

MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2008

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners reconvened its meeting at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008. Members present: George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Jeremiah Jefferies, Vice-Chairman, William E. Carter, Larry G. Hamlett, Kenneth D. Travis, and C. Hester Vernon, III. Absent: Nathaniel Hall. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Gwen Y. Vaughn, Finance Officer, and Shannon White. 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 budget work session on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Caswell County Schools

Dr. Douglas Barker, Superintendent, Caswell County Schools, came before the Board to discuss the budget request for Caswell County Schools for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Dr. Barker stated that there are two items in the Schools' Capital Fund request that they feel they will not be able to do based upon the amount that was recommended by the County Manager and would like some consideration in the event of additional funds that become available. Dr. Barker informed the Board that one line item is Heating/Air-conditioning in the amount of \$65,000 which is needed to replace the two units at the Bartlett Yancey High School Cafeteria. Dr. Barker stated that one of the units is completely broken and is not repairable. Dr. Barker added that the other unit is the same age and is subject to go out at any time and there would be no heating or air-conditioning in the cafeteria. Dr. Barker stated that the second line item is Intercom Replacements in the amount of \$60,000 and this would be a one-time expense. Dr. Barker added that all four intercom systems at the elementary schools do not work properly, do not work consistently, and in case of emergencies sometimes classrooms cannot contact the office and neither can the classroom be contacted by intercom.

Dr. Barker reviewed and discussed his Current Expenses budget request. Dr. Barker stated that the largest item in Current Expenses is in Public Utility and Energy Services which is budgeted at \$948,610. Dr. Barker informed the Board that the State Department of Public Instruction, due to the number of students in the County, has cut two months of employment for their Assistant Principals and \$27,000 would be needed to complete funding for twelve months.

Dr. Barker reported that Caswell County Schools has seen a decrease in revenues received from rental of the Civic Center.

Board of Elections

Mr. Andrew Murray, Chairman, Caswell County Board of Elections, came before the Board to discuss the budget request for the Board of Elections for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Mr. Murray stated that one item left out of the recommended budget for the Board of Elections that they feel they truly need is the new position that they requested and explained why they felt the need for this position. Mr. Murray asked that the Board of Commissioners reconsider their request for this position and reinstate it in their budget. Mr. Murray also requested that the Board consider relocating the Board of Elections to the current location of the Senior Center when the new Center is completed and expressed their need for space.

Revenues

The Board reviewed all revenue projections in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with no changes made.

Expenditures

The Board began review of expenditures in the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

The Board reviewed and discussed the GOVERNING BODY budget with no changes made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the ADMINISTRATION budget. The Board agreed to reduce Professional Services by \$5,000 and Small Tools/Equipment by \$1,000.

The Board reviewed and discussed the FINANCE budget with no changes made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the TAX DEPARTMENT budget. The Board agreed to reduce Professional Services/Foreclosure by \$25,000 and Travel by \$2,100.

The Board reviewed and discussed the ELECTIONS budget with no changes made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the REGISTER OF DEEDS budget with no changes made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY budget with no changes made.

The Board reviewed and discussed the MAINTENANCE – COUNTY BUILDINGS budget. The Board agreed to reduce M&R Parking Lots by \$2,500 and M&R Buildings by \$3,000.

The Board reviewed and discussed the NON-DEPARTMENTAL budget. The Board agreed to reduce Postage by \$1,000 and noted that in the future since this postage is used by the Finance Office that it should appear in the Finance budget.

The Board reviewed and discussed the SHERIFF'S OFFICE budget. The Board agreed to reduce Travel by \$2,000.

RECESS

At 8:50 p.m. Chairman Ward recessed the meeting until Monday, June 9, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
