

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session regarding the budget on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 4:00pm in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, NC.

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

Chair Ken Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Randy Blankenship provided information to the Board regarding changes in the fee schedule; reconnect fee and sign fee. He explained the purpose of changing those fees. He presented information regarding changing the job duties for the administrative assistant. He explained the additional responsibilities that she will be doing. He gave an example of how this would work. He talked about his vehicles are becoming undependable.

John Blevins, Social Services Director, presented information regarding the additional items needed for Social Services. He listed out each of the needs; Foster Care Social Worker, Income Maintenance Caseworker, capital needs and longevity/salary needs. He provided the costs to the County for these needs.

John Hedrick with Northwestern Regional Library came before the Board to request an additional 2%. He explained the reason for asking for the additional monies.

David Isner, Interim Extension Service Director, discussed their request for an additional part-time half time person in the amount of \$3,633. He explained how the number was figured and the purpose of the request.

Linda Edwards with Emergency Medical Services came before the Board to request capital equipment; 3 lifepaks, radio system and transmission system.

Carl Moss, Shift Supervisor with EMS, presented information regarding why these items are needed including the age of the current equipment and upgrades needed. He talked about needing to send the information to the hospital while in route. He continued explaining why the equipment is needed.

County Manager Don Adams asked to talk to the Hospital about using this information.

Carl Moss stated that Dr. Ray, Medical Director, asked them to come ask for this equipment. He talked about the new defibrillator capacity.

County Manager Don Adams talked about getting a commitment from the Hospital that they will use the information transmitted to them prior to the arrival of the patient.

Linda Edwards stated that the amount needed is \$16,800 each for the 3 lifepaks, \$5,275 for the transmission system and \$6,000 for the radios.

The Board of Commissioners, County Manager Don Adams, Linda Edwards and Carl Moss continued discussing the need and purpose of the equipment.

Darlene Douglas with Alleghany Group Homes provided a brief update about their activities and the number of clients. She explained that the amount from the State regarding their financing hasn't been being increased. She further explained the additional amount of money needed is \$4,200.

Linda Hash with the Soil and Water department discussed the EEP and the Co-op line that are rollover lines.

County Manager Don Adams explained that when the Board sees the budget

ordinance, there will be a Soil and Water fund for those monies. He explained that way is easier for the money to rollover, and it will decrease the Soil and Water budget.

Linda Hash stated that she is requesting additional monies in travel due to the 40% cut. She talked about the reclassification of the Administrative Assistant's position. She provided information to the Board regarding the reclassification. She explained that her board has approved the recommended changes along with the title change to administrative assistant/educational director/technician. She reviewed the two-grade change. She talked about regional averages for the position for the administrative side and then on the technical side. She said the amount needed is between \$2,500 to \$3,000. She explained that if the County couldn't find the money, her board approved using some of the EP money to fund that.

Chair Ken Richardson talked about having the public hearing on June 30.

Commissioner Doug Murphy talked about the State is taking funding away. He further talked about pay scale issues.

Chair Ken Richardson recessed this meeting at 5:09pm until 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Ken Richardson
Chairman