
Minutes
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners
June 7, 1999, 5:30PM
Special Meeting: Budget Workshop

	PRESENT:	Chairman Tom Bacote,
(arrived 6:00)		Commissioner Billy R. King
		Commissioner Talmage
Baggett		Commissioner Breeden
Blackwell		Commissioner H. Mac Tyson II
		Commissioner J. Lee
Warren, Jr.		Cliff Strassenburg, County
Manager		James Martin, Deputy
County Manager		Juanita Pilgrim, Assistant
County Manager		Cliff Spiller, Assistant
County Manager		Amy Cannon, Finance
Director		Finance/Budget Personnel
		Grainger Barrett, Senior
Staff Attorney		Tonya Harris Council,
Public Information Officer		Marsha Fogle, Clerk to the
Board		

ABSENT: Commissioner Ed Melvin

The meeting was called to order. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2000.

The County Manager noted the following adjustments to his recommended budget:

MANAGER ADJUSTMENTS:

RECOMMENDED BUDGET - JUNE 1, 1999 \$
210,528,584

ADD: Sheriff Department/School Law SRO New Position/vehicle/
equip. 62,631
71st. Classical Middle School

General Government Other JCP
Transfer 55,870

Governing Body Institute of
Government 23,620

Health Department Mosquito Control
position 6,684
(seasonal)

Public Buildings Other Rent Buildings
3,000

Janitorial 8,500 Contracted Srvs -
Capital Outlay
25,000

Exterminator 2,500
Furniture/

Equipment 10,000

Utilities 9,334

Storage 20,000 Patterson

Cooperative Extension Beaver control
program 4,000

Emergency Dispatch

Telecom I

position

30,461

TOTAL MANAGER ADJUSTMENTS

\$ 261,600

Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, indicated there may be some adjustments the Board of Commissioners want to consider. Those adjustments are as follows:

POTENTIAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S ADJUSTMENTS

Sheriff Department

Miscellaneous

\$

90,795

Governing Body

\$

23,620

Institute of Government

(Building fund)
NACo

Conference

9,000

In addition to the above potential adjustments, Commissioners designated other potential adjustments as follows:

ADD: Veterans

Council

500

\$

NC Cooperative Extension Service

Specialist

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Crop

Arts

Council

25,000

Fayetteville Area Sentencing

reinstate 10%

Women's Center

reinstate 10%

Dogwood Festival
reinstate 10%

Cape Fear Botanical
reinstate 10%

Metro-

Visions
10%

reinstate

Assistant County Manager, Juanita Pilgrim, suggested that as the Board considers reinstatement of money to agencies, we should look at any funding provided by our Community Development Department.

As the County Manager reviewed the proposed budget, discussions ensued concerning the following items:

1. Courthouse Security: The Board discussed the possibility of privatizing courthouse security. It was noted that when this issue was studied several years ago, there was found to be no substantial savings in privatizing security for our buildings.
2. Smoking Cage: The Sheriff requested two deputies in his FY2000 budget for the smoking area at the courthouse. The positions were not approved by the Manager. Commissioner Blackwell suggested we would alleviate the need for two deputies by simply closing the entrance from the snack shop to the smoking area and require that anyone using the smoking area enter from the outside. The Board decided the Facilities Committee could discuss this matter at their meeting on July 10, 1999.
3. Vehicles: Commissioner Blackwell asked for a list of administrative county employees who are provided county vehicles. Commissioner Warren suggested that we may be able to save some money by leasing some small trucks for some of our staff. It was noted that mileage is a factor in leasing and it may not be feasible to lease.
4. Senior Citizens: Commissioner Blackwell suggested that the County require senior citizen agencies and social agencies to form a coalition, much like the Arts agencies have done.

In addition, Commissioner Blackwell suggested the Board set some parameters for outside agencies in applying for governmental funding.

5. Grants Writer: Commissioner Blackwell suggested the County explore hiring a full-time grant's writer. It was noted some departments have employees on staff who write their particular grants. For instance, the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Warren said he was supportive of this suggestion; however, he would not support doing away with the Sheriff's Department grant writer. Staff will bring back information to the Board regarding this matter at the next budget work session on June 14, 1999.

6. GIS Manager: It was noted the County has not been able to recruit a GIS Manager. Commissioner Warren said he thought it more important to have all of the mappers GIS trained. Staff was to talk to Garrett Alexander about more training for the mappers. Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, said that when our GIS system is fully functional, it may be possible to set it up as an enterprise fund.

7. Commissioner Blackwell suggested we identify any "sacred cows" in the budget during the next work session.

MEETING ADJORNED: 8:00PM

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