

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 7, 2012

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman George Graham, Vice-Chairman Reuben Davis and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Mac Daughety, Linda Rouse Sutton, Tommy Pharo, and Eric Rouse

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, Lashanda Hall, and members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Sutton presented his badge and service weapon to retiring Lieutenant Bob Miller. Ms. Sutton acknowledged Mr. Miller and read the resolution aloud for the Board and viewing public. Sheriff Smith stated he has known Mr. Miller for over 30 years. Mr. Miller has been a model employee and an outstanding human being; all his fellow officers love and respect him. Sheriff Smith stated Mr. Miller will be missed. Mr. Miller thanked the Board and his fellow officers.

Mr. Preston Hunter, Engineer with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) addressed the Board. Mr. Hunter presented the Board with 2011-2012 Secondary Road Improvement Program. NCDOT has allotted \$920,000 for the following projects: Bill Smith Road, grade, drain, base and pave costing \$450,000; Pruitt Road pave costing \$200,000; Smithfield Way's new location, grade, drain and base costing \$100,000. Maintenance functions: Stabilization, pipe and paved road improvements costing \$65,000. Funding totaling \$105,628 will be retained for road additions, overdrafts and contingencies; the total of Secondary Road Program is \$920,628. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Daughety, the Secondary Road Improvements Program was unanimously approved.

Dr. Stephen Mazingo, Superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, addressed the Board. Dr. Mazingo stated due to expiring ARRA federal funds and a \$450,000 increase in the current year in state reversion, Lenoir County Schools has been faced with poor economic times. Dr. Mazingo stated he is aware the County faced similar economic times; the Board of Education is requesting the County fund the County Schools with \$9,900,000, which is the same amount as their current allocation. Lenoir County Schools will lose positions for the 2012-13 school year, these are across the aboard cuts, but mainly affect the high school level. Dr. Mazingo stated the goal of the Board of Education is to do everything within its control to make sure the children of Lenoir County are educated by the best instructors in the best facilities with the best care. The Board thanked Dr. Mazingo for attending the meeting.

Mr. Jim McLain, Exalted Ruler of Kinston Elks #740, invited the Board to attend a Musical Performance at the Grainger Hill Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Mr. John Moore will emcee the event with assistance from Rick Vernon and Chris Raines; proceeds will benefit residents of the new Kinston Veteran's Home. Tickets for the two-hour show are \$15 with all monies going towards the needs of Veteran's in Kinston-Lenoir County. The Board thanked Mr. McLain for the invitation.

Mr. Jim Perry and Mr. Keith Morris of Affordable Care Inc. addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 655. Mr. Perry stated Affordable Care has been part of Lenoir County for over 35 years. Affordable Care generates an annual payroll of over \$11 million per year; those funds have gone back into Lenoir County in the form of sales tax and property tax dollars. Senate Bill 655 is "An act to require that dentist agreements with management companies do not compromise the fundamental public purpose of the dental practice act, which is ensuring that citizens have access to high quality dental care that is owned, controlled and supervised by licensed and professional dentists with demonstrated clinical skills and who are accountable for their dental decisions." Mr. Perry stated Senate Bill 655 would potentially cause an irreparable, negative economic impact on a member of our economic community; and therefore Lenoir County. Mr. Perry urged Commissioners to urge non-passage of Senate Bill 655. Mr. Daughety stated he has read the Bill – he feels the bill is about restricting competition and trade. Mr. Daughety stated he respects the contribution to the community from all dentist and Affordable Care; the Board does not want to injure either party. Mr. Pharo stated the Board should pass the resolution. Mr. Pharo made a motion to approve the resolution followed by a second by Mr. Daughety. Ms. Sutton stated she does not know enough about all the dynamics of the bill to vote for or against it. Mr. Graham stated there has been little information provided to the Board in regards to the Bill. Mr. Graham stated if the Board hears from the dental population after passage of this resolution it will create a situation for this Board. The Board has not heard from any dentist from the community pro or con on the matter. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown the Board agreed to table the issue until Monday, May 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. during a Special Called Board meeting; the vote was unanimous.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Graham asked all Board members to use restraint when placing items on the County Agenda. All members should be notified and be in receipt of information about an issue before it appears on an Agenda for public debate and discussion.

Mr. Pharo introduced a Cell Phone Policy prohibiting the use of cell phones during a Board meeting. After a brief discussion the Board concluded that all cell phones must be placed on vibrate or turned off during a County Commissioners' meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was items from the County Manager: Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the upcoming road construction and detour of C.F. Harvey Parkway. C.F. Harvey Parkway (NC-148) will be closed to traffic starting May 7, 2012 and will re-open to traffic on June 4, 2012.

