

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 29, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 29 for presentation of the FY 1991-1992 budget. This was a continuation of the meeting of May 23. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, Interim County Manager Jerry D. Myers, Finance Director David E. Nicholson, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting today is to hear the budget message from the County Manager and Finance Officer.

Mr. Myers addressed the Board stating that in all his years of involvement with County Government, this is one of the more difficult budgets he has dealt with because of the financial uncertainties that are plaguing local government and the state of North Carolina. He said that we are seeing cuts at the Federal and the State level that are being passed down to local government. The budget contains an adjustment for fees that we collect for provided services, it also contains an adjustment to our tax rate; however, he feels that this budget adequately represents the needs of Henderson County at this time.

Mr. Nicholson also spoke of the slow down of the economy, stating that this is a hold-the-line budget. One of the big issues is what the State has done during this year in an attempt to balance the State Budget, the Governor took a deduction from two of our revenues, intangibles tax and the State Shared Inventory Reimbursements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the State Budget cuts may not be through.

Mr. Nicholson informed the Board that there are fee increases proposed in the budget for the Inspection Department, Environmental Health, and Emergency Medical Services plus a new user fee (tipping fee) for the landfill, for the operation and capital needs in the future. He stated that they are also recommending an increase in the ad valorem property tax rate, up 9 cents which will put us at \$.54. Roughly a third of that increase would go to debt service. Education funding is the biggest substantial increase in the budget for this year in the amount of \$686,434.00. There are no positions included in this budget which will cost the county money except for mandated positions.

Mr. Nicholson suggested to the Board that the Budget Public Hearing be set for June 10.

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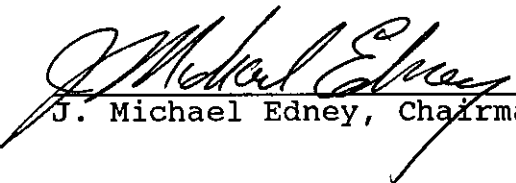
Commissioner McKay made the motion to set June 10 at 7:00 p.m. for Budget Public Hearing, here, with workshop to follow. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson suggested having a Budget Workshop immediately following the June mid-month agenda and to hold the other workshops very late in June. He said that we really need to know what the General Assembly is going to do. He requested that the Board members hold the last week in June open for Budget Workshops.

Chairman Edney adjourned the meeting until tomorrow morning (May 30) at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


J. Michael Edney, Chairman