

MINUTES**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON****BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 25, 1998**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland and Budget Analyst Selena Coffey.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. The purpose of this meeting was to continue the Board's discussion on the Fiscal Year 1998-1999 budget and Capital Improvements Program.

BUDGET

Commissioner Hawkins reviewed the financial information previously provided to the Board by the County Manager concerning the projected budget growth. We can expect the growth of 1.2 million dollars or 2.27% of the total budget.

Commissioner Kumor questioned the results of the previous day's referendums in Cabarrus County for an additional sales tax and land transfer tax. Mr. Nicholson informed the Board that both referendums had been defeated soundly.

Commissioner Hawkins presented the Board with a capital funding proposal for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2001. This proposal calls for funds to be set aside for school facilities, a new jail, the renovation of the old courthouse and for economic development/utilities. This proposal calls for a 3 cent property tax increase in both Fiscal Years 1998-1999 and 2000-2001.

Commissioner Kumor suggested that a larger increase of approximately 5 cents may be necessary to assist with increasing the county's fund balance and for a landfill site. Mrs. Kumor also suggested that we should utilize the growth in Inspection Fees to first provide additional staffing in the Inspections and Planning Departments.

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Commissioner Ward distributed a statement on the 1999 reappraisal. The statement called for the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 budget to be revenue-neutral. Following discussion, Commissioner Ward requested that the Board consider this proposal at a future meeting.

SCHOOLS

Chairman Eklund requested that the Board clarify the School Board's use of the capital reserve and the ADM fund. He reminded the Board that last May the Board of Commissioners had approved utilizing a portion of these funds to be used for the architectural and engineering expenses for elementary schools. Commissioner Kumor questioned whether funds would still be available for the maintenance program submitted to the School Board by the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Eklund assured the Board that those funds were still available.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reimburse the County from these funds for the architectural and engineering expenses.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

Robert D. Eklund
Robert D. Eklund, Chairman

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