CONSENT AGENDA: 10 Min.

ACTION

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| 3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: April 16, 2012 | Martin/Jarman |
| 4. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein | Parrish |
| 5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Non-Departmental: \$3,079. Increase | Martin |

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

PROCLAMATION/BUDGET ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 6. was a Proclamation for Vulnerable Adults and Elder Abuse Awareness. Ms. Brown read the proclamation aloud for the Board and the viewing public. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7. was a Proclamation in Support of Mental Health month. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Daughety Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution of the Election Boards Association of North Carolina to the Honorable Governor Beverly Perdue and Members of the North Carolina General Assembly. Mr. Oscar Herring, Election Board's Association Secretary addressed the Board. Mr. Herring asked the Board to approve an appropriation be included in the Governor's budget and in the General Assembly's budget to meet the "maintenance of effort" requirement for the release of HAVA Funds. Mr. Herring stated the HAVA Funds are vital to county budgets to administer elections, maintain voting equipment and use as operation funds to operate absentee voting sites. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase from Imaging Specialties of 48 Toner Cartridges for Precincts and One Stop Sites at a Cost NTE: \$3,500. Ms. Dana King, Board of Elections (BOE) Director addressed the Board. Ms. King stated BOE is able to provide a more cost efficient and time saving process for the voters of Lenoir County with the aid of the printers at each precinct and One Stop Site and the toner cartridges are needed to keep this process going. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order to Advanced Imaging Systems for Scanning Inactive Medical Records for Data Storage NTE: \$15,000. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Huff stated the equipment assures patient confidentiality and compliance with HIPPA requirements and to improve patient registration efficiency. This action is necessary to prove sufficient accounting of expenditures and to comply with applicable laws. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing Emergency Removal of Underground Oil Storage Tank (UST) and Environmental Testing and Clean-up: Central East Services, Inc.: Henry Nemargut Engineering Services NTE: \$30,000. Mr. Mike Wiggins, Maintenance Coordinator, addressed the Board. Mr. Wiggins stated an underground oil storage tank was discovered during demolition of the concrete slab at 107 S. McLewean Street. Central East Services, Inc. was contacted to pump out the contents, remove the tank and evaluate the condition of the soil. Soil contamination was found and abated. Soil and groundwater samples were taken by Henry Nemargut Engineering Services. The County has applied to a State monitored Trust Fund for reimbursement of the costs associated with this clean-up operation. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Fire Districts: Fire Protection; \$125,691: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment appropriates funds to cover estimated revenues and expenditures for all fire districts for the remainder of FY 11-12. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Authorizing Repair of TEREX TC400 Trashmaster Compactor: Road Machinery Services, Inc.: \$24,500. Mr. Tom Miller, Solid Waste Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Miller stated Road Machinery Services, Inc. of Statesville, N.C, is the only authorized TEREX sales and repair facility in the state. This specialized piece of equipment was purchased in June of 2007. After (5) five years of packing construction and demolition debris, the cleats on the packing wheels have been worn down to “nubs” and need to be replaced. In an effort to reduce downtime for the compactor, Road Machinery Services will come to the Lenoir County Landfill and replace the packing wheels and cleats on site. Approval of this resolution will allow for the repair of the TEREX TC400 compactor, the encumbrance of funds, and the payment of the repair bill. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Hyundai HL 740-9 Front Loader: Rob’s Hydraulics, Inc. (RHI): Grimesland, NC: State Purchasing Contract Price: \$132,590.72. The Lenoir County Landfill operates a fleet of heavy equipment that runs 6 days a week. The 1998 Case 621 Front Loader is rapidly wearing out and is in constant need of expensive repairs. Mr. Miller has investigated the purchase of a used front loader and a new front loader. The new front loader with a Full Machine Warranty appears to be the best option to continue the landfill operations at the least amount of operational cost. In an effort to keep the landfill operating smoothly, the 1998 Case 621 Front Loader will be moved over to the metal pad at the landfill and will be used to move metal and appliances on a less regular basis (approximately one day a week) and serve as a back-up for the new Hyundai Loader. Approval of this resolution will allow for the encumbrance of funds and the payment to Rob’s Hydraulics (RHI) of Grimesland, N.C. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Solid Waste Management; Landfill: \$100,000: Increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 17 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Hurricane Irene Insurance Reimb.: \$242,988.88: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment appropriates reimbursement received from FEMA on April 16, 2012 of \$242,988.88. This is part of the 75% reimbursement of PW-01486, the cost of debris cleanup following Hurricane Irene. The other 25% of PW-01486 will be reimbursed after NCDEM has made a final audit of all the paperwork related to Hurricane Irene and closed out of the project. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 17 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Resolution Approving the Execution of a Contract with ABL Management, Inc.: \$366,864. For over 30 years the Lenoir County jail has been preparing food for inmates on site, utilizing two civilian cooks. These cooks have provided three meals every day of the year with the assistance of the detention staff. Currently, each inmate is provided a meal at a cost of \$1.54 (per meal) when the jail has a population of about 137 inmates. The new jail will house 200 more inmates and has a kitchen designed to feed up to 500 inmates, three times a day. It is anticipated that the jail will open with an inmate population of about 150 inmates. Within just a few months the inmate population is expected to exceed 200 inmates. In addition, the jail will be taking on additional inmates from the State Misdemeanant Program and the Federal Government, pushing the inmate population to 250. Sheriff Smith stated in an effort to explore cost cutting alternatives, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was created and published on the Lenoir County Government website. Three major inmate food service vendors provided proposals. After careful review it was decided that ABL Management would be the best fit for Lenoir County and provide substantial savings. ABL will provide all of the small wares to operate the new kitchen, which means Lenoir County will not have to expend any funds to do so. In addition, Lenoir County will retain its two cooks, but these employees will work under the management of ABL. In return, ABL will reimburse the County for these two employees' salaries and benefits (\$69,017). ABL will also supply a food service director, pay for all permits, licenses, and insurance, provide uniforms, and purchase all food products and supplies. ABL will provide all of the meals to inmates at a cost of \$1.1923 per meal (\$366,864 annually) to the jail which is at full capacity (281 inmates). This means that the County will save \$177,136 on food for inmates when comparing it to the traditional manner of cooking and providing these meals exclusively by the County. Mr. Daughety wanted to table the resolution until the budget is discussed during the work session. Ms. Sutton stated the County is mandated by the State to feed all inmates; the Sheriff's Office has already found a way to save the County \$177,136 annually, she concluded by stating the resolution should be passed today. After a brief discussion, upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Darland Construction: Not to Exceed \$1,000,000. Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director addressed the Board. Mr. Ellis stated the Woodmen of the World (WOW) Foundation have committed \$7 million dollars towards the construction of the Woodmen Community Center. The Board of Commissioners has approved a \$500,000 expenditure toward the construction of the facility with a \$500,000 match from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant. Darland Construction Company is the contractor for the WOW Community Center and water park. They are using 24 local sub-contractors for this project and have an estimated completion date of July 16, 2012. The funds for this project are budgeted. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second Mr. Graham, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 20 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. Items were tabled due to first appearance.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
East Pointe Mental Health 1st Appearance	Rita Hodges Eric Rouse (Re-Appointment)	May 2015
East Carolina Workforce Development 1st Appearance	Dr. Brantley Briley (Re-Appointment)	June 2014

CURRENT VACANCIES:

Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (1) Pharmacist

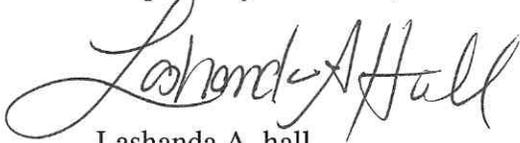
Lenoir County Planning Board – Districts One (1), Four (4)

CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies

Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

Upon a Motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton the meeting recessed to attend the Budget Work Session at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lashanda A. hall

Reviewed By



Michael W. Jarman

County Manager

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET PLANNING WORK SESSION
Administration Building Conference Room
May 7, 2012

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners began their scheduled work session on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 10:50 a.m., at the Administration Building Conference Room, 101 North Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present included: Chairman George Graham, Vice-Chairman Reuben Davis and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, J. Mac Daughety, Tommy Pharo, Eric Rouse and Linda Rouse Sutton.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Office, Roger Dail, Emergency Services, Joey Huff, Health Department, Joey Bryan, MIS, Susan Moore, Social Services, Mark Pope, Economic Development, Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension, Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation, Dana King, Board of Elections, Margaret Seymour, Register of Deeds, Darrell Parrish, Tax Department, Sheriff Smith and Chris Hill, Sheriff's Office, and Lashanda Hall.

Mr. Graham welcomed the Board members and Department Managers to the session.

Mr. Jarman stated the budget is being presented today in balance with a General Fund Budget of \$63,122,087 and with a tax rate of \$.80. There is no tax increase, the budget maintains services at current levels and maintains employee benefits at current levels. Mr. Jarman stated there is an increase in the General Fund Budget of \$712,193 or 1.14% from FY 2011-2012. The major factors contributing to this increase is the operation of the new jail (\$400,000), utilities/fuel increase (\$175,000) and juvenile detention (\$125,000). Mr. Jarman then compared the 2006-07 Budget to the 2012-13 Budget. It was noted that when you exclude debt service for school bonds and library which the citizens requested by vote, and the debt service for the jail required by capacity issues, there was less than \$700,000 difference.

	2006-07 Budget	2012-13 Budget
General Fund Expenditures	\$55,123,608	\$63,122,087
Debt Service	\$910,699	\$8,215,513
	\$54,212,909	\$54,906,574

Department Manager's continue to be responsible with the tax payer's money. Increases in salaries, utilities, fuel etc. continue to be absorbed in existing budgets.

Mr. Jarman highlighted the Summary of Revenues and Expenditures as follows:

SUMMARY OF REVENUES GENERAL FUND

REVENUE SOURCES	FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 ACTUAL	ORIGINAL FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 BUDGET	REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 BUDGET (AS OF 12/31/11)	ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 BUDGET
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 29,706,350	\$ 30,953,640	\$ 30,955,647	\$ 31,880,421
SALES TAX	\$ 5,877,333	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,600,000	\$ 5,650,000
SALES, SERVICES & OTHER REVENUES	\$ 14,359,567	\$ 6,910,272	\$ 6,935,435	\$ 7,285,633
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 13,057,982	\$ 13,366,931	\$ 14,565,190	\$ 14,424,980
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 5,579,051	\$ 6,125,615	\$ 3,881,053
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 63,001,232	\$ 62,409,894	\$ 64,181,887	\$ 63,122,087

Property tax is up 3% mainly due to the addition of Spirit and Sanderson. Sales Tax is up .9%; Sales, Service and Other Revenues and Intergovernmental Revenues are up due to transfers in those areas.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	FY 2010-11		BUDGET FY 2011-12		BUDGET FY 2011-12		BUDGET FY 2012-13		FY 11-12 ORIGINAL VS FY 12-13 ADOPTED	
	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	REVISSED	ADOPTED	ADOPTED	ADOPTED	ADOPTED	ADOPTED		
GOVERNING BODY	205,608	230,255	230,255			227,557				-1.17%
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	265,500	273,381	273,381			272,984				-0.15%
FINANCE	207,722	199,058	199,058			198,801				-0.13%
HUMAN RESOURCES	54,460	242,784	242,784			231,611				-4.60%
TAX	804,176	829,528	829,528			810,610				-2.28%
LEGAL	74,834	62,500	62,500			62,500				0.00%
BUILDING & GROUNDS (CT FAC & PUB BLDGS)	757,997	897,243	897,243			1,188,074				32.41%
ELECTIONS	318,804	390,399	390,399			343,572				-11.99%
REGISTER OF DEEDS	255,122	296,134	296,134			289,960				-2.08%
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	839,435	894,568	894,568			934,842				4.50%
SHERIFF	4,230,996	4,468,870	4,583,776			4,437,788				-0.70%
CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS	1,167,551	1,204,512	1,205,999			1,235,640				2.58%
JAIL	2,240,645	2,267,483	2,267,483			3,380,276				49.08%
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	362,282	384,443	395,120			384,474				0.01%
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE	3,576,237	3,775,553	3,775,553			3,754,731				-0.55%
NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORT	465,859	492,522	492,522			349,213				-29.10%
PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS	207,857	216,153	216,153			215,631				-0.24%
MEDICAL EXAMINER	48,775	40,000	40,000			40,000				0.00%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	320,798	319,769	319,769			319,014				-0.24%
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	3,309,638	3,602,368	3,937,404			3,656,770				1.51%
MENTAL HEALTH	236,906	245,715	245,715			245,715				0.00%
CJPP-DAY REPORTING CENTER	123,659	125,382	125,382			0				-100.00%
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	12,727,210	13,935,065	14,700,336			13,564,235				-2.66%
SUB-TOTAL	32,802,071	35,393,685	36,621,062			36,143,998				2.12%

Mr. Jarman reviewed each expenditure line with the Board detailing the increases and decreases per department as follows:

Governing Body – down – lower Clerk to the Board Salary; Human Resources – eliminated personnel consultant contract; Tax-retirees replaced with lower salary persons; Building & Grounds-utilities for new jail and additional cost for juvenile’s (budget reduced if these two items were not included); Elections-no municipal elections; Register of Deeds-reduction in salary for new register/some operating reductions; MIS-increase in contracted service and adding Google email (allows backup); Central Communications-corrected salary budget from previous year (same number of employees)-overall total Emergency Services budget has been reduced; Non-Emergency Transportation-utilizing on-line training and reduced hours of service; Health-amount up but County cost is down (utilizing State and Federal Revenues); CJPP-applied for grant-County will be pass through; DSS-down.

In the General Fund in the area "Other than County Departments: Non-Departmental-reduced workers compensation allocation; Outside Agencies-no funding allocated for the National Guard (\$2,500). Fire Protection- County funds will not be budgeted for the volunteer fire departments. Each fire department has a fire tax to support each district; the County will allow each departments tax to take care of their respective communities. Mr. Dail will inform the fire departments about this change in funding; Cooperative Extension-increase due to equipment purchase and building maintenance.

Mr. Jarman stated the County's debt service is declining; debt service was \$8.4 million last year this year it is \$8.2 million. The Capital Improvements Fund is up 23% due to the addition of Spirit and Sanderson Farms. Mr. Jarman notified the Board of the importance of generating additional revenues. Mr. Graham stated the Board has to advocate for the \$.25 cent Sales Tax increase. Citizens have to be educated on where the funds are currently going and how it can help the County as a whole. Mr. Daugherty stated he has been told by several citizens the only way they could support a sales tax increase would be by cutting the property tax rate. Ms. Sutton and Mr. Davis stated a committee should be formed to discuss and educate the citizens about the referendum.

Lenoir County Public Schools requested funding remain at the same level (\$9,900,000) they received for 2011-12. Mr. Jarman made the Board aware that due to the shortfall of approximately \$1,100,000 in funds designated to pay debt service on School Bond's the County will be using \$500,000 from Fund 21, Public School Capital Outlay. These funds are Article 40 and Article 42 Sales Tax revenues required to be set aside for Public School Capital Outlay purposes or to retire debt for these purposes. Utilizing these funds still requires the County to commit an additional amount of \$560,000 from the General Fund to cover the debt service on School Bonds. The Board was cautioned that due to the loss of lottery and ADM Funds we should exercise caution in using these funds since future school capital needs such as boiler and roof repair would be County responsibilities.

Lenoir Community College is requesting an increase of \$408,780; the Board was reminded of the presentation made by Dr. Briley depicting Lenoir County's ranking as related to other counties in the North Carolina's Easter Region when compared by funding per square foot and funding by FTE (Full Time Enrollment). Mr. Jarman then shared Lenoir County's position when related to these same counties based on ability to pay and the percentage of the General Fund committed to the community colleges. Lenoir County was second out of the eleven (11) counties with 3.5% of their General Fund Budget committed to fund Lenoir Community College.

Next a list of expenditures depicting the areas where an increase in funding was requested was read to the Board. The Board did not recommend any changes in funding for the Community College.

The following summary of Recommendation vs. Request was discussed.

Unit / Agency	Recommended	Requested	Difference
Lenoir Community College – Operations	\$2,185,000	\$2,593,780	\$408,780
Lenoir Community College - Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	0
Lenoir County Public Schools	\$9,900,000	\$9,900,000	0
SPCA Operations	\$115,000	\$171,000	\$56,000
Library	\$740,500	\$761,232	\$20,732
Parks and Recreation Operating	\$799,000	\$835,400	\$36,400
Parks and Recreation Capital	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Community Council for the Arts	\$7,500	\$7,500	0
Pride of Kinston	0	\$25,000	\$25,000

The Board then discussed the General Fund Balance forecast as well as Issues/Areas of Concern with Fiscal Impact.

Mr. Graham stated the Board has received a balanced General Fund Budget, but would like for something to be done for the County employees. Mr. Graham suggested a possible bonus of five (5) days of vacation in lieu of financial compensation. Mr. Daughety stated he would not feel comfortable at this time granting any type of increases; the County is very fortunate that lay-offs are not required. Ms. Sutton echoed the sentiments of Mr. Graham and stated the County is fortunate to have so many great employees. After discussion on the issue the Board directed County Administration to come back with a recommendation for employees' in the budget.

Mr. Jarman concluded his presentation by asking the Board to work towards passage of the Quarter Cent Sales tax if approved the additional revenue plus continued cost saving methods being implemented could allow Lenoir County to meet financial obligations through FY 13-14 and FY 14-15 thus allowing additional time for growth and economic recovery; hopefully thereby avoiding a large property tax increase.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board concluded the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lashanda A. Hall

Reviewed By



Michael W. Jarman
County Manager