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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom/Commissioners' Conference Room of the Historic Courthouse.

Those present were: Chairman Bill Moyer, Vice-Chairman Charlie Messer, Commissioner Larry Young, Commissioner Chuck McGrady, Commissioner Mark Williams, County Manager Steve Wyatt, Assistant County Manager Selena Coffey (arrived late), County Attorney Russell Burrell, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were: Research/Budget Analyst Amy Brantley, Deputy Clerk to the Board Terry Wilson, Communications Officer Pam Brice, DSS Director Liston Smith, Sheriff Rick Davis, Engineering/Facility Services Director Marcus Jones, Board of Elections Director Beverly Cunningham, Assessor Stan Duncan, Human Resources Director Jan Prichard, Soil & Water Conservation District Director/Conservationist Jonathan Wallin, Health Director Tom Bridges, Emergency Services Director/Fire Marshal Rocky Hyder, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, Planning Director Anthony Starr, Internal Auditor Darlene Burgess, Code Enforcement Director Toby Linville, and Environmental Health Director Seth Swift.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Moyer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance, stating the purpose of this meeting was a public hearing with respect to our FY2008-2009 Budget.

*Commissioner Messer made the motion for the Board to go into public hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

**Chairman comments re: editorial**

Chairman Moyer spoke to an editorial that was in this morning's Times-News. It stated that the Commissioners ignored the request to pay for two new school nurses. He stated that the Commissioners had a lengthy discussion with Tom Bridges, Public Health Director, with respect to the need for additional school nurses. The Board also heard from the school system on that subject. There were a lot of questions and answers but no action has been taken with respect to any items in the budget other than preliminary action with respect to the fire departments because if we were going to have to bring all the fire departments in we would have had to schedule that. We had discussion to whether that was necessary and decided it was not. Despite what the newspaper said implying that the Board took action on this, there was no action taken with respect to any of these items. He doubts whether there will be action taken this evening as well. The Board will have a public hearing and hear from the citizens. The Board had a good workshop with a lot of discussion. The Board will try to move some of these issues to resolution at the meeting next Monday, June 2.

**Public Input**

Chairman Moyer explained the process for addressing the Board, stating that the Clerk to the Board will identify the person who is first on the list and then will give the name of the next person who will speak so they can be ready. Each person will have three minutes to speak. When the timer beeps your time is

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These top priorities were further supported by the recent Henderson County Community Health Assessment conducted by the County's Health Dept. and the Partnership for Health, school nurses were called out as a high priority. The last up-date of the needs assessment conducted by the Alliance for Human Services showed Health and Mental Health as the top issue in Human Services. It is important that our public officials and administration take an active role in hearing and responding by actively supporting solutions to these top issues. This support will keep our human capital engaged. I urge you to use your leadership for collaborating beyond budget lines. These issues require everyone's commitment to finding solutions. I challenge you to bring some sense of using this momentum to our community's advantage. Help us find the cross-cutting solutions to these top priorities and keep the civic engagement building while addressing both near-term and long-term objectives. You have the influence to bring the major players together and address workable solutions for these top issues. Again, I thank you for this hearing and your leadership in these matters."

3. Bill Reedy – Mr. Reedy is principal of Flat Rock Middle School. He thanked the Board for their support in the past for public education. Over the last four years Rugby and Flat Rock Middle Schools have had ten room additions that housed a grade level, improving the facilities. Hendersonville Middle School has a new facility Apple Valley School is just over 12 years old. He stated "We must start now to support the elementary, middle and high schools to meet the capital needs of our students and staff. We have a good group of custodians and maintenance personnel who work daily 25 facilities covering over 2,000,000 square feet. These men and women have great pride in their work but they are fighting a battle of having roughly 700 to 1,000 people daily entering and using each of the facilities. We need your help to do what is right for the children and adults of the community and to properly fund our daily maintenance costs. . . We must adequately repair and maintain existing structures. We are addressing what we can with volunteer efforts. For example, painting is done by prisoners during the summer. Volunteers during the summer and school year also work throughout the schools. Volunteers can help with landscaping issues or have helped with landscaping issues, irrigation plans as well as construction projects. Volunteerism is a support effort and one we are proud of in Henderson County; however, it is not the way to meet such complex budget needs of a school district of our size. Henderson County has outstanding schools that are constantly ranked in the top 15% of the schools in the State. . . we have evidence of academic success in all four classes and all four subjects, increased usage in the application of technology in the classroom. We have class sizes that allow students and adults to develop both educational and trusting relationships that develop and support a successful school experience as we prepare the students for the future, programs that address both the social and academic needs of our students. We have outstanding elective and exploratory programs. We have good counseling programs to work with the growing social, family, and economical issues that our students face daily, issues that we as a school system need help with to maintain our current success. An increasing diverse population, both by economic indicators as well as changing ethnic indicators, attracting professional staff in a competitive market for quality educators. An increase in the local supplement is a step in the right direction to maintain and compete with surrounding districts. Extending programs like school nursing and social workers to meet the variety of needs of our students present to any school. A number of years ago I heard a Governor say that the road to success must go by a schoolhouse. It is our charge as

