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MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 23, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5:30 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, Jerry M. Lemmond, Nathan E. Paschal, John T. Quiggle, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook. Commissioner James C. Kelly was out of town and excused from the meeting.

Chairman Brown presided and called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

Chairman Brown delivered the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Brown stated a public hearing had been advertised for this date and time to hear comments from the public in reference to the proposed Lee County Fire District budgets for FY 2008-09.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing.

No one signed up to speak in favor of or in opposition to the Fire District budgets as presented at the last meeting by the Lee County Fire Advisory Board.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Shook moved to approve the FY 2008-09 Fire District budgets as presented at the June 16, 2008 meeting, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Chairman Brown stated a public hearing had been advertised for this date and time to hear comments from the public in reference to the proposed FY 2008-09 Lee County budget.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing.

The following individuals signed up to speak in reference to the budget:

- Ms. Kay Ring, Director, HAVEN of Lee County (additional funding for HAVEN)
- Mr. Jay Calendine, Sanford (need for additional deputies)
- Mr. Jeremy Jackson, Sanford (need for additional deputies)
- Mr. Greg Cox, Sanford (need for additional deputies)
- Mr. Robert Westbrook, Sanford (need for additional deputies)

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Shook questioned additional funding that HAVEN of Lee County was requesting. HAVEN Director Kay Ring presented a spreadsheet with 5-years of statistics that outlined such things as the number of clients served, number of clients sheltered, number of hot-line crisis calls accepted, and the number of community presentations made by staff. Clients are transported from Lee County and accepted from other counties/states, depending on their need. Ms. Ring stated a total of fifty-two clients from other counties/states have been assisted at the Lee County location for the current year to date. There are a total of ninety domestic houses located across the State of North Carolina that assist men, women and children with domestic issues. Currently HAVEN does not track city residents assisted verses county residents assisted but will begin that process when working with clients in the future. Ms. Ring further stated that approximately 35%-37% of the clients assisted at HAVEN are of different ethnic origin. They do not ask if the individual is documented or undocumented. Commissioner Shook asked Ms. Ring to furnish the trend over the past years of foreign born individuals receiving assistance and asked that in the future they track if clients assisted live in the City of Sanford verses the County.

At this time Minutes from the June 19, 2008 Finance Committee meeting were distributed and Commissioners were allowed time to review. Commissioner Reives discussed the following Capital Outlay items Commissioner Kelly had questions about during the Finance Committee meeting:

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

County Manager John Crumpton stated that overall he didn't feel departments requested excessive Capital Outlay requests this year. Commissioner Shook stated she would like to leave all of the above requests in the budget. Chairman Brown

stated he was happy with the budget presented by Mr. Crumpton. After further discussion, Commissioner Reives moved that the above Capital Outlay items be approved and left in the FY 2008-09 budget. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered additional funding for HAVEN of Lee County. County Manager John Crumpton had recommended \$5,000 of HAVEN'S original \$10,000 request. The Finance Committee recommended to the full Board that the original \$10,000 request be approved. After discussion, Commissioner Lemmond moved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to fund HAVEN'S original request of \$10,000. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the budget request for the Lee County Schools. Commissioner Reives moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate funding to the Lee County Schools by "purpose and function" with movement of funds not to exceed 10% without Board of Commissioner approval. Chairman Brown stated he was not in agreement with the recommendation of the Finance Committee at this time. Commissioner Shook stated she did not understand the Schools budget last year due to the way it was presented and she needed more understanding of where funds are spent. Commissioner Reives stated that although the Finance Committee recommended the motion, he did not feel comfortable with the decision and feels the Schools should be put on notice that the Board of Commissioners is thinking about recommending this concept. After further discussion, Commissioner Reives withdrew his motion. After still further discussion, Commissioner Shook moved from the Commissioners to work with the Board of Education to transition over to the "purpose and function" concept for the 2009 budget year and monitor how money is spent. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Shook
Nay: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, and Reives
Absent: Kelly

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

Commissioner Shook moved to reduce the Lee County School's budget by \$100,000 as recommended by the County Manager. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Shook
Nay: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, and Reives
Absent: Kelly

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

Commissioner Quiggle questioned what the \$120,000 was for in the Economic Development budget. County Manager John Crumpton stated the \$120,000 was for the purchase of land at the new Industrial Park. After discussion, Commissioner Quiggle moved to remove the \$120,000 from the Economic Development budget and use this funding to hire two additional deputies for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Reives stated positions were not funded from Fund Balance and he wanted the \$120,000 to go back into the General Fund. Upon a vote of Commissioner Quiggle's motion, the results were as follows:

Aye: Quiggle and Shook
Nay: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, and Reives
Absent: Kelly

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

Commissioner Shook questioned the \$14,000 proposed funding for Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action. Commissioner Shook stated she did not feel Lee County residents should be funding projects for other counties. Commissioner Lemmond stated these funds are only used for elderly and handicapped Lee County residents in need of minor home repairs. Commissioner Shook moved to remove the \$14,000 allocation to Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Shook
Nay: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, and Reives
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had failed with a five to one vote.

The Board discussed the health and safety assessment recommended for Lee County High School and the Jonesboro Campus. County Manager John Crumpton stated he had received written approval from the Board of Education and CCC Board of Trustees to complete a safety and health assessment of the above two locations. Mr. Crumpton stated he had received three proposals – one from a local resident and two companies. Mr. Crumpton recommended the Board hire local resident Ray Martin to lead a team of county employees, plus other interested individuals, to complete an evaluation of each school site. It was recommended that Mr. Martin be hired as a temporary employee of the County at a weekly salary of \$2,000, not to exceed \$20,000. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the County Manager's recommendation to hire Mr. Ray Martin at a salary not to exceed \$20,000 to complete a safety and health assessment of Lee County High School and the Jonesboro Campus. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Reives, and Shook
Nay: Quiggle
Absent: Kelly

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

County Manager John Crumpton stated the Board would meet again in special session at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 30, 2008, in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, to approve the FY 2008-09 Budget Ordinance as directed from action taken during the current meeting.

Commissioner Reives moved that the \$120,000 removed from the Economic Development budget be placed in the County's General Fund. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lemmond moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Robert H. Brown, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk