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

JUNE 5, 2008

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

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Reives called the meeting to order and the following items were discussed:

Review of 2008-09 Budget – County Manager John Crumpton reviewed with the Committee Revenues and Expenditures which balance at \$64,366,802.00.

- A total of seventeen (17) positions were requested by departments with nine (9) being recommended.
- Commissioner Shook stated she wanted additional patrol deputy positions approved over the Deputy County Attorney position.
- Commissioner Shook recommended that one Jailer be hired effective July 1, 2008, two Dispatchers effective July 1 instead of the County Manager's recommended start date of January 2009, and two patrol deputies effective July 1, along with the grant funded Gang Officer and Narcotics Officer positions.
- Commissioner Reives asked that the \$120,000 requested by the Lee County Economic Development Office for improvements at the Industrial Park be placed on a list of potential budget cuts.

Review of 2008-09 Board of Education Budget Request – Mr. Crumpton discussed with the Committee the Schools Capital Outlay request for Revenues that total \$4,569,108 and Expenditures which include Construction and Improvements, Furniture and Equipment, and Vehicles.

- Mr. Crumpton stated Category I – Construction and Improvements can be funded by line item or project and Category II – Furniture and Equipment, and Category III – Vehicles can be funded by a lump sum.
- Commissioner Kelly questioned why the "Expense Budget Cost Per Pupil" has shifted in funding so much from FY 2002-03 to FY 2008-09 in the line items for

classroom teachers/regular program expenses and board and central office administration.

- Commissioner Shook questioned how much the schools spend in sales tax that is not refunded.

Review of Fire District Budget Requests – Mr. Crumpton and Fire Marshal Shane Seagroves discussed budgets submitted by the eight (8) volunteer fire departments. A flat rate tax verses individual district rates was discussed. Mr. Seagroves stated the Fire Advisory Board cannot come to a consensus on the flat tax issue at this time. A public hearing must be held on the fire department budgets prior to approval. Mr. Donald Andrews, Chairman of the Lee County Fire Advisory Board will present the fire departments budgets at the June 16, 2008 meeting. A required public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2008.

Review of Lee County Surplus Property – Mr. Crumpton presented a list of Lee County surplus property which totals \$179,000.

- Commissioner Kelly recommended a modified list of parcels be completed, present to the full Board for approval and notify adjacent property owners that surplus property is available if they should be interested. It was also noted interested parties would have to go through the upset bid process once the Board declares property surplus and begins the advertising process.

Other Business – A budget work session of the full Board will be held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2008, prior to the regular 3:00 p.m. meeting. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Room at the Lee County Government Center.

Commissioner Shook asked that an additional public hearing be held for the FY 2008-09 budget. The Finance Committee agreed to hold an additional budget public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2008. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Room at the Lee County Government Center.

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

Aye: Kelly, Reives and Shook
Nay: None

Chairman Reives ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Finance Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Robert T. Reives, Chairman
Lee County Finance Committee

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk