

PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 7, 2014

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a budget work session on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in the Community Room at the W.C. Witherspoon Memorial Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The work session was called to order at 9:03 AM by Chairman Jeff Dixon.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for the Maintenance Department and Finance Officer Sheri Small outlined the major changes. She also outlined the proposed special appropriations budget. She presented a spreadsheet showing the difference between the 2013-14 approved budget and the 2014-15 proposed budget with a tax rate of 76¢. This would include borrowing \$1.6 million for the school and COA roof projects, borrowing money to finance a new fire truck, and borrowing money for five Sheriff's Department cars. Ms. Small also presented an option for a 77¢ tax rate which would finance the roof projects and the fire truck, but would appropriate the total cost of the Sheriff's Department cars in the budget without financing them. Approximately \$600,000 in fund balance would be appropriated with both options.

The Board discussed an appropriation for the Community Relations Commission and agreed to provide \$500, the same amount as the current year, but would consider an additional appropriation if the Commission requested more funding for specific projects or events during the year. The Board also discussed the county debt, the Parks and Recreation budget and the EMS budget at length.

Chairman Dixon suggested that the members of the Board study the two options presented so that staff can be given direction at the next meeting. The Board agreed to hold another budget work session on Wednesday, May 14, at 9:00 AM. County Manager Rodney Bunch advised that the Water Department budget and the Solid Waste Department budget will be ready for the Board to review at that meeting. Since these are enterprise funds they have no effect on the tax rate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.



CHAIRMAN



CLERK TO THE BOARD