

MINUTES
VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
June 10, 2024

The Vance County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Vance County Administration Building, 122 Young Street, Henderson, NC. Those commissioners present were as follows: Chair R. Dan Brummitt, Vice-Chair Leo Kelly, Jr., Commissioners Sean A. Alston, Sr., Carolyn Faines, Yolanda Feimster, Thomas S. Hester, Jr., and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: None.

Also present were County Manager C. Renee Perry, Finance Director Stephanie Williams, and Special Projects Coordinator Frankie Nobles.

The purpose of the work session was to review and discuss the FY 2024-25 proposed budget.

The Board heard from Vance County Schools representatives who gave a report on their budget request which included capital outlay, technology, facility needs, etc. The total request from the Schools is \$10,600,000 which is an increase of \$1,100,000 over last year.

Vance County Fire Association representatives also appeared before the board to go over their budget request which included an increase in part-time pay, an increase in county contributions to \$175,000, disbursement of fire tax fund balance to departments, and an increase rotating capital.

The board then discussed the tax revaluation cycle which Vance County conducts every eight years as is required by law. It is approximately \$700,000 each time the revaluation is conducted. County Manager C. Renee Perry discussed looking at doing it every six years. The board discussed their options and ended the conversation to be picked back up next year at some point.

The board reviewed a request from McGregor Hall for \$60,000. It was noted that the City is contributing \$5,000. The Board discussed the \$60,000 request for the upcoming year and keeping the full amount in the budget.

County Manager C. Renee Perry stated that KARTS has requested \$75,000 to continue the Around Town Shuttle in the city limits of Henderson. The Shuttle is scheduled to end soon unless funding is received through the City and/or County or a grant. It was noted that the City does not intend to help with the request. The board briefly discussed this matter and asked the county manager to contact the city manager about the request and bring a recommendation back to the board at its next work session.

Capital projects were discussed which included a proposed EMS main station, EMS Northern sub-station, and jail renovations or new construction. The cost of a new jail is approximately \$45M with an annual debt service payment of approximately \$4M. The jail alone

would constitute a tax increase of 14 cents. Grants will also be pursued for EMS but is unlikely for a jail. The board discussed the tax rate needed for capital projects but was undecided at this time how to proceed with this in the budget.

The board discussed a travel allowance for commissioners. The county manager recommended \$250 per month for this purpose. The board discussed this and asked for the county manager to include that in the budget.

The board briefly discussed staffing and salaries at the Sheriff's Office and jail as well as other county departments. These discussions will continue at the next work session.

Various line items in planning, social services, sheriff, fire, etc. were reviewed and discussed.

The next work session is scheduled for Thursday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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