

June 16, 2014

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a recessed session on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC. Commissioners Johnson, Manning, Phelps and Sexton were present. Also present were County Manager Jerry W. Rhodes, Clerk to the Board Julie J. Bennett, County Attorney Curtis Potter and Finance Officer Frank Milazi.

Chair Johnson called the June 16, 2014 recessed meeting to order.

BUDGET WORK SESSION ON THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 2014-2015:

Chair Johnson stated to the public that this meeting is a work session on the Washington County recommended budget for 2014 – 2015. The public hearing has passed so the public will not be allowed to speak. The Commissioners may call on Department Heads to answer questions.

Chair Johnson also announced that at the end of the work session, there will be a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (3) (attorney client privilege).

County Manager Jerry Rhodes passed out a balanced fund budget to the Commissioners. The proposed budget is \$13,513,853.

Mr. Rhodes noted:

- 1) \$10,000 has been added to the Parks and Recreation Board from the Recreation contingency fund.
- 2) \$78,000 has been added to the school operating account for teacher supplements.
- 3) The EMS and Transport budget is based on changing from a fluctuating work schedule to a 24/48 hour work schedule.

Discussion ensued amongst the Commissioners, County Manager and Finance Officer regarding the various recommended budgets for the County departments.

The Commissioners all agreed that \$2,000 should be removed from the Airport Advertising and Printing line item.

The Commissioners all agreed to leave the Forestry budget as it is.

The Commissioners called on EMS Director John Fleming and he told the Commissioners that EMS and Transport will go to a 24/48 schedule with 3 shifts in hopes of diminishing overtime. This new schedule would be implemented right away.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a) (3) (attorney client privilege). Chair Johnson seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Back in Open Session, Commissioner Manning mentioned that teachers work 10 months out of the year. Their salaries are based on 10 months not 12 months.

Commissioner Manning stated that the Washington County Drainage Committee met in March to get bids on cleaning out Kendrick's Creek. Bids were in the range of \$28,000 to \$95,000. The Drainage Committee was ready to accept the \$28,000 bid but the bidder backed out. The Drainage Committee thought they could accept bids up to \$45,000 but the Commissioners would have to approve the money to pay the contractor coming from the \$.1 cent drainage tax. County Attorney Curtis Potter stated he had an in-depth discussion with former Soil and Water Director Rufus to get the background on the Washington County Drainage Committee. The Drainage Committee needs to come before the Commissioners to ask for funds. Mr. Potter will work with Keith Sawyer (current Soil and Water Director) to come up with an explanation of the drainage districts and the service district for the Commissioners.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sexton made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners' Room. Commissioner Phelps seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Tracey A. Johnson
Chair

Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board