

June 18, 2012

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. for a special budget session in the Meeting Room of the 1909 Historic Courthouse, 145 Worth St., Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Kemp, Haywood and Lanier were present.

Chairman Holmes announced that the following item had been added to the agenda: *Request to Approve a 3-Yr. Agreement with Election Systems & Software for Voting Equipment Maintenance—Melissa Johnson*

Approval of 3-Year Contract for Maintenance of Voting Equipment

Melissa Johnson, Elections Director, said that per NC General Statute 163-165.9 Section (b) 2, each county board of elections is required to maintain license and maintenance agreements necessary to maintain the warranty of its voting system. In the past, the State Board of Elections has provided funding from a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant to fund these county hardware and software maintenance agreements. However, unless the state provides matching funds, this federal HAVA funding will expire on July 1, 2012. As of July 1, Randolph County will be responsible for costs associated with maintenance of our voting equipment. Therefore, the Randolph County Board of Elections must enter into a new contract for annual preventive maintenance of our hardware, software and firmware by June 30. The only company with technicians certified to provide this required annual maintenance is Election Systems & Software (ES&S), the same company that developed our current voting equipment. The County Board of Elections is recommending a three-year agreement with ES&S to reduce the annual cost of voting equipment maintenance. The State Board of Elections is predicting that Counties may be required to purchase new voting equipment within four to five years; therefore, a five-year agreement is not recommended. The three-year agreement will mean a cost of \$42,441.95 per year for three years.

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, said that the contract specifies a “hold harmless” provision in the event that the equipment is no longer certified by federal and/or state authorities for use in our county.

Commissioner Kemp asked why our local board of elections is recommending a three-year contract, rather than a one-year term. Ms. Johnson said that a three-year contract would save the County about \$2,000 per year.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve a three-year agreement with Elections Systems and Software for voting equipment maintenance, at a cost of \$42,441.95 per year, as requested.

Budget Amendments for FY 2011-2012 Close-out

Chairman Holmes announced that no budget amendments are needed to close out the current fiscal year.

Adoption of Departmental Fee Schedules

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt all departmental fee schedules, as follows:

1. Ambulance (No requested change)

2. Building, Electrical & Plumbing Permits (No requested change)
3. Solid Waste Facility Tipping Fees (No requested change)
4. Health (No requested change.)

Approval of School Tax Rates

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to set the Asheboro City Schools District Supplemental tax rate at \$0.1385.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to set the Archdale-Trinity Schools District Supplemental tax rate at \$0.09.

Approval of Rural Fire Protection Tax Districts and Fire Protection Service Districts Tax Rates

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to approve fire tax rates, as follows: Bennett at 7¢, Fairgrove at 8¢ and Guil-Rand Fire Service District at 12¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to set the tax rate for Climax Fire Service District at 12¢.

Commissioner Kemp made a motion to set Eastside's tax rate at 10¢. Vice Chair Frye seconded the motion. Following discussion, each Commissioner withdrew his motion.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to approve Franklinville's tax rate at 10¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to set Westside's tax rate at 10¢.

Commissioner Kemp made a motion to set Eastside's tax rate at 10¢. Chairman Holmes seconded the motion. Following discussion, each Commissioner withdrew his motion.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to set Eastside's tax rate at 9¢.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to set the following fire tax rates: Coleridge—7.3¢, Farmer—7.5¢, Julian—10¢, Level Cross—10¢, Northeast—9¢, Randleman—10¢, Seagrove—10¢, Sophia—10¢, Southwest—10¢, Staley—10¢, Tabernacle—10¢, and Ulah—6.1¢.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to set the tax rates for the Climax and Guil-Rand Rural Fire Protection Tax Districts at \$0.00.

Discussion and Adoption of FY 12-13 Budget and Budget Ordinance

All Board members expressed their thoughts about the impact that the poor economy is having on citizens and expressed regret that County employees would not be receiving raises for the fourth straight year, especially in light of the fact that their frugality and sacrifices have been major factors in how the County has maintained its property tax rate. However, there are many pressing needs that will have to be addressed soon that will necessitate a property tax

increase, such as ambulance/bases in the southern portions of the county, an upgraded 911 Center, needs for the Sheriff's Department and the school systems.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board unanimously adopted the FY 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance (which follows), as proposed by the Manager, but with the following changes:

- *Set the Ad Valorem tax rate at 58.6¢/\$100 valuation (unchanged from last year)*

Changes to Proposed Expenditures:

- *Allocation of a deputy position (Grade 163) at Sheriff's Office in the legal division (including all necessary equipment) @ \$84,694*
- *Allocation of a clerical position (sworn officer Grade 163) at Sheriff's Office @ . . . \$52,344*
- *Upgrading a part-time maintenance position (Grade 162) at Sheriff's Office to full-time @ \$24,726*
- *Appropriation of \$13,220 to fund the operating expenses of the Day Reporting Center for two months until state funding is obtained: \$13,220*
- *Approval of 40 hours additional vacation leave for full-time employees, eff. 7/1/12 @ \$0*

Changes to Proposed Revenues and Other Financing Sources:

- *Reduced Ad Valorem Property Tax Revenues by (\$1,374,408)*
- *Increased Appropriated Fund Balance @ \$1,549,392*

<u>Totals:</u>	<i>2012-2013 Proposed Budget.....</i>	<i>\$111,899,955</i>
	<i>Commissioner Changes.....</i>	<i>\$ 174,984</i>
	<i>Total Final Adopted 2012-2013 Budget:</i>	<i>\$112,074,939</i>

**RANDOLPH COUNTY
Budget Ordinance
Fiscal Year 2012-13**



Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, North Carolina:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

General Government:

Governing Body	\$ 139,363
Administration	2,921,738
Information Technology	1,525,700
Tax	2,095,611
Elections	402,430
Register of deeds	687,604
Public Buildings	2,272,275

Section 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

	Total	<u>\$112,074,939</u>
E-911 System	Total	<u>\$ 454,122</u>

Section 4. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

NC 911 Board Distributions	\$ 397,993
Investment Earnings	2,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>54,129</u>
	<u>Total</u>
	<u>\$ 454,122</u>

Section 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill Closure Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Solid Waste Management	<u>\$ 186,500</u>
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Section 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Landfill Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Investment Earnings	\$23,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>163,500</u>
	<u>Total</u>
	<u>\$ 186,500</u>

Section 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire Districts Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Tax Distributions	<u>\$ 7,067,782</u>
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Section 8. It is estimated that the following Fire District revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Ad Valorem Property Taxes	<u>\$ 7,067,782</u>
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Section 9. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Purchase of Water	<u>\$ 1,850,000</u>
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Section 10. It is estimated that the following Water revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013:

Bulk Sale of Water

\$ 1,850,000

- Section 11. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, a County-wide tax rate of \$ 0.586 per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the County. The ad valorem tax is based on a total estimated property valuation of \$10,100,000,000, with an expected collection rate of 97.2%.
- Section 12. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, there is hereby levied in the County of Randolph a dog license fee at the rate of \$3.50 per dog.
- Section 13. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, the following School District tax rates per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues to supplement school programs within each respective district.

Fire District	Net Valuation	Tax Rate
	Estimated	Approved
Asheboro School District	\$ 2,164,099,299	\$ 0.1385
Archdale-Trinity School District	\$ 2,281,067,069	\$ 0.0900

- Section 14. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, the following tax rates for Rural Fire Protection Districts, per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues for fire protection within each respective district.

Rural Fire Protection District	Net Valuation	Tax Rate
	Estimated	Approved
Bennett Fire District	\$ 39,253,856	0.070
Climax Fire District	\$ 459,989,238	0.000
Coleridge Fire District	\$ 237,841,928	0.073
Eastside Fire District	\$ 456,879,154	0.090
Fairgrove Fire District	\$ 378,423,577	0.080
Farmer Fire District	\$ 208,972,875	0.075
Franklinville Fire District	\$ 473,234,019	0.100
Guil-Rand Fire District	\$ 1,996,962,651	0.000
Julian Fire District	\$ 85,817,179	0.100
Level Cross Fire District	\$ 221,098,811	0.100
Northeast Fire District	\$ 130,060,842	0.090
Randleman Fire District	\$ 237,467,404	0.100
Seagrove Fire District	\$ 194,488,523	0.100
Sophia Fire District	\$ 128,099,637	0.100
Southwest Fire District	\$ 83,002,474	0.100
Staley Fire District	\$ 155,799,816	0.100

Tabernacle Fire District	\$ 344,865,066	0.100
Ulah Fire District	\$ 554,777,982	0.061
Westside Fire District	\$ 657,028,907	0.100

Section 15. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, the following tax rates for Service Districts for Fire Protection, per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues for fire protection within each respective district.

Fire Service District	Net Valuation	Tax Rate
	Estimated	Approved
Climax Fire District	\$ 459,989,238	0.120
Guil-Rand Fire District	\$ 1,996,962,651	0.120

Section 16. Pursuant to the requirements of North Carolina General Statute §159-9, the County Manager is appointed to serve as Budget Officer. The County Manager and the Assistant County Manager, as his designee, are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Budget Officer, or his designee, may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required.
- b. The Budget Officer, or his designee, may not transfer amounts between departments of the General Fund or between funds, except as approved by the Board of County Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance, as amended.

Section 17. The Budget Officer, or his designee, may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed one hundred eighty days without reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Any advances that extend beyond one hundred eighty days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.

Section 18. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County and furnished to the Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer for direction in the collection of revenues and the expenditure of amounts appropriated.

Section 19. This Budget Ordinance will be effective on July 1, 2012.

Upon motion of Commissioner Frye, seconded by Commissioner Kemp, the foregoing Budget was passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Darrell Frye
 Commissioner Stan Haywood
 Commissioner Harold Holmes
 Commissioner Phil Kemp
 Commissioner Arnold Lanier

Noes: None

I, Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the governing body of Randolph County at a special meeting on June 18, 2012, a quorum being present.

The 18th day of June, 2012.

Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Haywood insisted that the County begin a serious, in-depth study on the county's ambulance needs and how to pay for them, saying that prioritizing these needs is the most important step in determining the best solution. Also, the County may need to help some of the fire departments in purchasing the remaining VIPER radios needed in order to be fully compliant with the FCC's radio frequency narrow-banding mandate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Stan Haywood

Arnold Lanier

Cheryl Ivey, Clerk to the Board