

MINUTES
LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2003

The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Board met for a budget work session on June 5, 2003 at the Citizens Center, Commissioner's Room, 115 West Main Street, Lincolnton, North Carolina at 6:30 PM. The meeting was recessed from the June 3, 2003 meeting.

Commissioners Present:

Jerry W. Cochrane, Chairman
Larry S. Craig, Vice Chair
Thomas R. Anderson, PE
Carrol Mitchem
Buddy Funderburk

Others Present:

Stan B. Kiser, County Manager
Amy S. Long, Clerk to the Board
Leon Harmon, Finance Director

Call to Order: Chairman Cochrane called the June 5, 2003 budget work session to order.

Library: Cindy Moose, Lesley Levine, and Jaque Reynolds Moose spoke concerning funding for the Bookmobile. They also spoke concerning the Maintenance of Effort agreement and the state aid that would be lost if we dip below last year's budget amount. The bookmobile serves 9 nursing and rest homes, 20 preschools, nurseries, and head start programs.

Chamber of Commerce: Ken Kindley spoke on funding for the Chamber of Commerce. \$16,000 is funded by the City and \$16,000 by the County. The Motel/Hotel tax dollars can be used to fund the Chamber.

MIS Department: Dante' Patterson justified the increases in the MIS budget.

Downtown Development: Brad Guth spoke concerning funding for the Downtown Development. He reviewed projects and renovations in the downtown area since 1995.

Fire Marshal: Mike Futrell spoke concerning the Fire Marshal's budget. He spoke concerning his need for a new vehicle. His is 9 years old and has 112,478 miles on it. He stated that his budget is at a bare minimum and there is nowhere to cut.

Block Smith Gym: Erma Deen Hoyle spoke concerning funding for the Block Smith Gym and the groups that use the facility.

Historical Association: Jason Harpe spoke concerning funding for the Historical Association and the History Museum. Tom Howard and Bill Beam spoke concerning funding for the Historical Association.

Landfill: John Avery and Nancy Rickard spoke concerning budgets for the Landfill and convenience sites.

Building and Land Development: Kelly Atkins reviewed the Building and Land Development budget, commenting that the budget is less than last year. They have eliminated a position and eliminated capital expenditures.

A MOTION by Commissioner Craig to fulfill the wishes of all those who have spoken today.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Commissioner Mitchem to accept the budget as the County Manager presented, except maintaining the tax rate at .62 cents and taking the difference from the fund balance.

Commissioner Craig withdrew his motion.

Vote on Substitute Motion: Unanimously approved.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Craig, the Board voted unanimously to look at the budget mid-year and if funding is available, employees will be given a COLA increase.

ADJOURN

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Funderburk, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.