

Waiver of Landfill Fees

Chairman Walker noted that he had received a request from a citizen regarding landfill fees being charged for taking debris to the landfill from the recent tornado in May.

Chairman Walker stated that he had asked the Clerk to get a legal opinion from County Attorney Browder.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Clerk Bullins that County Attorney Browder had stated that the Board would have to take action regarding this request at a regular Board meeting and suggested the County adopt a formal policy.

Clerk Bullins noted that a couple of surrounding counties had already waived landfill fees associated with the tornado.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk place this item on the upcoming Discussion Agenda.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to approve the June 7, 2017 Budget Work Session Agenda.

Commissioner Booth moved to approve the June 7th Budget Work Session Agenda as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget

Chairman Walker opened the floor for open discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

Finance Director Edwards presented the following requested information:

- Sales Tax Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17
- Ad Valorem Tax Percentage of Budget from surrounding counties:
 - Forsyth County – 27.3%
 - Yadkin County – 53.96%
 - Surry County – 62%
 - Rockingham County – 54.02%

- Davie County – 60.29%
- Stokes County – 51%
- Motor Vehicle Tax Report (FY 2012-13 to FY 2016-17)

Chairman Walker opened the floor regarding the Board of Education's request in their Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget for six (6) art teachers.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Understand the legislature has given some indication that if the counties have art teachers in their FY 2017-18 budget, then the state will provide funding for these positions in FY 2018-19 and ongoing

Chairman Walker requested information at the last meeting as to whether any type of art is being taught currently in the school system.

Clerk Darlene Bullins provided the Board the following information received from Marsha Erskine, Director of K-5 Education and AIG:

- Elementary schools in the district share PE and Music teachers
- These teachers serve two (2) schools and have each kindergarten-fifth grade students at least once per week for a lesson (PE or Music)
- When time/schedules permit, an additional PE or Music class is offered on a limited basis
- No formal art classes are taught in our schools
- Since elementary classroom teachers have no formal training in art, they do not teach art in their classroom
- As a part of other projects (social studies, science, math, reading, etc.), some type of creative project might be offered as a choice for a student to demonstrate understanding of that concept; however, that is only a creative project – not part of an art lesson

Clerk Bullins also noted:

- Director Eskine stated that she could not say exactly what each individual teacher is doing – there are eleven (11) elementary schools with numerous teachers in each school and that it would be hard to say exactly if some type of art is or is not being taught in the elementary classroom

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Feel it is unusual that the classroom teachers have no formal training
- Had art when I was in elementary school

Commissioner Jones responded:

- It is a big difference in teaching art and doing a creative project that might include some type of art

County Manager Morris commented:

- Would be nice to know who promised this funding and what the real probability is in getting that funding

Clerk Bullins noted that staff could contact Representative Kyle Hall for further information.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- This would be the county funding the money upfront and then taking a chance that the legislature will come through next year

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Understand from the information provided by the school system that teaching art is not a requirement of the classroom teacher

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Some teachers may be doing some type of art in their classroom
- Not sure if teachers really have enough time during the day to teach art
- Some teachers may not have any talent in art
- I am a little weary of funding these six (6) teachers when we do not have any guarantee from the legislature that funding will be available next fiscal year

Chairman Walker commented:

- Believe the joint meeting will be the time to discuss this with the Board of Education

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Feel we need to discuss this before we meet with the Board of Education

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have already heard that the Board of Education will be pushing this item really hard at the upcoming joint meeting
- Understand that the former chair is pushing this item extremely hard with the Board of Education
- Don't know if you know that her husband is an art teacher at West Stokes High School

Commissioner Booth commented:

- We are talking about \$320,000 for six (6) teachers
- Not sure if this \$320,000 includes fringe benefits, if not, it would be more
- The manager's recommendation increases the current expense budget over \$1 million over last year
- Manager's recommendation for capital outlay is \$1,500,800 – big increase over last year

- Then you will have to add the \$320,000 for six (6) art teachers
- Do not know of any department that is getting that kind of increase

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Agree with Manager Morris that we need to find out who is promising this funding and what the actual probability is in getting this funding next year
- There is no doubt that we need art in the schools, but not if we can't afford it

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Most of these children starting in Head Start & kindergarten get some form of art all way through elementary school – have seen that with my own grandchildren

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Art is more than just being creative
- It is good for your health
- It is good for stimulating more interest in other things
- Art can be therapeutic for children

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Soil and Water sponsors the Conservation Poster Contest each year – this is art
- It is open to all 1st to 6th grade students
- Students can do computerized projects

Commissioner Jones commented:

- All teachers are supposed to be integrating everything that they do which could be poetry with social studies
- I did it with math when I was teaching
- Art should be integrated
- Need to find out what can be done to get teachers to integrate art with other subjects

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Don't understand why the curriculum administrator does not know if art is being integrated in the classroom by the teachers (kindergarten – 5th)

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- You should have an indication if art is being integrated

Commissioner Jones commented:

- The teacher planner should indicate if art is being integrated in the classroom

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- We have not had art in the past
- We have other surrounding counties that do not have art
- This is not the right year to implement it
- I am not going to support it

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Concerned about fronting the \$320,000 for something that is not a sure thing
- The first year will be an investment and possibly a gamble
- We do not know if the funding will be there next year
- I believe some type of art is being taught in the classroom
- The Arts Council is expanding and will be offering different art classes
- Can't support it – can't be sure what the legislature will do next year
- Feel it should be implemented when the legislature funds the position
- Can't believe the legislature would fund something like this

Chairman Walker commented:

- Understand the number of art positions that we have in the system this year will be funded next year
- Do see a risk, but if it did come through and it was good for the schools, the county could get a return on the investment

Chairman Walker made the following observation:

- Vice Chairman Lankford can't support the item
- Commissioner Booth can't support the item

Chairman Walker noted that the Board had spent quite a bit of time discussing this issue and will allow more discussion if needed, but there are several things that need to be looked at in Manager Morris' recommended budget.

Chairman Walker opened the floor to discuss any item that Manager Morris has in his recommendation that a commissioner can or cannot support.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Can support the Manager's recommendation of \$1,500,800 for school capital outlay which was the Board of Education's request

County Manager Morris responded:

- This takes their capital outlay fund balance to approximately \$5,000
- This funding is held by the county, but must be spent on school capital needs and or capital debt, so technically, it is their funding

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Right now I am leaning toward not supporting the six (6) art positions because I know art can be integrated into the classroom curriculum

County Manager Morris commented:

- Want to remind the Board that part of the current expense increase is to increase the teacher supplements by figuring the 4% on the teachers' current salaries instead of

the FY 2013-14 salaries and to increase the number of locally funded teachers from the current level of five (5) to eleven (11) along with an one additional assistant principal position

Commissioner Mendenhall continued:

- Know that there is a couple of schools that share an assistant principal

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the recommended \$800,000 increase to current expense does not include the 4% supplement increase, the six (6) additional locally funded teachers, and the six (6) art positions

County Manager Morris commented:

- My increase incorporates the additional funding provided to the school in FY 2016-17, the loss of erate reimbursement and the charter schools increase
- Figured that when the Board funded the additional funding, it acknowledged that the additional funding was needed to run the system
- Gave them the same amount to run the system this year

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that his recommendation includes \$75,000 to bring the schools' fund balance up to \$250,000 as discussed by the Board of Commissioners
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the school system will not actually know what the fund balance will be until the audit is completed

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that the Board of Commissioners approved \$90,938 after the budget was adopted which was half of the teacher supplement and the matching for the SRO Grant for the middle schools

Finance Director Edwards commented:

- School system used \$724, 255 of their fund balance to balance the FY 2016-17 Budget which left a funding balance of approximately \$75,000
- Finance Director Moore estimates the school system's fund balance to be approximately \$175,000 at this year
- That is why Manager Morris recommended \$75,000 to bring the school system's fund balance to \$250,000 as directed by the Board

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that state and federal funding is not included in the school system's fund balance – only county funding
- Have to keep in mind that the enrollment is decreasing and the school system has closed one elementary school
- With this increase in the recommended budget, this increases the ADM per student

Vice Chairman Lankford noted that the operating expense for Francisco Elementary School the year it closed was approximately \$700,000.

Commissioner Mendenhall noted that the year Francisco Elementary School was closed, it was only going to have two (2) teachers for 47 students (K, 1st and 2nd grade combination and a 4th, 5th, and 6th grade combination).

The Board discussed the declining enrollment over the past years.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Manager Morris noted in his budget message that the current expense request from the BOE for FY 2017-18 county funding was \$12,108,251 which is a 23.6% increase over last year's approved budget
- The county will be retiring the General Obligation debt for West Stokes High School and Piney Grove Middle School (\$828,773 is the final payment this year)
- Confirmed with Manager Morris that this retiring debt will free up more funding for capital outlay or debt service for capital outlay next fiscal year

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Would like to stay with funding the current expense the same as last year

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Must remember that the County funding given to the school can be given for one thing, but spent on something else - Board of Education has the discretion
- Received an email from a very upset grandparent/citizen from the Mount Olive community regarding the Mount Olive Elementary School roof after Dr. Rice came and requested funding for the air conditioning at the high schools prior to the budget being submitted to the Board (concerned grandparent saw the information about the air conditioning project in the Stokes News)
- Remember asking Dr. Rice about the roofing at Mount Olive and Dr. Rice stated at that meeting that the roof at Mount Olive right now is stable
- This information went in the Stokes News
- Received a picture of the kindergarten class where all the ceiling tiles had fallen down on the floor from the rain; this kindergarten class was out of school for two (2) weeks
- This citizen wanted a commissioner to see the roofing issue at Mount Olive after seeing the top priority is air conditioning in the high schools

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Have given funding in the past for projects that were never done
- Roofing has to be a top priority

County Manager Morris responded:

- That is why I wanted the five-year capital plan, you can track what they are actually spending their capital outlay funding for

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Reminded the Board that the Board of Education, at that same meeting, was focused on spending that the leftover funding (approximately \$400,000) from the Chestnut Grove Roofing Project

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Actually requested air conditioning when I was at North Stokes High School

Commissioner Jones commented:

- There will be some really big consequences when the air conditioning is installed at these high schools – increased electrical charges

Commissioner Mendenhall responded:

- There is a big difference between the two schools – one can be placed on the ground beside the gym while the other one has to be placed on the roof which is much more expensive

Chairman Walker commented:

- Support the air conditioning for the high school gyms (North and South)
- If questioned about the air conditioning, I can say that the Board of County Commissioners provided funding, as requested by the Board of Education, for air conditioning at North and South and if it is not done – that is a Board of Education issue
- I want things to be fair
- It is not right for one high school to have air conditioning and two high schools to not have air conditioning

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- There is rationale for that – the newer school had air installed during construction, the other two schools just recently celebrated 50 year anniversaries

Chairman Walker responded:

- Think we should have put air conditioning in North and South when West Stokes was built and got air conditioning
- Reiterated that everything needs to be fair
- The school system has air conditioning as their top priority

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Confirmed that Manager Morris' recommendation provides enough funding for all the projects listed by the Board of Education
- Would like to see the \$400,000 remaining from the Chestnut Grove Roofing Project be put back in the Dedicated School Fund – where it came from

- My understanding was that any unused funding would go back into the Dedicated School Funding, but I think that has not happened
- Needs to go back into the Dedicated School Fund

County Manager Morris commented:

- Did not recommend the remaining \$400,000 be used to help fund the air conditioning projects

The Board discussed the remaining funding from the Chestnut Grove Roofing Project.

Chairman Walker noted that that \$400,000 can be placed back into the Dedicated School Fund at any time with Board approval.

Chairman Walker noted that June 19, 2017 was the last scheduled Budget Work Session and questioned if the Board felt that more meetings needed to be scheduled?

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Can always recess the meetings until we get a budget adopted
- Would be hard for me to schedule meetings this late
- Would rather recess after the last meeting

Chairman Walker noted that he has a family vacation scheduled the last week of June and that he did not pick that particular week.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Running out of scheduled work sessions
- Need to get down to business
- Manager Morris did what the Board directed him to do
- Had comments at the Public Hearing about the need for Sheriff Marshall's two requested positions for narcotics; have also had calls about these two positions
- Given the situation and the perception from the public, certainly support adding Sheriff Marshall's two requested positions
- Would like to start the discussion regarding Sheriff Marshall's request for two (2) additional positions

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Only been on the Board for five (5) months
- With the current situation involving opioid addiction, feel that I can support those two (2) new positions for the Sheriff's Department
- Doesn't ask for things he does not truly need

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Can't support either of the two (2) positions requested by Sheriff Marshall

- Started out by directing the manager – no new positions
- The person speaking at the Public Hearing spoke about working with the faith community
- Feel the faith community is going to have to step up
- Members from the faith community have already attended a commissioners' meeting and stated that the faith community will step up to help try to solve the problem
- Adding new positions is not going to help the opioid problems

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Have not even seen what the new substance abuse coordinator/liaison position can do to help this epidemic

Chairman Walker commented:

- Agree with Commissioner Booth that we need to see what the new liaison position can do to help the opioid issue
- The Sheriff, historically to the best of my knowledge, has never asked for new positions that he did not think was truly needed
- We sort of handicapped our manager when he was preparing our budget
- He had guidelines and restrictions that he had to follow – no new positions, no tax increase
- Can support the Sheriff's request based on Commissioner Mendenhall observation of not asking for things that he does not feel like are truly needed
- I have never felt that former Sheriff Mike Joyce and Sheriff Mike Marshall ask for things that they do not need; always felt if they asked for something, it was truly needed
- Can support the two new positions requested by Sheriff Mike Marshall

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Can also justify the two (2) new positions since he took on Animal Control
- I am sure that Animal Control is taking more of the Sheriff's time than he realized it would
- Just want to make it clear that when we discussed adding new positions, I was not that dead set on stopping the manager from adding new positions if truly needed
- I have preferences, but I am flexible because I want to do what is needed to be done

Chairman Walker commented:

- When I look at this budget, I should be able to see the "wants and needs" of our citizens
- Another item that I am looking at with interest is economic development
- I can't support continuing the way things are right now

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Don't look like you will get to vote for the budget

Chairman Walker responded:

- Probably not, but I will be happy to explain why I did not vote for the budget

- If not included, it would seem that economic development was important to our citizens, but not reflected in this budget

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Think we are doing really good right now with economic development

Chairman Walker noted that he would like to talk to Vice Chairman Lankford sometime regarding economic development.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Big supporter of economic development and I think David has done a great job but we are not expanding; we are retracting
- We are multi-tasking and crossing training people
- We need to realize that a lot of those who are multi-taskers and doing more than one job are close to retirement
- Need someone who can spend all their time on economic development
- We need someone with merit, not just talk
- Need someone to concentrate on getting good paying jobs in Stokes County for our citizens
- This is the third year without an economic development director
- We are not adding positions, we are going backwards
- Don't have an economic development director, have no Cooperative Extension agent for homemaking, cutting back teaching positions, etc.
- What does this do to the county's image?
- We are not putting out the right message to try to get people to come to Stokes County

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- When you start losing population and the population is growing in the senior area and young people are leaving the county, what are you going to do about that?

