

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, June 1, 2012, at 10:00am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was for the presentation of the budget message.

Present: Chairman Ken Richardson, Vice-Chair Tom Smith, Commissioner Larry Cox, Commissioner John Goudreau, County Manager Don Adams, and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Commissioner Steve Roten and County Attorney Donna Shumate were absent.

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed the layout of the budget books including the tabs, the revenues/expenditures charts and the packet of the recommended budget. He presented the FY 2012/13 Budget Message in the amount of \$14,009,916, which is a 1.41% decrease over the current amended budget. He started reading the Budget Message by reviewing the expenditures highlights and charts of the total expenditures/expenditures of all county revenues/property tax, sales tax, undesignated revenues expended by function and the explanation of expenditures relating to the charts including mandated/primarily mandated/obligated/primarily obligated/not mandated or obligated categories. He continued reviewing the Budget Message; personnel, insurance/retirement and capital in the amount of \$166,358 which includes a new ambulance that he is proposing to borrow the money for. He further reviewed the Budget Message; major capital projects being the Piney Creek School septic system and the Veterans' Memorial Park, Alleghany County Board of Education's current expense and capital, special appropriations—grants & mandates/volunteer safety/primary core functions/secondary functions/new items of transfer to Piney Creek Sewer Fund, Blue Ridge BDC and Alleghany Memorial Hospital. He reviewed the revenue charts categories and the explanation of line items. He continued reviewing his Budget Message of the revenue highlights category including ad valorem taxes in the amount of \$8,065,900, grants and reimbursements in the amount of \$2,705,293, sales and other taxes in the amount of \$1,655,145, service fees in the amount of \$665,810, miscellaneous/General Fund balance in the amounts of \$280,868 and \$636,900 and General Fund balance/recommendations of further actions. He explained transfers occurring in this budget year from the Glade Creek Water & Sewer Project Fund in the amount of \$77,205 and Transfer Facility Fund in the amount of \$295,654 will be transferred into the General Fund. He further explained the transfers. He talked about his recommendations of never dropping the fund balance below two months of operating expenses. He continued reviewing the current fund balance projections, reducing expenditures options, foreclosure on New River Service Authority's property and increasing revenue options. He talked about issues that are not addressed in the budget including pay adjustments for personnel, needed capital items, special appropriations have been held level, the Schools plus the Hospital's request. He further talked about if the Board raises the property tax to remember all of the needs not just new needs. He continued reviewing the Budget Message for the special fund highlights for the Transfer Facility Fund in the amount of \$775,750, E911 Fund in the amount of \$107,827, Transportation Operational Fund in the amount of \$418,976 and other funds. He reviewed how the other funds were set up and operate. He expressed his appreciation to all County employees, department heads, elected officials, special appropriation representatives, Finance and Administration employees for their work and efforts on the budget.

Chair Richardson talked about now the budget is the Commissioners' budget to work on. He stated his appreciation for the work on the budget and attention to the details from the County Manager. He asked the Board how they want to proceed.

Commissioner Goudreau asked if the \$77,205 transfer and \$295,654 transfer are part of debt service. The County Manager explained the \$77,205 was created by the grant/loan through USDA where a portion was a grant and a portion was a loan so it would be hard to associate the \$77,205 to how much was a loan and how much was a grant, and the \$295,654 is all internal and does not impact debt service.

Commissioner Cox thanked the department heads for budget reductions. County Manager Don Adams agreed and talked about how department heads don't run to spend every dollar that is in their budget unless they actually need items. Commissioner Cox talked about the history of special appropriations of when the different ones have been added over the years. County Manager Don Adams explained each of the special appropriations when they started receiving funds from Alleghany County.

Commissioner Smith stated his thanks to Don Adams, Karen Evans and Joy Hines for their work on the budget. He said that the Board will do their best on the budget.

Commissioner Goudreau echoed the appreciation comments for Don Adams, Karen Evans and Joy Hines.

Chair Richardson explained that for one year he has been told that he would not allow other Commissioners to present their budgets and he encourages anyone that feels like they are not given an opportunity to present their budget ideas to point out to him when he fails to give them the opportunity.

Being no further business, Commissioner Goudreau made a motion to adjourn at 12:04pm. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans  
Clerk to the Board

Ken Richardson  
Chairman