

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
) JUNE 8, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a budget work session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman John Turpin
Vice-Chairman Leon Inman
Commissioner Sandy McHugh
Commissioner Joe Turpin
Commissioner Jimmy Walker

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards
Assistant Finance Director Lisa Lankford
Arts Council Director Eddy McGee
County Extension Director Jack Loudermilk
Register of Deeds Kathy Young
Information Tech Systems Director Dianna Fulp
Veterans Administrator Ernest Lankford
Emergency Medical Services Director Monty Stevens
EMS Training Officer Brian Booe
Emergency Communications Director Del Hall
Economic Development Director Ron Morgan
Support Service Supervisor Danny Stovall
District Resource Director Tony Hill
Sheriff Mike Joyce
Major James Joyce - Sheriff's Department
Jail Captain Craig Carico

Chairman John Turpin called the budget work session to order.

Vice Chairman Inman delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT -GOVERNING BODY-PROPOSED 2005/06 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Departmental and Outside Requests Review of Proposed FY 2005/06 County Budget

Chairman John Turpin allowed each Department Head or outside requester to request or expressed concerns pertaining to the County Manager's recommendation. The Board discussed the following noted items listed below with each department or outside requester:

Cooperative Extension

County Extension Director Jack Loudermilk

Request: Director Loudermilk did not have any additional request if the Board would allow Cooperative Extension to use the remaining \$1900 in the current fiscal year 2004/05 for the purchase of another computer. Original request only specified a certain number of computers.

- Professional Misc. Contractual Services

Commissioner McHugh moved to allow Cooperative Extension be able to use the remaining funds from the recent computer purchase to buy another computer.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Stokes County Schools

Dr. Larry Cartner -Superintendent
Chairman Ty Boles- Stokes County Board of Education
Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford - Stokes County Board of Education
Sonya Cox - Board Member - Stokes County Board of Education
Terri Fowler - Board Member - Stokes County Board of Education
Steve Shelton - Board Member - Stokes County Board of Education
Finance Officer Lynette Moore - Stokes County School Administration

Dr. Larry Cartner requested full funding of the Board of Education's submitted budget.

Dr. Cartner noted the following:

- Funding per child
- Supplement for staff
- Funding for School Resource Officers (SRO)
- Schools system - largest employer in the County
- State Mandates

Dr. Cartner requested the removal of the 10% Cap on Fund Transfers in the Local Budget.

Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford (Board of Education) noted the following:

- Supplement Increases for Staff

Board Member Sonya Cox (Board of Education) noted the following:

- Mandated Items
- Using ADM Funds

Board Member Steve Shelton (Board of Education) noted the following:

- Supplement for staff
- Means to attracting new teachers
- School Resource Officers (SRO) for Schools

Chairman Ty Boles (Board of Education) noted the following:

- Qualified teachers leaving the County
- Local and state funding

Board Member Terri Fowler (Board of Education) noted the following:

- Agreed with Board members' comments

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the Board of Education's proposed budget:

- Schools' fund balance
- Reduction in state/federal funding
- Low wealth funding
- Impact fees
- School Resource Officers (SRO)
- Exceptional children's program
- Meadowbrook School - SRO

King Fire District Fund

King City Manager Scott Buffkin
King Fire Chief Randy Williams
Mayor Jack Warren

Request: Requested the Board support the County Manager's recommendation for a (1) one-cent fire tax increase. City Manager Scott Buffkin noted the need for the requested (1) one-cent fire tax increase.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Tiffany Cone - JCPC

Rusty Slate - JCPC

Kathy Ford - JCPC

Request: Rusty Slate requested the Board support the recommendation submitted by JCPC and the County Manager.

Register of Deeds

Register of Deeds Kathy Young

Request: Request for salary realignment for the two Deputy Registers of Deeds employed in the Register of Deeds' Office. Ms. Young's recommendation is to change the Deputy position to Deputy I (grade 60) and create a new position of Deputy II (grade 62).

- Revenues
- Departmental Supplies

Information Systems

Information Tech Systems Director Dianna Fulp

Request: Director Fulp requested No additional funding.

- Professional Services
- High speed wireless internet project county-wide

Veterans Services

Veterans Service Officer Ernest Lankford

Request: Mr. Lankford requested a salary increase for his position.

- Increase in Veterans in Stokes County
- Increase of funding for Veterans in Stokes County

Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Monty Stevens

Request: Director Stevens requested No additional funding

- Departmental Supplies
- Satellite Phones - installation

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens

Training Officer Brian Booe

Request: Director Stevens requested the reinstatement of the following: One ambulance; Training in the amount of \$1,019; Supplies \$7,780, and Funding for a future station for Station #3 -Pinnacle.

- Model System
- Revenues
- Delinquent revenues
- Possible increase of EMS Fees
 - **Current Fee Scale -**

Transport	\$350.00
Mileage	\$5.47/mile
Oxygen	\$10.00
IV	\$15.00
Medications	\$25.00
Pacer Pads	\$35.00
Bag Value Masks	\$20.00
Body Bags	\$50.00

- **Proposed Fee Scale**

- BLS Transport \$350.00
 - ALS Transport \$450.00

- Bundle the following items into a single ALS Transport Fee (Oxygen, IV Medications, Pacer pads, Bag Value Mask)

- Mileage \$6.00

- Increase Mileage Fee to \$6.00. Medicare now allows \$5.90/mile mileage charge.

- Treat No Transport - \$100.00 (ALS Calls Only)

- Delete Body Bag Fee

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the submitted fee schedule effective 07-01-05.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded the motion.

The motion failed 2-3 with Commissioner Joe Turpin, Chairman John Turpin, Commissioner Walker voting against motion.

Emergency Communications

Emergency Communications Director Del Hall

Request: Director Hall requested the reinstatement of the Emergency Medical Dispatch Program (EMD).

- EMD Software
- E911 Funding
- Possible Grants for EMD Software

Economic Development

Economic Development Director Ron Morgan

Request: Director Morgan requested No additional funding

- Advertising
- High speed wireless internet project county-wide

Purchasing

Support Service Supervisor Danny Stovall

Request: Mr. Stovall requested No additional funding

- Decrease in proposed 2005/06 Budget

District Resource Center

District Resource Director Tony Hill

Request: Director Hill requested No additional funding

- PreTrial Program

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Mike Joyce

Request: Sheriff Joyce requested No additional funding

- Training/Travel
- Departmental Supplies
- Auto Supplies
- Equipment Non-capitalized - Computers
- SRO - Meadowbrook

Jail

Captain Craig Carico

Request: Captain Carico requested No additional funding

- Misc. Contractual Services
- Need for additional security cameras
- APC Backup batteries for computers being removed from Hold Harmless
- Van and assembly

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to adjourn the budget work session.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to adjourn the budget work session.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried (4-1) with Commissioner McHugh voting against the motion.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
Chairman