

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners reconvened the recessed meeting from Friday, June 19, 2015, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 8:30am in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, 348 South Main Street, Sparta, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was for budget discussions.

Present: Chair Tom Smith, Vice-Chair Karen Leys, Commissioner Larry Davis, Commissioner Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. County Attorney Donna Shumate was absent.

Chair Smith reconvened the recess meeting at 8:30am.

Brett Liverman, CFO for Alleghany Memorial Hospital (AMH), provided copies of their most current audit. He provided a summary of the last five years to see a comparison of the years. He talked about they have made a significant improvement since 2011 and provided examples of the areas for the improvements. He said they are working on surgical recruitment through Wake Forest, and had a recent visit from a surgeon, which went very well, and they are hopeful that it will pan out for AMH. He talked about their audit, and to his knowledge they haven't received anything except a clean audit. He explained the third handout is results of the summary report, annual costs report to Medicare, a group studies those report and prepares this handout. He further explained the report; total margin on return on equity, revenue indicator section shows outpatient revenue higher than inpatient revenue, costs indicators salaries versus net revenues, average salary for FTE is lower than peer groups, average daily acute census, Medicare revenue per day is very low compared to others. He said this is the summary document, and he has the entire thing if anyone is interested. He showed a graph comparing Medicare costs per day. He said that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina has ranked AMH as a high quality and low costs facility. He asked for questions.

Commissioner Irwin asked who owns the Hospital. Brett Liverman explained that with not for profit organizations there are no owners, the legal term is members and for practicality the community owns it, hypothetically if AMH closed then the assets would be disposed of by whatever method and any monies remaining after the debts are settled would have to go some other not for profit for the health and welfare of the citizens of Alleghany County furthering the mission of the Hospital, and he reiterated there are no owners like a corporation has. They talked about the creditors would receive monies first. Commissioner Irwin asked questions pertaining to the audit including the large cash difference. Brett Liverman explained that their loan requires a certain amount of cash on hand in 2013 with it being 35 days as of September 30, and how they accomplished this including receiving the County money as a lump sum and the cash balance as of October 30 would have been a lot less. They talked about receiving the County allocation in a lump sum. Commissioner Irwin asked about patients' accounts receivable and doubtful accounts amount not paid. Brett Liverman explained that they estimate they won't receive that amount of money, which is considered a bad debt. They talked about AMH works with people to develop a payment plan, work on financial assistance, and use a charity expense write-off if the person can't pay it. They talked about there was a reduction in the bad debt, and they pay a collection agency a percentage of what is collected through the agency. They further talked about AMH is required to treat when someone comes in including they have to provide treatment when people come to the ER before even talking about payments and charitable care must be provided.

Chair Smith said that AMH is required to treat patients in the ER. Brett Liverman said that has been Federal law for about 20 years.

Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about a high percentage of ER visits are people without insurance. They talked about AMH's debt in the amount of \$2,800,000, loan payments are around \$240,000 annually, and they meet their debt payment requirements. They further talked about the cash flow statement shows that they are generating cash on operations, cash flow statement showing the total cash flow. Brett Liverman explained that their cash flow isn't smooth. Commissioner Irwin asked about the liabilities and net assets. Brett Liverman explained that this goes back to the costs report and explained the costs report. They discussed the timeline for the costs report, debt payment/payment amount and interest rate and Fifth Third loan is backed by USDA, capital lease obligations, long-term debt, vendor payables, and accrued expenses related to

employees. They talked about working on something for the bank for the 2014 audit, and when to expect the audit. They discussed what is other operating revenue; Hospital Foundation monies, Golden Leaf monies, cafeteria monies, rent monies. They talked about the big decrease is due to large payments from the federal government for a required change to electric records. Commissioner Irwin asked where the money from the County show up in the audit. Brett Liverman explained that it is non-operating income. Commissioner Irwin asked have salaries come down since 2012 and 2013. Brett Liverman explained they increased in 2013 because they hired two doctors and staff to support the doctors. They discussed the salary categories and all employees are included in that including special employees like from the management companies. They talked about the management fee is not in that. They discussed the salaries and benefits for all employees are over \$6,000,000, and having 150 people on the books, which is 125 FTEs. Commissioner Irwin asked the highest paid salary goes to what position. Brett Liverman said he is not authorized to discuss individual salaries but there is the 990 Form on their website. Commissioner Irwin said the County employees' salaries are out there and AMH is asking for \$250,000, and he can't see giving taxpayers' monies to an entity that won't share salary information. They talked about insurance costs, rents, equipment that is leased/rented by the AMH including the interest on equipment and interest on the debt.

Commissioner Leys and Brett Liverman discussed the operating costs more than doubled from 2012 to 2013 because of the new Allegheny Health Services start-up costs. Commissioner Irwin said that costs for 2014 are down. Brett Liverman referred everyone to look at the first handout.

Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about the net loss in the audit difference between the 2 years. They discussed the trend of bad debt is decreasing, AMH has enhanced their charity-care policy. Brett Liverman explained the difference between bad debt and charity care plus he has seen them decrease and explained several reasons why it could be. They discussed even with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) some people still don't have insurance. Brett Liverman explained the ACA, lawsuits and options for states to decide to expand Medicaid, which North Carolina didn't, and the impact of not expanding. Brett Liverman further explained that Medicare is federal and Medicaid is left to states for the administration of it but has to meet certain federal requirements. Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman discussed being an acute care and critical access hospital, which allows costs to be paid at a higher rate.

Commissioner Leys and Brett Liverman talked about the costs take into consideration everything but Medicare does not take the bad debt or charity care into consideration.

Commissioner Irwin asked about overhead is based on all of the factors and the federal government doesn't look at that for reimbursement. Brett Liverman gave examples of allowable expense and allowable costs for reimbursements. County Manager Adams said bad debt is not considered as overhead. Brett Liverman answered that is correct. The County Manager talked about having to prove actual costs and will not allow AMH to bring in bad debt or uncollectables to increase the costs. Commissioner Irwin said the Hospital is eating the bad debt and for the ones that won't pay. Brett Liverman said absolutely.

Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about being able to provide treatment for an acute illness and provided an example. They talked about if AMH can't take of something then AMH transfers to somewhere that can. Brett Liverman provided examples. Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman discussed the average length of stay is 4 days then the patient is either checked out or transferred. They talked about charity care must meet certain criteria that is income related which is compared to federal income poverty levels. Brett Liverman provided examples of 100% poverty level and others with no insurance. Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about AMH is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization but has to operate as a business rather than a charitable operation, and the difference is all of the regulations that Brett Liverman has been talking about. They talked about having no control over federal regulations. They further talked about acute versus critical-access definitions. They discussed criteria for being a critical access hospital. They talked about the Medicare costs reports timelines and where those revenues are shown. They further talked about it varies because normally AMH owes on Medicare and receive Medicaid monies back. They continued to talk about the revenues in the audit with Brett Liverman explaining that 60% are Medicare/Medicaid where we aren't going to get paid

costs, 8% are without insurance which leaves the commercial carriers to make up the difference.

County Manager Adams and Brett Liverman talked about commercial insurance is negotiated individually with each insurance company.

Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about normal operating changes. Brett Liverman explained the endowments. They talked about what happens if AMH declares bankruptcy. They further talked about the long-term debt, long-term note and the amount of the loan. Commissioner Irwin asked about a sentence regarding malpractice and being covered by the insurance. Brett Liverman explained that they are insured for whatever comes their way, professional liability covers them for \$3,000,000, \$1,000,000 per case. Commissioner Irwin talked about the management agreement, and paying a management company up to \$152,000 a year, if needed. Brett Liverman explained AMH is no longer under a management company and this doesn't apply now. Brett Liverman provided the history of AMH's association with management companies including performance target measures and those targets were never met. They discussed that AMH is not currently associated with a management company. Commissioner Irwin asked if the long-range business plan is to not come here anymore, being close to breaking even and how will that be accomplished. Brett Liverman explained there are multiple things; partnership with Wake Forest, clinics, offering broader range of services, become more efficient through costs and revenues. They talked about AMH is currently meeting the debt obligation. Commissioner Irwin said AMH will always have bad debt and charity. Brett Liverman answered yes they will always have some of that, and if NC would change on Medicaid it would help. Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about 8-10% of people have no insurance, if Medicaid was expanded then 75% of the uninsured would be covered. Commissioner Irwin said AMH has asked for \$250,000 and the County has given AMH \$1,050,000. Brett Liverman said yes and the monies helped the Hospital to make the strides they have, which is very important for this community,

County Manager Adams explained that it was \$600,000 for physician recruitment and \$450,000 for operations.

Commissioner Irwin asked of the \$600,000 how many physicians are here. County Manager Adams and Brett Liverman stated that 2 out of the 3 are still here. They reviewed the physicians associated with the recruitment monies.

Commissioner Irwin read highlights from a USA Today report that is year old regarding rural hospitals. Brett Liverman said he has read that article, the key word in the article is standalone and explained it is almost impossible to be a standalone facility and AMH recognizes that and no longer are standing alone through the partnership with Wake Forest.

Warren Taylor talked about a recent golf fundraiser. He further talked about the donation wall at the Hospital.

Commissioner Irwin said Wake Forest coming on board is big for the Hospital, and asked if any money is involved in that arrangement. Brett Liverman said no they aren't providing any direct money. Brett Liverman explained they are providing expertise and advice and recommendations to help and provided examples. Commissioner Irwin and Brett Liverman talked about equipment for the clinics, they mostly already have the equipment and the Hospital has to purchase it. Brett Liverman provided one example of Wake Forest has loaned a piece until AMH can purchase it. Commissioner Irwin said thank you.

Commissioner Evans and Brett Liverman discussed the number of FTEs compared to like hospitals is about the same or even lower. Brett Liverman showed a graph of FTE per bed is low. Commissioner Evans talked about the percentage of FTE costs between 2012 2013 and YTD is going backwards. Brett Liverman said it is because of timing, and they are in line with how they have been. Commissioner Evans asked about the admissions from the ED 2010 until now, and what caused the jump. Brett Liverman explained that the apparent answer is that the admissions are coming from ED rather than the physicians' direct admissions.

County Manager Adams added that this is the same timeframe of the hospitalists' conversations. Commissioner Evans and County Manager Adams talked about the timing of County money versus the hospitalists.

Chair Smith asked for other questions.

Commissioner Leys said thank you for an excellent presentation and thanked Commissioner Irwin for the questions. She talked about the complexity of running a hospital. She thanked Jim Becker for the partnership with Wake Forest. She said that Dr. Arocha and Liz Jones continue to improve their numbers. She talked about the report for critical access.

Brett Liverman said he has copies for each one of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Leys says she still believes that the Hospital is an economic development importance, great care provided by the employees at the Hospital, and it is a very clean hospital. She encouraged people to come to AMH for their medical services. She said she is excited about the ENT coming. She talked about convenience and getting quality care.

Commissioner Irwin said he asked the VA to send him somewhere besides Salem, they referred him to Galax, and asked why not Sparta. Brett Liverman said he will research it because he wasn't aware the VA would use other facilities, he would like to talk with Commissioner Irwin or whoever to get that going.

Commissioner Evans mentioned the need to look at how they compensate. Brett Liverman agreed.

Chair Smith mentioned a couple of points to bring back. Brett Liverman said he will send the information to the County Manager. Chair Smith said that is fine. Chair Smith thanked George White and Warren Taylor for coming to this meeting.

Chair Smith declared a brief recess at 10:36am.

Chair Smith and Steve Mason talked about Steve Mason's time at the Wellness Center.

Steve Mason thanked the Board for this opportunity. He talked about getting in the Wellness Center, learning about it and seeking ways to improve.

Commissioner Irwin asked what the day usage fees in the budget is. Steve Mason explained that is non-members coming in to use the facility. Commissioner Irwin asked about some things are combined on one sheet and hadn't on one. Steve Mason said that is correct; he was there for a week and was going off historical data at that time. Commissioner Irwin and Steve Mason talked about the break down.

County Manager Adams explained years ago nothing looked the same from the special appropriations groups and we asked the groups to put it in this format as best as they can.

Commissioner Irwin asked about membership fees, what people pay in the different categories. Steve Mason explained the different rates. Steve Mason provided an example of a current program that is in place for supplementing membership fees.

County Manager Adams explained that he asked Steve Mason to come about detailed questions about their budget, statistics and usages numbers. He stated that Steve Mason is prepared to answer questions on both areas.

Commissioner Irwin asked what is the other income of \$6,000. Steve Mason explained it is the other income that didn't fall into the other categories. Commissioner Irwin asked about the bank charges. Steve Mason said that is the monthly bank fee and loan payments. Commissioner Irwin asked what the loan is. Steve Mason explained that is the building over the pool. Steve Mason said he will get the loan information for the Board.

Commissioner Irwin asked about utilities and security. Steve Mason stated that propane is the main portion of that.

Commissioner Evans and Steve Mason talked about security is the security system.

Chair Smith and Steve Mason talked about the utilities concerning the propane, and they saw significant changes with the pool. Steve Mason talked about information being gathered on the usage of the solar system and usage of the bubble versus the building. Steve Mason said regarding their gas usage they have re-contracted and should see a savings between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Commissioner Irwin asked who is doing the study. Steve Mason said two other companies besides Blue Ridge are seeing how the solar system can be more beneficial. Commissioner Irwin asked about public funding. Steve Mason explained that is the County money and Town money, which is \$6,000. Commissioner Irwin asked about contracted employment are separate employees. Steve Mason said yes, they are the people who teach the classes. Commissioner Irwin asked about the auditor's fee. Steve Mason said that is for auditing and accounting fee.

Commissioner Leys and Commissioner Irwin talked about that seems a little high.

County Manager Adams asked how much the accounting portion is. Steve Mason said he will get that information. Steve Mason explained they do the accounting and the audit. Commissioner Leys said then that is reasonable.

Commissioner Irwin asked payroll is how many employees. Steve Mason answered 15, which is 8 FTE's, 4 in the contract labor and having 2 full time and the rest are part time. Commissioner Irwin asked about the number of employees. Steve Mason gave examples of scheduling issues and this is about right for what they are trying to offer. Steve Mason talked about having more trainers and looking for certified personnel. Commissioner Irwin asked what the insurance fees are. Steve Mason explained that is for liability coverage and making sure to cover special events off their property. Commissioner Irwin asked has the Wellness Center considered an increase in membership fees to offset the costs. Steve Mason said they need to look at reducing the fees because getting more people to use the facility, have to look at fee-based memberships, have to look through endowments and fundraisers. Commissioner Irwin talked about the amount the County has given since 2000/01 and between the grant is \$700,000, and asked does the Commissioners need to put it in the budget annually. Steve Mason said they have to look at the value of what it does for the county, money spent well, impact may be different in the future and look at ways to not need the money but today they need the monies. Commissioner Irwin talked about the request of \$50,000. Steve Mason talked about where they actually need to be to get at \$0, and trying to get to a better place. Commissioner Irwin talked about the recommended \$27,000, and asked they won't close the doors with that amount. Steve Mason said no they won't close either way but they need to look at ways to be self-sufficient. Commissioner Irwin and Steve Mason talked about trying to get a handle on that by looking at different opportunities. Commissioner Irwin and Steve Mason talked about they have a little over 600 members currently, and their goal over the next 12 months is to double that.

Commissioner Irwin talked about looking at 600 people versus an 11,000 county population, look at a person on a fixed income and the Wellness Center is asking the County to subsidize 600 people. Steve Mason clarified that it is for access to everyone.

Chair Smith said when looking at their annual schedule it is unfair to say that it is only 600 people who use the facility. He provided examples where non-members use the facility. Steve Mason talked about having a broader scope than that, outside events that they are involved in and provided examples. Steve Mason said they average about 3,800 visits per month.

Commissioner Irwin asked if they increased membership by 100 people, would they break even. Steve Mason talked about the membership volume but also they haven't tapped into endowments or grants. Steve Mason reiterated that their goal is to be self sufficient.

Commissioner Leys asked how the Wellness Committee is working with the County's Recreation. Steve Mason talked about just now starting the conversations, and said why not have the Recreation Department being a part in order to create a better environment. She talked about this is another piece of the puzzle to get the community healthier.

Commissioner Evans and Steve Mason talked about the possible reduction in the propane is not reflected in these numbers. They talked about it can do better, reduction in the fuel costs and the amount of savings between the two systems. Commissioner Evans asked about the membership subsidy, and who uses it. Steve Mason explained the Roaring Gap Foundation and they use it to subsidize memberships. They talked about how many they have and currently working on increasing that portion, and the importance of the health in the county. Steve Mason gave an example of helping people physically which will help people mentally. Commissioner Evans mentioned that physical health is one thing and the benefit of mental health because of physical health. Steve Mason said that nutrition is an area to work on. Commissioner Evans asked about the 600 membership demographics. Steve Mason provided the breakdown. Commissioner Evans talked about need help getting people in the outlying areas. Steve Mason talked about having programs that will draw more families including having child care.

Commissioner Leys and Steve Mason talked about why Ashe County swim team uses the Wellness Center's pool. Steve Mason mentioned that Oak Hill Academy is using it, also.

Commissioner Irwin said some insurance companies will pay for memberships. Steve Mason said that's right and provided examples.

Chair Smith asked for additional questions. No one spoke. He reviewed the items of information to get back to the County Manager about. Steve Mason said yes, he will get that to the County Manager.

Steve Mason said that he took this job to invest in the community and wouldn't do it if he didn't believe in the facility. He said he appreciated the Board's time.

Chair Smith mentioned the County Manager has a couple of things to discuss.

County Manager Adams reviewed items that at some point will have to be addressed. He said the first one is in regards to the Inspector/Planner, revised recommendation is going from grade 68 to 75 with a pay of \$48,313, dealing with issues of this person may go to another county and if this increase happens the person will stay. He explained that this an additional \$14,030 which includes FICA and retirement.

Commissioner Evans and County Manager Adams talked about this increase doesn't count longevity because it is based on this year's salary.

Commissioner Irwin asked how longevity works for employees. The County Manager explained currently 0.5% is proposed for every year of service. The County Manager gave examples and said the extra pay goes to the employees in a separate check. Commissioner Irwin clarified the longevity pay. The County Manager said if an employee is here in July they get the check.

County Manager Adams reviewed the proposed Planning Director/Inspector III going to a grade 75 with an additional \$14,030 to be added to original proposal.

Commissioner Leys asked what is the Board's other choice. County Manager Adams explained that it takes a minimum of 6 years to get a level 3 in all trades, the Chief Building Inspector is retiring in October and once that occurs we don't have anyone to do level 3 inspections, if we don't do this, then will have to bring the individual in from Maintenance to do the level 1 inspections and contract with the retiring Inspector for level 2 and 3 inspections or would have to contract with another county for level 2 and Level 3 for 6 years to get someone trained or raise the salary high enough to recruit someone. The County Manager pointed out that this person is also the planning director, and that part will take more conversations.

Chair Smith and the County Manager talked about having a level 3 inspector/planning director is rare, and the County Manager is not aware where it exists anywhere else.

Commissioner Irwin said we are fortunate in having this.

County Manager Adams said this isn't going to sit well with other employees and that is the purpose of the salary study. He talked about a lot of people's jobs can continue when someone leaves but not this one.

Commissioner Leys and County Manager Adams talked about he was offered more than this.

Chair Smith asked is the Board prepared to make a motion today. Commissioner Irwin clarified that it is not a final vote, and the Board is going to consider the budget as a whole at a later day. County Manager Adams explained needing direction on what to put in the budget, and stated that he has mentioned to this individual that this isn't final until the budget is voted on. County Manager Adams said his recommendation is the change would be effective July 1 if the Board approves the request.

Commissioner Evans asked is he paid out of Planning. County Manager Adams said yes. Commissioner Evans asked about the retiring employee from inspections, will the salary be split. County Manager Adams explained he will keep it separate until the retirement occurs. Commissioner Evans asked are there a need to add another person. County Manager Adams said at this time, no. Commissioner Evans talked about the net between the two positions goes down. County Manager Adams explained the reduction is already accounted for in this budget. Commissioner Leys and County Manager Adams talked about it is still a savings.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to accept this change from a grade 68 to a grade 75 for this position being an additional \$14,030. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Adams reviewed the changes to the proposed budget up to this time. He asked about any other issues.

Chair Smith said the Board has voted on everything up to the secondary functions in the special appropriations. He said he doesn't know if the Board can continue because of questions from Brett Liverman and Steve Mason. Commissioner Irwin said the answers to those questions will not affect his vote. Chair Smith asked if the Board wants to proceed today with these. The Board agreed.

Chair Smith declared a brief recess at 11:58pm.

Chair Smith asked about the secondary functions in special appropriations in the Budget Message. He said there were questions about the Business Development Center (BDC). He asked the County Manager for information.

