

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 4, 2009
4:00 P.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a Preliminary Budget Work Session on the above date at 4:00 p.m., Commissioners' Chambers, David R. Sandifer Administration Building, County Government Center, Bolivia, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Commissioner Phil Norris, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner J. Marty Cooke
Commissioner Charles Warren
Commissioner Scott Phillips
Commissioner William Sue, Chairman

STAFF: Marty K. Lawing, County Manager
Steve Stone, Assistant County Manager
Huey Marshall, County Attorney
Debby Gore, Clerk to the Board
Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sue called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
(Attached to these Minutes is an item called Board Action containing all items on this agenda and those items are incorporated herein.)

II. OPENING REMARKS

Marty Lawing, County Manager, informed that this Preliminary Work Session would help direct staff with recommendations regarding the Proposed FY 2009-2010 Budget as impacted by the falling economy and the effects on our local government.

III. REVIEW OF FY 2008-2009 APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Preliminary)

Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director, gave handouts and reviewed the Preliminary Financial Reports for period ended April 30, 2009 (unaudited). The Board received the reports as information.

IV. OVERVIEW/REPORT FY 2009-2010 DRAFT GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Marty Lawing, County Manager reviewed Current Deficit/Shortfall, Current Year and FY 2009-2010 Revenue Comparison and Current Year and FY 2009-2010 Expenditure Comparison. Mr. Lawing asked for direction to help balance the budget to be presented by May 18, 2009 at the Regular Meeting.

V. BALANCING FY 2009-2010 GENERAL FUND OPTIONS

Staff discussed and informed of possible options to balance the budget. There was discussion regarding Elimination or Deferral of Capital Improvement Projects and Transfer County Capital

Reserve Funds to General Fund (Short Term), Non-Profit Funding Appropriation Reduction (Short Term), Solid Waste User Fee (Long Term), Fund Balance Appropriation (Short Term), Elimination of Vacant Positions, Reduction in Force with Service Level Reduction (Long Term), Suspension of 401K Contribution (Short Term), Required Furlough Day (Short Term), Voluntary Furlough Days (Short Term), and Early Retirement Incentives.

After much discussion it was consensus to eliminate selected vacant positions except law enforcement and emergency services, no reduction of employee compensation or fringe benefits or reduction in force, appropriate \$2.5-\$3 million of Fund Balance, delay Capital Improvement Projects not already under contract and transfer that money into the general fund, and to allow the Non-Profit Committee to review all applications and give recommendations regarding Non-Profit funding.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There was no other business to discuss.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sue moved to adjourn the Workshop at 5:53 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

William M. Sue, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board