Commissioner Jones responded:

- It is a vicious circle
- We can't just lay down and die

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- I am not talking about laying down and dying, we are carrying right on
- We have a senior population, lot of people are retiring from up north and moving here because of the low cost of living
- Young people are not staying here in Stokes County after graduating college
- They are wanting to live close to their job –want to live in the municipalities
- People have a choice – move or drive out of Stokes County to work
- Did it my whole career

Chairman Walker commented:

- When I was campaigning with Commissioner Mendenhall, it was clear to me that the number one priorities at that time were jobs and economic development

Commissioner Mendenhall responded:

- Did hear from the people the importance of good jobs and economic development in the County

Vice Chairman Lankford noted he heard those same comments every time he ran along with the need for more books in the schools.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Want to ask a question – during the five years that we did have an economic development director, would like to know the number of new jobs created in the County during that five years
- During that five years, Planning Director Sudderth was working with Dollar Generals to get them into the county

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Do not know a number, but do know that he was actively working on creating new jobs
- That person may not have been the best fit for this county, but there are people that could bring in some jobs
- Feel we owe it to the people to find someone who has a track record, who has good connections, etc.

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Have seen more development since Director Sudderth became the Interim Economic Development Director than before

Commissioner Jones commented:

- We need someone who is going to hire hundreds of people, not just one or two

Vice Chairman Lankford asked Commissioner Jones where would you put a facility like that?

Commissioner Jones commented:

- That can be figured out
- If you keep saying can't, can't can't, then it won't happen – “can't never could”
- All I ever hear is we can't, we can't and we are just a training ground
- You can't do if you don't try

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- You have to live in a realistic world

Commissioner Jones responded:

- Your reality is certainly different than mine

Vice Chairman Lankford responded it definitely is.

Chairman Walker commented:

- One piece of reality is that when I look at this budget and I don't think it sufficiently acknowledges the preferences and needs of the people in our County, it will not get my vote

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Don't think any budget since I have been here has got your vote except for last year when you were running

Chairman Walker responded:

- That is a very good observation, Commissioner Booth
- Maybe I applied those same observations to those budgets
- To be honest, I was not overly comfortable with last year's budget, but to get a budget passed, I agreed to it
- This year I may not

Vice Chairman Lankford stated I may not either.

Commissioner Booth noted we may have to do an interim budget.

Commissioner Jones noted that she did not think it was a reality difference as much as it is a generation gap.

Commissioner Jones continued:

- My generation were not given property
- Had to buy our property
- In debt to our eyeballs
- Had to pay for college – in debt
- Had to pay for kids' college – in debt
- Have worked two jobs my entire adult life
- Will be more than happy to spend a few more dollars to help people get a decent job in this county
- Know what it is like to drive an hour
- It is just a different perspective
- We are going to keep losing our youth if we don't do something

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- We are going to keep losing our youth any way

Commissioner Jones commented:

- We have the new community college – entrepreneurs
- We need someone in the know

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Community college will definitely work
- Entrepreneurs will create jobs themselves

Chairman Walker questioned Vice Chairman Lankford if he was comfortable telling people the way we have filled our economic development director position is part of our planning/zoning/inspection officer's time?

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Yes
- Willing to tell anyone that and I can explain why

Chairman Walker noted that he and Commissioner Jones were meeting with the Economic Development Advisory Committee to discuss economic development today.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Know we attended many meetings and wondering if this is a waste of time
- Want to feel like we are accomplishing something
- Been quite a while since we had one

Vice Chairman Lankford questioned when these committee meetings started back, who authorized the meeting, and why now with the budget process going on?

Chairman Walker responded:

- David Sudderth is the chair
- I encouraged David to schedule a meeting (probably asked him 7 or 8 months ago)
- Why he has waited this long, he will need to explain that instead of me
- Have been wondering why we had not met

Commissioner Jones noted that David is busy like everyone else.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Economic development comes to where infrastructure is
- We have had infrastructure in King for years and years
- Had leased property waiting for potential business
- Where is our economic development?

Commissioner Jones reiterated that you can't give up.

Chairman Walker reiterated that he will continue to listen to the people in our county.

Chairman Walker continued the meeting with open discussion.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Feel each commissioner has three lists:
 - Things that are non-negotiable
 - Things that are flexible
 - Things that you strongly support or do not support
- Think at some point, we are going to have to look at those lists

Vice Chairman Lankford responded:

- Agree with Chairman Walker about looking at those lists and ready to get some concurrence on the school budget

Vice Chairman Lankford started:

- School Capital Outlay – Support \$1,500,800
- Current Expense - Support \$10,468,860 from General Fund and \$94,570 from the Dedicated School Fund
- Total Current Expense = \$10,563,430

The Board discussed County Manager Morris' recommendation for current expense.

