer Concert Series, Stokes Veterans Photography Exhibit, Public Art Classes at the Park, Patriot Day
Upcoming Website - estimated to be finished in July
Corporation Sponsorship Participation
Possibility returning the Living Storybook
Working with Walnut Cove Events Committee
Reorganization of Arts Council Board

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

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman