

**BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 27, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Workshop FY 2009-2010 on the above date at 10:00 a.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 10:00 a.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, welcomed everyone and explained that some department head schedules would not coincide with the workshop agenda and that it would have to be adjusted accordingly. Chairman Sue informed that an outside agency had requested to be added to the agenda and we would accommodate them as time allows.

III. GENERAL FUND BUDGET OVERVIEW

Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director, reviewed and discussed the General Fund Budget.

IV. COUNTY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

Randy Thompson, EMS Director, Ola Lewis, Superior Court Judge, Jamie Orrock, Department of Social Services, Don Yousey, Health Department, Stephanie Lewis, Operation Services gave handouts and discussed the need for additional funding for FY 2009-2010. No action was taken.

V. EXTERNAL AGENCY AND NON-PROFIT AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

Gary Knapp, Habitat for Humanity, April Pigott, Carousel Center, Linda Smith, AME Housing, Cynthia Tart, Communities in Schools, Walter Moore, Oak Island Senior Citizens, Resea Willis, Brunswick Housing Opportunities, John Cook, American Legion Baseball, Steve Greiner, Brunswick Community College, Jim Russell, BSRI, Vicki LaBelle, American Red Cross and

Sabrina Malloy Community Development Corporation requested additional funding and thanked the Board for continued support.

VI. GENERAL FUND

Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director, reviewed General Fund Revenue Projections, Tax Base Forecast and School Funding.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, reviewed General Fund Capital Improvement Project funding and Proposed Rate and Fee Changes. There were questions regarding septic and well permits. The Health Director and the Environmental Health Supervisor were asked to join in this discussion and offered explanations as to how these fees were set.

LUNCH 12-51 p.m. – 1:37 p.m.

The County Manager reviewed Department Capital Outlay recommendations and Major Operating Equipment recommendations.

Chairman Sue moved to appropriate the \$350,000 for Whitlock Landing for the Courthouse Parking Lot Project. The vote of approval was unanimous.

VII. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL REVIEW

Starie Grissett, Human Resources Officer and Eileen Gardner, Risk Manager reviewed Group Health Insurance Proposals.

VIII. ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET REVIEW

Ann Hardy, Fiscal Operations Director, reviewed the proposed Enterprise Fund budget that included water and sewer revenue projections, wholesale water and sewer rates, capital outlay, and capital improvement projects.

Therese Tese, Comfort Socks, Scott Kucera, Museum of Coastal Carolina, Connie Hendrix, New Hope Clinic and Charlie Miller, Sheriff's Office requested additional funding and further discussion with staff for budget requests. The Board discussed and gave recommendations to staff.

The Fiscal Operations Director reviewed New Debt Issues and Existing Debt Service.

There were concerns regarding Environmental Health Fees and Rates and Don Yousey and David Stanley were asked to discuss these issues. There was discussion and it was consensus of the Board to revisit this item at a later date. No action was taken.

IX. BUDGET POLICIES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Ann Hardy reviewed proposed amendments to the Budget Policy.

X. OTHER BUDGETARY MATTERS/OTHER BUSINESS

The Board discussed and gave recommendations to requests submitted during today's workshop. No action was taken. The recommendations are incorporated into the Minutes under Board Action.

Closed Session

Commissioner Philips moved to enter Closed Session at 4:43 p.m. pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) to consult with the Attorney to protect Attorney-Client privilege. The vote of approval was unanimous.

Reconvened

Chairman Sue called the meeting back to order at 5:37 p.m. and announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Vice-Chairman Norris moved to rescind SeaWatch Pump Station Notice of Default and hold in abeyance all other Notices of Default that were declared to be in default on May 18, 2009 for a period of 30 days or until all improvement guarantee obligations are properly secured or completed. The vote of approval was unanimous.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Cooke moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. The vote of approval was unanimous.

William M. Sue, Chairman

Deborah (Debby) Gore, Clerk to the Board