

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 5:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to have a budget planning session.

Present: Chair Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Randy Miller, Commissioner Doug Murphy, Commissioner Milly Richardson, Commissioner Steve Roten, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. County Attorney Donna Shumate was absent.

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. He recommended scheduling the fourth Monday of each month for a meeting until the new budget is adopted.

The Board agreed.

County Manager Don Adams gave the Board information amount total expenditures, expenditures of all county revenues, property tax, sales tax, undesignated revenues expended by function, explanation of expenditures, analysis of debt service, the identification of potential budget expenses/drivers and major capital/capital improvements.

Commissioner Randy Miller and Commissioner Doug Murphy discussed conversations of the facilities committee and one of their priorities is the water/sewer needs at Glade Creek School.

County Manager Don Adams continued discussing the major capital/capital improvements.

Commissioner Randy Miller and County Manager Don Adams discussed the engineer's numbers for the capital projects.

County Manager Don Adams continued discussing the major capital/capital improvements.

County Manager Don Adams provided handouts for the explanation of expenditures regarding mandated, obligated, primarily mandated, not mandated or obligated expenses.

County Manager Don Adams provided handouts for revenues by source, explanation of revenues by source, property tax rankings for actual tax rate and effective tax rate. He explained the effective tax rate. He continued to explain the handouts: in/out of county breakout concerning acres, taxable real value, tax on real, outstanding on real; register of deeds statistics of interest; inspections statistics; General Fund balance discussions and analysis of available fund balance. He explained the major revenue projections for property tax, sales tax, register of deeds stamps and fees, building inspection fees, investment interest, foster care program, federal Medicaid stimulus, EMS revenues and federal inmate revenues. He reviewed the summary of shortfall estimates and additional revenues, fund balance appropriation and his conclusions.

Commissioner Milly Richardson and County Manager Don Adams discussed the amount of requests versus approved budgets. She talked about getting the message to the departments of cutting their budgets instead of adding.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about this is a lot of information, and asked the Board to please review it. He asked the Board to share concerns with Karen Evans or Don Adams for the next meeting. He said that it is too early to draw conclusions. He stated the need to continue studying the issues.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the department head meeting in March. He further talked about how he is asking them to turn in their budgets. He explained that by asking them to present proposed cuts, it allows them to have input on how to reduce their budgets over this year's amount.

Commissioner Steve Roten and County Manager Don Adams discussed cuts coming from the State.

Chair Ken Richardson stated that these meetings are only going to be productive if the Board shares information with the County Manager.

The Board talked about having the meetings on the fourth Monday at 5:15pm.

Being no further business, Commissioner Doug Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm. Commissioner Randy Miller seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson  
Chairman