

JUNE 1, 2011

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in a Special Budget Workshop Session in Conference Center Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Dinner was held at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners
Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Harold Cogdell, Jr.
Neil Cooksey, George Dunlap, Bill James
Vilma Leake and Jim Pendergraph
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None

FY 2011 - 2012 BUDGET DELIBERATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts.

Chairman Roberts said the purpose of the meeting was to begin the Board's deliberation on the County Manager's FY11-12 Recommended Budget.

Chairman Roberts turned the meeting over to County Manager Jones, who then called on Budget/Management Director Hyong Yi.

The first matter of business, however, was to go into Closed Session to Consult with Attorney.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session to Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:37 p.m.

Director Yi addressed various handouts and the process to be used for straw voting.

It was noted that seconds were not necessary for a motion to be considered. Also, the Chairman is allowed to make motions.

STRAW VOTES

SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **carried 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, and Leake voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **adding**

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\$3 million to sales tax, which would result in a decrease in Debt Service (NDP) by \$1 million, and the \$3 million actually being a \$2 million adjustment.

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS OPERATIONS FUNDING

Motion was made by Chairman Roberts and **failed 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, Leake, and Pendergraph voting no and Commissioners Dunlap and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operations **funding by \$14 million**.

Motion was made by Chairman Roberts and **failed 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, Leake, and Pendergraph voting no and Commissioners Dunlap and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operations **funding by \$38 million**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operations **funding by \$10,687,041**.

Motion was made by Commissioner James and **failed 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Cooksey and James voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operations **funding by \$1,661,000**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap and **failed 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, James, Leake and Pendergraph voting no and Commissioners Cogdell, Dunlap, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operations **funding by \$10 million**.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, but **no action was taken, to approve** the County Manager's Recommended Budget for FY2011-2012 as presented. (Note: Action was not taken, since other Commissioners indicated that they had additional suggested amendments.)

CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap and **failed 6-3** Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, James, Leake and Pendergraph voting no, and Commissioners Dunlap, Cogdell, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Central Piedmont Community College Operations **funding by \$1 million**.

Commissioner Leake left the meeting and was absent until noted in the minutes.

100 BLACK MEN OF CHARLOTTE MENTORING (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **failed 4-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting funding** for the 100 Black Men of Charlotte Mentoring (OSA).

Commissioner Leake returned to the meeting.

ARTS & SCIENCE COUNCIL NATIONAL CENTER FOR ARTS & TECHNOLOGY (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey and **failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting funding** for Arts & Science Council National Center for Arts & Technology (OSA).

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell and **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Arts & Science Council National Center for Arts & Technology (OSA) **by \$300,000**.

YMCA STARFISH ACADEMY (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, Leake, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for YMCA STARFISH ACADEMY (OSA) **by \$78,000**.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE RESOURCE CENTER (CSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing** Employment Service Resource Center (CSS) **funding by \$45,330**.

Commissioner Pendergraph asked that the Board delete funding for the following Outside Agency Programs: Community Culinary School, Senior Centers-Job Training, The Center for Community Transitions LifeWorks, Urban League of Central Carolinas-Job Training, and the Latin American Coalition. The Board voted on each program separately as noted below.

COMMUNITY CULINARY SCHOOL (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for Community Culinary School (OSA).

Commissioner Pendergraph left the meeting and was absent until noted in the minutes.

Note: The Board moved forward with voting on Commissioner Pendergraph's motions in his absence.

SENIOR CENTERS JOB TRAINING (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and failed 5-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, and James voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for Senior Centers – Job Training (OSA).

Commissioner Pendergraph returned to the meeting.

THE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS LIFEWORKS

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Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for The Center for Community Transitions LifeWorks.

URBAN LEAGUE OF CENTRAL CAROLINAS-JOB TRAINING

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for Urban League of Central Carolinas-Job Training.

LATIN AMERICAN COALITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for Latin American Coalition.

CRVA CIAA TOURNAMENT (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for CRVA CIAA Tournament.

NEXTEL NASCAR ALLSTAR EVENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and carried 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, Leake, James, Pendergraph and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Clarke and Dunlap voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **deleting the funding** for Nextel NASCAR Allstar Event.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (HLT)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Communicable Disease (HLT) **by \$80,964**.

CHILDCARE SERVICES (DSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Childcare Services (DSS) **by \$ 326,357**, but was **withdrawn** after receiving additional information regarding the program.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE (DSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph **and carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley,

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Cogdell, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for the Department of Social Services by **\$2 million** with the location of the reductions being left to the County Manager's discretion.

Note: Commissioner Cogdell's initially said he wanted to reduce funding for General Assistance, but as indicated in the above motion, he changed it to the Department of Social Services budget as a whole.

MEDASSIST OF MECKLENBURG (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap and **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Cogdell, Cooksey, James and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing funding** for MEDASSIST of Mecklenburg (OSA) by **\$87,500**.

Commissioner Cooksey left the meeting and was away until noted in the minutes.

INDIGENT CARE (HSP)

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and **failed 7-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting no and Commissioner Clarke voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by increasing funding for Indigent Care by \$5.35 million.

Note: Commissioner Clarke said he made the above motion because he felt the County should phase out funding for indigent care, rather than all at once.

Commissioner Cooksey returned.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (DSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Public Assistance (DSS) by **\$2,656,839**, but was **withdrawn** after receiving additional information regarding the program.

OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (HRS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, with Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Other Post Employment Benefits (HRS) by **\$2 million**.

EMPLOYEE LEARNING SERVICES (HRS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for Employee Learning Services (HRS) by **\$550,000**.

401K/457B CONTRIBUTION (NDP)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **failed 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting no, with Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and

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Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for 401K/457B Contribution by **\$2.5 million**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and **carried 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, and Commissioners Dunlap and Leake voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing funding** for 401K/457B Contribution by **\$1.8 million**.

DETENTION SERVICES (SHF)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **unanimously carried** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing funding** for Detention Services by **\$2 million**.

Note: Commissioner Pendergraph said he was made the above motion as a result of Sheriff Bailey being able to successfully negotiate an agreement with the Federal Government regarding the housing of federal inmates, which resulted in a savings in County dollars. Thanks was expressed to Sheriff Bailey.

*Note: Director Yi informed the Board that per action taken with respect to the **401K/457B** Contribution, that an adjustment would be made likewise for **Library employees**, in order to be consistent with what's done for County employees.*

*Note: Commissioner James requested that in preparation for **FY13 budget**, that information be provided regarding options for reducing the County's contribution to **Retiree Medical Insurance**.*

COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey to **decrease funding** for Commissioners by **\$46,086** but was **withdrawn** after further discussion.

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell and **carried 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, Leake, and Pendergraph voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing funding** for the Employee Resource Management Category by **1%** with the County Manager having the discretion as to where the reductions should take place.

RESERVES - TECHNOLOGY, CAPITAL, VEHICLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey and **carried 8-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioner Clarke voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing funding** for the Reserves (Technology, Capital, and Vehicle) by **\$2.75 million** with the County Manager having the discretion as to where the reductions should take place.

LEGAL SERVICES (SHF)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey and **carried 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Clarke and Leake voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing**

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funding for Legal Services (SHF) **by \$128,580.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and **failed 5-4**, with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, James, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, and Leake voting yes, **to recess** the meeting until Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 4:00 (dinner) – 5:00 p.m. (budget deliberation).

PUBLIC INFORMATION (LIB)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **failed 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, and Roberts voting no and Commissioners Leake, James, and Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager’s Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing funding** for Public Information (LIB) **by \$197,396.**

DV VICTIM SERVICES (CSS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **unanimously carried** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager’s Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing funding** for DV Victim Services (CSS) **by \$15,000.**

HOMELESS SUPPORT SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley to amend the County Manager’s Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **reducing funding** for Homeless Support Services by **426,936** but was **withdrawn** after receiving additional information regarding the program.

DETENTION SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph and **unanimously carried** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager’s Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing funding** for Detention Services by **\$130,000.**

RECESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Leake and **unanimously carried** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, that the meeting be recessed at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m. (dinner) and 5:00 p.m. (budget deliberations) on Thursday, June 2, 2011 in the same location.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman