

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 22, 2013**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, April 22, 2013 in a continuation of the budget work session held on Friday, April 19, 2013. The meeting was held in the Hugh Cale Commissioners Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Dixon, Chairman
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Cecil Perry
Gary G. White
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Frankie Meads

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Randy Keaton, County Manager
Rodney Bunch, Assistant County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Officer
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The work session was reconvened at 2:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon.

1. BUDGET WORK SESSION:

Chairman Dixon called on the Pasquotank-Camden Library Board of Trustees to present the Library's proposed budget for 2013-14. Ms. Nelia Fernandez, Chairman of the Library Board, explained that the Library has a budget of \$646,000 and everywhere they turn they realize they are going to have budget cuts. She said in spite of this the Library is trying to provide some of the same services it has provided in the past. She explained that the Library currently serves 24,033 Pasquotank County library card holders. She said apart from the books offered at the Library there are a lot of other services that the Library provides to the community including children's e-books, pre-school reading classes, summer reading programs, programs for adults, computer classes, internet and wi-fi access, and computers for public use and for job search. She stated that the Library cannot provide all of these services without the funds necessary to run the Library. Ms. Fernandez explained that unfortunately the Pasquotank-Camden Library has become a training center for libraries in neighboring counties because its staff salaries are the lowest in the region and once Pasquotank trains an employee he or she often move on to a better paying county. She said she realizes that the Library will no longer receive funds from Camden County, since Camden plans to establish its own library, resulting in Pasquotank County having to appropriate more funds to make up the difference. She stated that the proposed Library budget is a bare bones budget. She suggested that the Library's fund balance be used to help fill in the gap. The Board thanked the Library Board for its presentation.

County Manager Randy Keaton presented a revised spreadsheet showing an estimated revenue shortfall of \$4,116,162 if all budget requests are funded. He said the spreadsheet includes columns showing whether the increases are for operating expenses or capital expenses. The increase includes a \$2.5 million increase for the school system and a \$400,000 increase for College of The Albemarle. Mr. Keaton noted that the request from the school system may change because the Board of Education has not yet approved the proposed school budget, but will be meeting tonight and may approve it at that time. Chairman Dixon suggested that today's work session be recessed until tomorrow at 2:00 PM and that representatives from the school system and COA be invited to discuss their budget requests.

2. DANGEROUS DOG APPEALS:

County Attorney Mike Cox advised the Board that two dangerous dog appeals have been received that need to be heard by the Animal Control Board, which is the Board of Commissioners. The Board agreed to hear the appeals on May 8 at 3:00 PM if Courtroom C is available on that date.

3. **HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES SURVEY:**

Commissioner Frankie Meads provided a survey that he would like to distribute to employees of Albemarle Hospital. He said the Chairman of the Hospital Board would like for the Board of Commissioners to authorize distribution of the survey. The Board concurred to authorize that the survey be distributed to hospital employees.

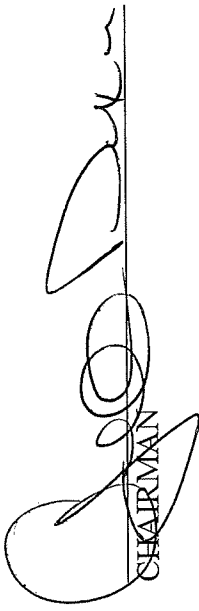
Vice-Chairman Joe Winslow noted that even though these are difficult times for the hospital and its employees, they are doing their best to provide exceptional care. He said he has heard from someone whose family member was recently in the hospital and they were very impressed by the care and service they received at Albemarle Hospital.

4. **JOINT CITY-COUNTY MEETING:**

Assistant County Manager Rodney Bunch informed the Board that a joint city-county meeting has been scheduled for next Monday night, April 29. One of the items on the agenda will be interlocal agreements for Animal Control and the Parks & Recreation Department. The city will be hosting the meeting.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Frankie Meads to recess the meeting until tomorrow, April 23 at 2:00 PM. The motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 3:50 PM.


CLERK TO THE BOARD


CHAIRMAN