vocal and other musical groups. We've received tuxedos. "One of the biggest gifts that I have offered to our teachers here in my first year has been a new classroom that was an indirect benefit of our field house and it was amazing when those teachers saw us talking about that new classroom and how we were going to use it. That one classroom was a huge benefit to us. When I got to East I think I felt a little bit like a new homeowner when I walked around that building and kind of did that walk though that new homeowners do and I've got to say I was started by what I saw. You would be started too if you were to see what we have at East High. Let me just give you a couple of examples. When we had this last rainstorm there were at least a dozen leaks in our buildings at East High. Instead of working with that homeless student I was working with my custodian to find enough trashcans to hold the water that was coming through our roofs onto classrooms that were full of children. If you were to pull up in the front of our school, you would see windows that are fogged because of the broken seals. It's the most public part of our school and yet it contains some of the most egregious conditions of our school. The chimney that's so often referred to is not as controversial as one might think. The high price tag is related to the fact that it's an existing and operating chimney. It vents an existing boiler in the basement of that building. My job though as a principal is to keep my eyes on the prize and that prize is student learning. And when I have a student tell me that she's having a hard time concentrating because she doesn't feel safe at my school because of the open nature of our campus and the fact that we have gates that have been repeatedly unfunded that's hard for me to think about." He also spoke about the efficiency of his teachers, stating that almost half of the teachers at East High have no working office space. He saw a math teacher today storing graded papers on top of a refrigerator in a workroom. He asked the Board to think very carefully about the budget and to remember the conditions of things at East High because the eye's on the prize of student learning and that happens better in a facility where it is clear that the community values education as much as we're trying to motivate our students to value it.

7. Tommy Manning – Mr. Manning is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who retired here about 2.5 years ago. He is an individual investor here in Henderson County and President of the Hendersonville High School Catbackers, a Sports Boosters Club. He addressed the differences between the Sheriff's Department budget and the Education budget. The Education Department is supposedly getting a 5% increase in budget and the Sheriff's Department will get a 2.7% increase in budget. However, the Sheriff's Department no longer includes insurance costs in his budget. Capital costs such as patrol cars are not in the budget at all. The range of the Sheriff's costs such as the utility bills in the Sheriff's budget are shared with other county departments so therefore they are not actually reflected in the Sheriff's budget. They are reflected on other department's budgets. He stated that the 5% increase that the School Board is getting – a lot of that was from previously committed indentures from previous fiscal years. Mr. Manning stated that the schools are in deplorable condition. He said that he would rate our schools as third rate schools, stating it is disgusting to see what the teachers, the students, and the administrators have to put up with as far as the infrastructure in our school system. One example he gave was that at Hendersonville High School they cannot even use the track, it's unsafe. They cannot have trackmeets at the High School because it is unsafe and there is nothing in the budget and nothing that is being done to correct the situation. "Anything

\$152,555 worth of capital equipment. There are a couple of computer included but most of it is vehicles. They have not received new vehicles in four years from the State of NC due to their budget problems at the NCDOT so these four vehicles are sorely needed. The four vehicles to be replaced all have over 100,000 miles, some have over 120,000 miles. The type of driving that is done on those vehicles is rough on vehicles, a lot of stop and go. He asked the Commissioners to please support the local match for Apple Country Transportation's 5311 Administrative and Capital Projects.

10. Stan Kumor – Mr. Kumor addressed school funding. “School funding is comprised of three components – local, state and federal money. Totaling the three components results in the amount spent per student According to DPI’s 06-07 data, which is the latest available public data on their website (excluding nutrition programs), Henderson County spends around \$1,500/student and ranks 48<sup>th</sup> in the state out of 115 school districts. The state gives us around \$5,150 which ranks 92 out of 115 school districts and the feds contribute around \$575 which ranks 68<sup>th</sup>. Our total per pupil expenditure in 2006-2007 was \$7,231.78 which ranked us 91<sup>st</sup> out of 115 school districts in the state. By far the largest chunk of money comes from the state. It varies widely among school districts from \$11,284 (Hyde County) to \$4,679 (Cabarrus County). In doing this research I found an interesting table among all the statistical financial data on schools. A table giving the rank of the counties by average income. I found this curious that this data should be included on this website. Henderson County ranked 19<sup>th</sup>. By correlating rank of average income versus state support rank I found a significant correlation. The poorest counties in general get more money and the richest counties the least. In conclusion, if we are waiting for the state or federal government to help us with our schools; it’s not going to happen. The state views us as a wealthy county and in their eyes we have the where-with-all to take care of our own schools. If we want better schools, we are going to have to step up to the plate ourselves period. A one cent increase in the property tax would give us approximately 1 million in additional revenue – enough to give the teachers a supplemental pay increase and fund additional school nurses, that would amount of \$25 per household, since the average house in Henderson County is valued at \$250,000. I for one am willing to pay an extra \$25 a year for school nurses and a very modest increase in the teacher’s supplemental pay. Since our tax rate is the 85<sup>th</sup> lowest in the state, I don’t view this as a crushing burden. Haven’t we learned from recent history on construction costs that procrastination in the present costs us more in the future. If we do nothing today, it is likely that we will have to have a large property tax increase in the next two years.”
11. Karen Mathiesen – Ms. Mathiesen is a Home Economics teacher at Hendersonville High School and is Vice-President of Henderson County Association of Educators. She is a County native and an alumna of HHS and has taught in Henderson County for more than 17 years. She said that no one falls under more scrutiny than the school system. “No one hears more criticism than we do. We are always a political football and I see no end to that but we believe in accountability. We teach accountability at all levels and we accept that responsibility. If you look at the facts you will find that Henderson County Public Schools have made its constituency proud in every conceivable area: academics, athletics, fine arts, career and technical education, community outreach, volunteer

up to this point has been great and you can compare that to all these schools throughout the United States and what we've been able to do and you've given us that opportunity and to let you know how much we appreciate your support. But we need your continued support and our school board has asked you to continue to support our children of Henderson County and that's what we're all about. I think our first consideration has to be our children of Henderson County but thank you so much. Thank everybody in this audience for giving us and the group of children that I teach the opportunities that we've had and I just came to honor you in the successes that we have had and let you know you're an intricate part of what we are doing at Hendersonville High School in our bandroom. So thank you very much."

13. Wendell Capes – Mr. Capes is the grandfather of seven students in the Henderson County Schools. He said they have had 12 at one time. His three daughters were students in the Henderson County School system also. He stated that they all appreciate what the County Commissioners have done for the schools but they think the Board can do better. The school nurses is something that we really need, we don't have enough. He said we also need better maintenance for the schools and to not fund the operating budget for the schools costs a lot more in the long run. The mental health programs also need funding. "We have a granddaughter that needs mental health care. We also have a granddaughter that needs help for her speech in elementary school and she's not getting it because the funding is not there for the special help and that really should be there. So I just encourage you to fund the school budget. Another penny or two on the tax rate is not that bad for a county that has the resources that we do and we should take better care of our kids and I ask you to please do that."
14. Ann Matteson – Ms. Matteson is a teacher at Hendersonville Elementary School. She stated that she is also a taxpayer in Henderson County and she realizes that in most instances you get what you pay for. "How many of us have bought that less expensive item only to learn later that it was of poor quality and had to be replaced much sooner. With that in mind, I would again like to address the needs of our schools. I have watched with great interest every year that local school administration and school board have gone begging for sufficient funds to ensure that our schools are top notch, not that poor quality. For years capital improvements were put off in this county as unnecessary or impossible to financially support. Consequently we continue to play catch-up with capital needs as our county grows beyond a population of 100,000. To use debt service on these capital needs to demonstrate a higher level of county support for the schools is morally wrong. These are things that should have been addressed years ago. It appears that the county budget preparers are engaged in a shell game, moving money around to serve their own agenda. I applaud Chairman Moyer for his comments about this practice. The children of this county are our future. While there may be many in this county who do not have children or grandchildren in the schools they too are vested in a well educated population. They need firefighters, police officers, auto service technicians, bankers, landscapers, hair stylists, accountants, carpet installers, shop keepers, journalists, librarians, and the list goes on and on. Many of these workers have families and are attracted to a community because of the quality of the schools. We need to make sure we have that quality, that we attract these people to Henderson County. In a few years some of you,

classroom are not in line with our local compensation. Henderson County ranks 6<sup>th</sup> in the State in SAT scores. All 21 schools achieved either high or expected growth in the NC ABC results. These efforts should be applauded and rewarded. Gone are the days where a pat on the back and a thank you are sufficient. They will not put gas in our car so that we can drive to work in order to spend endless hours outside of the school day grading papers, planning lessons, and in staff development so that we can do what we love – educate children. Yes, you have tough decisions to make. These decisions may not be popular but we ask that you do what's right for Henderson County Public Schools. Make schools a high priority and let's move forward with a fully funded budget. Thank you."

17. Ken Butcher – "I really came here because I had a rare moment of clarity one time and it was at a concert that Fran and her band was putting on, just a month or so ago, before they went to Washington. And I was just inspired by it and it just made me realize that all the years I was on the Board (of Education) we never even had the right kind of meetings with the Commissioners. I could tell because if they – if you were inspired, if you really got what was going on we would have meetings where you (the Board of Commissioners) would sit there saying 'What else can we be doing for the school system' instead of prove to me beyond any shadow of a doubt that there's no possible way you can get by without it. So I'm really just here as a civilian tonight, as a taxpayer. We haven't talked much about tax tonight but you need to raise the tax OK. I read in the newspaper that some of you went into this process already making up your mind that you would not raise taxes and I know that that can't be true because how could you possibly know what the tax rate should be before you go through the budget process. Mr. Kumor gave you the numbers to fully fund this budget and even go on do things we really should be doing is a couple bucks a month. I can easily afford that and so can everyone else. Thanks. Do the right thing."
18. Walt Cottingham – Mr. Cottingham is a teacher at Hendersonville High School. "I appreciate your coming to this meeting tonight. I appreciate the job you have to do. I understand it is a difficult task but you asked for it. You even went out and ran for it. I don't know why you did that but knowing a couple of you personally I understand your civic duty and your civic conscience and how you would want to fulfill it. I also would like to say I'm tremendously impressed by this whole process. I teach things about world geography and world history and it's so great to see a democratic process with such a polite audience, with people who are so well spoken and kind and genteel. We have not had a single bullet fired at all in this meeting and I think there is something to be said for that so I respect you and I respect the audience and thank you for listening to us. I also understand that a lot of the points that have been addressed you have heard over and over and as we would say in Latin probably adnauseam and so I won't say all of those. I want to give you a little bit of my own perspective. I've been teaching school for 33 years. I'm not leaving. If you don't raise my supplement it won't matter as far as my job security goes. So if you want to use me as an argument for that you can say 'we're gonna keep some of these old teachers because they're not gonna leave anyway. Well that's kinda the way it goes but that's not the real problem I think. The real problem has to do with fully funding the school board's budget for all the reasons that you've heard. I'm concerned for those reasons. I'm concerned for the failure to completely fund it and I'm concerned

