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MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 15, 2009

The budget work session of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Richard B. Hayes, James C. Kelly, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Nathan E. Paschal, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook.

Chairman Hayes called the work session to order.

County Manager John Crumpton stated the Board needed to follow up on the following matters from the last work session and suggested topics from Commissioners:

- (1) Maintenance of Effort funding for the Library;
- (2) Funding for Economic Development;
- (3) Fees for Parks and Recreation;
- (4) Tax collections; and
- (5) County Manager's limit on approving purchases over \$20,000

The Board discussed a shortfall of \$67,570 for Maintenance of Effort for the Lee County Library. Mr. Crumpton stated the shortfall could be taken from Fund Balance if the Board so desires. No action was taken.

The Board discussed cutting funds from the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) budget. Currently the County pays 66% of the EDC operational budget, the City of Sanford pays 32%, and the Town of Broadway pays 2%. Mr. Reives stated he would like to reduce the County's share to the same amount the City pays and also look at how the EDC Board operates. During discussion, Commissioners agreed the agreement with the EDC Board should be discussed and reviewed with the City of Sanford and Town of Broadway. It was agreed to leave the EDC budget as is for the current year and begin looking at the agreement and the funding subject beginning in July for the next budget cycle. No action was taken.

No discussion took place concerning increased fees for Parks and Recreation or Tax collections.

County Manager John Crumpton discussed his authority to approve county purchases up to \$20,000. Mr. Crumpton asked Commissioners to extend his purchasing authority to \$50,000 in order

to keep the agenda's shorter and not delay necessary purchases. The high cost of fuel was discussed that Mr. Crumpton has been approving where bids are only good for 48-hours and exceed his \$20,000 limit. The Board was in agreement for him to continue approving fuel purchases but was not in agreement with raising his purchasing authority.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hayes adjourned the budget work session.

Richard B. Hayes, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk