

MINUTES
VANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
June 13, 2024

The Vance County Board of Commissioners held a work session on Thursday, June 13, 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, and Archie B. Taylor, Jr.

Absent: Thomas S. Hester, Jr.

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

The board continued its review and discussion of the FY 2024-25 proposed budget.

The board discussed the request from the Fire Association. The discussion of the board was to include part-time pay of the rural fire departments at \$17.00 per hour, the fire tax rate at 7 cents, and disburse an additional \$36,000 to each department from the fire tax fund balance. The annual allocation to each department was set to \$130,000 and asked for the proposed budget to be updated to show these amounts.

Capital projects were discussed which included a proposed EMS main station, EMS Northern sub-station, and jail renovations or new construction. The board also discussed a pay study and an additional 3% COLA for county employees. These projects would require a tax increase which the board discussed at length. A majority of those members present asked for the proposed budget to be updated and brought back with a proposed tax rate at 71.3 cents.

Regarding the funding request from KARTS for the Around Town Shuttle, County Manager C. Renee Perry stated that she spoke with the city manager, and it was confirmed that the city will not be allocating any funds for this purpose. The board asked for \$37,500, to fund the KARTS Around Town Shuttle for six months be updated and included in the proposed budget.

The board also asked for the salary to fund a financial position within the Sheriff's Office be added to the proposed budget.

A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m. to adopt the budget.

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