

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 21, 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 Monday, June 21, 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 meeting 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.

King Fire District Fund

Mayor Jack Warren
City Manager Lane Bailey
Fire Chief W. Lail
Interim City Manager Jerry Rothrock

City Manager Lane Bailey (who will be leaving June 30th) noted that there were no concerns with the budget proposed by the County Manager.

The Board had no questions concerning the King Fire District Fund.

Walnut Cove Fire District Fund

Board Member James White-Rescue Officer

Mr. James White noted the following concerning the proposed Walnut Cove Fire District Fund's Budget:

The use of \$91,422 of their fund balance

Requested the Board increase the fire tax a little each year to reduce the amount being use from the fund balance

Requested more funding from the County instead of using so much from fund balance

Rural Hall Fire District Fund

Fire Chief Eddie Horn
Deputy Fire Chief Ronnie Johnson

Town Manager Frank James (unable to attend)

Fire Chief Horn had no concerns with the County Manager's recommendations.

Chief Horn indicated the additional funding from the fund balance will be used to make needed improvements. Chief Horn also noted the Department of Insurance had inspected last July and unless specific changes were done, the fire rating would go from a 5 to a 7. Re-inspection from DOI will be done in September or October of this year.

Senior Services

Senior Services Program Director Lynn Martens
Office Assistant III Darlene Nelson

Director Martens noted the following concerning the proposed Senior Services

Budget:

- Proposed Budget will allow current programs
- Contractual Services (transportation) still in the bid process
- Transportation Bids scheduled to be opened on Tuesday, -June 22nd
- Contract with NWPCOG effective July 1, 2004
- Client Donations
- EDTAP Transportation Program

County Manager Morris noted that requirements for transportation services were changed before the RFP were sent out. The change reflects that vendors will only bill mileage when a Stokes County Client is in the vehicle and Ms. Martens will approve the routes. No mileage will be billed to and from the pick up destination.

The Board discussed the proposed changes for the upcoming fiscal year Transportation Program.

Senior Service Center Fund

Senior Center Director Vicki East

County Manager Rick Morris noted the following correction:

County Manager Morris had stated that Ms. East had not requested an additional \$30,000 as indicated by a citizen at the Public Hearing; however, Ms. East did request the \$30,000 for professional services. Upon discovery of this discrepancy, County Manager Morris supported the addition of the \$30,000 for professional services. A corrected copy of the proposed Senior Center Fund which included the requested \$30,000 was submitted and approved by the Board at the June 18th Budget Work Session. Director East noted the following concerning the proposed Senior Service Center Fund Budget:

- Decrease in rent \$600 to \$300
- Lack of free services for seniors
- Need for funding for programs for seniors
- Block Grant funding for Director's salary be paid by County
- Block Grant funding will be used for programs
- Possible programs for seniors to help school children

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Inman moved to recess the budget work session until Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 6:00 pm.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman