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MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 16, 2008

The budget work session of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, Nathan E. Paschal, John T. Quiggle, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook.

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order and delivered the invocation.

County Manager John Crumpton presented the following General Fund Summary:

	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
• Tax Base:	\$4.51 Billion	\$4.697 Billion
• Tax Rate:	\$.75/\$100	\$.75/\$100
• Tax Revenue:	\$32.8 Million	\$34.2 Million
• One Penny:	\$436,725	\$455,610
• Sales Tax Revenue	\$10.7 Million	\$10.5 Million
• Total Budget	\$63.9 Million	\$64.4 Million

Mr. Crumpton also discussed General Fund Revenues, and General Fund Expenditures.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's Department requested budget. Sheriff Tracy Carter stated he asked for four (4) deputy positions in the FY 2007-08 budget and received two of those positions but is still in need of two (2) additional officers. The County Manager's proposed budget recommends one (1) Jailer, two (2) Dispatchers, one (1) Gang Officer (grant funded position), and one (1) Narcotics Officer (grant funded position). Mr. Carter stated he asked for the two (2) deputy officers in order to complete the patrol division. He stated that crime has increased since January of this year and he feels the positions are needed. Commissioner Shook stated she had received calls from citizens in her district that were concerned about break-ins and the response time for officers to respond.

She asked the Board to consider funding the two deputy officers requested in the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Shook further stated she had found \$169,000 in the budget to fund one Deputy position on July 1, 2008, and another one on January 1, 2009. Sheriff Carter discussed how drug money is used to purchase equipment for staff. He stated drug funds can be used for salaries but that would mean he would have to appeal to the Commissioners for equipment funding. After some discussion, Sheriff Carter stated he was in agreement with the County Manager's recommendation for the Jailer, Dispatchers, Gang Officer, and Narcotics Officer positions. The Finance Committee will discuss the matter at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the full Board. No action was taken.

The Board discussed his recommendation for a Deputy County Attorney position, Administrative Support position for the Board of Elections, a Computer Support position for IT, and an Income Maintenance Caseworker for Social Services. Commissioner Shook questioned why a Deputy County Attorney position was needed and her hesitancy in approving the position. She also suggested that the new Board discuss this matter in December since the Attorney works for the Board. The Finance Committee will discuss the matter at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the full Board. No action was taken.

The Board discussed the Board of Education's budget. County Manager John Crumpton discussed allocating funding for the Schools by purpose, function or project. The Finance Committee will discuss the matter at their next meeting and make a recommendation to the full Board. No action was taken.

The Board discussed a recent request to complete a health and safety inspection at Lee Senior High School and the Jonesboro Campus. The Lee County Board of Education and the Central Carolina Community College Board of Trustees have given their permission to go on the properties and complete an inspection. County Manager John Crumpton presented proposals for consulting services from a private citizen that lives at Carolina Trace and a company from Columbia, South Carolina, that had contacted him about assisting with the high school project. The County Manager was asked to bring a formal proposal to the Board at their June 23, 2008 meeting. No action was taken.

The Board discussed various agreements between the County and the City of Sanford. County Manager John Crumpton stated to date he has located fourteen (14) joint contracts. He has a concerns with the fee increase recommended from the Building Inspections Department due to construction being down at this time. Mr. Crumpton stated he did not want to fund deficiencies in the future. Commissioner Shook asked to see the number of inspections by City and County. Commissioner Reives stated he had concerns but would discuss them at the next Finance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

The Board discussed additional funding for HAVEN. Mr. Crumpton stated that HAVEN requested \$5,000 in the FY 2007-08 and was awarded \$10,000. This year they have asked for \$10,000 and \$5,000 has been recommended. The Board was furnished with a list of grants awarded to HAVEN that was requested at the May 19, 2008 public hearing. Commissioner Lemmond asked the Board to consider the additional \$5,000 request. He further stated HAVEN was planning on building a new 24-bed facility to replace the current 16-bed facility that would also

include office space. He feels they do a lot of outreach to address domestic violence. Commissioner Shook asked for a breakdown of City and County residents that are assisted and asked if the City of Sanford helps fund this organization. The matter will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

With no further business to come before the Board, at 2:30, the Chairman recessed the meeting till 3:00 p.m.

Robert H. Brown, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk