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

JUNE 10, 2013

The budget work session of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 2 p.m. in the Gordon Wicker Conference Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Charles T. Parks, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack were in attendance. Commissioner Dr. Andre Knecht was absent for the entire meeting and Commissioner Robert T. Reives joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee. Various department heads and staff were also in attendance.

Chairman Parks called the budget work session to order.

Commissioner Parks delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered Senate Bill 236 authorizing counties to assume the responsibilities for school construction. Commissioner Womack moved to approve a *Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 236*, 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: Parks, Smith, and Womack

Nay: Dalrymple and Frazier

Absent: Knecht and Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 3 to 2 vote.

County Manager John Crumpton shared with the Board potential budget changes for FY 2013-14 that have been discussed from all the budget work sessions.

Commissioner Dalrymple stated she was concerned with Teacher Assistants being cut from the School Budget. Commissioner Womack stated he would rather keep Teach Assistance over new computer upgrades.

Commissioner Womack moved for the County Manager to request from the Board of Education their entire proposed FY 2013-14 Budget which includes all local, state and federal funds. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Knecht

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board discussed funding for non-profit organizations not recommended for funding in the upcoming budget. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to add \$10,460 (from money no longer allocated to BRAC dues/fees) to the non-profits not recommended for funding this year. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, and Reives
Nay: Parks, Smith, and Womack
Absent: Knecht

The Chairman ruled the motion failed with a tie vote.

The Board discussed a revised Fee Schedule for the Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation Director John Payne stated a \$1.00 fee increase was included on most events with no changes recommended for fees for out-of-county teams/individuals to participate. His department is currently conducting an on-line survey in hopes to get feedback from citizens and participating teams (and those that no longer participate). Commissioner Womack stated he would accept the revised Fee Schedule and cut the Parks & Recreation budget to cover cuts not made to out-of-county groups and players. He wants out-of-county players and teams to pay double what in-county participants pay. Commissioner Frazier stated he would like the County to keep the out-of-county participants and not raise fees for them. Commissioner Parks suggested staff get feedback from those teams and see what the impact will be. Commissioners asked Mr. Payne to discuss the Fee Schedule with his Advisory Board at their next meeting and report back with results. No action was taken.

At this time the Board took a 10-minute recess. After returning from recess, with all Board members present, except Commissioner Knecht, the meeting resumed.

Health Director Terrell Jones discussed the Primary Care program located in the Health Department. He stated a total of 449 individuals have been seen for Primary Care services so far this year. Twenty individuals have been seen for physical exams, pre-employment physicals and/or college physicals. Those served were unemployed or un-insured and charged a flat fee; income is not asked when a patient comes in for service. Mr. Jones stated he felt the current \$45.00 base fee should be increased to \$60.00 since it hasn't been changed in a few years. It was noted the Primary Care program is not a mandated program but is closely related to some of the mandated programs they offer. No action was taken.

Mr. Jones discussed the Environmental Health Specialist position recommended to be eliminated in the upcoming budget as stated in the Evergreen Audit. Mr. Jones stated this is a mandated program and the workload has increased greatly since the Audit was completed last year. It was stated that if a restaurant or child care center should have some type outbreak, it would take weeks to restore things back to normal in that department. He would like to keep the position; doesn't think it should be eliminated. It was suggested that environmental health fees be increased to be more in line with what other counties are charging.

Commissioner Smith left the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Womack recommended that Health Director Terrell Jones and his Finance Officer discuss their revenues with the Finance Director to see if they can justify fees to keep the Environmental Health Specialist position.

Lt. David Prevatte from the Lee County Sheriff's Department shared information Board members had requested from a previous budget work session with his department. A breakdown of uniforms, handguns and equipment for each officer was provided along with a breakdown of vehicles and who they are assigned to. Currently the department has 69 vehicles; with 4 assigned to the Jail, and 6 assigned to Animal Control. It was stated that during FY 2011-12 a total of 243 mental health patients were transported by the Sheriff's Department. The Board asked for information as to the number of hours deputies spend in transporting and waiting with mental health patient transports. The Board also asked if the Sheriff intended to implement a policy for new hires living outside the County to not be allowed to take their county vehicles home. Lt. Prevatte stated the current policy is a 10-mile radius for out-of-county employees. The Board asked for Sheriff Carter's intentions on this suggestion.

General Services Director Russell Spivey discussed a recent issue affecting the roof at the Lee County Government Center due to recent heavy rain. He stated he had hoped to be able to delay the roof repairs until the next budget cycle but due to the recent rain of last week, a total of 67 leaks were reported in the building, and he feels the project needs to be undertaken as soon as the roof is dried. Mr. Spivey asked the Board to consider adding this \$100,000 project back into his budget. Mold is also an issue so fans have been kept on for several days to help dry walls and floors. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved the roof replacement at the Government Center be completed as soon as possible in the amount of \$100,000. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Parks, Reives, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Knecht and Smith

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to adjourn the budget work session. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

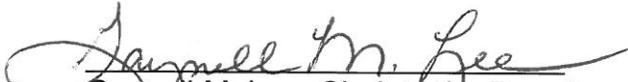
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, parks, Reives, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Knecht and Smith

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 236 AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 236, AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OWNERSHIP, AND ACQUISITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY, was filed in the North Carolina Senate March 7, 2013.

WHEREAS, SB 236 passed its first reading in the North Carolina Senate on March 11, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, SB 236 passed its second reading in the North Carolina Senate on May 15, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, SB 236 passed its third reading in the North Carolina Senate on May 15, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, SB 236 was sent to the North Carolina House of Representatives on May 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, SB 236 passed its first reading in the North Carolina House on May 20, 2013; and

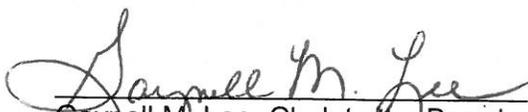
WHEREAS, this local act legislation would allow the following counties to be responsible for the Construction, Improvement, Ownership and Acquisition of Public School Property: Beaufort, Dare, Guilford, Harnett, Lee, Rockingham, Rowan, and Wake Counties.

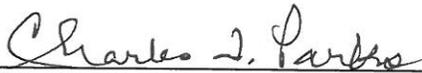
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Commissioners supports Senate Bill 236 to give counties the option to be responsible for the construction, improvement, ownership and acquisition of public school property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Lee County Board of Commissioners encourages the North Carolina Legislature to enact this legislation as soon as practical within the current legislative session.

Adopted this 10th day of June 2013.

ATTEST:


Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board


Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners