

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS RECESSED SESSION OF MAY 24, 2011 ON MAY 25, 2011 AT 3:10 P.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 Steve Tyson
Vice Chairman Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner Scott C. Dacey
Commissioner Thomas F. Mark
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor

STAFF PRESENT:

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

The Board began their budget review with Social Services, and requested an organizational chart of DSS with a salary range breakdown.

The Child Support Contractor will be requested to make the first year's annual report to the Commissioners.

During discussion of the Meals Program, the Board was informed that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is one of the benefits of Eastern Carolina Council of Governments membership. In considering whether or not to continue membership, information on other benefits was sought. Staff explained that other services, such as grant applications could still be made available to non-members, but on a pay-as-you-go fee basis.

At 4:35 p.m. the Board was recessed, and reconvened at 4:40 p.m.

Libraries – There was discussion of a recommendation by Commissioner Mark to decrease hours unless New Bern increases its support of the New Bern-Craven County Library.

Convention Center – There was discussion concerning the potential of maximizing the facility by having it produce its own shows, in addition to those produced by other agencies. The need for a decision on repairs was emphasized so that they can be scheduled.

Schools and Community College – Commissioner Dacey recommended that a countywide capital needs list be developed, including schools and Craven Community College. County Finance Director, Rick Hemphill, stated that a bond would probably be required to address all of the needs.

Water – There was discussion of a need for reduced water usage due to the impending drought, and the need to publicize an advance notice to citizens. The County Manager was authorized to draft a public statement.

Commissioner Dacey recommended a proposed revenue generator by considering instituting a permitting fee for internet sweepstakes machines. Assistant County Manager, Jack Veit, was directed to research models in other jurisdictions.

At 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Taylor moved to recess until May 31 at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Mark.

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