County Manager Adams provided information for the Board including the current agreement between Allegheny County and the BDC including information about the term 7/1/13-5/31/18, performance, maintenance and insurance. He reviewed their approved budget, and the budget's breakdown including office space rental of \$61,236, which would be lost if activities change for the library. He explained reasons for not hiring a full-time person. He continued reviewing the BDC's budget with \$32,170 more than expenses, and if they hired a full-time director then there wouldn't be a difference. He talked about things to consider is the lost income depending upon the decision regarding the library. He further talked about their long-term plans to try to figure out what to do with the library, loss of revenue, if going to have to go back to a need for a full-time person then it be a conversation with this Board.

Chair Smith asked for other questions. Commissioner Irwin asked about the timeline on the library. County Manager Adams explained they met yesterday, requirement for participation yesterday, \$330,000 from Golden Leaf, \$220,000 saved, \$425,000 short but \$100,000 of it was for furniture and equipment but they think they have about \$40,000 of that.

The County Manager talked about it is a reasonable goal to raise the \$100,000, which leaves them short \$325,000, and they are planning to come to the Commissioners on July 20 to see if the Commissioners will help. Chair Smith and County Manager Adams talked about the July 20th meeting. County Manager Adams explained that there are several ways to look at it this but they are coming to ask for assistance. County Manager Adams explained if the County moves forward it will be an impact to next year's budget not the budget we are currently working on. The County Manager explained that they have 3 things that are coming up; sign the grant agreement and the money must be in place by then, have a plan in place, have a budget in place. The County Manager gave examples of things they can do.

Commissioner Evans asked if the \$8,000 request considers the library. County Manager Adams explained that it is a straight-pass through and not knowing the budget impact at this time. The County Manager further explained that \$8,000 is to Wilkes Community College (WCC).

Commissioner Irwin said that WCC is asking for an additional 2%. County Manager Adams said yes there were asking for the 2%, the equipment and \$8,000. The County Manager explained how the equipment got moved to the Maintenance department.

Commissioner Irwin asked about the equipment monies for the library. Chair Smith said they have a good feel about that. Commissioner Irwin asked can we lend them \$100,000 and have them pay it back until they get their money raised. County Manager Adams explained there are two issues, \$100,000 and \$325,000, don't need the money right now and don't need to purchase the furniture and equipment until they are getting ready to move in, more concerned about the construction monies. Commissioner Irwin asked is there a way to help them with a loan for construction dollars. County Manager Adams said probably not.

Commissioner Irwin mentioned WCC's 2% increase and the \$8,000, and there is a potential that WCC will receive several millions of dollars if a bond is passed, he asked what Allegheny gets. County Manager Adams answered that based on the information Commissioner Irwin shown him then it is none. Commissioner Irwin said it's hard to juggle when they are asking for more money but then not getting any more money from the bond. County Manager Adams said he don't know the link because of having monies for constructing buildings at WCC and getting them to supplement operational monies here. County Manager Adams explained the need to enhance the healthcare industry, we don't know if the bond is even going to be put on the ballot, if it is then having a conversation with Dr. Jeff Cox about this because it is a need.

Chair Smith asked for any other questions or comments. No one spoke. He asked for a motion on the secondary functions in special appreciations.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented for the secondary functions. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Vote 3:2 (Mark Evans, Bobby Irwin).

Chair Smith said this takes the Board up to the public hearing tomorrow night at 6:30pm. He asked for other comments.

Commissioner Evans mentioned the inspections fee of \$290 for additions and remodels and his concern was the smaller additions paying the same as a larger addition. He said he will talk to the Inspections department. He asked about changing it to \$200-\$220 for up to 200 square feet then \$290 over that. He said he wanted to see what the Board thinks prior to talking to Inspections.

Commissioner Leys asked does the Board need to vote on the continuing and new items on the Budget Message. Chair Smith said this was under the special appreciations section. She said she wasn't suggesting any changes. He said staying consentient then yes a vote is needed.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the continuing and new items. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Evans and the County Manager Adams talked about the bank fees are not new fees.

The Board voted on the motion on the floor. Vote 5:0.

County Manager Adams asked about the \$6,610 additional revenues if the \$290 fee changes. He talked about needing to run the numbers to get the budget ready. He said that he will probably drop the revenues to reflect the change that Commissioner Evans just mentioned. He said if the Board is leaning that way then we can change it back. Chair Smith talked about it being good to run those numbers. The County Manager said the budget will be before the Commissioners with those numbers.

Commissioner Leys made a motion to adjourn this budget meeting at 12:45pm. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Tom Smith
Chair