

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS RECESSED SESSION OF MAY 20, 2013 ON MAY 21, 2013 AT 8:30 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 Scott C. Dacey
Vice Chairman Thomas F. Mark
Commissioner Lee Kyle Allen
Commissioner Theron L. McCabe
Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, Jr.
Commissioner Jefferey S. Taylor
Commissioner Steve Tyson

STAFF PRESENT:

Jack B. Veit III., County Manager
Gene Hodges, Assistant County Manager – Operations/Facilities
Richard F. Hemphill, Assistant County Manager – Finance/Administration
Gwendolyn M. Bryan, Clerk to the Board
Amber Parker, Human Resources Director

At 8:45 a.m. the review continued beginning with Planning. Questions and deferrals were discussed.

Planning

- What is “Land Use Value”?
- Wayne County Contract regarding: Sharing of Preparedness staff person to be revisited.

Health

- Staff was requested to provide a breakdown of Health Department employee splits and total number of employees requested.
- How many maternity cases are handled in a year?
- Tour of Health/Family Planning Clinic desired by several Commissioners

Social Services

- Ask DSS Director, Kent Flowers, about “Other Transportation” information in TANF – who provides it and what are the qualifications?

Recreation

- Commissioner Allen inquired if the Board has any intention in regard to expansion of recreation services in the eastern part of the County? This issue will be discussed at a later date.

At 11:15 the Board moved to recess until 1:15.

At 1:20 the Board reconvened.

Appointment

Commissioner Allen moved to waive the one meeting waiting period for Tony Lee’s appointment to the ABC Board, seconded by Commissioner Mark and unanimously carried, with Commissioners’ Tyson and McCabe not present.

Libraries

It was the consensus of the Board that a special appropriation of \$33,600 be made to the Regional Library as a one-time appropriation to offset the state shortfall. Chairman Dacey moved to appropriate \$33,600 from fund balance, seconded by Commissioner Allen.

Schools

It was the consensus of the Board to fund the schools at the recommended level contingent upon additional teacher salary increase and insurance that may be budgeted by the state and on the final fund balance.

Fire Departments

The following fire departments have applied for Department of Insurance grants:

- Cove City \$ 2,000
- Ft. Barnwell \$12,599
- Harlowe \$28,350
- Little Swift Creek \$ 7,500
- #9 Township \$20,000
- Rhems \$14,050
- Dover \$30,000
- Tri-Community \$30,000
- Vanceboro \$11,040

By consensus the Board agreed with the fire departments' proposed budgets and tax rates, with the exception of West New Bern #2.

In regards to West New Bern #2 (Rhems), it was the consensus to contact the department about the option to keep the same rate and pay on the debt service, rather than reducing the rate.

Remaining Lines to Cover

- Senior meals
- Special appropriations
- ACT
- Deferred Items

The Board recessed to reconvene on May 24, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Craven County Board of Commissioners

Gwendolyn M. Bryan
Clerk to the Board