

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

9:00 AM

Second Floor Conference Room

County Commission

*Chairperson Jeff Rose
Vice Chairman Gary Roark
Commissioner Brien Richardson
Commissioner Larry Rhodes
Commissioner William Sands*

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

Present: 5 - Chairperson Jeff Rose, Commissioner Larry Rhodes, Commissioner William Sands, Vice Chairman Gary Roark and Commissioner Brien Richardson

E911 Special Revenue Fund

No changes were made.

Education

School Superintendent Todd Holden and Associate Superintendent Phyllis Yates spoke to the Board regarding requests for funding in this year's budget. Dr. Holden told the Board that they are looking at property for the middle school closer to the population, law enforcement center, and the hospital. The new middle school will include 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

No changes were made to the proposed budget for Education.

Law Enforcement

Sheriff Williams would like to move the part-time person in the weapons permit office to full-time due to the volume of work in the office. Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to change the part-time position in the weapons permit office to full-time. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Sheriff Williams told the Board that he requested three vehicles in the budget but only two vehicles were approved. He is asking for a third vehicle for Deputy Gentry which will be a program vehicle at an approximate cost of \$28,000. The Board was in agreement to fund the program vehicle as requested.

Due to the new NC Aware Program requirements, Sheriff Williams will need to address the need for another transport position in the near future.

Corrections

No changes were made.

Communications

No changes were made.

Daymark Recovery Services

Paige Stephens and Sarah Dunnigan with Daymark Recovery Services told the Board that last year County funding was reduced by \$20,000, rent paid to the County was increased, and services provided by Daymark increased. The majority of the clients they see do not have Medicare or Medicaid. In addition, Daymark is the only provider of mental health services in Ashe County. Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to appropriate \$185,066 for Daymark Recovery Services. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Social Services

Interim DSS Director Randy Revis and Lisa Harless were present to answer questions from the Board. County Manager Yearick asked the Board to amend the proposed budget to include a part-time foster care worker. Chairman Rose made a motion to fund the part-time position and to purchase two replacement vehicles as recommended in the proposed budget, with the option to fund a third replacement vehicle if needed. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Ashe Services for Aging

Richard Blackburn, Patricia Calloway and Mary Owen representing Ashe Services for Aging, explained the need for their funding request. Ms. Calloway told the Board that the population of Ashe County is aging with Ashe County having one of the highest percentages of people over 60. Ashe Services for Aging has experienced significant reductions in allocations and reduced reimbursements. She also provided an explanation of reduced benefits for their employees. Commissioner Rhodes suggested, and the Board was in agreement, to appropriate \$450,000 to Ashe Services for Aging.

Lansing Streambed Restoration

The Board was in agreement at this time to not fund the \$50,000 request for funding from the Greater Lansing Area Development (GLAD) group due to the grant that has already been applied for and to allow the commissioners time to attend the meeting scheduled in Lansing later this month.

Closing Comments

All Board members were in agreement with the budget as considered and amended during the budget work sessions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Jeff Rose, Chairman

Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board