

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 24, 1992

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met as a continuation of the regularly scheduled meeting of June 22. The meeting was at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building and was a budget work session.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, County Manager David F. Thompson, Assistant Finance Director Lorri Rhodes, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn. Absent was Assistant County Manager /Finance Director David E. Nicholson.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

BUDGET REVIEW

When the Board adjourned on Monday night there were some unanswered questions. The Board had instructed the County Manager to research the Board of Commissioners' authority in regard to their appropriations to Blue Ridge Community College.

The appropriation that the Commissioners made is a lump sum appropriation that can be utilized for capital or operating expenses. As per Dr. Sink, if funds are accumulated through the year because expenditures are less than revenues the funds go to a capital reserve account. Dr. Sink stated that in order for these funds to be expended from this account the College would have to obtain approval from the College's Board of Trustees and the County Commissioners.

Dr. Sink informed the Board that the \$234,000 the college has in Capital Reserve Funds is due to savings over the years. The overage they have at the end of the fiscal year is deposited into their Capital Reserve Account. These are overages from both capital and operating budgets. Utility savings have created a significant increase in the Capital Reserve Funds.

Dr. Sink informed the Board of the College's continual 10 year long range plan. Chairman Edney asked that the Board of Commissioners be involved in the planning for Blue Ridge Community College, not just asked to approve plans.

Hal Sain, Dean for Fiscal Affairs, of Blue Ridge Community College had forwarded a letter to the County's Finance Director justifying \$35,800 of their total budget request of \$942,211 as capital outlay expense as follows:

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Site Improvements to Grounds	\$8,000
Building Alterations & Renovations	11,000
Equipment Needs	3,000
Office Equipment Needs	1,300
Grounds Equipment	2,500
New Farm Tractor	10,000
TOTAL =	\$35,800

After much discussion on the issue, it was decided by a majority of the Board to authorize the BRCC Trustees to take \$35,800 out of their Capital Reserve Funds to fund the necessary Capital Outlay Expenditures discussed and that this year's recommended appropriation be reduced by the same amount.

#### Tom Mueller - CRIMESTOPPERS

Mr. Mueller requested from the County Budget an additional \$2,500 above their original \$6,400 request for the year. A golf tournament is planned for October in Henderson County and they expect promotion expenses to total \$5,000. Travel & Tourism has granted them \$2,300 for this purpose and therefore they need an additional \$2,700.

After much discussion a majority agreed to deny the request.

#### Dan Lunsford/Schools

Dr. Lunsford answered questions about an emergency situation in the school system. Mills River Elementary School has powder post beetle damage to the gymnasium floor. The subflooring, seals, and floor joists are damaged. The flooring is still in good shape. The gymnasium floor must be fixed. It is currently not safe to use. A contractor could begin next week and have the project completed by the third week in August. Dr. Lunsford stated that the projected cost is \$60,000.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to appropriate \$44,000 for repair of the gymnasium flooring at Mills River Elementary School.

Commissioner McKay made the motion to adopt the proposed budget as presented and amended with a tax rate of \$ .51 per \$100 valuation. No tax increase is necessary this fiscal year to balance the budget. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### PIC APPOINTMENTS

Clerk to the Board informed the Board of three nominations received from the Chamber of Commerce for the Private Industry Council. The Board needs to make one appointment for a one year term.

Commissioner Good nominated Stan Walker to fill the vacancy. Commissioner McKay made the motion to suspend the rules and appoint

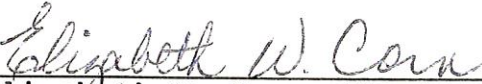
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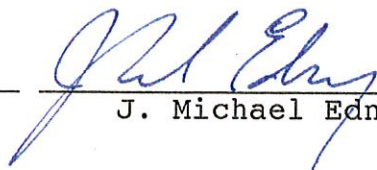
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Mr. Walker to the Private Industry Council. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
J. Michael Edney, Chairman