STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
)	STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES)	DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
	JUNE 9, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Budget Work Session in the third floor Conference Room of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administrative Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 2:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman J. Leon Inman Vice-Chairman Jimmy Walker Commissioner Ron Carroll Commissioner Ernest Lankford Commissioner Stanley Smith

County Personnel in Attendance: County Manager K. Bryan Steen Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins Finance Director Julia Edwards Sheriff Mike Joyce Captain Craig Carico- Sheriff's Department

Chairman J. Leon Inman called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Smith delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Budget Work Session

Sheriff Mike Joyce and Captain Craig Carico were in attendance for the Budget Work

Session to discuss the Detective position that was not recommended by the Manager. Sheriff

Joyce and Captain Carico were unable to attend the Public Hearing due to the recent murder case in the County.

Sheriff Mike Joyce discussed the following:

- Request consideration for funding the Detective position in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget
- Offered to hold off on ordering the patrol cars recommended by the County Manager in this year's proposed budget until the next year budget with cars being ordered in July of the next fiscal year, funding could be used to fund the Detective position and other positions not being recommended for funding (Manager Steen noted that the \$200,000 for patrol cars is to be financed)
- Drug seizure funding can't be used a second year to fund the Detective position and can't be used to supplant what is already being funded
- Crime increased last year and leveled off this year, feeling that the position has help to curb crime
- Understand the Board's financial issues this year

• Very concerned with legislation that may require the County to keep inmates six months instead of 90 days, this will probably eliminate the County housing federal inmates which generates over \$100,000 a year

Captain Carico noted the following:

- Five detectives carrying approximately 675 active investigations, averaging about 135 each
- City of King's Detectives carry an average of 11 cases
- Position affects approximately 12% of the county's population
- Before the position, one detective had to carry two separate areas in the county
- Request the Board consider funding the Detective position

The Board discussed the Detective position with Sheriff Joyce and Captain Carico.

The Board continued reviewing departmental budgets:

GIS/MAPPING

The Board discussed the following:

- Furlough days
- Need for a new copier (current copier is over 16 years old) which will be funded from capital reserve fund (this copier prints the large maps, plats, etc.)(brings in revenue for the Mapping Department)
- Workload of the department currently backing up the phone system each day (12:00 noon to 5:00 pm)

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that the \$6000 revenue from Mapping/GIS fees had not been carried over to the recommended budget, which would decrease the General Fund by \$6,000 to \$177,000 (General Fund).

GOVERNING BODY

The Board discussed the following:

- Professional Fees retainer fee for Worker's Compensation Physician and catering services for employee Christmas luncheon
- Dues and Subscriptions NCACC, NACO, Institute of Government, etc.
- Fire Commissioners' Reimbursement

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that the \$1600 revenue from vending machine revenue had not been carried over to the recommended budget, which would decrease the General Fund by \$1,600 to \$741,554 (General Fund).

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Board discussed the following:

- No program changes
- Revenue projections have been reduced
- King Clinic to operate up to three days a week by September
- Consolidation of King Clinic Budget into the Health Department Budget
- New fee schedule being presented to the Board of Health this afternoon which could be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the next budget session
- Need to know the exact total of Title XIX (Cost Settlement), may be able to appropriate more than the \$200,000 (Title XIX funding must be spent on specific Health issues, can't be rolled back to the General Fund)
- Public Health Educator position became vacant on June 5th, this position has been receiving the calls regarding Mental Health since the resignation of Mental Health Coordinator Angela Grubb

Vice Chairman Walker noted that he had received information that other counties are having problems with the Federally Qualified Health Clinic and to be very cautious.

County Manager Bryan Steen requested direction from the Board regarding bringing job vacancies to the Board.

Commissioner Carroll stated that he was not in favor of doing anything that further reduces access to Mental Health. Vice Chairman Walker noted the need to make sure someone is answering the calls that are being referred to the Health Department.

The Board discussed the vacant Public Health Educator which performed some of the duties of the Mental Health Coordinator.

The Board discussed the issue with Manager Steen and directed Manager Steen to direct the Health Director to proceed with filling the Public Health Educator position.

Manager Steen noted that vacant positions in the proposed budget are being funded to be filled in October 2009.

The Board directed Manager Steen to bring vacant positions to the Board for approval before proceeding with hiring.

HOME HEALTH

Commissioner Lankford expressed concerns regarding the billing which has recently

gotten behind.

The Board discussed the following:

- Need to keep billing up to date
- Need to monitor revenues in this department

County Manager Steen noted that revenues should make budget this year

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The Board discussed the following:

- E911 System Coordinator
- Department has one vacant position IT System Analyst
- E911 System Coordinator's 50% funding can no longer be taken from E911 Fund due to changes in E911 Regulations Funding for the entire position will be funded by General Fund
- Need to review where the E911 System Coordinator position is most beneficial (IT Department or Sheriff's Department

Manager Steen noted that he had a meeting scheduled with Sheriff Joyce on July 10th to discuss temporarily transferring the E911 System Coordinator to the Sheriff's Department and that Sheriff Joyce needs the position for training.

JAIL

The Board discussed the following:

- Jail Administrator had requested reclassifications for two positions which was not recommended by the Manager
- Increase in the Stokes Reynolds' contract for inmate medical services, proposed contract will eliminate Stokes Reynolds paying for outside services, County will start paying outside services such as reading of x-rays, MRIs, etc.
- M&R to equipment has increased due to the Spillman Software maintenance had been previously charged to E911, due to changes in E911 Regulations, this has been divided between the Jail and Sheriff's Department
- Current issues with hot water heater
- Utilities
- Medical services for inmates

- Revenues from housing Federal Inmates
- Possibility of the State requiring counties to keep inmates longer which could cause a loss of revenue for the county and more expenditures when inmates get sick

KING CLINIC

The Board discussed the following:

• King Clinic Budget has been transferred to the Health Department.

LEGAL

The Board discussed the following:

- Current contract with Attorney Edward Powell
- \$5,000 in Professional Fees can be used for another outside attorney if needed

LIBRARY

The Board discussed the following:

- Final payment (\$40,000) for the first \$200,000 appropriation for renovations to the Walnut Cove Library
- Other revenues
- Operating Expenses

Commissioner Carroll requested Manager Steen to talk with Director John Hedrick, Northwestern Regional Library System, regarding the libraries operating two hours less each week and provide the Board with an estimated savings.

MEDICAL EXAMINER

The Board discussed the following:

• No Changes –appropriation remains the same

MENTAL HEALTH

The Board discussed the following:

- Possible State revenue reductions
- Mental Health Transportation Program will be administered/paid by the County
- Transportation Voucher System is working very well so far
- Same allocation as last year
- Renovations at Stokes Opportunity should be completed within the next few weeks
- Possible consolidation of LMEs
- Performance Agreement working very well
- Rockingham County joining LME should offer closer services for those citizens who live on the northern side of the county

NATURAL RESOURCES

The Board discussed the following:

• Second year for the grant which funds the District Soil Conservationist

PARKS

The Board discussed the following:

- Part time position 22.50 per week (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Maintenance and Repairs to Grounds

Chairman Inman noted the next Budget Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday,

June 10th at 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Inman entertained a motion to adjourn the Budget Work Session.

Commissioner Smith moved to adjourn the Budget Work Session. Commissioner Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

J. Leon Inman
Chairman