

**PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**June 18, 2007**  
**OTHERS PRESENT**

Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman  
Jimmy B. Clayton, Vice-Chairman  
Kyle W. Puryear  
Larry H. Bowes  
Larry E. Yarborough, Jr. -**ABSENT**

Steve Carpenter, County Manager  
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney  
Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board

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The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in recessed session on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 10:10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Person County Office Building for a Budget Work Session.

County Manager Carpenter reviewed items discussed at previous budget meetings. Items the Board thought were important included \$7,500 for Personality, additional \$368,000 to schools, additional \$47,000 to PCC, additional 6 months of a position and funds for shelving in Register of Deeds, additional two positions in Sheriff's Department, additional \$80,000 for Helena gym. Those items total \$619,032. Unresolved items included Hurdle Mills walking track, airport t-hangars, courthouse project. Cooling towers for the County Office Building and a control panel for the LEC were deferred from this funding year. Health Department Environmental software was also deferred.

Mr. Carpenter told the Board that the percentage of educational system operational money compared to the total operational budget is 15.5% which is a reduction by approximately 5% since early 1990's.

He said today's session will center around items that perhaps can be eliminated from this years budget and others that can be added. Those items included: Elimination of sound system for the Board room - \$18,800, elimination of EH software and training - \$9,000; addition of Cooling towers - \$50,000; Addition of LEC Control Panel - \$75,000; Addition for Register of Deeds shelving and six months of salary - \$22,000; Elections – reduction of \$36,000.

Commissioner Puryear disagreed with including funds for the cooling towers and the LEC control panel. He suggested that fund balance be reduced to 15% to avoid an additional tax increase.

Finance Director Andy Davenport stated, following discussion of all possible additions and deletions, that the balance remains unbalanced by approximately \$523,000. He suggested that the sales tax estimation be raised by \$300,000 and \$216,000 approximately be taken from Fund Balance to bring a balanced budget with a five cent tax increase.

County Manager Carpenter explained that the schools will receive \$500,000+ as opposed to their request of \$860,000-870,000. Schools will receive an increase of 7.7%.

It was agreed that the COLA would be effective July 1, 2007 at 2.75%.

Mr. Davenport will have a balanced budget to the Board by this Thursday for review and adoption on June 26, 2006.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Chairman Lunsford and **carried** to recess the meeting at 11:51 a.m. until Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Budget Ordinance adoption and interviews for Board, Commissions and Committees will be considered at that meeting.

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**Faye T. Fuller, CMC**  
**Clerk to the Board**

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**Johnny Myrl Lunsford**  
**Chairman**