

TUESDAY MAY 25, 2010 MINUTES

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 5:00 pm on Tuesday May 25, 2010. Commissioners present: Chairman George W. Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman Kenneth D. Travis, Erik D. Battle, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Jeremiah Jefferies, and Gordon G. Satterfield. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager and Gwen Vaughn, Finance Director. Matthew Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Ward opened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer.

WELCOME NEW CLERK

The Board welcomed Matthew Smith as the new Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

MEDICAL COVERAGE COMPARISON

County Manager Kevin Howard and Finance Director Gwen Vaughn presented options for the medical coverage renewal for all county employees for the FY 2010-2011. The status quo NCACC plan plus two more NCACC options were presented. An estimate from Blue Cross Blue Shield was also presented.

NCACC renewal option 1 was the same as status quo except for no charge for generic prescriptions. This option is an increase of 6.2% over the current NCACC plan. NCACC renewal option 2 was presented with many increases in out of pocket expenses and resulted in a cost savings of 1.3% over the current plan. The Blue Cross Blue Shield option was presented with higher copays and deductible but lower out of pocket limits. It contained an additional cost of 24.5% over the current NCACC plan.

Mr. Howard asked to continue with NCACC renewal option 1 which contains the same coverage as the current plan with only 6.2% increase in premiums. Commissioner Carter motioned to leave the medical coverage at NCACC renewal option 1 and Commissioner Battle seconded that motion. The motion was approved 6:1 with Commissioner Satterfield opposing.

FY 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

Finance Director Gwen Vaughn and Manager Kevin Howard presented a PowerPoint presentation for the FY 2010-2011 Budget. The presentation contained adopted 2009-2010 figures as well as Manager Proposed 2010-2011 estimates for ad valorem taxes, tax levy analysis, unrestricted revenue, restricted revenue, permits and fees revenue, sales and services revenue, cash and investments, projected year-end close, and general fund expenditures.

RECESS

Chairman Ward asked how to move forward and Commissioner Hall suggested a recess. Chairman Ward confirmed a five minute recess.

NCACC WORKERS COMP LIABILITY RENEWAL

Manager Howard noted that the 2009 modified rate was 0.93 explaining that under 1 is where you want to be since they multiply your actual rate by the modifier. He explained that if your rate is \$100,000 then you will only pay \$93,000. The 2009-2010 contribution is \$184,935 and is a decrease of \$4,943. Mr. Howard said that the modifier went down due to a discount because the county was doing the programs that were asked to reduce the workers compensation liability.

Commissioner Hall wanted to know what areas have the highest rates and if they could use additional training to help bring those rates down. Mr. Howard and Mrs. Vaughn noted that the highest rates come from the Sheriff's department and EMS. Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Vice-Chairman Travis to stay with the NCACC risk management pool. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING'S BUSINESS

The commissioners talked about the next meeting and whether or not to have the department heads come in. Commissioner Hall said that was not needed until they knew how to make up for the shortfall in tax value. Manager Howard asked if the commissioners wanted the Tax Director to come in next meeting and Chairman Ward said that would be good. Commissioner Satterfield left at 6:50 pm.

Commissioner Hall stated he would like a detailed explanation of the \$41 million lost and what can we do about it. Commissioner Travis stated that the Board did not need to hear anything but the truth on the shortfall.

RECESS

At 6:55 pm Chairman Ward motioned to recess until Tuesday June 1st, 2010 at 5:00 pm.

Matthew W. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
