

MINUTES – JUNE 6, 2007

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners reconvened its meeting at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. 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.

Board of Education

Dr. Douglas Barker, Superintendent, Caswell County Schools, came before the Board to discuss the Schools' budget request for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Dr. Barker presented a comparison of the Schools' Capital Budget for 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, along with a Capital Fund Summary. Dr. Barker also presented a comparison of the Schools' Local Budget for 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2007-2008, along with a Local Fund Summary. Dr. Barker provided the Board with a comparison of County Supplements for Teachers, and Fund Balance Information for 2007-2008.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Michael Welch came before the Board to discuss the Sheriff's Office budget request for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Sheriff Welch emphasized that his priorities include salary adjustments for his Office, the hiring of four additional deputies, and the purchase of 12 new patrol vehicles. Sheriff Welch stated that mobile data computers and a Jail Feasibility Study are also essential.

Emergency Medical Services

Mr. Jim Gusler, EMS Director, came before the Board to discuss the Emergency Services' budget request for 2007-2008. Mr. Gusler reviewed major departmental trends and issues, staffing issues, and demand for service. Mr. Gusler stated that the Caswell County Department of Emergency Services' primary purpose for existence is to provide timely, reliable, and competent service to the citizens of Caswell County. Mr. Gusler added that they must be responsive to the changing environment in which they respond and proactive enough to anticipate future response environment needs.

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager presented and reviewed with the Board a spreadsheet itemizing what was included in the proposed budget, what was not included in the proposed budget, and the amount of cents it would be on the tax rate.

Mr. Howard noted that the proposed total General Fund increased by \$897,052, which is 4.15% over last year's adopted budget.

RECESS

At 8:30 p.m. Chairman Ward recessed the meeting until Monday, June 11, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