County Manager Morris explained his reasoning for his recommendation for school current expense:

- Current Expense = \$9,721,900
- 2016-17 Budget Amendment = \$90,938
- BOE Fund Balance Used in 2016-17 = \$724,255
- E-rate decrease appropriation = \$147,417
- Charter school increase = \$14,780
- BOE Fund Balance to be at about \$150,000 = \$75,000
- Total Current Expense without special appropriation = \$10,774,290

Commissioner Mendenhall confirmed with Manager Morris that the \$10,468,860 supported by Vice Chairman Lankford does not include the six (6) art teachers, the six (6) additional locally paid teachers and the increase in the supplement.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Would rather wait until after the joint meeting with the Board of Education

- School Capital Outlay – Support \$1,500,800 if the \$400,000 leftover funding goes back into Dedicated School Fund
- Current Expense - Support \$10,468,860 from General Fund and \$94,570 from the Dedicated School Fund
- Total Current Expense = \$10,563,430

Commissioner Mendenhall requested information regarding the leftover \$400,000.

Commissioner Booth explained how the \$400,000 was the remaining funding from the amount allocated for the Chestnut Grove Middle School Roof Project and other approved projects that was taken from the Dedicated School Fund.

Chairman Walker noted that Commissioner Jones wished to wait until after the joint meeting with the Board of Education.

Chairman Walker commented:

- School Capital Outlay – Support \$1,500,800
- Current Expense - Support up to the manager's recommendation of \$10,868,860 or as low as Vice Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Booth supported = \$10,563,430
- Current expense can be negotiable

Chairman Walker noted that the Board of Education had been told that we were not going to overly fund their Fund Balance, but we would consider any request during the year that was needed.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- School Capital Outlay – Support \$1,500,800
- Current Expense - would prefer to not make any commitment until after the joint meeting next week
- Pretty close to where Vice Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Booth are at regarding current expense

Commissioner Jones commented:

- School Capital Outlay – Support \$1,500,800
- Current Expense - would prefer to not make any commitment until after the joint meeting next week

The Board further discussed the request for the six (6) art positions - pros and cons of the of the request:

Pros

- Additional funding for the schools possibly starting next year
- Putting art back into the elementary schools
- One-time investment
- Enhancement courses for our students

Cons

- No guarantee
- Uncertainty
- Additional funding from the county
- First year will be county funding

Chairman Walker polled the Board regarding the six (6) art positions.

- Vice Chairman Lankford – no art teachers
- Commissioner Booth – no art teachers
- Commissioner Mendenhall – would like to wait until after the joint meeting
- Commissioner Jones – would like to wait until after the joint meeting
- Chairman Walker – would like to wait until after the joint meeting

Commissioner Mendenhall noted that he was not ready to make any comments regarding the economic development director position.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Wanted to remind the Board that Manager Morris' recommended budget is a 7.36% increase over last year's budget
- Increase is \$3,383,741
- One of our objectives was to start reducing the amount of funding taken out of the fund balance to balance the budget; that is why I cut \$300,000 from the school's current expense
- I am ready to start looking for more cuts
- I will be hard pressed to approve a budget with more than a 5% increase over last year

Chairman Walker commented:

- Asked if anyone needs any further information from the staff before the next meeting

Commissioner Booth commented:

- 7.36% increase in government – that is the manager's recommendation
- Agree with Vice Chairman Lankford – need to start looking
- Have to keep in mind recurring cost

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Feel the manager did what he was told to do
- May be able to cut some of the equipment

Chairman Walker noted the next meeting is the joint meeting with the Board of Education on Wednesday, June 14th.

The Board discussed the need to schedule any additional work session at this time.

The Board did not schedule any additional work sessions.

Adjournment

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

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to adjourn the Budget Work Session. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy Walker
Chairman