

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

JUNE 9, 2011
OTHERS PRESENT

Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
B. Ray Jeffers
Samuel R. Kennington
Frances P. Blalock

Heidi York, County Manager

Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in recessed session on Tuesday, June 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Clayton called the meeting to order.

County Manager, Heidi York reviewed the handouts that were at the Commissioners seats which included a spreadsheet titled FY11-12 Recommended to Adopted Changes highlighting with revised expenditures and revenues based on recent Board actions, items for discussion as well as special revenue funds. The remaining handouts highlighted options for the Fire Marshal position along with current job descriptions for the Fire Marshal/Telecommunications Director and the Fire Inspector positions.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Blalock, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers and to restore the Recreation Maintenance position.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington and **carried 5-0** to table action to restore the Recreation Maintenance position to allow discussion of all positions.

The group discussed the four positions recommended by the County Manager to reduce by 40% which included a Social Worker II/Work First position at the Department of Social Services, Recreation Maintenance position within the Recreation, Arts and Parks Department, Code Enforcement Officer III in the Inspection Department and a Processing Assistance IV position at Environmental Health. Ms. York confirmed the budget eliminated seven vacant positions as well. Ms. York stated the recommendation to bring the four positions from 100% to a 60% position was based on analysis of workload.

Assistant County Manager, Gene Hodges told the Board the additional tax base related to the CertainTeed and Eaton projects would project \$1.3 million cash in hand for county revenue.

Commissioner Kennington asked the County Manager to explain expenditures in the Governing Body budget under line items Contracted Services, Dues, and Payments to Other Governments. Ms. York gave the group the itemized allocations.

A **substitute motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock to restore to the budget, the Recreation Maintenance position to 100% \$14,743, Environmental Health position to 100% \$13,609, Social Worker III/Work First position to 100% \$16,904, Code Enforcement Officer III to 100% \$24,232, allocate \$16,245 to Roxboro Development Group, increase the Fire Inspector position to 1 FTE and eliminate the Fire Marshal position (\$9,702 savings) to be appropriated by increasing the EMS fees from \$54,568 by \$45,432 and Fund Balance for the balance of \$30,599.

The **substitute motion** was **amended** by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock and **carried 5-0** to restore to the budget, the Recreation Maintenance position to 100% \$14,743, Environmental Health position to 100% \$13,609, Social Worker III/Work First position to 100% \$16,904, Code Enforcement Officer III to 100% \$24,232, allocate \$16,245 to Roxboro Development Group, increase the Fire Inspector position to 1 FTE and eliminate the Fire Marshal position (\$9,702 savings) to be appropriated by increasing the EMS fees from \$54,568 by \$45,432 with the balance of \$30,599 to be appropriated by the County Manager and Finance Director within the budget. Finance Director, Amy Wehrenberg stated confidence to find within the budget a revenue from fees or increased tax revenue to fund the \$30,599.

The following table titled FY11-12 Recommended to Adopted Changes reflects Board action by approval of the substitute motion above.

FY 11-12 Recommended to Adopted Changes**General Fund:****General Fund Expenditures:**

No Merit	(260,390)	
Volunteer Fire Dept's	11,520	
PC Schools	221,539	
PCC	24,792	
DSS personnel changes	34,372	
Mayo personnel changes	543	
EMS personnel changes	(4,998)	
Telcommunications personnel changes	4,550	
Recreation Maintenance Position restored	14,743	
Environmental Health Position restored	13,609	
Inspections Position restored	24,232	
DSS Position restored	16,904	
Fire Marshal Position elimination	(33,420)	
Fire Inspector Position increased to 1FTE (currently 60%)	22,110	
RDG	16,245	
Terrell School Fund	3,000	
Federal Position 401K Bonus & Transfer from LEC Restricted	600	
401K Bonus of \$300	114,122	
Total:		224,073

General Fund Revenues:

Prior Year Taxes	3,491	
Sales Tax	10,000	
Officer Fees	(5,000)	
Inspection Fees	(10,000)	
Fire Inspection Fees	500	
PCOB Supervision Fees	1,000	
School Resource Officer	2,162	
State Reimbursement - Inmates	5,000	
Jail Fees	2,000	
Federal Inmates	2,000	
EMS Fees-Current	100,000	
EMS Medicaid Reimbursement	15,000	
NCDJDP/JCPC Funding	(13,122)	
Terrell School Fund	3,000	
Rents-Triumph	(11,400)	
Rents-Freedom House	3,960	
Rents-Landfill Mowing Lease	760	
Federal Seizure Forfeitures & Transfer from LEC Restricted	600	
Fund Balance	114,122	
Total:		224,073

Special Revenue Funds:**Revenues:**

E911 Emergency Telephone-Fund 26 7,976

Expenditures:

Telephone-Fund 26 7,976

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Commissioner Kennington stated his desire to demolish the county-owned house next door to the County Office Building. Ms. Wehrenberg told the Board that funds within the current fiscal year had been identified to demolish the house if it was the consensus of the Board. The Board agreed to place this item on the June 20, 2011 Board meeting agenda to allow the citizens the opportunity to provide input. It was the consensus of the Board to save the existing trees on the property.

A **motion** was made by Chairman Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock and to evaluate in early Fall at the same time of the end of fiscal year audit the Merit Pay plan.

An **amended motion** was made by Chairman Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock and **carried 5-0** to implement a comprehensive compensation study to evaluate the total employee pay package including Merit Pay, COLA, and the longevity plan.

A **motion** was made by Chairman Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to request Person County Schools to appropriate \$250,000 from their \$1.7 million lottery fund toward county school debt to help with the sustained loss in revenues received from the ADM/sales tax.

Commissioner Kennington requested Chairman Clayton and Vice Chairman Puryear to present the Board's request in person to encourage open dialogue.

Commissioner Kennington also requested Chairman Clayton and Vice Chairman Puryear at their meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Education to discuss the future use of Helena High School with the possible action to return such to the county or transfer to Piedmont Community College to use as well as discuss the formula converting the per pupil allocation designated for traditional and charter school students in Person County.

Chairman Clayton told the Board of a handout in their mailboxes containing information on Triangle J Council of Government, a grantee of Foreign Trade Zone #93. Ms. York stated this information would be added to the Board's June 20, 2011 meeting agenda.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Kennington, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock and **carried 5-0** to direct the County Manager and the Finance Officer to prepare a Budget Ordinance for Board review at its June 20, 2011 meeting.

ADJOURN:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Blalock, and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy B. Clayton
Chairman

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