Ashe County

150 Government Circle Jefferson, NC 28640



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 9:00 AM

Budget Work Session
Second Floor Conference Room

County Commission

Chairperson Todd McNeill Vice Chair William Sands Commissioner Chuck Olive Commissioner Jerry D. Powers Commissioner Jonathan Jordan

BUSINESS SESSION

I. 9:00 AM - Meeting Called to Order at the Ashe County Courthouse

Chairman McNeill called the Budget Work Session to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Department of Social Services

Department of Social Services Director Tracie Downer made a budget process presentation via PowerPoint. Information presented included the effect that DSS funds have on the community, no requests for staffing, the request for one vehicle, eligibility insurance, cost allocation which allows DSS to claim reimbursement for a portion of the resources shared with the County, a request for human resources software, technology changes, and increases in the budget which amount to an overall 3.8% increase in the share of County funding in the budget.

Health

Jennifer Greene, director of Appalachian District Health, spoke to the Board regarding their proposed budget for FY2022-23. She provided information to the Board on budget increases, funding percentages and concerns, budget impacts, a manpower assessment showing the need to hire three additional specialists, the proposed SB372 which would require a pre-construction meeting with every permit request, a breakdown of costs associated with Ashe, Watauga and Alleghany counties, and requested contributions per county.

Fire

The Board was in agreement with Emergency Management Coordinator Patty Gambill's recommendation that an update needs to be made to fire service contracts. She also recommended that an actual audit be completed for each fire department in place of the financial review of procedures.

Emergency Management

No changes were made.

Building Inspections

No changes were made.

Medical Examiner

No changes were made.

Ambulance & Rescue

No changes were made.

Animal Control

The Board was in agreement to remove body cameras under Equipment Expense.

E911 Coordinator

No changes were made.

Communications

The Board was in agreement to replace 911 consoles with the County's portion of the cost at \$156,568.94.

Airport

No changes were made.

Planning

No changes were made.

Economic Development

No changes were made.

Cooperative Extension

No changes were made.

Soil Conservation

No changes were made.

Human Services

No changes were made.

Veterans

No changes were made.

Library

No changes were made.

Cultural Arts

No changes were made.

Parks & Recreation

No changes were made.

Debt Service

No changes were made.

Fund Transfers

No changes were made.

Environmental Services (Collections)

No changes were made.

Environmental Services (Disposal)

No changes were made.

E911 Revenue Fund

No changes were made.

Veterans

No changes were made.

Library

No changes were made.

Cultural Arts

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Parks & Recreation

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Debt Service

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Fund Transfers

No changes were made.

Environmental Services (Collections)

No changes were made.

Environmental Services (Disposal)

No changes were made.

E911 Special Revenue Fund

No changes were made.

II. Recess

The meeting was recessed at approximately 4:35 p.m. and will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2022.

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