

May 21, 2009

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, County Administration Building (224 Seminary Street), Kenansville, North Carolina.

Present: Chairman Cary Turner and Commissioners David Fussell, Frances Parks, Harold Raynor, Reginald Wells, and Zettie Williams

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Mike Aldridge, County Manager; Ms. Julia Herring, Administrative Officer; and Ms. Teresa Lanier, Finance Officer

Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

Mr. Aldridge discussed the 2009-10 proposed/recommended budget with the board.

Sheriff Wallace appeared before the board to discuss courthouse security due to the recent bomb threat at the courthouse. He discussed the budget for the Sheriff's Department and stated that he would like to reclassify and reorganize several positions in his department in the near future.

Ms. Donna Rouse, Soil & Water Director, appeared before the board to request an additional \$25,000 for stream debris cleanup in order to receive the same funding in this line item as last year.

Mr. John Vogt, Duplin County Event Center Director, appeared before the board to discuss the budget for the events center.

Dr. Lawrence Rouse, JSCC President; and Mr. John Hardison, JSCC Dean of Fiscal Services; appeared before the board to discuss the community college budget.

Commissioners Parks and Wells left at this time.

Mr. Aldridge discussed the funding for fire departments and the tax rate for the districts with a fire tax. It was the consensus of the board to keep the fire tax rates revenue neutral.

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the budgets of various county departments.

Commissioner Parks returned.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, to continue with the current eight EMS sites this budget year and to direct Mr. Brian Pearce, EMS Director, to come up with a plan for six centrally located sites to serve all of Duplin County by the 2010 - 11 budget process. Commissioners Parks, Fussell, and Williams voted for; Commissioners Raynor and Turner voted against.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Parks, carried unanimously, to direct the county manager to send out Request for Proposals for management of the Duplin County Events Center.

The board adjourned to Monday, June 1, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Duplin Commons (165 Agriculture Drive), Kenansville, North Carolina

Clerk