government with my tax dollars. This is about needs versus wants. It's not what we want in this system. It's not what we want for our students, for our children. It's what we need. John Kennedy once said 'We don't need to do the Republican thing or the Republican solution or the Democratic solution, we need the American solution.' To national problems, to state problems, to local problems and we need solutions from you guys. That is what you're elected to do and sometimes the solutions aren't popular solutions so I'll echo Walt, I'll echo a lot of people, raise my taxes. I supported the land transfer tax. I have no problem being taxed a little bit extra in a county that is this wealthy. I don't want to have to spend money on things that I have to spend money for. I have a 15 year old son eating me out of house and home, you know what I'm talking about. This summer we have to buy him braces, \$2,000 - \$3,000. I do not want to spend that money to put braces on my son's teeth but I have to do it. Where am I gonna find the money? I've got to find the money somewhere so what will I do? I'll teach summer school, I'll run a summer camp. I have worked every single summer of my life to get what I need for my family as well as devoting my entire career to the students of this state. You have to do what is needed to be done. Find it. Do the work. I do it. I also believe in transparency. If you don't vote to fund this budget and I'm not threatening, well maybe I am in a democratic way, small d. We want to know why you don't support the budget. Very very very clearly why you don't support the budget. I teach my students all the time and I said it to them today that this is not about us versus you or you versus us, anything in politics. I teach them all the time that you guys work for us and I've had politicians from the national, state, and local level tell me that you guys, women all across the state and the country that work in the government work for us. It's democracy, it's the people's house, it's the peoples' courthouse. Prove it. If you work for us, then work for us. And if we're really your boss like politicians say then listen to your employers, which is us. Please fund the budget. I demand you fund the budget. I'm a taxpayer and the students of this county deserve it. Alan Broadhurst, 104 Harmony Lane, call me. Thank you."

20. Jennifer Henderson – Ms. Henderson is the new CEO of Blue Ridge Community Health Services. She spoke in support of United Agenda for Children and the top priority of school nurses. "Blue Ridge is the community health center that provides family medicine, pediatric medicine, mental health, dentistry services, and community outreach and health education. Blue Ridge has also been operating a school based health center at Apple Valley Middle School since 1994 which includes primary and mental health services. Last year fourteen thousand members of this community visited Blue Ridge for services equaling 40,000 encounters. At Apple Valley in particular almost 800 students accounted for 6,000 visits to that health center. Many of our students would have been denied access to health care by other providers because of health insurance. Our patients, both adults and children are typically the most disadvantaged, the least insured, have the greatest barriers to accessing health care and are the most vulnerable to chronic illness. Blue Ridge Community Health Services is proud to be a member of the United Agenda for Children Coalition. Shortly after I joined Blue Ridge the United Agenda for children sponsored 'Speak Out for Kids'. This event exemplified for me the community spirit in Henderson County. They brought together the community, the faith community, the education community, the health and human services community, business community,

parent conferences, or if I'm lucky to work in the classroom. All of these things are said in an effort to give you a glimpse in the day of a teacher. While I enjoy my profession and I reap many rewards when seeing the progress of my students, it does not pay my bills. I met and got to know a teacher recently from Buncombe County. Fellow Henderson County teachers and I talked to her about coming to Etowah to teach. While working at our school was a great idea to her and intrigued her, she said 'I can't even consider doing it with the Buncombe County supplement being 10% and your's only 5%.' This is something that affects us and will continue to have an adverse affect on retention and recruitment of quality teachers in Henderson County. Please consider the teachers. Please consider how you will answer the children, the grandchildren, and neighbors when they ask you 'why do the county scores keep dropping, why do teachers keep leaving, why are parents pulling children from public school, and more importantly what could you have done to prevent this from happening?' Thank you Mr. McGrady for stepping up and recognizing this need. The County has the ability to pay but it has lacked the desire. Please let teachers know you appreciate them so they don't move to other counties to teach. Yes, planning is important so plan to keep and retain the quality educators that you are fortunate enough to have in Henderson County. Thank you."

22. Richard Waters – "Folks, I guess I'm going to be the only one to fire a bullet here. I brought some statistics also. They almost agree with Mr. Kumor's. And also, I'd like to tip my hat to Fran Shelton. I wrote the history of the Hendersonville High School Band and she carried on a wonderful tradition set forth by Jim Stokes who founded the Community Band, the Hendersonville Symphony, of Earl Martin, of a lady by the name of Josephine Osborne who saw Julian Helms taken out of the High School before he could finish the band semester that year and she was the music teacher at Rosa Edwards and suddenly we had a music teacher/piano teacher teaching a whole bunch of kids and took 'em out to Greensboro and won a lot of honors. And so that tradition has been here for a long long time. I'm a product of the Henderson County School System. I spent eight years at Dana. I spent three years at Hendersonville High School. Now that doesn't seem to add up to 12 years but by the same token I also spent my primary education years in Washington, DC. I've got some statistics here because right now I'd like to thank Mr. Steve Wyatt for balancing the budget. I wish I'd have brought my checkbook and let him balance it because all my life I've been trying to live within my means. And somebody said this is a wealthy county, this is also a wealthy school system. According to information that I got off of Google. If we'd a had Google I'd probably have graduated as the Valedictorian of Hendersonville High School. According to Google, last year (from the Department of public instruction) Henderson County Schools had 100.8 million dollars to spend. We've got a wealthy school system. Can't you folks do a little bit better with managing your funds, a little bit better than this? It says that you've got or are expecting \$32 million. I think last time you got about \$29 million. Thirty-two million you are asking for the County Commissioners this time. Fifty-nine point two million dollars was the state revenue that you got last year and you got nine point four million, almost nine and a half million dollars in Federal funds that would come to a total of \$1.8 million. This comes to about \$7,700 dollars per student. I had a friend that sent her daughter to a school in Washington, DC, a private school, and her tuition was \$5,000 and so I'm wondering here. Also, you're teaching the bulk of the students here in this county



usage and lists a 10% reduction. The most recent average fuel price was \$3.5135. Projected fuel usage comes to \$620,000. \$405,000 is in the current year budget for fuel. Staff had taken different projected fuel prices and prepared a chart, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, etc. Currently there is \$525,000 in the budget for fuel and \$500,000 set aside (emergency fuel fund) that is not part of the budget. He asked the Board to evaluate that. Mr. Wyatt stated that when fuel prices go beyond about \$5.50 that's about when the money that is available, both already budgeted and set aside, evens out. When you go to \$6.00 gallon you're slightly over.

Chairman Moyer proposed raising the current \$525,000 to \$900,000 and authorize the County manager to continue his 10% reduction plan and to freeze whatever portion of the \$900,000 he feels appropriate so it cannot be accessed without coming to him. If fuel goes to \$10 gallon we'll be back looking at how to deal with that.

Following discussion, it was the tentative direction to the County Manager to change the amount to \$850,000 for fuel. The Board would like to be notified as to how the County Manager will be controlling this.

#### **Revenue item**

Chairman Moyer stated there was one revenue item to clean up. He stated that with the volatility of the sales tax it is hard to project figures. Assessor Stan Duncan had supplied a figure that we might end up with a little more than \$100,000 sales tax. Chairman Moyer felt we should just keep with the current numbers for the time being. If this pans out we may end up with a little cushion. The Board was comfortable with that.

#### **DSS/Medicaid**

Chairman Moyer stated that at the meeting on Tuesday there was quite a discussion about the Medicaid situation along with the implications and problems associated with it. Chairman Moyer stated at a minimum DSS needs one additional Medicaid supervisor and four social workers. The total cost (county share) is \$120,000. The Chairman recommended funding that and adding it into the tentative budget. Following some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to go along with the Chairman's recommendation.

#### **WCCA/Transportation funds**

Chairman Moyer stated that when you look at the money coming from the government and look at how much this helps a group of people who simply would not be able to get this transportation any other way, you see the need to continue. If you see the old red vans you know that we need to transfer those vans out. The administrative cost was \$22,000 and the cost for vans was \$13,000 and is already in the recommended budget. Chairman Moyer felt it should not be an issue, that it should stay in the budget as is. Consensus of the Board was for it to stay.

Amy Brantley clarified that the administrative cost of \$22,999 was in the proposed budget but the capital part of it is not. An additional \$16,000 would need to be added to the budget, if the Board so chooses for the capital cost. Chairman Moyer authorized the County Manager to add that cost to the budget.

#### **Public Schools**

fund balance - \$257,750 although this will take us below 12% in fund balance currently. He thinks that the available fund balance at June 30 will be higher than projected so far, with the directive that at the end of the year any additional fund balance would be earmarked to stay in fund balance because we would be taking monies out prematurely. Chairman Moyer rounded it up to \$300,000. He felt it was well justified with the good that would be done with that money. The consensus of the Board was in agreement with the Chairman.

Commissioner McGrady stated that he expects to vote against this budget (as he said on the radio this morning). He thinks more money should be put towards schools.

No vote was taken, only the above directions to staff so they can bring figures back to the Board as soon as possible so the Board can review those prior to the meeting on Monday evening.

**Adjourn**

*Commissioner Messer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.*

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Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk to the Board

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William L. Moyer, Chairman