

- (2) Germanton Sewer estimated at \$3 million and (3) Pinnacle Sewer estimated at \$3 million.
- Noted the urgent need for funding for the Danbury water/sewer and also noted the need for the extension of 4 miles on Highway #311 toward Rockingham County, which could potentially effect the most people at cost of \$500,000.
- Funding be allocated for a water and sewer study

Commissioner Walker noted the following:

- Very comfortable budget process
- No budget can never be perfect - always has items that can not be included
- Proposed budget maintains the \$.60 cent property tax rate
- Even though capital outlay and personnel costs could not be included in the proposed budget, there are contingency accounts available for capital outlay and possible COLA for employees later in the year
- Did not recommend any revisions, feel comfortable with the proposed budget as submitted by the Budget Director

Chairman Inman noted the following:

- Budget Team presented a proposed budget which includes the direction of the Board of Commissioners
- Maintains a \$.60 cent property tax rate
- Basically a "zero growth budget" with only a \$977,023 increase over the fiscal year 2005-06 budget
- Would like to have given County employees a COLA
- Need to get the fund balance in order to prepare for a bond referendum for schools
- Would also have like to increase supplement for teachers

Interim County Manager Darlene Bullins presented information received yesterday notifying the County that HB1827 has been proposed to be amended which if approved will eliminate 25% of the motor vehicle property base. This will effect Stokes County in the following way: (If adopted, the bill will be effective 07-01-06).

- The 25% reduction would be approximately \$581,500 less revenue in the upcoming fiscal year
- Local governments could also lose an undetermined amount of property revenue from public utilities who own motor vehicle fleets such as Duke Power, etc.

Chairman Inman urged Commissioners to call Representatives to vote against this proposed amendment to HB 1827.

Chairman Inman requested if there was any other comments regarding the proposed budget submitted by the Budget Team, a proposed amended budget submitted by Commissioner McHugh, or amendments from Vice Chairman Joe Turpin and Commissioner John Turpin.

Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget Adoption

Chairman Inman entertained for a motion regarding the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2006-07 County Budget.

Commissioner John Turpin moved to approve the proposed budget submitted by the Budget Director, set the County property tax rate at \$.60 cents along with \$60,000 from Contingency accounts to fund the Communities Partner Program, which could possibly help to seek funding for possible grants.

Commissioner Walker seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin noted that was not the way to go.

Commissioner John Turpin noted anything that is needed can be corrected at a later date.

Commissioner McHugh noted that there was too much lacking in the proposed budget.

Commissioner Walker concurred with Commissioner John Turpin that there are funds available to work with.

The motion carried (3-2) Vice Chairman Joe Turpin and Commissioner McHugh voting against the motion.

Fire Service District

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to adopt the Fire Service District's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.055.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the motion to adopt the Fire Service District's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.055.

Commissioner John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rural Hall Fire District Fund

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to adopt the Rural Hall Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the motion to adopt the Rural Hall Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried (3-2) with Vice Chairman Joe Turpin and Commissioner John Turpin voting against the motion.

King Fire District Fund

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to adopt the King Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the motion to adopt the King Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Walnut Cove Fire District Fund

Chairman Inman entertained a motion to adopt the Walnut Cove Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Commissioner McHugh moved to approve the motion to adopt the Walnut Cove Fire District Fund's proposed budget with a fire tax of \$.05.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to recess the budget work session until Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Vice Chairman Joe Turpin moved to recess the budget work session until Thursday, June 29, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman