

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 30, 2007

5:00 P.M.

**NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in a recessed Special Session Budget Workshop in Conference Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 2007.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners Karen Bentley, J. Daniel Bishop, Dumont Clarke H. Parks Helms, Bill James, Norman A. Mitchell, Sr. Dan Ramirez and Valerie C. Woodard County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr. County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None

Commissioner Bishop was absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

FY 2007 - 2008 BUDGET DELIBERATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts.

Chairman Roberts said the purpose of the meeting was to continue in the Board's deliberation on the County Manager's FY07-08 Recommended Budget.

Chairman Roberts turned the meeting over to Budget and Management Director Hyong Yi.

Director Yi addressed the process for moving forward and handouts that were distributed to the Board.

A copy of the handouts is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

STRAW VOTES

Note: During the straw vote process it is not necessary for a motion to have a second in order to be voted upon. Also, under the straw vote process, motions can be made by the Chairman. Commissioners can also abstain.

CPCC Operational Funding

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **carried 8-0** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, **to increase CPCC Operational Funding by \$300,000.**

Pay as You Go Capital Funding

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke **to fund Pay as You Go Capital Funding in the amount \$26 million.**

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez to **fund Pay as You Go Capital Funding at \$17,967,716.**

Commissioner Bishop entered the meeting.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and failed **5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts and Woodard voting no and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, James and Ramirez voting yes.

The vote was then taken on the original motion and **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, James and Ramirez voting no **to fund Pay as You Go Capital Funding in the amount \$26 million.**

Note: This reverses the action taken on May 29, 2007 with respect to Pay as You Go.

Lottery Proceeds was addressed, no action taken.

WTVI – Equipment Maintenance

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **carried 8-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioner Bishop voting no, **to fund WTVI at \$100,000 for programming.**

Note: This reverses the Board's action taken on May 29, 2007 with respect to WTVI, as it relates to the amount and the fact that the new amount was not placed in restricted contingency.

Ryan White – An update was given on Ryan White. No action was taken.

County paid CMS staff certified and non-certified was discussed. No action was taken.

Commissioner Ramirez left the meeting and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Charlotte Volunteers in Medicine

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Roberts and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to increase funding for Charlotte Volunteers in Medicine by \$60,000.**

Sickle Cell Regional Network- Outside Agency

Motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to place in restricted contingency \$35,000 for the Sickle Cell Regional Network for its new program, Healthy and Ready to Work.**

Sickle Cell Regional Network- Outside Agency

Motion was made by Commissioner James and **failed 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting no and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting yes, **to place all funding for the Sickle Cell Regional Network in restricted contingency.**

Reserves - Staff reviewed the reductions that were made to the Reserves, per action taken by the

Board at the May 29, 2007 meeting.

Law Enforcement Service District

Commissioner James requested information on the number of calls made in the unincorporated areas by districts.

Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program

Commissioner Woodard addressed the Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program. It was noted that staff would work with Mr. Smith, sponsor of the program, to discuss the possibility of perhaps entering into a contract with the Health Dept. Further, and that perhaps funds could be taken out of contingency at a later date. No action was taken.

Council on Aging

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to increase funding for the Council on Aging by \$30,000.**

Communities in Schools

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **carried 7-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioner James voting no, **to increase funding for Communities in Schools by \$90,000.**

Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop **to fund the Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program at \$160,500 to be allocated under a contract with the Health Department.**

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **failed 4-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, James, and Mitchell voting no, **to appropriate \$50,000 to the Health Department to develop and work with the sponsor of the Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program through the Health Department.**

The vote was then taken on the original motion and **failed 5-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Helms, James, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Clarke, Mitchell, and Woodard voting yes, **to fund the Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program at \$160,500 to be allocated under a contract with the Health Department.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to place in restricted contingency up \$50,000 for the Aerobo Cop Kids Fitness Program, contingent upon the development of a program through the Health Department.**

Literacy Program

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to place in restricted contingency \$200,000 for the Literacy Program, contingent upon the Literary Collaborative Initiative.**

Other Post Employee Benefits

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and **carried 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to fund Other Post Employee Benefits in accordance with the County Manager’s Option #1.**

Finance Director Dena Diorio addressed Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) options

This concluded the Straw Votes process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard and **carried 5-3** Commissioners Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, and James voting no, **to direct staff to move forward with preparing a budget ordinance for the Board’s consideration at its June 5, 2007 meeting based on actions taken at tonight’s meeting, as well as, on May 29, 2007.**

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment and/or question asked but reflects key points and actions taken by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner James and 8-0 carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman