

## MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2009

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2009. Members present: Jeremiah Jefferies, Chairman, George W. Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Erik D. Battle, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Gordon G. Satterfield, and Kenneth D. Travis. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Michael R. Ferrell, County Attorney, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Jefferies opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Battle stated that he would like to add to the agenda after Item No. 11, Caswell County Heritage Month Resolution and Sheriff's Office – Dog Surplus.

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Caswell County Heritage Month Resolution and Sheriff's Office – Dog Surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2009 (Regular Meeting) and April 27, 2009 (Two Special Meetings)

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Jefferies opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Kevin Newcomer, of 5274 Rascoe Dameron Road, came before the Board and stated that he and his partner, Mr. Mark Stanfield, have leased the store which is located beside the Prospect Hill Solid Waste Convenience Center site. Mr. Newcomer added that if the Board would like to keep the solid waste site there, they were willing to operate it per the contract with Caswell County.

Mr. Mark Stanfield, of 9489 NC Hwy 86S, Mebane, NC came before the Board and noted that he is the partner with Mr. Newcomer who has leased the store in Prospect Hill beside the solid waste convenience center.

Mr. Melvin Pennix, of 175 Gunn Poole Road, came before the Board and spoke in favor of the Prospect Hill Solid Waste Convenience Center site being located on the property of Mr. Willie Pennix, and added that the current site is too close to Person and Orange Counties.

#### PROSPECT HILL SOLID WASTE CONVENIENCE CENTER SITE

Mr. Tim Smith, Solid Waste Director, reported that when he appeared at the Board's last meeting, he had not spoken to Mr. Kevin Newcomer and Mr. Mark Stanfield, the new operators of the store where the Prospect Hill Solid Waste Convenience Center is located. Mr. Smith informed the Board that since then he has talked with them quite a bit and they have shown a lot of interest in keeping the solid waste convenience center at that location and operating it as stated in the County contract.

Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Keith Vernon, Mr. Willie Pennix, and Mr. Kenneth Ross are still interested in operating the solid waste convenience center for Prospect Hill, but his recommendation would be that the Board grant a one-year contract to Mr. Newcomer and Mr. Stanfield and allow them to operate the solid waste convenience center at the current location. Mr. Smith added that if the Board decided to move the site, his recommendation would be to locate it on the property of Mr. Willie Pennix on NC Hwy 119 South.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Satterfield as to whether the store is open and in operation, Mr. Smith answered that it is not currently open. Mr. Newcomer stated that the store should be open and in operation by the end of June.

Mr. Smith noted that the current contract with Mr. Porterfield expires on June 30, 2009.

After further discussion, Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle that the Board grant a twelve-month contract to Mr. Kevin Newcomer and Mr. Mark Stanfield, with the Prospect Hill solid waste convenience center remaining at the current site, contingent that the store located at the site is in operation by July 1, 2009.

Commissioner Carter stated that he has a problem with the current Prospect Hill solid waste site being so close to Person and Orange Counties because of receiving garbage from those counties, and felt that it would be better located back in the Hightowers area. Commissioner Carter noted that the Board had received a petition with approximately 300 signatures requesting that the site be relocated to Hightowers.

Commissioner Hall stated that the County needs to go through the process and advertise for proposals for award of this contract. Commissioner Hall added that he is not prepared to vote to leave the solid waste site where it is because the store is not open, and the Board has not had discussions as to what they expect.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Ward, Mr. Smith answered that he advertised in February, 2009 and April, 2009 for anyone who was interested in operating the solid waste convenience center in Prospect Hill to contact him.

Commissioner Travis stated that it would cost the County \$8,000 to move the solid waste site from its current location and relocate to another property and he felt that the County should save this money and allow Mr. Newcomer and Mr. Stanfield to operate the current site on a trial basis.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of four to three with Commissioners Carter, Hall, and Ward voting no.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jefferies opened the floor for public comments.

There being no comments, Chairman Jefferies declared the public hearing closed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Commissioner Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner, reported that on June 24, 2008, the Planning Board voted to approve the proposed language for the Caswell County Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Collie added that on August 4, 2008, the Caswell County Board of Commissioners reviewed the proposed ordinance and at that time they asked him to locate and inform all recreational vehicle campgrounds within the county. Mr. Collie stated that the Board requested that he inspect the pre-existing campgrounds and take note of any requirements that they currently did not meet under the proposed ordinance. Mr. Collie informed the Board that he contacted the three campground owners in the County, Mr. Jimmy Pruitt, located off of the Shady Grove Road, Mr. Bobby Dodson, located off of Cunningham Road, and the caretaker of Games Land Hunting Lodge, located off of Zimmerman Road. Mr. Collie stated that all of the current campgrounds would meet most all of the current requirements except for the road status, and added that Mr. Dodson also had a problem with the time period to allow an RV in a campground; which is three months.

