

June 22, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a recessed session on Friday, June 22, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners Room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC. Commissioners Alexander, Johnson, Manning and Sexton were present. Also present were County Manager David L. Peoples, Clerk to the Board Julie J. Bennett and Finance Officer Frank Milazi. Commissioner McCray and Assistant County Manager/County Attorney Cheryl Young were absent.

Chair Manning called the June 22, 2012 meeting to order.

RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS: Mr. Frank Milazi, Finance Officer presented the Board with a resolution to approve the financing terms with BB&T for the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Sheriff's Office.

Chair Manning asked if this is how we buy vehicles, with a loan. Mr. Peoples explained that sometimes in the past, the County has bought and paid for vehicles outright and other times we have gotten loans. The current interest rate for this loan is at 2.19% and is a favorable rate with an annual payment of \$19,000. Mr. Peoples had the total amount of purchase for the vehicles in the budget for next year but the County can save money by taking out a loan. Mr. Peoples stated \$25,000 per year was in the budget and this loan saves \$6,000 per year. The County will have to budget \$19,000 for each of the next 5 years to pay off this loan. Chair Manning asked why we need to replace these vehicles. Mr. Peoples explained that these vehicles have over 100,000 miles on them and are between 4-6 years old. Mr. Peoples mentioned that we have kept a few vehicles in the past that had 161,000 and 187,000 miles on them but had to replace their transmissions. These vehicles are subjected to a lot of quick starts and fast stops which are bad on transmissions. Chair Manning asked if the County is on a regular maintenance schedule for these vehicles. Sheriff's Chief Deputy Beth Floyd was in attendance and replied that the County does follow a maintenance schedule for these vehicles and that the County (Sheriff's Office) is trying to negotiate with various places (not just one) for the cheapest costs for doing the maintenance. Commissioner Alexander noted that our patrol cars need to be safe. Chief Deputy Floyd noted that Ilderton in High Point has the government sales contract for these types of vehicles. Commissioner Sexton asked to see the bids, especially because the County is not planning to use a local vendor. Chief Deputy Floyd stated that Feyer Ford did put in a bid but the Ilderton bid came in noticeably lower. Chief Deputy Floyd retrieved the bids and gave them to the Commissioners. The difference in the bid from Ilderton and Feyer Ford is \$6,925. Commissioner Sexton asked who will do the warranty work. Mr. Peoples stated that warranty work will be done at the Dodge dealership in Williamston.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution approving financing terms with BB&T for the purchase of replacement vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners excused Mr. Peoples, Ms. Bennett and Mr. Milazi from the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) and 143-318.11.(a)(6). Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sexton made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Sexton made a motion to recess the meeting until June 28 at 8:00 am. Commissioner Alexander seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Buster Manning
Chair

Julie J. Bennett
Clerk to the Board