

The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners reconvened the recessed budget meeting from Tuesday, June 7, 2005, on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 9:00am in the Conference Room of the County Office Building, 90 South Main Street, Sparta, NC.

Present: Chair Eldon Edwards, Vice-Chair Warren Taylor, Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon, Commissioner Ken Richardson, County Manager Don Adams and Clerk to the Board Karen Evans. Commissioner Graylen Blevins was present but arrived late.

Chair Eldon Edwards reconvened the recessed meeting at 9:00am.

Joe Potts with the Wellness Center started a presentation regarding the Wellness Center and their request of \$50,000 for the upcoming budget year.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins joined the meeting at 9:05am.

Joe Potts continued with his presentation regarding the Wellness Center including their activities, sliding pay scale, events, programs, cost saving measures, fundraising efforts, membership numbers, working with the Recreation Department, recreation survey information, expenses related to the survey, membership information and the future of the Wellness Center.

Chair Eldon Edwards and Joe Potts talked about swimming lessons offered at the Wellness Center.

Commissioner Sandy Carter Herndon and Joe Potts discussed offering scuba diving lessons at the Wellness Center if enough interest is expressed.

The Board of Commissioners stated their appreciation for Joe Potts and the Wellness Center.

Sandy Ashley, Social Services Director, talked to the Board about the need for a fraud worker at Social Services. She explained the need for the worker and the workload at Social Services. She further explained that the Federal government will reimburse the County 50% of the costs of this worker. She talked about current positions as well as a vacancy that Social Services has currently.

The Board of Commissioners and Sandy Ashley discussed concerns in the community if fraud work isn't done, the County needing to do our part in order to save money and staff investigating obvious fraud cases currently.

Sandy Ashley mentioned the storage problems that they are experiencing.

County Manager Don Adams talked about the amount budgeted for Medicaid for the upcoming year and how the current year's Medicaid was reduced during budget time and spending is still under those projections.

The Board of Commissioners and Sandy Ashley discussed the fraud worker position. Sandy Ashley stated that any help provided would be greatly appreciated.

County Manager Don Adams and Sandy Ashley discussed the classification of this position.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed General Fund budget changes and explained each

change.

The Board of Commissioners discussed setting the next budget meeting and decided on June 16 at 9:00am.

County Manager Don Adams presented the fee schedules for EMS, Building Inspections and Solid Waste.

Commissioner Graylen Blevins asked about the mechanical fees on the Building Inspections fee schedule.

The Board of Commissioners and County Manager Don Adams discussed the fee schedule regarding the demolition fees and mechanical fees.

The Board of Commissioners asked that Randy Blankenship come to the next budget meeting to discuss the Building Inspections fee schedule.

County Manager Don Adams reviewed EMS and Solid Waste fee schedules. He explained the EMS reimbursement rates for Medicaid and Medicare.

County Manager Don Adams handed out the proposed travel policy changing the mileage reimbursement to 40 ½ ¢ and changing the meals reimbursements by increasing each meal's allowance or changing to a daily per diem rate. He explained the two scenarios for the meal reimbursements.

The Board of Commissioners and County Manager Don Adams discussed the proposed meal reimbursements changes. They asked the County Manager to work on the changes and bring it to the next meeting.

Chair Eldon Edwards recessed the meeting at 11:05am until June 16, 2005, at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board

Attest:

Eldon Edwards
Chairman