

May 26, 2015

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. for a special budget session in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Kemp, Haywood, Allen, and Lanier were present. Chairman Frye was absent. The purpose of this meeting was to hear a formal presentation of the Proposed FY 2015-2016 County Budget and budget requests from the County and City Schools, Randolph Community College, and Sandhills Center Mental Health. Note: Chairman Frye entered the meeting where so noted in these minutes.

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, presented the Proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget, totaling \$118,131,266, which is an increase of \$724,941 over the 2014-2015 adopted budget. The Proposed General Fund Budget is presented without an increase to the property tax rate (remaining at 65.5 cents per \$100). Mr. Massie said to fund all requests, property tax rate would have needed to be .6764. Now that property tax revenues and sales tax collections are stronger, Mr. Massie recommended eliminating the use of appropriated fund balance for general recurring costs.

Property Tax Levy Summary

\$10.06 billion valuation in FY 2014-15 Budget

- Collection rate 98.5%
- Proposed tax rate \$0.655 per \$100 valuation
- One cent on tax rate equals \$1,016,914

Mr. Massie said that the 2015-2016 proposed budget priorities were the continued modernization of Emergency Services and the backlog of needs delayed over the past few years: additional personnel, essential technology, vehicle replacement, equipment replacement, and facility maintenance. He added that the proposed budget will address some of these areas.

Mr. Massie spoke about the continued Emergency Services modernization. In 2014-2015, the Year One Plan included two new ambulance bases, a new EMT crew for the Uwharrie base, new 911 personnel, and other capital costs. He said the proposed 2015-2016 budget included costs for Year Two. He said this will add additional personnel costs for both the Uwharrie and Southeast Bases. Also in Year Two, one new base will be constructed. The estimated debt service for the new Emergency Services Headquarters will be \$500,000.

Next, Mr. Massie discussed the need to address expenditures that have been delayed for a few years. This included additional personnel for support services, essential technology, vehicle replacement, and facility maintenance which are funded in the proposed budget as follows:

Personnel:

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| • Administration (Program Accountant) | \$53,986 |
| • Information Technology (Business Analyst) | \$54,034 |
| • Public Buildings (Housekeeper Floater) | \$37,107 |

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• Public Buildings (Maintenance Worker)	\$38,769	
• Public Buildings (Maintenance Technician)	\$43,816	
• Emergency Services (6 Paramedics)	\$166,272	
• Emergency Services (ES System Manager)	\$56,381	
• Social Services (IM Administrator I)	\$32,554	
• Social Services (SW Administrator I)	\$ 6,647	
• Sheriff (School Resource Officer)		<u>Funded by Uwharrie Charter Acad.</u>
		\$489,566

Capital Outlay Requests:

Elections		
Tabulator replacement	\$	25,000
Register of Deeds		
Automation technology and services	\$	65,000
Public Buildings		
Extended cab truck	\$	26,000
DSS building upgrades	\$	15,000
Sheriff		
6 unmarked vehicles	\$	152,718
12 marked vehicles	\$	320,128
2 transportation vehicles-Jail	\$	50,906
3 SUVs-Investigations	\$	90,490
Emergency Services		
Southeast ambulance base	\$	260,000
4 ambulances	\$	600,000
Cardiac monitor	\$	50,000
Building Inspections		
3 trucks	\$	<u>51,000</u>
		\$1,706,242

Due to an improving economy, Mr. Massie said that management recommended an employee pay plan adjustment of two percent to be competitive with both the public and private sectors. He also mentioned that the Board may want to increase the merit program, although it is not funded in the proposed budget. Mr. Massie explained that with additional merit funds management would have more flexibility in adjusting salaries.

For education, Mr. Massie said that additional construction capital funding was added to the proposed budget to help with maintenance in the school systems. An additional \$100,000 was proposed for Asheboro City Schools and \$500,000 for Randolph County Schools bringing their respective construction capital funding to \$350,000 and \$750,000.

		Requested	Proposed
Randolph County Schools	Current Expense	\$ 18,621,212	\$ 17,482,995
	Current Capital	\$ 2,213,939	\$ 2,206,883
	Construction Capital	\$ 736,000	\$ 750,000
Asheboro City Schools	Current Expense	\$ 4,902,805	\$ 4,667,005
	Current Capital	\$ 860,000	\$ 589,117
	Construction Capital	\$ 250,000	\$ 350,000
Randolph Community College	Current Expense	\$ 2,482,231	\$ 2,403,000
	Current Capital	\$ 405,000	\$ 402,400

Summary of 2015-2016 Proposed Budget:

Adopted 14-15 Budget	\$117,406,325
Additional Education Funding	\$ 844,359
Cost of Living Adjustment – Employee Pay Plan	\$ 698,000
New Positions	\$ 630,691
Increase in Health Plan Costs	\$ 494,454
All other adjustments	\$ 200,737
Debt Service ES Headquarters Project	\$ 500,000
Reduction of Existing Debt Service	\$ (2,643,300)
Proposed 2015-16 Budget:	\$118,131,266

Not funded in Proposed Budget due to lack of funding source:

- YMCA (requested \$50,000 capital funding for 5 years)
- Communities in Schools (requested increase of \$2,000)
- Randolph Vocational Industries (requested increase of \$5,000)
- Randolph County Senior Adults Assn. (requested increase of \$25,000)

Three Fire Departments have asked for tax increases: Julian, Level Cross, and Westside.

Asheboro City Schools Presentation

Dr. Terry Worrell, Asheboro City Schools (ACS) Superintendent, reported that the goals of the 2015-2016 budget are to sustain essential services, engage each student, assess for learning, improve achievement, create opportunities, and build capacity.

Asheboro City Schools has requested \$4,902,805 in current expense funding; \$4,667,005 is in the manager's proposed budget. A total of \$860,000 has been requested in capital funding; \$589,117 has been included in the manager's proposed budget. \$250,000 in construction capital has been requested; \$350,000 is in the manager's proposed budget.

Dr. Worrell urged the Board to approve an increase in current expense by approximately \$350,000 to absorb local costs of beginning teacher pay, hospital and retirement benefit increases, and charter school impact. Dr. Worrell asked the Board to approve the current tax rate of .15 cents for the Asheboro City Schools Supplemental Tax District.

Dr. Worrell outlined capital outlay needs as follows: boilers chillers, mechanical units, roofing projects, painting, plumbing, electrical, flooring, and masonry.

Dr. Worrell concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support of Asheboro City Schools and their vision.

Chairman Frye entered at 6:38 p.m.

Randolph County Schools Presentation

Dr. Stephen Gainey, Randolph County Schools (RCS) Superintendent, presented the Randolph County Schools budget request. A total of \$18,621,212 in current expense has been requested; \$17,482,995 has been included in the proposed budget. For capital funding, RCS is requesting \$2,213,939; \$2,206,883 has been included in the manager's proposed budget.

Dr. Gainey reviewed the three highest priority current expense requests: 1) Continuation costs - \$525,000; 2) Technology Replacements and Upgrades - \$250,000; and 3) Supplement Increase (.5%) - \$500,000. The total additional current expense request is for \$1,275,000.

Dr. Gainey said that RCS is now in year 2 of the nine-year facilities plan that was presented to the Commissioners in January and then again in March. He stated that increasing their capital funding by \$486,000 would help take care of their needs.

The Archdale-Trinity Supplemental Tax Council requested that the current rate of 9.54 cents be approved.

Randolph Community College (RCC) Presentation

RCC Vice President for Administrative Services Daffy Garris said that for every \$1 of public investment, citizens reap a value of \$2.20 gained in lifetime income for the student, \$7.40 gained in added state income and social savings for society, and \$3.10 gained in added taxes and public sector savings for the taxpayer. Ms. Garris indicated that RCC had not received an increase in county operational budget since FY 2008-2009. Because of this, she stated that there is a backlog of items to be completed. Currently, she said that RCC has \$13 million in renovation projects that need funding. In addition, Ms. Garris mentioned that plumbing in many buildings is over 40 years old and many HVAC systems are ancient.

Ms. Garris urged the board to consider their current expense request of \$2,482,231. The manager's proposed budget includes an appropriation of \$2,403,000.

Sandhills Center Presentation

Victoria Whitt, Sandhills Center CEO, provided a program update and budget request. Ms. Whitt said that the current Board is composed of 21 members from a nine-county membership. For the 11th consecutive year, the Sandhills Center board had voted to not request any additional funding from any of the counties. The request from Randolph is \$844,000. Ms. Whitt reminded

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the Commissioners that all of this funding stays in Randolph County and supports two walk-in crisis centers (operated by Daymark Recovery) for indigent citizens: one located in Asheboro and one in Archdale and mentioned that 18 of the 31 staff members at these locations are Randolph County residents and taxpayers. Ms. Whitt presented statistics on the number of citizens served in Randolph County. She also provided the last quarterly report, which included highlights of programs offered at the Sandhills Center.

Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m., there being no further business, a motion was made by Kemp, seconded by Haywood to adjourn.

Darrell L. Frye, Chairman

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

David Allen

Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board