

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS RECESSED SESSION OF MAY 24, 2010 ON MAY 25, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM OF THE CRAVEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 406 CRAVEN STREET, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONDUCT A BUDGET WORK SESSION.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Perry L. Morris
Vice Chairman Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner Jason R. Jones
Commissioner Theron McCabe
Commissioner M. Renée Sisk
Commissioner Steve Tyson

STAFF PRESENT:

Harold Blizzard, County Manager
Jack Veit, III., Assistant County Manager
Richard F. Hemphill, County Finance Officer
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board

Following an invocation by Commissioner Jones, County Manager, Harold Blizzard, clarified the new \$45.00 roof inspection fee (Department 2401 – Inspections). It is required only when changing roofing material and when the job is more than \$5,000. New house roofs will be inspected from the ground or ladder, but inspectors will not go onto roofs. They will be looking for nail patterns and adequate vents.

Mr. Blizzard provided clarification of the requested Family Planning nurse from the Health Department. The request is to add an LPN position, which would be State funded.

The Board resumed a line by line review of the proposed budget, beginning with line 6500 – Home Health. County Finance Officer, Rick Hemphill, informed the Board that Administration, Vector Control, Lab and Medical Services are the only departments of Health funded by the County.

8500 – Schools

The Board of Education has adopted a resolution requesting the County to apply for Qualified School Construction Bonds. It was estimated that the interest paid on a ten year bond would be balanced by reimbursement from federal sources. The County would essentially be paying only principal. The Board will need to take action to apply. Funds can be borrowed in any form that the County is authorized to borrow; however, there is not enough time for a General Obligation Bond. Schools agreed to reduce capital outlay by \$200,000/year to help with repayment. Commissioner Sisk moved to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner McCabe. There was discussion on the urgency of needs and the commitment of resources. It was determined that the application must be at the State by June 15. Commissioner Tyson moved for an amendment to confirm approval after the improvement needs are reviewed by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously carried.

0101 – Commissioners

Commissioner Allen moved to hold the 0101 (Commissioners) line item as budget is until the Board can determine if the Attorney's fee rate is acceptable to the County Attorney.

The Board began discussion of special appropriation funding requests, and reached consensus on which ones should be included in the budget prior to its adoption.

Following brief discussions concerning fire departments and rescue squads that continued from the May 24 reconvened session, the Board recessed at 4:50 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on May 26 at Farm Life School for a walk-through.

Chairman Perry L. Morris
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