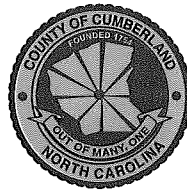


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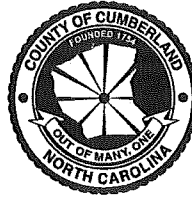
AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Report on Meeting with City of Fayetteville Regarding Transit in Rural Areas of the County
3. Report on Proposed Classification and Pay Study
4. Report on Mental Health Divestiture of Service and the Managed Care Organization (MCO)
5. Report on Scheduled Sales Tax Agreement Meeting with City of Fayetteville
6. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Bond Issue
7. Discussion of Technological Upgrades for Board of Commissioners
8. Discussion of Animal Control Pet Licensing
9. Other Matters of Business

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MEMORANDUM

APRIL 28, 2012

TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: AMY H. CANNON, DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER *AKC*

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOND ISSUE

BACKGROUND

At the March 1, 2012 committee meetings, City staff gave a presentation on the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue. This proposal includes projects totaling \$65.7 million. Of that total, \$8.5M is city projects, \$5.9M are county projects and \$51.1M is allocated for joint projects. Under this proposal, the Board of Commissioners would call for a referendum in February 2013 giving residents the opportunity to vote on the bond projects. If approved the Board of Commissioners would then create a countywide Parks and Recreation capital tax district, which would include an assessment of 2.25 cents per \$100 property valuation. The operational costs are to be covered by fee generation and by reductions in the current budget.

In Fiscal Year 2008, the Board adopted a financial policy document that addresses debt repayment, debt structure and other criteria as a part of our pursuing a bond rating upgrade. One of the driving factors to our success in receiving an upgrade was our conservative debt profile complying with our financial policies and rating agency criteria. More specifically, ratings agencies look for debt repayment with level principal payments and structures that ensure that 50% or more of the principal is repaid in the first 10 years.

Since that committee meeting, management has worked with our financial advisor in addressing questions related to the financial structure of the proposal in comparison to our policy document and ratings agency criteria. Listed below are a few issues that need consideration:

- The proposed debt repayment structure is aggressive since the payment of principal is significantly delayed to the middle/end of the 17 year amortization period.
- In this scenario, the 50% criterion mentioned above, is not met until year 12 of the 17 year amortization period.
- This repayment schedule takes away the county's flexibility in the future and would require that the amortization of future bond issues be increased to maintain the 50% criteria.
- This financing structure will negatively impact our debt ratios and ratings criteria.

- The county's debt capacity for this issue must be considered in conjunction with other capital projects since this issuance may limit our future flexibility.
- It appears that the county assumes all responsibility and risk for the debt.
- Detailed information on the operational plan and underlying estimates and assumptions for the revenues and expenditures must be reviewed in detail since ratings agencies will evaluate the operational plan and the associated risks.

In order to advance this proposed referendum, the issues above need to be addressed to protect the county's financial position and bond rating. A draft interlocal agreement has been developed to provide direction on the capital plan, debt issuance and repayment, and the operational responsibilities. This document was provided to county staff on April 19th and has not yet been reviewed by our county legal staff. This document is also a factor in the consideration to move forward since the county's operational responsibility with this bond issue extends to joint facilities, shared based upon proportionate assessed valuation.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is presented as an update on the proposed bond issue and the county considerations in moving forward with a referendum in February 2013.

Celebrating Our Past...Embracing Our Future

iPAD Pricing :**iPad Verizon3G 16GB \$629.99****iPad Verizon3G 32GB \$729.99**

Which is the most suitable for the Board of Commissioners and associated staff? **Most other government entities are using iPad2 16GBs.**

Will the use of iCloud be available for remote storage? **County business should not be stored on the iCloud.**

How will going wireless impact the commissioners current set up? **The current setup for the Commissioners consists of a 17" laptop with a RoadRunner Internet connection at their homes. There will be no need to continue the Internet Service at their homes due to Verizon 3G Internet being built into the iPad.**

What are the default applications for iPads?

Safari Web browser**Mail****Photos****FaceTime****Maps****Newsstand****Messages****Calendar****Reminders****Contacts****App Store****iTunes****Music****Videos****YouTube****Notes****Game Center****Photo Booth****Camera**

Will an application be needed in order for commissioners to open PDFs on Ipads? **Yes**

Is there a county policy regarding the use of ipads? **No current policy but we are working on revising our current policy to include iPads**

Will access to certain things be blocked as with the current laptop computers? **No**

Will there be limitations/restrictions placed on the use of iPads issued by the county? **To be decided. Users will be required to enter a security pass key.**

Who will stock the iPad batteries to power non-wireless operation and what is the cost per battery? **Apple's one-year warranty includes replacement coverage for a defective battery. You can extend your coverage to two years from the date of your iPad purchase with the AppleCare Protection Plan for iPad. During the plan's coverage period, Apple will replace the battery if it drops below 50% of its original capacity. If it is out of warranty, Apple offers a battery replacement for \$99, plus \$6.95 shipping, subject to local tax. Apple disposes of your battery in an environmentally friendly manner.**

What about insurance for the iPads? **See statement below.**

What about warranties for the iPads? **Every iPad comes with one year of hardware repair coverage through its limited warranty and up to 90 days of complimentary support. AppleCare+ for iPad extends your coverage to two years from the original purchase date of your iPad and adds up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to a \$49 service fee. Whether you use your iPad with a Mac or a PC, just one phone call can help resolve most issues.**

Commissioners have requested a training session for iPads. Who can conduct the training and what will be the timeframe for the training? **To be determined.**

Are there other costs associated with iPad usage? **Cost of apps, Verizon 3G, Insurance and Repair costs such as shipping, handling and service fees.**

What will be the total cost for iPad usage?

Item	One Time Cost	Recurring
18 iPads @\$729.99 each	\$13,139.82	
2 year AppleCare Protection @\$79.97	\$1,439.46	\$1439.46 every 2 years
Verizon 3G @ \$43.05 month	\$9,300.00	\$9,300.00 yearly
iPad apps @\$50.00	\$900.00	
Total	\$24,779.28	

Are there any limitations with an iPad compared to a laptop computer?

iPads are proprietary devices that would have to be serviced by Apple for any hardware issue and IS would be limited on software support. The devices don't support all file formats and have the email limitations that exist with all mobile devices. iPads lack the ability to expand the memory, no standard display port, and can only print via Wi-Fi.

The Chart below shows some data collected via a listserv concerning the use of iPads by city councils and county commissioners.

County\Municipality	iPad Size	Verizon 3G
Ashe	16 GB	Yes
Davidson	16 GB	Yes
Town of Winterville	16 GB	Yes
Town of Hickory	16 GB	No (Wifi only)
City of Greenville	16 GB	Yes (2GB data plan)
Town of Kernersville	16 GB	No (Wifi only)
City of Knightdale	16 GB	No (Wifi only)

Candice White

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Subject: RE: Animal Control editorial posted 4-10-12

James,

Thanks, looking forward to some lively discussion!

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Jimmy,

I am told that Rick and Doc are bringing the latest draft of the AC Ordinance to the May Policy Committee for discussion/action.

Also, without objection, I would like to refer your solution to the BOC Planning Session on May 11 for board discussion/action requiring Vets to collect the license fees as you have outlined. I think Doc now has the Vets agreement to handle this!

Candice or Kelli,
Without objection, please note this matter for the May 11 BOC agenda with this traffic as the agenda background.

Thanks,

James

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<http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2012/04/10/1170248>

Published: 04:34 PM, Tue Apr 10, 2012

Editorial: Deficit - Animal Control needs more licensing clout

Twelve years ago, a consultant said Cumberland County needs at least 13 animal-control officers on duty at any given time to respond to pet problems.

We had a county population of just over 300,000 then. Today, we're hitting 325,000. Animal Control Director John Lauby estimates there are 200,000 dogs and cats in the county, most unlicensed.

How many animal-control officers are on patrol at any time? At most, four. They get about 275 calls a day. At least 175 are left waiting. There is no way those few officers can get to them all, or even to half.

As in previous years, county department heads are being told to hold the line on budgets. That means most animal complaints will continue to go unanswered.

This is more than a public-relations problem. It's also a public-safety problem.

Lauby wants to follow rabies-vaccine records to find owners of unregistered animals, and get them licensed. A plan to have veterinarians collect license fees with rabies vaccines was abandoned. It could have brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars a year - enough to hire many more animal-control officers.

Instead of worrying about how many pets people have, the writers of a new animal-control law should figure out how to license them all. That would be progress.

Sally Shutt

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Dear James,

If Dr. Lauby's estimates are close to being accurate, there is a maximum potential for an \$1.4 million in pet licensing. I am not sure how many pets are actually registered with the tax office, but I would be surprised if it 10% of that number. I believe the real potential is somewhere between 50%-60% of that number. Our current pet tax has been reduced to a voluntary tax based on the honor system. My opinion is that many owners that have pets not on record are not purposely breaking the law, it is just they are not aware of it.

I think this may be the time also to see if Dogs and Cats should be lumped together in our animal ordinance and if they should be treated the same. It is rare that we have the same issues with cats that we have had in the past with canines. I cannot remember the having the calls for excessive or noisy "meowing" by a citizen or that a citizen is attacked by a vicious cat. I do not mean to make light of this, but they are different. Should government really get involved with a citizen who has more than three cats that are not a threat or a nuisance?

We have been "kicking this can down the road" for some time.

I would like to offer a solution.

We use the same type system that we have set up for hotels and their occupancy tax. At the end of each month, veterinarians would send a consolidated statement with taxes collected on pets during their rabies vaccination. Veterinarians would charge \$7.00 for the tax and retain \$2.00 for office fees and processing, the remaining \$5.00 would be send to the county. If a pet owner wished to have a three year vaccination, they would pay \$21.00 and the Veterinarian's office would retain the \$6.00. Pet would be issued a County Tag to be worn on their collars along with their rabies vaccination. This would generate additional taxes that could be earmarked for Animal Control. I realize that most of their budget is from the general fund, but this significant amount of increase could surely justify additional officers, equipment and facilities to enhance our Animal Control Department.

Any pet picked up without the county tag or proof of licensing would be subject to a fine for not having their pet registered.

It is easy to get caught up in all the reasons why we can't do this, or delay this. Meanwhile, Dr. Lauby who is really trying he best with limited resources is having a difficult time performing the tasks that we have directed him to do.

"A good plan today is better than a great plan tomorrow."- George Patton

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