Mr. Collie reported that on August 18, 2008, the Caswell County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to review the proposed ordinance, and at that time voted to have the Planning Board again review the ordinance, taking into account the Planner's current findings.

Mr. Collie informed the Board that at the Planning Board meetings of August 26, 2008, September 23, 2008, October 28, 2008, and January 27, 2009, they reviewed sections of the proposed Ordinance and made changes as they saw fit. Mr. Collie stated that on February 24,

2009, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance as presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Battle as to whether the three campgrounds were established prior to discussion of this Ordinance and whether adoption of this Ordinance would affect them, Mr. Collie answered that the three campgrounds were already in existence and the Planning Board added a section addressing pre-existing parks noting that they would be grandfathered, but at any point in the future if the owners increase the size of the campground they would be subject to the regulations of the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance.

Commissioner Battle questioned the requirements of the Ordinance that are not being met by the current campground owners and Mr. Collie answered that they meet all of the requirements except those regarding the road status.

Commissioner Battle questioned the condition of the current campgrounds and Mr. Collie answered that they are in good shape and well maintained.

Commissioner Battle questioned the monitoring procedure for a single RV located on a parcel of land. Mr. Collie stated that the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance was initiated because a recreational vehicle should not be used as a permanent dwelling. Mr. Collie added that individuals were coming to the Building Inspections Office and obtaining a temporary electrical permit for service which was good for six months, and at the end of that period would apply for another one and the process would continue. Mr. Collie stated that in order to control this, at the end of the first six months, the electrical company would be contacted and told to disconnect service to that location.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall as to whether any of the current single recreational units would be grandfathered under the proposed Ordinance, Mr. Collie answered that they would not.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Battle, Mr. Collie answered that, if adopted tonight, the Ordinance would become effective immediately, and clarified that any temporary electrical permits already issued prior to adoption of the Ordinance would be honored.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall, Mr. Collie answered that after his research, he is aware of only the three recreational campgrounds in the County he noted.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall concerning the policing of recreational vehicles, Mr. Collie answered that he is focusing on policing those units that request permanent electrical service. Mr. Collie stated that it would be difficult to regulate personal recreation vehicles that are not connected to permanent electrical service.

There being no further comments, Chairman Jefferies declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt the Caswell County Recreational Vehicle Ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, stated that traditionally, the Board of Commissioners has held only one meeting in July in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and asked for the Board's direction in this matter for this year. Mr. Howard recommended that the Board schedule one meeting for the month of July, to be held on July 13, 2009. Commissioner Battle stated that, in his opinion, with the amount of work facing the Board, it should hold its two regularly scheduled meetings. Commissioner Ward stated that he agreed with Commissioner Battle in that two meetings are necessary. Commissioner Satterfield stated that he felt that a decision should be delayed until it is determined when and if furlough days will be designated for County employees. Chairman Jefferies directed the County Manager to place this item on the Board's June 15, 2009 agenda for further consideration.

Mr. Howard stated that he would like for the Board to consider moving the second meeting in August from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, due to his being on vacation the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Chairman Jefferies that the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting of August 17, 2009, be rescheduled for Monday, August 24, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard reported that the Board's first regular meeting in September is on Labor Day, a holiday. Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle that the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting of Monday, September 7, 2009, be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

## REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION IN MEMORY OF TRAVIS S. WILLIAMSON

Commissioner Hall stated that he would like to propose that the Chairman appoint a Committee consisting of County staff and Commissioners to plan a Memorial Service in memory of Mr. Travis S. Williamson and honoring the years of service that he gave to Caswell County as County Maintenance Director. Commissioner Hall added that he felt that the Board needs to recognize his contributions to the County and acknowledge this to his family.

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to appoint a Committee to plan a Memorial Service in memory of Mr. Travis S. Williamson. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jefferies appointed Commissioner Hall to chair this Committee and to select its members.

## SENIOR CENTER

Ms. Donna Pointer, Senior Services Director, came before the Board and informed them that at the end of the month one of her staff members, Ms. Chrislin Solomon, Administrative Assistant, would be leaving. Ms. Pointer requested that the Board release this position from the hiring freeze and allow her to fill the vacancy. Ms. Pointer presented and reviewed with the Board

information as to job duties and responsibilities, as well as County and grant sources that pay the salaries of staff.

After discussion, Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to release from the hiring freeze the Administrative Assistant position at the Caswell County Senior Center and allow the transfer of an existing County employee to the position. The motion carried by a vote of five to two with Commissioners Battle and Travis voting no.

Mr. Bill Pointer expressed appreciation to the County Manager and Building Inspector for their efforts in making sure that the Senior Center building is completed in a manner that is suitable and satisfactory to the County.

### CASWELL COUNTY HERITAGE MONTH RESOLUTION

Mr. Lionell Parker, Community Volunteer representing the Dillard Educational and Economic Development Services (DEEDS) came before the Board and presented for the Board's consideration the Caswell County Heritage Month Resolution. After review and discussion, Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adopt the following *Resolution and Proclamation Honoring the Memory of Richard Caswell, Esquire, First Governor of North Carolina, for Whom Caswell County was Named, Upon the Occasion of the Two Hundred Thirty-Second Anniversary (232<sup>nd</sup>) of Caswell County, and Hereby Proclaiming: June – Caswell County Heritage Month.* The motion carried unanimously.

### **CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**YANCEYVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

### **RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION**

### **A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MEMORY OF RICHARD CASWELL, ESQUIRE, FIRST GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, FOR WHOM CASWELL COUNTY WAS NAMED UPON THE OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY (232<sup>nd</sup>) OF CASWELL COUNTY, AND HEREBY PROCLAIMING:**

### **JUNE – CASWELL COUNTY HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, during the first session of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, which was convened on April 7, 1777, in the Town of New Bern; and

**WHEREAS**, legislators attending this session began the monumental task of creating a free and independent State, unprecedented in the history of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, their actions created the legal framework within which our great State operates today; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislators attending this First Session began and held this historic session with Richard Caswell serving as the first elected Governor of the new free State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislators in Chapter XVII of the laws enacted during this first session, established a new county between Hillsborough and the Virginia line, by erecting the northern part of Orange County into a district county by the name of Caswell; and

**WHEREAS**, this new county named Caswell was named for Governor Richard Caswell, North Carolina's first Governor, a Patriot; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act enacted by this new legislative General Assembly and ratified on May 9, 1777, to become effective June 1, 1777; and

**WHEREAS**, Caswell County was established by an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina on June 1, 1777; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of this North Central Piedmont community is rich with an illustrious heritage and lore, it is incumbent upon the residents and native sons and daughters of Caswell County to find, and bind together to become familiar with, grow in understanding of and acquire a sincere appreciation and respect for the History Heritage and present existence of Caswell County; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Caswell County have made plans to celebrate the County's 232<sup>nd</sup> anniversary during 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Caswell County's anniversary is an event worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and supported by all of North Carolina's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, special events during the year include a Heritage Month Celebration to be held in the county seat of Yanceyville on June 28, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caswell County Heritage Month will include proclamations and presentations and entertainment appropriate to the occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, Historic Caswell County organizations will have extended invitations to the people of adjoining counties and to the elected leaders of the State of North Carolina to join in this happy celebration.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Caswell County that:

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners honors the memory of Richard Caswell, North Carolina's first and fifth elected Governor, a Patriot, for whom Caswell County is named.

**Section 2.** The Board of County Commissioners proclaims June as Caswell County Heritage Month from now on, and extends sincere greetings to the people of Caswell County on the occasion of the County's celebration during June, 2009, and encourages the citizens of Caswell County to join in demonstrating respect for their history and heritage and for those leaders and contributors to the history of the past 232 years who have bequeathed them the community they enjoy today.

**Section 3.** The Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners shall transmit a certified copy of this Resolution and Proclamation to the Dillard Educational and Economic Development Services, Inc. and the Caswell County Historic Association and copies be made available to other County associations and agencies who have planned this historic occasion.

**Section 4.** This Resolution and Proclamation is effective upon approved this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2009

S/Jeremiah Jefferies  
Jeremiah Jefferies, Chairman  
Caswell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/Wanda P. Smith  
Wanda P. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DOG SURPLUS

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, reported that Sheriff Welch has requested that the Board declare a Sheriff's Office canine that has hip dysplasia and needs to be retired as surplus. Mr. Howard stated that an individual has agreed to take custody and responsibility for the dog for the amount of one dollar. After discussion, Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to declare the Sheriff's Office canine as surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

#### COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Mr. Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, updated the Board on County Projects. Mr. Howard informed the Board that they should have information by mid-June concerning funding for the Pelham Industrial Park.

Mr. Howard reported that he has a meeting on Thursday with Mr. Wright of Hayes Iron and Metal to discuss the Outdoor Storage Ordinance variance process.

Mr. Howard informed the Board that when Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner sent out Outdoor Storage Ordinance violation letters, there was an error in that the final date before violation fines was listed as June 18, 2009, instead of the correct date of May 18, 2009. Mr. Howard stated that this issue came up at the Board's last meeting and Commissioner Battle had answered a member of the public that fines had been imposed on Ordinance violators, which he understood to be true at the time. Mr. Howard added that Mr. Collie had informed him of the error ten days prior to the meeting and he failed to mention this at the meeting. Mr. Howard apologized to Commissioner Battle for this oversight. Mr. Howard informed the Board that he discussed this issue with the County Attorney and he felt that the date for imposing fines should be June 18, 2009, as stated in the letters received by the violators. Mr. Mike Ferrell, County Attorney, confirmed that he had discussed this issue with the Planner and advised him to continue with the June 18, 2009 date of assessment of fines for violation. Commissioner Satterfield stated that he finds it somewhat remarkable that just prior to this mistake, the County Planner came in and asked for a 30-day extension which was denied by the Board, and then after this mistake the 30-day extension essentially got granted. Commissioner Satterfield stated that it seems very convenient that the 30-day extension was granted, even though the Board voted not to grant it. Commissioner Battle asked who the President or owner of Hayes Iron and Metal is, and why the Board never discusses issues with him instead of Mr. Wright. Mr. Howard answered that Mr. Wright is the Vice-President and he manages the facility.

Commissioner Hall requested clarification on the progress being made by the County Manager concerning the LME Lease. Mr. Howard stated that all leases should be completed by the end of June.

Commissioner Travis questioned the County Manager as to when the Chamber of Commerce office would be moved. Mr. Howard answered that the Board has not officially decided that they would discontinue paying rent for the current Chamber of Commerce Office and relocate the office.

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to suspend the rules in order to make a motion on an item that is not on the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall that the County Manager have the Chamber of Commerce Office moved out of its current location and into the former Senior Center Building by June 30, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, announced that the Board of Commissioners has been issued an invitation by the Bartlett Yancey High School Graduating Seniors of 2009 to attend its Baccalaureate Service to be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at the Caswell County Civic Center.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that he would like to see something new on the County Manager's Report.

Commissioner Battle questioned the County Manager as to whether someone from the Rockingham County Business Technology Center has contacted him yet and Mr. Howard answered that he had not.

Commissioner Hall reported that one of the issues before the Legislature is to require that local jails house inmates longer than the current time of 120 days. Commissioner Hall added that if the time to house inmates is tripled, it will triple the cost for the Sheriff's Office and the Board needs to be aware that this may happen and to monitor it.

Commissioner Carter announced that the Annual Relay for Life event will be held on Friday, June 5, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at Bartlett Yancey High School.

Commissioner Carter questioned whether the County Manager had heard anything about the DMV Tag Office and Mr. Howard answered that he had not. Commissioner Satterfield stated that he had been contacted by citizens who said that they did not know how to go about entering into the bid process. Ms. Wanda Smith, Clerk to the Board, informed the Board that she had received an inquiry today concerning submitting a bid to operate the DMV Tag Office, therefore, she called the Division of Motor Vehicles Office in Raleigh and learned that applications to operate the DMV Tag Office in Caswell County are to be submitted on-line and had a telephone number of an individual at the Raleigh Office that could assist them with the process if needed. Ms. Smith added that the deadline for submitting applications is June 12, 2009.

Commissioner Battle asked what the Board gained tonight by unfreezing the position at the Senior Center if there is no transfer. Commissioner Battle noted that if there is no transfer, then it will cost the County approximately \$9,000 for its part in funding this position. Commissioner Battle stated that the Board needs to be aware of its spending because he felt that there will be more cutbacks coming to the County from the State.

The Board discussed the EMS satellite stations at Anderson and Providence. Commissioner Travis stated that all ambulances need to be moved back to Yanceyville because it is a waste for two ambulances to answer a call when an ambulance is needed in the Anderson and Providence areas. After discussion, Chairman Jefferies directed the Clerk to the Board to place this item on the Board's next agenda for further discussion.

Chairman Jefferies briefly discussed the budget process and stated that direction needed to be given to the County Manager.

In discussing budget directives, Commissioner Ward stated that the County Manager should look at eliminating, consolidating, or transferring positions. Commissioner Ward added that the County Manager should look to see if further cuts need to be made in the School System's budget. Commissioner Ward noted that the budget needs to be reviewed carefully to try to find monies to be placed in the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Battle suggested that the County Manager look at eliminating or consolidating positions. Commissioner Battle stated that the public needs to be educated on sales and property taxes and how it affects the County, and requested information on this, as well as the effects of a one, two, and two and one-half cents property tax increase.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that all travel in the budget needs to be looked at and possibly consolidate all travel into one line item.

Commissioner Travis stated that he felt that the five furlough days for County employees need to remain in the budget and agreed that the Board needed to look very carefully at travel.

Commissioner Hall referred to the list that he submitted in the budget work session and stated that the Board needed to take the budget, its issues, and how it can affect the County very seriously.

Commissioner Carter suggested that the County Manager needs to look at cutting the operation of Farmer Lake back two days instead of four days, and as Commissioner Hall suggested, cutting the Schools budget by two percent and LME by 25%. Commissioner Carter stated that he would like to go on record that he is not in favor of a tax increase.

Commissioner Battle reminded the Board that in discussing the budget and hearing comments against a tax increase, they still have a Jail to build and questioned where the money would come from to do this and to balance the budget.

Mr. Rick McVey, a local citizen, came before the Board and stated that they do not need to be raising taxes and informed them that the Governor has already made cuts which took part of his and his wife's salaries. Mr. McVey stated that the Board needs to be cutting something out instead of raising taxes.

Mr. John Claggett, a local citizen, came before the Board and stated that barring any problems with collecting, the seven penalties for non-compliance of the Outdoor Storage Ordinance at \$250 per day, there would be no budget shortfall in two weeks.

Ms. Wanda Smith, Clerk to the Board, informed the Board that Ms. Kelly Parrott, who lives across the road from Hayes Iron and Metal, left her a voice mail on Friday, May 29, 2009, at 11:35 p.m. Ms. Smith stated that Ms. Parrott requested that the Board of Commissioners be made aware that trucks were running at Hayes Iron and Metal at that time and she could not sleep. Ms. Smith added that Ms. Parrott wanted the Board to know that one morning this week trucks were running at 3:10 a.m., and this is not out of the ordinary, it happens all the time. Commissioner Satterfield questioned the County Attorney whether there is anything the Board can do to set operating hours for a private business. Mr. Michael Ferrell, County Attorney, answered that he is not aware of anything the Board could do, but he would review the County's Noise Ordinance to see if it may address this situation.

Commissioner Hall stated that he still does not know what direction the Board has given the County Manager as far as the budget.

Chairman Jefferies questioned the Board as to whether they wanted to cut the proposed budget by \$300,000 - \$500,000 to be placed in the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that some of the savings already mentioned will be good if they happen, such as the furloughs, hiring freeze, and position eliminations by transfers. Commissioner Satterfield added that he would like to see the budget balanced in real dollars without items left to chance, along with appropriating monies in the Contingency Fund.

Commissioner Carter stated that he was against instituting the furlough days for County employees.

Commissioner Ward stated that he did not want a tax increase, but would like to see some money earmarked for the Jail and added that money needed to be in a Contingency Fund in case the economy gets worse in the coming year. Commissioner Ward added that he hated to think about employees being laid off, but he did not think the Board has a choice of whether to lay employees off because he felt that it was going to be necessary.

Commissioner Battle stated that he would be in favor of appropriating money in Fund Balance and for the Jail.

Commissioner Travis stated that he does not want a tax increase, but would like to see the Board appropriate money in Fund Balance.

Commissioner Hall stated that the Board definitely needs to appropriate money in Fund Balance, and added that the Board has got to cut expenditures and cut them significantly.

Commissioner Carter stated that he is definitely against a tax increase, and would be in favor of some changes at Farmer Lake and ambulances located in Anderson and Providence. Commissioner Carter added that the Board should be looking at appropriating \$100,000 - \$300,000 in Contingency.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Ward to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Wanda P. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

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Jeremiah Jefferies  
Chairman

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