Board of Commissioners met on June 27th, 2017 at 9 am in the County Administration Building at 348 South Main Street in Sparta, North Carolina, for the adoption of the budget ordinance and fee schedules.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner Tom Smith, County Manager Mike James, Finance Officer Karen Evans, and Clerk Lauren Linker.

Chair Evans opened the final budget meeting.

County Manager Mike James explained there was an issue with an inmate over the weekend where he had to have surgery. Since the medical line is already expended for the year so there needs to be a General Fund budget amendment for this incident.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the General Fund budget amendment for the inmate insurance. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained some minor line item changes to balance the numbers. He then went over the sum changes to the budget ordinance and explained when the motion is made it will need to reflect the changes.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the budget ordinance with the amendment. Commissioner Tom Smith seconded. Vote 4:1 (Commissioner Bobby Irwin)

Commissioner Bobby Irwin noted he only opposes the amount for the chamber, the hospital and the wellness center.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the reimbursement resolution. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

The Board discussed the Fee Schedules

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

The Board next discussed the pay plan.

Commissioner John Irwin made a motion to approve the second year pay plan. Commissioner Bobby Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

County Manager Mike James explained the sales tax money for the past year and projected numbers for next year.

Chair Evans thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget and stated he felt it was a great budget for the whole County.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin thanked County Manager, Mike James and Finance Officer, Karen Evans for their hard work on the budget. He went on to say it was a good budget except for the three institutions that he felt should be self-sustainable.

Commissioner Smith said he was pleased with the budget and thanked County Manager, Mike James, Finance Officer, Karen Evans and Clerk to the Board, Lauren Linker for their work on this budget.

Commissioner Prince said he felt the budget was good and he discussed how the County will be able to save money moving forward.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked the staff, he went on to say the process has been very educational. He spoke about the benefits to having the budget retreat prior to the budget season and being able to look a little deeper.
Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully Submitted,  Attest:

Lauren Linker  Mark Evans
Clerk to the Board  Chair of the Board