

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CRAVEN RECONVENED ITS RECESSED SESSION OF MAY 24, 2013 ON JUNE 3, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE 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 – arrived at 5:20 p.m.

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

The Board was requested to consider an amendment to the Personnel Resolution to reflect an increase in the insurance rates for gap insurance. There was consensus to consider the matter in regular session.

Fire Department Matters

Commissioner Taylor reported that the Rhems fire tax rate was agreed upon also by the Chief and Fire Tax Commissioners of West New Bern. The Rhems rate was established so as not to be too out of balance with the West New Bern rate.

Assistant County Manager of Finance/Administration, Rick Hemphill, presented the cumulative effect of changes to the recommended budget that had been discussed in previous work sessions.

He stated that the current Fund Balance is \$23,810,000 (25.4%) as of June 30, 2012. He recommended maintaining 22%-26% in Fund Balance.

HCCB Reductions

There was discussion of the recommended congregate meal program reduction and the criteria that led to the recommendations of the Craven Aging Planning Board.

Chairman Dacey encouraged the Board and staff to reach out to the faith community to assist those with financial incapacity, as public funds are being directed to those with mental or physical incapacity. He recommended that in the future the Craven Aging Planning Board not name facilities in data analysis, but describe them as "site #1," etc. He stated that he will set up a meeting with the Craven Aging Planning Board Chair regarding applying for a Hospital Foundation grant for the Havelock Congregate Meals program.

Transportation to George Street is being arranged for Havelock and Harlowe congregate meal participants who wish to join that site.

It was agreed to conduct another work session on Friday, June 7 at 12:00 p.m. to consider input from the public hearing.

There was discussion of additional ABC revenues above the expected \$180,000, in the amount of \$360,000.

The Chairman proposed decreasing the ad valorem tax rate from .47 to 46.75 and use the balance (\$160,000) to off-set an appropriation from Fund Balance, precluding the need to budget the Fund Balance. It was the Board's consensus to do so.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board moved to adjourn.

Chairman Scott C. Dacey
Craven County Board of Commissioners

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