

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 7, 2016 – 5:30 PM
117 DICK STREET, 5TH FLOOR, ROOM 564
SPECIAL MEETING – FY17 BUDGET DEPARTMENT HEAD APPEALS
MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marshall Faircloth, Chairman
Commissioner Glenn Adams, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Jeannette Council
Commissioner Kenneth Edge
Commissioner Charles Evans
Commissioner Jimmy Keefe
Commissioner Larry Lancaster
Amy Cannon, County Manager
James Lawson, Deputy County Manager
Melissa Cardinali, Assistant County Manager
Tracy Jackson, Assistant County Manger
Sally Shutt, Governmental Affairs Officer
Rick Moorefield, County Attorney
Vicki Evans, Finance Director
Deborah Shaw, Budget Analyst
Heather Harris, Budget Analyst
Jeffrey Brown, Engineering and Infrastructure Director
Jody Risacher, Public Library and Information Center Director
Earl “Moose” Butler, Cumberland County Sheriff
Ronnie Mitchell, Sheriff’s Office Legal Counsel
Lisa Blauser, Sheriff’s Office Business Manager
Candice White, Clerk to the Board
Kellie Beam, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Press

Chairman Faircloth called the meeting to order.

1. DEPARTMENT HEAD APPEALS

A. JODY RISACHER, PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTER DIRECTOR

Ms. Risacher introduced Library Board of Trustee member Katrina Tiffany and provided a handout of library activities to include help for job seekers though a computer lab, vocational job fairs and partnership with Work Force Development to support employment assistance at the library. Ms. Risacher thanked the Board of Commissioners for their continued support of the library.

B. SHERIFF EARL BUTLER

Sheriff Butler provided a handout with the information below and stated the Sheriff’s Office would like to request that additional consideration be given to including these items in the FY17 budget:

- 1) \$2,000 for additional K-9 expenses: this was requested due to adding an explosives dog. The dog was procured at no cost to the County but comes with ongoing care. The current budget for K9 expenses is insufficient for the expense the Sheriff’s Office currently has and will be insufficient for the new dog. K9 expenses include medical costs, food costs and supply costs for K9s.
- 2) Additional \$500 for extermination services: This increased need is due to an increase in the monthly extermination costs.
- 3) \$22,500 for investigative DNA testing: DNA has become critical in cases and the Sheriff’s Office simply does not have the means to conduct such examinations which are critical to reduce jail population and to ensure against errors in charging and prosecuting

the proper individuals and to bring justice to everyone involved. Causing a victim or even a defendant to wait two to three years for the state lab to test for DNA is dangerous and grossly unfair and letting those who are guilty of crimes go is even worse.

4) ID Card System at \$7,635: the ID card system which the Sheriff's Office still uses is 25-year old technology and produces an item that can be easily duplicated by anyone with a printer, scissors and a lamination machine. The safety and security of the LEC and ultimately the people who work in the LEC and the courthouse is endangered by the current system.

5) \$3,000 for additional scanners for Gun Permits: the Gun Permits is a revenue generating section with the funds generated through processing gun permit applications being required to be utilized for gun permit related activities.

6) Senior Administrative Support Specialist additional position in Gun Permits (estimated total cost of approximately \$43,000): Gun Permits is a revenue generating department with the funds generated through processing of gun permit applications required to be utilized for gun permit related activities. The Sheriff's Office previously asked for an emergency position and for a new assistance supervisor position for the next. The Sheriff's Office needs this position.

Chairman Faircloth thanked Ms. Risacher and Sheriff Butler and stated the Board will take the requests into consideration.

2. UPDATE TO JUNE 2, 2016 FINANCE COMMITTEE – AUTHORIZING REALLOCATION OF THE COUNTY'S QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BOND ALLOCATION TO THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Amy Cannon, County Manager, referenced the June 2 meeting of the Finance Committee during which a resolution authorizing reallocation of the County's Qualified Energy Conservation Bond Allocation was considered. Ms. Cannon stated Mary Nash Rusher, Bond Counsel, supports the project and respects the Board's stance of wanting to protect the QECB allocation. Ms. Cannon advised the resolution has been rewritten to include language the Board may be looking for and stated the Cumberland County QECB allocation will be reallocated back to the County in the event that it is not used by the Authority.

Commissioner Keefe stated he felt the Board's intent was that the QECB allocation should be used for the Optima project in Duplin County and no other project. Ms. Cannon stated based on interest in the project, she felt this could be specified in the resolution. Chairman Faircloth asked to have the revised resolution placed on the Board's June 20 agenda.

Commissioner Evans stated he would like for the FY17 budget to include \$8,000 for the Vision Resource Center.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MOTION: Commissioner Council moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Commissioner Lancaster

VOTE: UNANIMOUS (6-0)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Approved with/without revision:

Respectfully submitted,

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board