

Budget Session

June 25, 2007

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in special budget session at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Haywood, Kemp, Frye, and Lanier were present.

Approval of Consulting Engineer for Rural Water Infrastructure System

David Townsend, III, Public Works Director, said that requests for proposals were sent to seven consulting engineering firms; six of these firms responded with proposals. A committee of four County staff members evaluated the proposals on a six-item criteria basis with the most important criteria being USDA experience and working relationship with the USDA offices throughout the state. While all proposals were very good and each firm had positives in many different areas, the committee recommended Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates from Southern Pines, NC because their proposal described the most detailed experience with the USDA. Their firm also has the size staff necessary for the County to move forward with as many as three USDA projects at the same time, should that be necessary.

On motion of Lanier, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to select Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates of Southern Pines as the consulting engineering firm for the County's Rural Water Infrastructure System and authorized the Chairman to sign a contract with this firm once it is negotiated and approved by both Legal and County staff.

Budget Amendment—Cooperative Extension (Summer Program)

Will Massie, County Finance Officer, said that Cooperative Extension has received \$2,500 from the Asheboro Housing Authority to provide a summer program. This program will run from June through August and it will be held on the Authority's property. Cooperative Extension will hire a part-time temporary employee to coordinate the program. A budget amendment is needed.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board unanimously approved Budget Amendment #46, as follows:

2006-07 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT #46		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$2,500	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Cooperative Extension</i>	\$2,500	

Budget Amendment—Fire District Fund

Will Massie said that the Fire District Fund budget needs to be increased by \$100,000, since collections remitted are more than originally anticipated.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #47, as follows:

2006-07 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT #47		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Ad Valorem Taxes</i>	\$100,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Fire Protection</i>	\$100,000	

Budget Amendments—Return of Funds Advanced to Schools Capital Projects

Will Massie said that as part of the school construction projects financed in 2006, the General Fund was authorized to advance monies to the Randolph County and Asheboro City Schools Capital Projects to cover preconstruction costs. Since the debt has been issued, these funds have returned the advances to the General Fund; a budget amendment is needed to reflect the transfers.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board unanimously approved Budget Amendment #48, as follows:

2006-07 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT #48		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Interfund Transfers In</i>	\$2,531,132	
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>		\$2,531,132
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease

School and Fire District Tax Rates

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt all school and fire district tax rates, as requested, except for Eastside and Franklinville Fire Districts (listing of school and fire district rates follows): Archdale-Trinity School District, 8.5¢; Asheboro City School District, 13.85¢; Fire Districts: Bennett 7¢; Climax, 9.3¢; Coleridge, 7.3¢; Fairgrove, 6.5¢; Farmer, 7¢; Guil-Rand, 10¢; Julian, 10¢; Level Cross, 10¢; Northeast, 6.8¢; Randleman, 10¢; Seagrove, 9.7¢; Sophia, 10¢; Southwest, 10¢; Staley, 9.38¢; Tabernacle, 8.7¢; Ulah, 6.1¢; Westside, 9¢.

The Board discussed the requested increases for Eastside and Franklinville Fire Districts.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve 8¢ as the tax rate for Eastside Fire District.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve 7.5¢ as the tax rate for Franklinville Fire District.

Set Fees at Solid Waste Facility

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to leave all fee schedules the same except for the Solid Waste Convenience Site fees, as follows: 13 gallon bag/can--\$0.75, 33 gallon bag/can--\$1.50, 50 gallon bag/can--\$3.00, Chairs & Small Furniture--\$6.00 (This fee did not increase.)

Budget Discussion

The Board discussed the proposed budget.

Commissioner Haywood asked the County staff and legal staff to investigate any means by which the County can take a stand against illegal aliens in the county.

Commissioner Lanier spoke in support of future Communities In Schools program requests going through the school systems. He also spoke in support of the County establishing a Community Enhancement Fund, with \$250,000 as its first-year appropriation. Communities could make requests for grants from this fund for capital improvements. The funds could also be used for local match funds for other grants.

Commissioner Frye also spoke in support of the Community Enhancement Fund and suggested that the money be divided up between districts to be determined in large part on the recommendation of each district's Commissioner.

Commissioner Kemp disagreed with the idea of such a fund, saying that some of his constituents have questioned why the County would give tax money to non-profits who don't even pay taxes. He also opposed the idea of each Commissioner handing out money in his own particular district since Randolph County Commissioners are elected at-large. He suggested that before the fund is established, further study is needed and strict guidelines should be established.

Adoption of FY 07-08 Budget

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to adopt the FY 07-08 Budget Ordinance (ATTACHED), as proposed, with the 53.5¢ per \$100 valuation tax rate, but with the following changes:

- *Exclude funding (\$23,700) for the NC Pottery Center;*
- *Reduce by \$125,000 the Malt-O-Meal Rail Spur match (to be taken out of Economic Development Reserve instead);*
- *Add new Maintenance Worker position in the Maintenance Dept. at \$32,638;*
- *Add new Detective position in the Investigations Division of the Sheriff's Dept. at \$44,665;*
- *Add new Detective position in the Vice Division of the Sheriff's Dept. at \$44,665;*
- *Add new Detective position in the Sheriff's Dept. to monitor Sex Offenders at \$44,665;*
- *Add new Training Officer position at the Jail at \$43,008;*
- *Add \$75,000 for the Holiday pay buy-back program for Jail officers;*
- *Add \$10,000 (added to \$30,000 proposed) for Separation Allowance at the Sheriff's Dept.;*
- *Add new Social Work Supervisor III position in the Foster Care Unit at Social Services @ \$49,430;*
- *Add new Social Worker III position in the Foster Care Unit at Social Services @ \$38,407;*
- *Add new part-time Office Assistant position (20-hr./wk.) at Veterans Services @ \$14,540;*
- *Add \$25,000 for a replacement vehicle for the EMS Supervisor at Emergency Services;*
- *Add \$22,000 for a replacement vehicle for the Code Enforcement Officer at Planning & Zoning;*
- *Add \$10,000 for Courthouse furniture replacement;*
- *Add \$75,000 for Communities In Schools;*
- *Add \$285,000 to increase the Employee Pay Plan Adjustment from the 2% in the Proposed Budget to 3%;*
- *Increase Revenues for Lottery Proceeds by \$75,000 (Total \$1.5 million);*
- *Increase Sales Tax Revenues by \$590,318.*

Adjournment

At 7:35 p.m., on motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Stan Haywood

Arnold Lanier

Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Board

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Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2007-2008



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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

General Government:

Governing Body	\$ 145,286
Administration	2,741,833
Information Technology	1,171,679
Tax	1,936,086
Elections	378,182
Register of deeds	676,763
Public Buildings	2,361,075

Public Safety:

Sheriff	13,097,658
Emergency Services	4,534,821
Building Inspections	822,957
Day Reporting Center	632,193
Other Public Safety Appropriations	235,519

Economic and Physical Development:

Planning and Zoning	591,708
Cooperative Extension Service	418,554
Soil and Water Conservation	131,915
Other Economic and Physical Development Appropriations	1,063,758

Environmental Protection:

Public Works	3,826,192
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Human Services:

Public Health	4,979,712
Social Services	23,727,796
Veteran Services	81,112
Other Human Services Appropriations	2,433,055

Cultural and Recreational:

Public Library	1,775,331
Other Cultural and Recreational Appropriations	15,000

Education 25,906,008

Debt Service 15,077,920

Other Financing Uses:

Interfund Transfers Out	2,327,470
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Total \$ 111,089,583

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Budget Ordinance

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Section 2. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Ad Valorem Property Taxes	\$ 52,812,000
Local Option Sales Taxes	24,156,918
Other Taxes	1,179,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	392,900
Restricted Intergovernmental	16,834,708
Permits and Fees	1,616,000
Sales and Services	8,739,249
Investment Earnings	1,695,000
Miscellaneous	432,385
Other Financing Sources:	
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,838,158
Interfund Transfers In	1,393,265
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Total	<u><u>\$ 111,089,583</u></u>

Section 3. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Wireline	\$ 439,712
Wireless	259,330
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Total	<u><u>\$ 699,042</u></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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Telephone Service Charges	\$ 389,712
Wireless Surcharge	252,000
Investment Earnings	57,330
Appropriated Fund Balance	-
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Total	<u><u>\$ 699,042</u></u>

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Section 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill Closure Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Landfill Post-Closure Expenditures	<u>\$ 86,500</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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Investment Earnings	\$ 23,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>63,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 86,500</u>

Section 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire Districts Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Tax Distributions	<u>\$ 5,927,429</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, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008:

Ad Valorem Property Taxes	<u>\$ 5,927,429</u>
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Section 9. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, a County-wide tax rate of \$.535 per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the County. The ad valorem tax is based on a total estimated property valuation of \$10,000,000,000, with an expected collection rate of 97.2%.

Section 10. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, there is hereby levied in the County of Randolph a dog license fee at the rate of \$3.50 per dog.

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Section 11. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, 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	2,100,000,000	0.1385
Archdale-Trinity School District	2,190,000,000	0.085

Section 12. There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, the following Fire District tax rates 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 District	Net Valuation	Tax Rate
	Estimated	Approved
Bennett Fire District	41,000,000	0.070
Climax Fire District	453,000,000	0.093
Coleridge Fire District	224,000,000	0.073
Eastside Fire District	460,000,000	0.080
Fairgrove Fire District	335,000,000	0.065
Farmer Fire District	190,000,000	0.070
Franklinville Fire District	450,000,000	0.075
Guil-Rand Fire District	1,960,000,000	0.100
Julian Fire District	87,000,000	0.100
Level Cross Fire District	228,000,000	0.100
Northeast Fire District	126,000,000	0.068
Randleman Fire District	235,000,000	0.100
Seagrove Fire District	181,000,000	0.097
Sophia Fire District	129,000,000	0.100
Southwest Fire District	62,000,000	0.100
Staley Fire District	153,000,000	0.0938
Tabernacle Fire District	243,000,000	0.087
Ulah Fire District	502,000,000	0.061
Westside Fire District	653,000,000	0.090

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Section 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. This Budget Ordinance will be effective on July 1, 2007.

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

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

Noes: Commissioner Arnold Lanier

I, Chery 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 25, 2007, a quorum being present.

The 25th day of June, 2007.

Clerk to the Board