

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

June 13, 2007
OTHERS PRESENT

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

Steve Carpenter, County Manager
Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, held a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Lunsford said the Board has held a Public Forum and a Public Hearing. Today he asked the Board to critique all the information received. He said the budget process is never an easy task. The Board has been a good steward of the tax dollar. The board must now decide what it would like to do and can fiscally do and also provide the services that the public expects.

County Manager Carpenter said now it is time to decide what the important issues are and what issues can be done. The public and some of the agencies have contributed their input at the previous public meetings.

Mr. Carpenter restated things that have been heard at the public meetings and asked the Board to decide which items are important.

The following budget adjustments were discussed during the work session:

- 7,500 – RACC-Personality - Consensus to add back to budget
- 368,600 – Additional funds for Schools
- 47,783 – PCC Current Expense
- 13,000 – Register of Deeds – Part time salaries
- 5,000 – Register of Deeds – Filing cabinet
- 5,160 – Sheriff's Department – Auto Supplies
- 22,000 – Sheriff's Department – Vehicles
- 69,989 – Judicial – 2 positions (1-July/1-January)
- 80,000 – Parks & Recreation –Repairs to Helena Gym

Unresolved discussion items were:

- COLA
- Hurdle Mills walking track
- Courthouse project
- Airport t-hangars
- Cooling tower – PCOB
- LEC Control panel

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Bowes, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to recess the meeting until Monday, June 18, 2007. The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon.

Took from FB last year to fund schools – instead of raising taxes – BOE spent dollars on continuing items now looking to BOC to replace – fund capital, give as much as possible – Schools need addl \$500,000 (county funded \$300,000)

PCC

Reviewed additional positions

Non Profits: not included

Roots&wings -

Good Samaritan

PFM&DC

Tax Collector may be able to increase collections by ¼ of 1% - (\$66,000)

Asked how much board thinks is important.

Watching Medicaid & 9-1-1

Break –

Back at 10:15

Chairman Lunsford said the Board needs to give the Manager direction

Priorities:

Schools

Public Safety

Clayton: schools largest item; willing to give ?

Puryear: funding for BOE & Sheriff's important

Lunsford: recommend put 1 cent in for schools (additional 1 cent =368,000)

PCC:

\$47,783 additional – CE

LEC: Use existing resources and if get into trouble with staffing, come back to board –
Puryear stands by Sheriffs request

Clayton: add one position now

County Capital: Cooling Towers – 50,000

Kyle: hold off another year

Helena Gym: \$80,000

Hurdle Mills Walking Track - \$

Puryear –hold off this year

Airport: Land \$30,000 (?)

Register of Deeds: \$13,000 for 6 mos. p/t

Files: 4,000

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B/C