

Board of Commissioners met on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the County Administration Building at 348 South Main Street in Sparta, North Carolina, for the Budget Presentation from County Manager Mike James.

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

County Manager Mike James gave his budget presentation to the Board and public. He went over Insurance costs, employee compensations.... Next he went over the revenues for the County. He discussed the reserve fund, revenue assumption. Then he discussed where all the money goes. He went over the money going to Wilkes Community College and the public schools. Next he went over the expenditures to human services and explained the misleading numbers from DSS due to the reimbursements. He next went over the special appropriations and then reminded the Board and public of the upcoming meeting to continue to discuss the 17/18 budget. He went over some coming expenditures for FY 18/19.

County Manager Mike James then read through his budget message restating most of the information in his presentation.

The Board discussed the future of the pay plan and the insurance increases.

County Manager Mike James went over four new positions in the budget for the coming year. He then talked about the capital purchases and taken out a capital loan to cover all capital purchases.

Commissioner Larry Prince asked if there was money budgeted for the nuisance ordinance.

County Manager Mike James said no that is one thing that the Board will want to discuss.

County Manager Mike James then briefly went over the other County funds.

Chair Mark Evans thanked County Manager Mike James and congratulated him for a job well done for his first budget in Alleghany County.

The Board discussed the capital purchases and the capital loan.

County Manager Mike James noted the capital loan would be over 5 years at an estimated 4%.

The Board then discussed the Tax Office software with a consensus to move forward. Then they visited the finance office software with no discussion and a consensus to move forward. They moved to the voting machines and had a presentation last week for a lesser amount. The Board then discussed a new truck for recreation.

Finance Officer Karen Evans explained how to find information in the budget books and answered questions from the Commissioners trying to become more familiar with the books.

The Board discussed the school request and the student numbers and the funding per students.

Commissioner Tom Smith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Larry Prince seconded. Vote 5:0

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Lauren Linker  
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans  
Chair