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BUDGET WORK SESSION  
OF THE  
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
106 HILLCREST DRIVE  
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

JUNE 18, 2012

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The budget work session of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 1 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Richard B. Hayes, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Charles T. Parks, Nathan E. Paschal, Robert T. Reives, Linda A. Shook, and James K. Womack.

Chairman Shook called the work session to order and the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Paschal delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bob Joyce, Executive Director of the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce presented a draft plan to the Board for a promotion and marketing proposal from the Chamber. A \$25,000 allocation is requested in the FY 2012-13 budget to address the startup of a promotion and marketing proposal for a Chamber/Visitor's Bureau. The Chamber will take the lead on starting the process of developing an organization that will lead the marketing efforts for the community. The Chamber will act as the lead organization with private industry to develop a strategic plan and construct a framework for future expansion of a tourism and promotional entity. Mr. Joyce stated initial funding for this effort would come from private industry sources including Lee County, City of Sanford, Town of Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Century, and grant funding from private, state and federal sources. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to support the concept of a Sanford-Lee County Visitors Bureau, transitioning to a Tourism Development Authority (TDA) long term, contingent upon appropriate participation by all relevant stakeholders, completion of the necessary documentation to construct a charter, and sufficient funding from public and private sources. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Lee County Economic Development Director Bob Heuts discussed a North Carolina Department of Commerce *Let's Get Certified Program*. Mr. Heuts asked the Board to consider a \$30,000 allocation for FY 2012-13 to participate in the NC Department of Commerce Certified Site Program that will certify

as many industrial properties as possible in Lee County. The purpose of the program is to improve Lee County's competitive position for the location of new businesses and industries. Mr. Heuts stated that while Lee County has available land to offer prospective industries, the sites lack the information necessary so companies can make quick decisions for their businesses. Potential industrial park land meeting the current criteria for certification would include the Lee County Industrial Park, South Park, and the Triassic. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to allocate up to \$19,800 to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for purposes of certifying one or more sites for industrial development with the understanding the affected landowner(s) will match the county's distribution of up to \$9,900; and with the understanding that landowners may use the EDC's revolving loan fund program to finance their match. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time the Board discussed the FY 2012-13 budget. County Manager John Crumpton stated the following items were asked to be discussed, by Commissioners, during the budget work session:

- (Commissioners) \$ 25,000 for Chamber/Visitor's Bureau,
- (Administration) Salary adjustment for the County Attorney,
- (General Services) Decrease of \$123,000 in building improvements (\$95,000 roof repair at the Lee County Government Center, \$28,000 for wall paper in the Sheriff's Department, and \$24,000 in Capital Outlay – utility truck),
- (Sheriff) Salary adjustment,
- (Health – General Administration) Increase to cover scanner licenses and to start scanning project,
- (Social Services) Increase of \$37,209 to cover purchase of scanners and software for scanning,
- (Schools) Discussion of purpose and function funding, and B.T. Bullock school paving project,
- (Human Resources) \$11,000 for employee health assessments, and
- (Board of Elections) Increase of \$5,100 to cover costs related to the 2<sup>nd</sup> primary scheduled in July.

After discussion, the following motions were made in reference to the FY 2012-13 budget:

Commissioner Reives moved to approve a \$3,922 increase (plus 3% COLA) for the County Attorney. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Paschal, and Reives  
Nay: Parks, Shook, and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 4 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Hayes moved to decrease the budget for General Services by \$123,000 in building improvements as stated in the County Manager's recommendation. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve a \$4,723 pay increase (plus 3% COLA) for Sheriff Tracy Carter. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Paschal, and Reives  
Nay: Parks, Shook, and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 4 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Womack moved to approve \$37,209 for the purchase of scanning and software for the Department of Social Services, contingent upon receipt of written approval by the State CIO's Office acknowledging the purchase as being compliant with the statewide technical architecture. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Hayes moved to approve \$11,000 for health assessments for county employees and \$5,100 to the Board of Elections to cover costs related to the second primary scheduled for July. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed a request of \$300,000 from the Board of Education (BOE) for additional capital funds to repair the B. T. Bullock parking lot. This item had been discussed and tabled at a previous regular meeting of the Board until the BOE provided additional information. County Manager John Crumpton stated additional information received included a cost of \$46,000 for Phase I, \$155,000 for Phase 2, and \$126,500 for Phase 3 of the parking lot repairs. After discussion, Commissioner Parks moved to accept the County Manager's recommendation to deny the request and recommend the BOE use the upcoming year's capital appropriation to pay for this project and re-prioritize the remaining projects in their request. Mr. Crumpton further stated that as the fiscal year is closed out in October and a better understanding of where the County's fund balance is, the matter could be discussed again in reference to the County's ability to meet additional capital needs. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: Hayes

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 6 to 1 vote.

Commissioner Womack moved to require that the Lee County school budget be allocated by purpose, function and project code and that Commissioners limit the management of county allocated funds between and among line items to 10% of allocation. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Parks, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: Hayes, Oldham, Paschal, and Reives

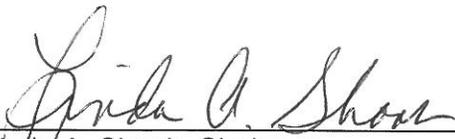
The Chairman ruled the motion had failed with a 4 to 3 vote.

At this time the Board briefly discussed the Capital Improvements Plan for FY 2012/13 – FY 2016/17. No action was taken.

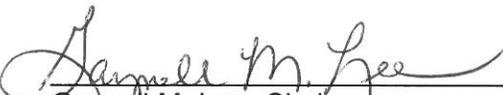
Commissioner Hayes moved to adjourn the meeting to 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room for the regular scheduled meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m.

  
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Linda A. Shook, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk