

MINUTES – MAY 30, 2007

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a budget work session on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Members present: George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Jeremiah Jefferies, Vice-Chairman, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Larry G. Hamlett, Kenneth D. Travis, and C. Hester Vernon, III. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Gwen Y. Vaughn, Finance Officer, and Shannon White representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Ward opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board held a work session on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Health Insurance

Ms. Michelle Love, Member Services Associate, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, came before the Board to inform the Board that the renewal of the County's Hospitalization Insurance with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Group Insurance Pool includes a 1.2% increase, which represents a total increase of \$14,436 over last year. Ms. Love stated that there is no change in benefits over last year, and tiers were added to the insurance benefit which included employee/child and employee/spouse. Ms. Love noted that the preventive care benefit was added in February, 2007, and informed the Board that the multi-pool discount is still available and for this year the amount was \$9,468. Ms. Love assured the Board that earlier problems with CIGNA claims have been resolved. Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall, Ms. Love stated that she has checked and all of the County volunteer firemen are covered under a separate policy for Workers' Comp in case they are injured while driving an ambulance or assisting in an emergency call. Ms. Love added that this would not be a County liability.

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, informed the Board that the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council would be added to the County's list of Boards that are covered under its insurance.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, reported that Mr. Joey Knight, Cooperative Extension Service Director has informed him that he would be willing to manage and house the JCPC funded programs. Mr. Howard added that the County could also create another department and take the JCPC employees in as County employees.

Caswell County Schools

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, informed the Board that when the School System turned in its funding request, he and the Finance Officer interpreted the total amount requested in a different manner than the School Board. Mr. Howard reported that the amount actually being requested is \$3,553,780 rather than \$2,295,615 for Current Expense, \$429,075 rather than \$342,464 for Capital Outlay, and has increased its amount requested for Teachers Supplement from \$205,000 to \$255,000.

Mr. Howard provided the Board with the following information which was submitted by the Board of Education:

School Board Funding Request for 2007-2008

| Capital Budget | Local | Teacher Supplement |
|--|--|---------------------------|
| Amount Needed \$454,075 | Amount Needed \$3,808,780 | Amount Req. \$255,000 |
| Project Revenue \$ 25,000 | Project Revenue \$ 528,438 | |
| Amount Req. From Commissioners \$429,075 | Amount Req. From Commissioners \$3,553,780 | |

Revenues

The Board reviewed all revenue projections in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 with no changes made.

Expenditures

The Board reviewed and discussed the GOVERNING BODY, ADMINISTRATION, and FINANCE budgets with no changes made.

RECESS

The Board held a brief recess.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board continued discussion of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

RECESS

At 8:05 p.m. Chairman Ward recessed the meeting until Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
