

## MONDAY JUNE 8, 2010 MINUTES

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 2:15 pm on Tuesday June 8, 2010. Commissioners present: Chairman George W. Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman Kenneth D. Travis, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Jeremiah Jefferies, and Gordon G. Satterfield. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Gwen Vaughn, Finance Director, Jim Gusler, Jr., EMS Director, and Thomas Bernard, Tax Director. Absent: Erik D. Battle. 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 INTERN

The Board welcomed the Town of Yanceyville Intern Melvin McDermott, III.

### DISCUSSION OF AMBULANCE OPTIONS

Jim Gusler, EMS Director, came before the Board to update on information regarding new ambulance purchase options. Mr. Gusler updated the Board on the warranty for the in-frame rebuild option for EMS Unit 204, the 1999 International. The warranty for the rebuild lasts for one year with unlimited miles. He cautioned that used ambulance sales are not good. Commissioner Travis entered at 2:34 pm. Mr. Gusler informed the Board that for \$150,000 he could buy a 2007 c4500 chassis with 26,000 miles and a box to mount on it. Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Chairman Ward to purchase the chassis and box for \$150,000. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Chairman Ward to purchase another chassis and complete remount. The motion carried unanimously.

### LAND USE PROGRAM ACRES

Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, came before the Board to update on the amount of acres used in the Land Use Program.

#### Caswell County Land Use Statistics

- 277,627.08 acres of land total in Caswell County
- 29,013.30 acres of the total are exempt property
- 248,613.78 acres of taxable property remain

#### 2009 Tax Year Statistics

- 96,347.21 acres in the Land Use Program
- 29,865.00 acres were open land taxed at \$375.00 per acre
- 66,482.21 acres of wooded land taxed at \$250.00 per acre
- 93 applications approved for Land Use Program

- 7,789.65 acres for the 93 applications
- 558.48 acres were removed from Land Use Program

#### 2008 Tax Year Statistics

- 96,905.69 acres in the Land Use Program
- 30,051.88 acres were open land taxed at \$375.00 per acre
- 66,853.81 acres of wooded land taxed at \$250.00 per acre
- 82 applications approved for Land Use Program
- 8,700.30 acres for the 82 applications

#### 2010 Estimated Tax Values

- Real Value: \$1,235,000,000
- Personal Property: \$39,000,000
- Utilities: \$55,000,000
- Motor Vehicles: \$112,000,000
- Total: \$1,441,000,000

#### 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION

Kevin Howard, County Manager and Gwen Vaughn, Finance Director, presented information to the Board on furlough estimates, across the board cut estimates, and tax collection calculations.

#### Across the Board Cuts

- 1% cut = \$118,013.80
- 2% cut = \$236,027.60
- Available to cut = \$11,801,380.00
- Total Budget = 18,431,380.00

#### Furlough Savings Estimates

- 1 Day = \$18,426.71
- 2 Days = \$36,853.42
- 3 Days = \$55,280.13
- 4 Days = \$73,706.84
- 5 Days = \$92,133.55

Tax Collection Calculations

- Tax levy 0.629, 96.01% collection rate, \$8,702,241 collected
- Tax levy 0.671, 96.01% collection rate, \$9,269,477 collected
- 1 cent increase = \$138,350 in additional revenue
- 2 cent increase = \$276,701 in additional revenue
- 3 cent increase = \$415,051 in additional revenue
- 4 cent increase = \$553,402 in additional revenue
- 5 cent increase = \$691,752 in additional revenue

The Board also discussed cutting the amount the County gives to the schools by \$100,000. Commissioner Hall suggested more budget information is needed from the schools, EMS, and Sheriff's department. Commissioner Satterfield stated that the Board needs to put away money for contingencies. Cutting the amount of cars for the Sheriff's department was taken into consideration as well as no four wheel drive on the new trucks for Animal Control and Soil Conservation.

RECESS

At 4:45 pm Chairman Ward motioned to recess until Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 3:00 pm.

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Matthew W. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

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George W. Ward, Jr.  
Chairman

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