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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE  
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 19, 2008

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The Finance Committee of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5:30 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Finance Committee members present were James C. Kelly, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook. Others in attendance included Finance Director Lisa Minter and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Chairman Reives called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Kelly asked that the following Capital Outlay requests be pulled for discussion and clarification from department heads:

- Strategic Services  
36" Wide Format Scanner \$14,000
- General Services  
Groundsmaster 7200 Mower w/72" cut \$16,500  
Hydraulic Power Tool \$11,000
- Emergency Services  
Wide Format Printer for Mobile Command Post \$ 6,000
- Fire Marshal  
Replacement Vehicle for Suburban \$27,000
- Recreation  
John Deere Diesel Gator \$ 9,350

The Clerk was asked to contact department heads from the above departments and obtain written clarification as to why these items were requested. Information is to be provided to Finance Committee members prior to the June 23, 2008 meeting. No action was taken.

The Committee discussed additional funding for HAVEN of Lee County. At the May 19, 2008 public hearing, representatives from HAVEN requested full funding of their \$10,000 request. The County Manager has recommended \$5,000 of their \$10,000 request. Commissioner Shook asked that information be obtained from HAVEN in reference to the number of city residents verses county residents served, and also if individuals from other counties are assisted at the shelter. After some discussion, Commissioner Kelly moved to recommend to the full Board that \$5,000 of additional funding be approved for HAVEN. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Committee discussed funding for the Lee County Schools. After discussion, Commissioner Shook moved to recommend to the full Board that the County allocate funds to the Lee County Schools by "purpose and function" and allow movement of funds not to exceed 10% without Commissioner approval. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Shook moved to reduce the County Manager's recommended Schools budget by \$100,000 (\$15,602,134 to \$15,502,134). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Reives and Shook  
Nay: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a two to one vote.

The Committee discussed additional staffing for the Lee County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Shook suggested the following cuts, totaling \$276,097, be made that would allow two deputies's to be hired at the Sheriff's Department in addition to the recommended two dispatchers, one jailer, and the two grant positions:

- \$100,000 from the Lee County Schools
- \$120,000 from Economic Development
- \$ 14,000 from Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action
- \$ 42,097 for the Deputy County Attorney

After discussion, Commissioner Shook moved to cut \$276,097 from the recommended budget to fund two deputy positions, effective January 1, 2009, along with the two dispatchers, and one jailer, effective July 1, 2008. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Shook  
Nay: Kelly and Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had failed by a two to one vote.

The Committee discussed the health and safety assessment for Lee County High School and CCCC Jonesboro Campus. Commissioner Reives stated that County Manager John Crumpton would present a recommendation of the above at the June 23, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Reives moved to recommend to the full Board that the County Manager's recommendation be approved. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Commissioner Kelly moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Robert T. Reives, Chairman  
Lee County Finance Committee

ATTEST:

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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk