

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 14, 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 Tuesday, June 14, 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  
Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Elwood Mabe  
Soil Conservationist Tom Smith  
Public Buildings Director Jay Kinney  
County Attorney Jonathan Jordan

Chairman John Turpin called the budget work session to order.

County Manager Rick Morris 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:

#### **Mental Health - Centerpoint**

CEO Betty Taylor

**Request:** Ms. Taylor requested No additional funding.

- County Manager Rick Morris presented the proposed Performance Agreement for consideration
- Discussion of proposed Performance Agreement by Ms. Taylor
- Discussed First Opinion Waivers
- Financial status of Hope Ridge
- Presented handout containing requested expenditures and revenues for the proposed fiscal year 05/06
- Stokes Opportunity Center - Walnut Cove same level of funding as 04/05

#### **Vehicle Maintenance**

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Elwood Mabe

**Request:** Maintenance Supervisor Mabe requested No additional funding.

- Equipment - Brake Lathe
- Estimated 160 - 170 vehicles maintained by Vehicle Maintenance Department
- New garage - NCDOT grant

### **YMCA-Recreation**

Mr. Jarrod Covington- Stokes Family YMCA

(Director Pete Shattuck until able to attend due to a prior commitment)

**Request:** Mr. Covington requested No additional funding.

- County wide services
- Other possible services at the Program Center in Danbury
- Funding requested for Soccer League
- Funding for Summer Day Camp Program at 3 new sites
- Funding for 3 cross trainer cardiovascular machines - Program Center - Danbury
- Funding for 2 Recumbent Bikes at Program Center - Danbury

### **Agricultural Advisory Committee**

Soil Conservationist Tom Smith

Chairman Manley Stovall - Agricultural Advisory Committee

**Request:** Mr. Smith noted the Committee's appreciation for the \$5000 funding, but requested any other funding available be allocated to the line item.

- Good Start for the Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Discussion of Developmental Rights
- Funds needed for matching funding for projects

### **ReDirections**

Mr. Tom Gibbons - ReDirections

Redirections Advisory Board Member Brandon West

**Request:** Mr. Gibbons requested reinstatement of \$4000 not included in the County Manager's recommended proposed.

- Been in Stokes County as a Sentencing Program since 1998
- Space used at Tony Hill's office used for inkind match
- 30% Funding revenue cut from Raleigh
- Letter from Honorable Judge A. Moses Massey supporting ReDirections' programs
- Mr. Gibbons presented a handout detailing services provided by ReDirections

Mr. Gibbons stated that any funding would greatly appreciated.

### **Walnut Cove Little League/Lions Park**

Courtney Bullard -concerned citizen

Amy Flippin - President of Little League

Jennifer Martin - concerned citizen

**Request:** Ms. Bullard requested reinstatement of \$5,000 not included in the County Manager's recommended proposed budget.

- Ms. Bullard stated that the request should be requested from the Lions Club instead of the Walnut Cove Little League
- Statistical information concerning number of children served
- Ms. Bullard also requested that the request be moved to Parks instead of Special Appropriations
- Ms. Bullard also stated that any allocation would be appreciated
- Possible annexation of Park to the Town of Walnut Cove

Commissioner Walker stated that Recreation was a very important issue to the citizens of Stokes County and would like to see the Recreational Grant (matching up to \$2000) process be reinstated into the County Budget.

### **Solid Waste**

County Manager Rick Morris informed the Board that the Public Work Director Jay Kinney had researched the possibility of using large blocks for the needed wall at the Landfill at an estimated cost of \$4,000 instead of \$25,000 as requested in the proposed budget.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to decrease the Improvements line item (Solid Waste - 100.4720.590) to \$4,000 from \$25,000.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to decrease the Improvements line item (Solid Waste - 100.4720.590) to \$4,000 from \$25,000.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Facility Moves**

County Manager Rick Morris presented the following designated amounts proposed in the Public Buildings budget (Improvements - 100.4190.590):

- \$40,000 - Phase I - Needed Repairs in Courtroom "C" and requested renovations from the Honorable Judge Oliver
- \$200,000 - Moving Fire Marshal and EMS to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- \$2,500 - Renovations for reception's area - Administration

County Manager Morris also noted that Elections would be moved after EMS and Fire Marshal are relocated.

The Board discussed the designated areas along with the following other renovation options:

- Possibility of grant for new garage
- Prison Camp
- King Clinic

### **Legal**

County Attorney Jonathan Jordan

**Request:** Attorney Jordan requested No additional funding.

County Attorney Jordan discussed the following:

- Proposed contract - 6 months
- Possibility of a DSS full time attorney
- Current year 60% DSS and 40% other departments
- Advantages of a DSS in-house attorney

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to adjourn the budget work session.

Commissioner Joe Turpin withdrew his motion.

The Board continued the discussion of the Legal Department requested allocation.

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

Commissioner McHugh moved to adjourn the budget work session.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
Clerk to the Board

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**John M. Turpin**  
Chairman