

**Camden County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearing
June 9, 2014, 7:00 P.M.
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

MINUTES

A special meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on June 9, 2014 in the Upstairs Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following Commissioners were present:

Chairman Garry Meiggs, Vice Chairman Michael McLain,
Commissioners Sandra Duckwall and Randy Krainiak;

Commissioner Clayton Riggs was not present.

Also attending were County Manager Michael Renshaw, and Assistant Clerk to the Board Amy Barnett.

Public Hearing 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Garry Meiggs called to order the June 9, 2014 special meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Garry Meiggs called for a motion to go into public hearing.

Vice Chairman Michael McLain made a motion to go into public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input regarding the proposed FY2014-15 Camden County Budget. The motion was approved 4-0 with Chairman Garry Meiggs, Vice Chairman Michael McLain, Commissioners Randy Krainiak, and Sandra Duckwall voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Garry Meiggs asked if there were any public comments regarding the proposed FY2014-15 Camden County Budget. Hearing none, he yielded the floor to County Manager Michael Renshaw.

Manager Renshaw gave a brief overview of the FY2014-15 Camden County Budget:

- No new taxes or tax increases; the ad-velorum tax rate is the same as it has been, which is .59 cents per \$100 of valuation.
- Fire tax remains .01 per \$100 of valuation.
- In the Joyce Creek, what was a tax is now a fee, and the same amount of revenues will be collected.
- The General Fund, the operating budget of the County, is proposed at \$11,322,134.00
 - Represents about a 3.6% decrease in expenditures vs. the FY13-14 approved budget (not final budget)
 - Includes a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff, effective July 1, 2014
 - Includes Longevity pay
 - County maintains its 401K contributions at the current level of 5%
- Health Insurance:
 - Medcost, the county's health insurance carrier, initially proposed a 19% increase in the cost of health insurance for Camden employees
 - In an effort to reduce the increase in cost, several wellness initiatives have been put in place which have had the effect of reducing the increase from 19% down to 12%.

- Special Appropriations
 - Camden County Board of Education
 - School Current Expense
 - FY13-14, the Camden County Board of Education requested about \$1,703,000.
 - For FY14-15, they are requesting \$2,012,565.
 - The majority of the increase is related to the Child Nutrition Program.
 - The draft budget funds the School Current Expense at exactly what they have requested
 - Recommends opening a dialogue on the increasing costs relating to Child Nutrition at the next joint meeting with the Board of Education
 - School Capital Outlay Expense
 - Essentially no net increase
 - FY13-14 funded at \$150,00 with a \$30,000 request for increase
 - FY14-15 contribution from the County is slated for \$298,783
 - Pasquotank/Camden Emergency Medical Service
 - FY13-14, the Board appropriated \$98,000
 - FY14-15, is projected at \$263,496
 - Represents a 165% increase
 - Increase is due to budget shortfalls and decreases in call volumes
 - Concerns have been voiced at the monthly EMS Advisory Committee meeting
 - College of the Albemarle
 - Camden Contribution is set at \$40,000
 - All other special appropriations remain the same as they have been.
- Camden Finance Officer compiled a 5 year comparison of the General Fund to show what the budget has done over the past 5 years.
 - Projecting a 3.6% decrease in General Fund expenditures for FY2014-15 as compared to FY2013-14 approved budget
- Several Departments have submitted position requests, these are included and recommended in the budget
 - Sheriff's Department requesting a new full time position
 - Social Services requesting a new full time position
 - Public Works requesting a new part time position
 - Board of Elections requesting a new part time position

Manager Renshaw added that on June 16, 2014, when the budget goes before the Board of Commissioners for formal adoption, that the proposed Fee Schedule would be included for consideration. There are no significant increases to the fee schedule. Watershed fees are included in the fee schedule.

Chairman Garry Meiggs asked if there were any questions for Manager Renshaw. Hearing none, he called for a motion to come out of Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Michael McLain made a motion to come out of public hearing. The motion was approved 4-0 with Chairman Garry Meiggs, Vice Chairman Michael McLain, Commissioners Randy Krainiak, and Sandra Duckwall voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; Commissioner Clayton Riggs absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Meeting Adjourned

By acclamation of Chairman Garry Meiggs, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Chairman Garry Meiggs
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amy Barnett
Assistant Clerk to the Board