

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**March 22nd, 2016**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 PM, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Gail Dickens, and Paul Utley and absent was Commissioner Amy Dalrymple. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the March agenda. No changes being made a motion was made by member Dickens to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, and Paul Utley. (Absent from the vote Amy Dalrymple and David Riddle)

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the January minutes. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to accept.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, Paul Utley. (Absent from the vote Amy Dalrymple and David Riddle)

Nay: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

**NEW BUSINESS**-Mrs. Potts introduced current Fiscal Supervisor Jane Long. Jane gave a little background on her career with Social Services and the State Fiscal Section of DHHS. Mrs. Potts explained that they would both be available for questions/answers during the presentation of the 2016-2017 budget to the board. Ms. Potts went through the budget book which was the first draft (original budget) presented to the county manager. Expense line items discussed were those that had increased somewhat. A number of them dealt with the increase in children coming into Foster Care, the increase in the number of Child Welfare cases requiring DNA testing, drug testing and psychological testing.

The budget as presented in the first draft contains 1 new position and 2 reclassifications, no county cars, and a 1.1 COLA. As presented the budget was 7.54% increase in county funds than last year. The operational expenses actually went down but state estimates for federal & state revenues have decreased a great deal. The decline in revenues began last year and have declined additionally for 16/17. After a detailed review of the budget and questions answered, Ms. Potts asked the board for a motion

to accept the original 2016/2017 budget they have before them. Member Dickens made the motion to accept the 2016-2017 budget as presented.

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

Nay: None

The motion was approved.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT-** At this time one position remains open in Child Support. Interviews are scheduled for April 22, 2016.

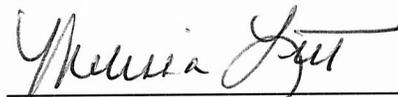
With no further business to come before the Board Member Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Dickens. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, and Paul Utley. (Absent from the vote Amy Dalrymple)

Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary