

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)) OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
)) STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES)) DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
)) JUNE 22, 2005

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a budget work session (recessed from the June 20, 2005 budget work session) in the Commissioners’ Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Wednesday, June 22, 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

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 budget work session 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

The Board continued discussion pertaining to the proposed Fiscal Year 2005/06 Budget.

Environmental Health

The Board discussed the proposed health fee schedule for Environmental Health which included an expedite fee for permitting septic tanks. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the expedite fee.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to remove the expedite fee out of the proposed fee schedule for Environmental Health.

Commissioner McHugh moved to remove the expedite fee out of the proposed fee schedule for Environmental Health.

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

The Board discussed the possibility of having cell phones for Environmental Health Specialists, which could help speed up the permitting process.

County Manager Rick Morris noted cell phones were in the proposed 2005/06 budget.

The Board requested Manager Morris draft a cell phone policy for the County employees, particularly while driving County vehicles.

Finance

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the proposed Finance budget:

- Need for a new server
- SQL Software
- LSB should be paying for stock paper for finance checks

Finance Director Julia Edwards informed the Board that the Investment Revenue could be increased to \$150,000 instead of \$115,000 in the proposed budget.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to increase the investment earnings revenue to \$150,000.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to increase the investment earnings revenue to \$150,000 instead of \$115,000.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fire & Rescue

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the Fire & Rescue proposed budget:

- \$10,000 - Fire Association - Escrow Account
- \$1,700 - Computer
- \$39,000 funding needed to reinstate the Fire Fighter position

Forsyth Tech

County Manager Rick Morris informed the Board the need to add funding for the telephone line at North Stokes for the Certified Nursing Aide Programs and the telephone line for the upcoming business "incubator" program at Walnut Cove. The Board requested Manager Morris to return to the Board with an estimated figure for the two lines.

GIS/Mapping

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the GIS/Mapping proposed budget:

- Additional justification needed for increasing the permanent part time position to full time

Governing Body

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the Governing Body proposed budget:

- Need for Defibrillators for the Administrative Office and DSS

Commissioner McHugh requested that Commissioners who do not participate in the health and dental coverage, receive additional compensation.

The Board discussed the issue.

Commissioner Walker requested information concerning if other counties pay additional compensation to Commissioners if health/dental benefits are declined.

Stokes Family Health Center Department

The Board discussed the following issues pertaining to the Stokes Family Health Center:

- Possibility hiring a psychiatrist to provide mental health services for Stokes County residents
- Medical Supplies

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted amended sheets for the proposed Stokes Family Health Center's budget, which includes salary increases for the PHNurses, Bioterrorism Coordinator, and Nutritionist III.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to accept the amended Stokes Family Health Center's proposed budget sheets for submission into the proposed 2005/06 budget.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the submission of the amended sheets for the Stokes Family Health Center's proposed budget.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to accept the amended sheets for the Home Health's budget for submission into the proposed 2005/06 budget.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the submission of the amended sheets for the Home Health's proposed budget.

Vice Chairman Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the possibility of opening the King Clinic Building which is almost ready for occupancy.

Information Systems

The Board discussed the following issued pertaining to the Information Systems proposed budget:

- Disaster Recovery Plan - \$25,000
- Possibility of performing the Disaster Recovery Plan in-house
- Possibility of developing and approving a fee charged for the request of public information
- \$25,000 Wireless internet

Jail

The Board discussed the following issued pertaining to the Jail proposed budget:

- 19 Passenger Transport Van with assembly
- (3) APC Backup Batteries for computers
- Infra Red Exterior cameras
- Pan Tilt Exterior camera

Commissioner McHugh moved to finance the complete purchase price of the requested Jail van and assembly and transfer the \$13,000 back to Capital Reserve for paying the installment payments in fiscal year 2006/07.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve that (3) ACP backup batteries for the Jail computers be undesignated to Hold Harmless funding.

Commissioner McHugh seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the issue of the backup batteries being designated with Hold Harmless funding.

Commissioner McHugh withdrew her second with Commissioner Joe Turpin withdrawing his motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman John Turpin entertained a motion to recess the budget work session until Thursday, June 23,2005 at 7:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Inman moved to recess the budget work session until Thursday June 23, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

John M. Turpin
Chairman