

JUNE 2, 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 Thursday, June 2, 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.

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

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

Director Yi gave an overview of the budget session held Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

Commissioner Dunlap entered the meeting.

Director Yi asked the Board to consider placing \$500,000 back in Reserves, in order to complete some much needed capital projects (HVAC).

Director Yi asked the Board to confirm its action from the first session with respect to the reduction in the Employee Resource Management Category of 1% with the County Manager having the discretion as to where the reductions should take place.

Commissioner Cogdell, the maker of that motion, said that was the intent and the Board concurred.

STRAW VOTES

Note: During the Straw Votes process, seconds are not necessary for a motion to be considered. Also, the Chairman is allowed to make motions.

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap and **failed 8-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Cogdell, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting no, and Commissioner Dunlap voting yes, to direct the County Manager **to exclude Unrestricted Contingency**, which falls under the Employee Resource Management Category, when considering potential cuts to this category.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Director Yi asked the Board to reconsider its action from the first budget session by restoring the funding that was removed from Communicable Disease in the amount of \$80,964. Director Yi explained that staff mistakenly provided incorrect information at the previous session regarding the impact of this reduction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **carried 8-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, and Commissioner Cooksey voting no, **to place \$80,964 back into** the Communicable Disease line item.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by decreasing Public Library Services by \$1 million and placing that \$1 million in Restricted Contingency to be released for Public Library Services upon the Board's and the County Manager's acceptance of the Library's organizational restructuring plan, particularly, of its top management, but was **withdrawn** after receiving additional information from Library officials and feedback from the County Manager.

CAPITAL RESERVE (NDP)

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke and **carried 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Capital Reserves **by \$500,000**.

CAROLINA HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS CONTRACT (HLT)

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph 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 **decreasing** the Carolina Healthcare Systems Contract (HLT) **by \$500,000**.

Note: Originally the amount was \$1,499,016 but was amended to \$500,000.

Note: Commissioner Cogdell asked prior to the above vote, whether any consideration had been given to providing this service in-house and/or with other healthcare providers. The response was no.

CW WILLIAMS HEALTHCARE FOR HOMELESS INITIATIVE (OSA)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake and **carried 6-3** Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** CW Williams Healthcare for Homeless Initiative **funding by \$110,000**.

Note: Originally the amount requested was \$2000, however, Commissioner Cogdell offered a friendly amendment to change it to \$110,000, which Commissioner Leake accepted.

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley and **carried 7-2** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, and Leake voting yes and Commissioners Pendergraph and Roberts voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget **by increasing** Charlotte Community Health Clinic **funding by \$100,000**.

ADULT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Pendergraph to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by reducing funding for Adult Substance Abuse Treatment by 20%, but was **withdrawn** after receiving additional information regarding the impact of the reduction.

DRUG TREATMENT COURT (CJS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell and **carried 8-1** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Drug Treatment Court (CJS) **funding by \$623,000**.

Note: Originally the amount requested was \$500,000 but Commissioner Dunlap offered a friendly amendment to change it to \$623,000, which Commissioner Cogdell accepted.

PARK OPERATIONS (PRK)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake and **carried 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, and Commissioners Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing** Park Operations funding **by \$2 million**, to be used in areas to be determined by the Director of Park and Recreation.

WTVI

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap **and failed 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, James, Leake, and Pendergraph voting no and Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **adding funding** for WTVI in the amount of **\$500,000** for maintenance of equipment.

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CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATIONS FUNDING

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey 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 Central Piedmont Community College Operations by **\$500,000**.

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS OPERATIONAL FUNDING

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 Pendergraph voting yes, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **decreasing** Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Operational Funding by **\$10,687,041**.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell **and failed 6-3** with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Leake, James 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 Operational Funding by **\$4 million**.

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG COUNCIL ON AGING

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke **and carried 5-4** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, and Commissioners Bentley, Cooksey, James, and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **funding** the Charlotte Mecklenburg Council on Aging **FY 2012** in the amount of **\$60,000** and **FY2013** in the amount of **30,000**, which would be a **phase out of their funding**.

PREVENTION/WELLNESS (HLT) AIDS EDUCATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake **and carried 6-3** with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, and Commissioners Bentley, James, and Pendergraph voting no, to amend the County Manager's Recommended FY11-12 Budget by **increasing funding** for AIDS education via the Health Department Prevention/Wellness in the amount of **\$10,000**.

BUDGET ORDINANCE DIRECTIVE

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 6-3 with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Cooksey, and Dunlap voting no, to direct staff to prepare a budget ordinance for the Board's consideration on June 7, 2011 based on actions taken on June 1st and June 2nd, 2011 which would result in a tax rate of 81.66 cents.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman