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The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a Recessed Budget Work Session (from June 20, 2017 Budget Work Session) for the proposed Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget in the third floor conference room of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 1:30 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Jimmy Walker
Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford
Commissioner James D. Booth
Commissioner Ronda Jones
Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Richard D. Morris
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins
Finance Director Julia Edwards

Chairman Jimmy Walker called the recessed Budget Work Session to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Budget Work Session – Continuation

Chairman Walker opened the floor for further discussion.

Finance Director Edwards noted with the changes, there is a 6.22% increase over last fiscal year which includes \$200,000 for the schools over the manager's recommendation.

Vice Chairman Lankford noted that he was not certain about the \$200,000 additional for the schools and would like to hold that to be discussed later.

Clerk Bullins commented:

- Finance Director Edwards and I were reconciling the equipment items discussed at yesterday's Budget Work Session and had no response for the EMS request for two (2) ambulances which had been discussed earlier
- Requested the Board document for the record the number of ambulances

The Board unanimously agreed to approve one (1) ambulance for this year's budget.

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

There were no responses.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for further discussion.

Chairman Walker asked if any commissioner would like to share their must haves and must not haves.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- My wish list would be:
 - Teacher supplement increased to where they should be to be competitive
 - Want a Narcotics Detective
 - Want an economic development director

Chairman Walker commented:

- Can go with two (2) of those:
 - Narcotics Detective
 - Economic Development Director
- Teacher supplements -- I am flexible

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Can't go with either stated position
- Strongly with keeping the same organizational structure we have currently
- Keep teachers' supplement as is

Commissioner Booth commented:

- None of the items mentioned were in the recommended budget
- I am trying to deal with the recommended budget
- This would be adding more to the budget
- Already got an individual from IT in economic development

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- To me there is not a deal breaker
- I am going to work through this budget to the end
- Would like to see the two positions requested by the Sheriff to deal with the drug issues (Detective-narcotics and DARE position)

- It is not going to be a deal maker

Chairman Walker commented:

- Feel the three (3) positions are being requested by our citizens – dealing with the drug issue and economic development

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Sheriff is doing a good job with the drug issues and has the personnel to take care of it
- The issue is not catching the drug dealers – his department is doing that
- Don't know why you think you need more personnel to handle the drug issues
- Need to concentrate what can be done with the judicial system who is just letting them out

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Learned at the JCPC meeting yesterday, that Youth Haven will soon be starting to see adults in Stokes County (currently seeing Youth)
- Currently only have one adult provider – Daymark
- The Board has approved a liaison in DSS which has not been filled
- Not the time to put more staff on
- Need to step back and see what is working
- Don't see just adding more staff
- New employees are recurring costs each year
- NC2-1-1 is just getting started
- Sheriff is doing his job – like Vice Chairman Lankford stated – need to look at the judicial system
- Learned that the treatment for someone addicted to drugs is three (3) years – it is not a quick fix
- Don't see that there is a need to do something in this fiscal year
- Sheriff is doing his job
- Just learned that there was a move to put our judicial system with Forsyth County; we would not have any Stokes County judges if that ever happened

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Need to lobby our legislature regarding the judicial system

Chairman Walker polled the Board regarding the request to increase the teacher supplement.

Commissioner Jones: yes – increase

Vice Chairman Lankford: no

Commissioner Booth: no – it is not in the recommended budget from the manager

Commissioner Mendenhall: did not wish to vote at this time

Chairman Walker: flexible

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Teachers have received over 25% increase over the past 3-4 years and no one else has got that kind of increase
- Still have a supplement – their increases have made their supplement higher

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Spoke briefly about cuts already made to manager Morris' recommendation

Commissioner Jones commented:

- The manager's recommended budget met the objective
- All we have done is cut, cut, cut
- Have not entertained the thought of adding anything
- Can see you want to get below a 5% increase over last year's budget
- Seems a little one sided – not considering anyone else's options – just making an observation

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Noted the comments from Commissioner Mendenhall yesterday about the school system possibly having unspent funds

Commissioner Jones commented:

- You have to be competitive
- At some point, if you are going to be competitive at all, it is a choice for the leadership
- It historical choices of cutting, cutting, cutting
- Our teachers' supplement needs to be competitive
- Those raises are not straight across the Board
- We need to be competitive

Commissioner Booth commented:

- We are not cutting the schools

Commissioner Jones commented:

- That is all we done at the last work session – cut, cut

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion regarding personnel recommendations in the manager's recommended budget

County Manager Morris discussed his personnel recommendations:

- Maintenance Tech I to replace Water/Sewer Maintenance Tech – Public Works
- Reclassification – Processing Assistant III to Income Maintenance Caseworker I – DSS
- Reclassification - Processing Assistant III to Income Maintenance Caseworker I - DSS
- Social Worker II to replace two (2) contract workers – DSS (saving \$8,000)

- Reclassification Maint. Worker/Road Signs/Water & Sewer to Water & Sewer Maintenance Tech – Water & Sewer Funds
- Had several requests that were denied because of the need for a classification study before making any changes

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Have already given DSS five (5) new positions this year
- Don't understand why there is still a need for more staff
- Going to keep giving new staff until we have to add to the facility

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that the one Social Worker II would replace two contract workers – one worker less

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Confirmed with County Manager Morris that this action would save the county \$8,000 per year

Chairman Walker polled the Board regarding the Social Worker II position to replace the two contract workers.

Chairman Walker: agree with Manager Morris' recommendation

Commissioner Jones: agree with Manager Morris' recommendation

Commissioner Booth: no - got a lot of positions to fill and then see where we are

Already give certain groups of employees an incentive in DSS

Commissioner Mendenhall: agree with Manager Morris' recommendation

- Have seen more requests from DSS than any other departments
- Win/win situation
- Saving \$3,000

Vice Chairman Lankford: no

Approval 3-2

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion regarding the Reclassification of a Processing Assistant III to Income Maintenance Caseworker I (two positions).

County Manager Morris commented:

- Explained at the budget goal session that he would be recommending reclassification if justifiable – this reclassification is definitely justifiable – doing the work of an IMCI not a Processing Assistant III
- These positions determine eligibility
- These positions now must work with NCFAS

Commissioner Mendenhall questioned if there were any other key factors to consider.

County Manager Morris responded:

- Not much more to say other than the employees are doing a completely different job than what they are titled
- Only example I can think of is: “if it walks and talks like a duck, then it is a duck”
- It is the Board’s choice – it can be left
- Could be issues if ever audited from the Employment Security Commission

Chairman Walker polled the Board regarding the Processing Assistant III to Income

Maintenance Caseworker I:

Commissioner Jones: yes

Commissioner Booth: no

Vice Lankford: no

Chairman Walker: yes

Commissioner Mendenhall: yes

Approval 3-2

County Manger Morris noted the only other change involves two departments:

- Moving two positions that work in water and sewer from Public Works to their own department for Water & Sewer (one position will be also reclassification so that both positions are the same – both positions will now be Water & Sewer Technicians)
- Will be replacing the two positions in Public Works with one position – Maintenance Tech I (be less funding for Public Works)
- All funding for the two positions moved from Water & Sewer will be funded by Water & Sewer
- With all the things happening across the country dealing with water issues – need to make sure we are covered along with a tremendous workload
- Will be less funding from General Funding

Chairman Walker opened the floor regarding positions being moved from Public Works to Water & Sewer, reclassification in Water & Sewer and a replacement position in Public Works.

Chairman Walker polled the Board.

Commissioner Jones: yes

Commissioner Booth: yes

Vice Chairman Lankford: yes

Chairman Walker: yes

Commissioner Mendenhall: yes

Approved unanimously.

County Manager Morris noted that was all the personnel changes, so now it would be a good time to start with items that commissioners wanted in the budget that were not recommended, have completed the equipment and personnel recommendations.

Commissioner Booth confirmed with County Manager that there were other reclassifications requested this year but not recommended.

Commissioner Booth noted that no reclassifications were approved in Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget.

Chairman Walker commented:

- Believe Manager Morris has suggested that all other reclassifications be deferred until a salary study is completed
- That would provide more guidance

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Deferring all but Social Services

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion regarding the recommended budget – open to suggestions.

County Manager Morris noted the Board would need to finalize the appropriation for school system.

The Board unanimously agreed to discuss the Board of Education's budget request.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion regarding the Board of Education's budget request.

Clerk Bullins noted that three more emails had been received for the Board today regarding funding for the art positions.

County Manager Morris noted that he had received one also today.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- With the information received yesterday from Director of Finance Moore, it appears the Board of Education needs \$220,212.00 just to balance with eliminating several things such as 6 teaching positions, 1 assistant principal position, 2 technology positions, 6 art position, etc.

- Believe that is one thing that the Board needs to look at

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards, the total for current expense with adding \$220,212 will be \$11,089,072
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards, the allocation for current expense for FY 2016-17 was \$10,017,340 with a special allocation of \$200,000 for computers
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards, the allocation for this year would be an increase of \$1,272,602

County Manager Morris commented:

- Have to consider the school's fund balance

Commissioner Booth commented:

- With the manager's recommendation and adding the \$220,212, that is a 13.09% increase over last year
- Just want to remind the Board that the \$1,272,602 is recurring
- You know you can't cut what was needed this year
- Have to look at where is the stopping point
- At a meeting, learned that Rockingham cut all their budgets, including the schools, 2%
- Also increased capital expenditures this year
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that the appropriation for capital for the schools last year was \$651,000 and this year, the manager is recommending \$1,500,800

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Don't believe we will be allocating that much for capital next year

County Manager Morris commented:

- Have to remember that the funding is the school's -- county can't use it for anything except school capital -- don't understand why there is an issue
- Remember the school system has already indicated that a roof for Mount Olive will be in the budget next year

Commissioner Booth continued:

- Confirmed with Manager Morris that he had never left the balance in that account at approximately \$5,000

County Manager Morris noted that the account would be receiving sales tax very soon to build the account back up.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- We all know that the school system has a lot of flexibility

- We all know that there is a big difference between allocations for current expense and capital
- Remember those days when I was superintendent and it came from up hear “Ronnie, just hang in there, there is more money coming – just hold on”

Chairman Walker questioned if any member had a recommendation.

Commissioner Booth responded:

- I am struggling with one commissioner who stated a few meetings back to cut the schools
- Now we are wanting to add more
- Don’t know which way to go at this point

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- I am looking at 13% too much
- School System does not know what they will get from the state
- I looking at going with \$10,874,290 along with the \$94,570.00 that comes from the school fund for Poplar Springs (\$100,000 increase to the manager’s recommendation)

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Just need to decide if we want to cut the manager’s recommendation or increase the manager’s recommendation

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- When I was superintendent, we just had to wait until the county approved their budget to see what our allocation was
- We had to work with what amount the Board of County Commissioners allocation

Chairman Walker commented:

- When we started, I remember saying that I would make my decision based on the thoughts from Commissioner Mendenhall (former superintendent) and Vice Chairman Lankford (former Board of Education member)
- Will be putting a lot of value on both your comments
- Confirmed with Commissioner Mendenhall that he is working on some numbers

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Would like to see Commissioner Mendenhall’s number since he is the one with expertise in this field
- We can always come back and allocate funding later
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that with an additional \$100,000 it will be only a 11.85% over last year

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- What throws a wrench in this is the \$506,316 that the Board of Education has stated was needed

County Manager Morris confirmed with Commissioner Mendenhall that when he was superintendent that there was always built in increases just like the county.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Have to take into consideration that if we cut it too much, they will be back requesting additional funding

The Board discussed the \$10,968,860 suggestion of Vice Chairman Lankford.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Talked to Director of Finance Moore

Chairman Walker polled the Board with the recommendation of \$10,968,860 for Current Expense.

Vice Chairman Lankford: yes

Commissioner Mendenhall: yes

Commissioner Jones: no – want teacher supplement

Chairman Walker:

- Would prefer to increase teacher supplement
- Would prefer to give more to the schools' current expense, but in reality, we have cut all our departments some it seems as we have gone through this process
- This amount is \$100,000 over the manager's recommendation
- Can go with the \$10,968,860

Commissioner Booth:

- We are between a rock and a hard place
- For the betterment of education in Stokes County and our kids, I think we need to meet the county manager's recommendation with the \$100,000
- I know that is not enough to meet what they need, but can go with the \$1,968,860
- We have to keep in mind that we have to balance the county budget
- Want everyone to know that this will be an 11.85% over last year's allocation
- Want everyone to know that I feel this is a very large increase
- Have to keep in mind also that the school population is decreasing
- Nowhere near an 11.85% increase for other county departments
- I can go with that, but still looking at the recommended budget

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Just want everyone to know that I am not pro-education in this meeting
- I have tried to stay fair to the education
- Confirmed with Finance Director Edwards that this Board is recommending a \$2,002,190 increase over last year allocation for current expense (\$1,152,390) and capital (\$849,800)

Chairman Walker noted the vote was 4-1 for the recommendation of \$10,968,860 for current expense.

Chairman Walker confirmed with Commissioner Mendenhall that the Board of Education can use the additional \$100,000 allocation for teacher supplement.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- The Board of Education is waiting right now to see what is approved by this Board
- Once that figure is announced, the Board of Education will meet to see where they go
- For example, you don't have to have SROfficers in any school but high schools
- They have flexibility
- They may come back and ask for more

Chairman Walker noted that there are some key factors to consider to try to get a budget adoption.

Chairman Walker requested members to put on the table things that need to be discussed before trying to get a budget adopted.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Can't go with two additional employees for the Sheriff's Department
- Can't go with a full-time Economic Development Director position

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Need to look at trying to adopt what we have so far
- Can't go with two additional employees for the Sheriff's Department
- Can't go with a full-time Economic Development Director position
- Don't see what we can add any more
- Reiterated the increase for the schools, but it is in the best interest for our kids

Finance Director Edwards noted that up to this point, this is a 6% increase over last year.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Not ready to vote at this point
- Understand the two positions for the Sheriff's Department were not recommended by the county manager
- Have done a lot of research on the Economic Development Director which was also not recommended by the county manager
- Can't vote today
- Economic Development Director is not a deal breaker for me
- Have one question about the full-time Economic Development Director

- My research shows:
 - Ron Morgan was Economic Development Director, then Alan Wood
 - Alan Wood stayed about 4-5 years
 - In February 2015, Alan Wood resigns
 - From my research, there has not been a full time Economic Director since Alan Wood left
 - That is two budget cycles with the same Board of County Commissioners – no new members except myself
 - This is no criticism of our Board in any way
 - Board has the right to make any decision
 - Understand Planning Director David Sudderth has held two positions since March 2015
 - Don't understand, with the same exact Board other than myself, why this is so stirred up between the Board

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Would like for you to go back and also research who voted and who did not vote for the budget – there is some consistency there too
- It is not the first time it has come up
- We have different philosophies about Economic Development
- Think as the years progress and nothing is done, that is where the urgency starts coming in
- Believe we need a full time Economic Development Director and this is why
- We do not just need anyone just out of school
- We need someone from Stokes County and who is politically connected
- We need someone who is given expectations and meets those expectations – gets it done
- We need jobs
- Without being competitive and not having jobs, the opioid issue will continue to get worse
- More people are moving out of the county
- Older generation will have to cover the expenses through property taxes – things are not going to get any cheaper
- We need Economic Development
- I feel Economic Development is major
- Don't think it is fair, although he is being good about it, putting Economic Development on Planning Director David Sudderth
- This is not David's expertise, this is not what David was hired for
- David is near retirement
- We have several near retirement that will be devastating when they walk out
- Think it is a wise thing
- Can give up both positions for the Sheriff's Department for a full- time Economic Development position

Chairman Walker commented:

- Came into this budget looking for two things
- Have made a lot of concessions like everyone on this Board

- This is no one-person's budget, no two-people's budget, no three-people's budget
- Everyone on this Board has compromised
- Wanted two things (listening to the people around the county about the two most important things around the county) jobs (Economic Development) and the opioid issue
- Want something in this budget so I can say to the citizen that we did hear what you were saying
- What I consider we have right now for Economic Development is a holding pattern
- Agreed to this option to see what was needed and where the county needs to go
- It is time to put someone in this position full time and that someone needs to have connections outside of Stokes County
- Need someone who can also connect with Stokes County
- David has several things going on in his own department – retirements, new employees, etc.
- Arts Director Eddy McGee, who has helping with Economic Development in trying to obtain grants
- Willing to give up one of the positions for the Sheriff if that money can go toward approving a full time Economic Development position
- If approved, it will take some time to hire a director
- This is the third year for the current arrangement
- Think we have two that are ready to approve the budget as it is with the exception of the Sheriff's Department position and the full time Economic Development position
- Can give up one position for the Sheriff's Department
- Have one undecided
- Have not heard from the other two

Commissioner Mendenhall reiterated that he was not prepared to vote today.

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- Can't justify the two positions for the Sheriff's Department
- Sheriff Marshall would probably say he could use five more positons
- Sheriff Marshall is doing a great job with the staff that he currently has
- We had as much or more Economic Development with David than we had for five years with Alan Wood
- That is a no-brainer
- We are not going to get a major business because of roads
- Without Highway #52, we would not have Walmart
- I am for Economic Development
- Yadkin County has three major highways and are not having any luck with Economic Development
- Rockingham County has two major highways and have had some Economic Development – already had buildings that a company could go into – Rockingham has more industry, more businesses, etc.
- The only hope we have is for small businesses
- We will get small businesses
- Have 8 Dollar Generals in Stokes County

- David was the main person in bringing them to Stokes County

Chairman Walker noted that the Dollar General has been there for years.

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- We have got Sheetz in King because of a certain individual in King – nothing to do with our Economic Development Director at that time
- Could go on and on
- Have had one thing that the Economic Development Director did have a hand in was over on Dan River who received some grant funding
- Had problems getting all the paperwork done by him so that county was not out several thousand dollars
- That is all he done except to go to conferences, training, in California, Las Vegas, etc

Commissioner Jones commented:

- What about Ron Morgan?

Vice Chairman Lankford continued:

- Ron Morgan was paid in the fifties and Alan Wood was paid about twice as much
- Have got to get infrastructure before we can get more business
- In with Forsyth Tech and hopefully will bring in business which is going to take a few years
- I am for Economic Development
- I am also in a reality state of knowing what the infrastructure is and what we can do

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Had paid five years of Alan Wood who was making about \$78,000 when he left
- Even when Alan was here, David worked to get the Dollar Generals
- During that five years, we did have land options
- Had a building in Ashbury that had not been occupied until David took over
- Have some more potential businesses coming in
- Took the options off the land – solar business going there
- County Commissioners did the community college
- Did the needed infrastructure for the community college
- Know that David is near retirement but feel he will stay on - he is willing to do it
- Paying a full-time director with benefits about \$100,000
- David is getting about \$20,000 more – big difference
- Economic Development now as an Economic Development Analyst Tech
- He is doing a great job
- He is putting together applications about tourism

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Think our perceptions are different and we need to be fair and balance
- Ron was \$50,000 plus benefits
- Don't think Alan got the support he wanted or needed
- Wanted a shovel ready location that we did not support
- He did not feel he had support

- It goes both ways
- Was he the best fit for the county -- don't really think so
- Does not mean we can find a good director working for Stokes County
- We are basing decision on a bad experience
- Looks like some of you are putting all your eggs in one basket
- What happens if David decides to up and retire, where would we be?
- We really need more than one person in two directors' positions
- He is doing a great job at it
- Don't think it is fair to wear your employees out- just giving them more and more assignments and expectations
- Saving money, but wearing people out
- Sometimes there is a limit to that
- In Alan's defense, we had a recession that stopped everything
- Need to be fair and balance
- Believe some people are just having issues with the salary that position requires

Commissioner Booth responded:

- I don't get from David that we are wearing him out
- I think he is enjoying it
- I think he is glad to do it

Commissioner Jones responded:

- I did not say he was complaining and do believe he is enjoying it
- We ask a lot of people, for example, Sheriff taking Animal Control
- Puts our eggs in one basket when we rely on one person to do so many things

Chairman Walker commented:

- Confirmed with Finance Director that \$100,000 of our budget is .002051%
- We are .002051% from having a budget

Commissioner Booth commented:

- Have to consider the two positions in the Sheriff's Department

Chairman Walker responded:

- Included that

Commissioner Booth commented:

- If we are going to add positions, I may want to look at some things that we cut
- I am for all employees and all departments

Chairman Walker responded:

- There is no budget adopted, any member can bring anything to the table

Commissioner Jones commented:

- I look at this totally different, it is like being a mother
- You can't treat all your children the same all the time because their needs are different at different times

- Next year, one department may need more than another department, just like this year
- I cut a lot of things yesterday to compromise, not because I wanted to cut them

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I may have reverse what I have already cut because we have increased other departments

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Even if you do that, we will still have the requested fund balance, still have a COLA, still have a no tax increase, that was the objective

Chairman Walker commented:

- One thing to one remember is that – each commissioner has one vote
- If not done by June 30th, will have to have an interim budget

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the budget.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to approve the manager's recommended budget as it has been amended by this Board with no positions for the Sheriff's Department and no full-time Economic Development position. Commissioner Booth seconded the motion.

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Jones commented:

- Will not support the motion

Chairman Walker and Commissioner Jones voted against the motion.

Vice Chairman Lankford and Commissioner Booth voted for the motion.

Commissioner Mendenhall stated that he told this Board he could not vote today.

Chairman Walker stated that Commissioner Mendenhall could not sustain and no answer to the motion would be considered a yes vote.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- I need to understand something before I vote
- When the vote for Chairman was done in December 2016 when I first came on this Board, I never heard Commissioner Booth vote for or against Commissioner Jimmy Walker for Chairman
- Would request clarification on that

Clerk Bullins responded:

- Will need to review the minutes before I can provide clarification

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I stated at the time that I could not vote, but would support the Chairman

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Would like to know why I am being forced to vote today and he was not forced to vote in December

Vice Chairman Lankford commented:

- I heard what you said about not voting today
- If there is a conflict, I will withdraw my motion

Chairman Walker commented:

- Do not know that the motion can be withdrawn once the vote has been called

Clerk Bullins responded:

- Would need to contact the County Attorney

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- Any motion can be put on the table, but I will vote no to every motion until Friday in order to think this through as I indicated earlier in this meeting

Chairman Walker confirmed with Commissioner Mendenhall that his vote for the motion

that was on the table was no.

Commissioner Mendenhall stated:

- Want everyone to know that any motion regarding the budget that is made today will receive a no vote from me

The motion failed (2-3) with Chairman Walker, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Mendenhall voting against the motion.

Chairman Walker entertained any other motion for today.

Clerk Darlene Bullins commented:

- For clarification, when the Chair was chosen, it was not a vote, it was a poll
- There was no motion on the table, it was done with nominations

Commissioner Mendenhall responded:

- Thank you very much for the clarification

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I hate you still have that hanging on you

Chairman Walker commented:

- I try to run the meeting accordingly, but if at any time, any member sees something that needs correcting, please bring that to my attention

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- There is no one in this room that will make me mad
- I will leave here friends with everyone
- I apologize for misquoting that it was a vote instead of a poll

Clerk Bullins responded:

- For the record, unless the Board has approved for a member to sustain from a vote, an unanswered vote will be considered a yes vote

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I could bring up a lot of things

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- I feel that I will be ready to vote on Friday

Chairman Walker noted with indications from Board members that no one is ready to make another vote, I will open the floor for any further discussions or comments.

Commissioner Booth commented:

- There were some circumstances that came into that my decision during that polling
- I can get into them, if I need to, but I won't because of reasons why I had to go that way
- I can if you want me to

Chairman Walker commented:

- For the sake of protocol, would request you please do that on a private basis

Commissioner Booth commented:

- I would, but it was brought up here today
- I may change my mind on the budget when we come back on Friday

Commissioner Mendenhall responded:

- My comment was made due to a mistaken in verbiage in using motion versus nomination
- I made that mistake and did apologize
- A lot of things happen in these meetings
- Hope no one ever threatens anyone in this room
- My memory is very well
- I am not going to be threatened by any member on this board

Chairman Walker commented:

- If you ever feel you are being threatened while I am serving as Chairman, please bring that to my attention

Adjournment

Chairman Walker recessed the Budget Work Session until Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 1:30 pm.

Darlene M. Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy Walker
Chairman