

**Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 8:00 a.m.**

Budget

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chairman Lynn M. Lail, Commissioners Dan Hunsucker, Glenn E. Barger and Barbara G. Beatty.

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley and Budget Manager Judy V. Ikerd.

1. Chair Barnes called the special meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. Budget Hearings:
The following departments presented their proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2008/09:
Technology/Communications Center
Catawba County Schools
Newton-Conover Schools
Hickory City Schools
Catawba Valley Community College
Mental Health
Utilities and Engineering
Sheriff
Emergency Services
Forestry
Soil and Water
Tax Administration
Board of Elections
Register of Deeds
Finance
Planning & Zoning
Catawba Valley Medical Center
Public Health
Social Services
Cooperative Extension
Library
Personnel
County Manager
Other Agencies
 Parenting Network
 United Arts Council
 Salt Block
 Historical Association
 Patrick Beaver Memorial Library
 Newton-Conover Auditorium Authority

Economic Development Corporation
 Convention and Visitors Bureau
 Repay
 Lake Norman Marine Commission
 Conflict Resolution Center

3. Rodney Miller, Finance Director, presented a request to have funds in the amount of \$175,000 advanced for the Webb Murray Elementary School Project which was originally planned for FY08/09. The FY 08/09 funding cycle includes \$3.2 million for renovations and additions at the Webb Murray Elementary School which includes design fees for this renovation. Catawba County Schools requested \$175,000 to be used before the beginning of the FY 08/09 fiscal year to pay the design fees for the Webb Murray Elementary School renovations. The appropriation would be made from the Schools' Construction Fund and would reduce the amount that will be needed in the FY 08/09 budget. Commissioner Glenn Barger made a motion to approve this request to advance funds for these design fees. The motion carried unanimously. The following appropriations apply:

Supplemental Appropriation:

423-740100-863200-31124-3-01	Webb Murray Elementary	\$175,000
423-740050-690100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$175,000

4. John Hardy, Area Mental Health Director, requested a revision to the Mental Health Budget to **decrease** the current Mental Health Budget by \$360,590, bringing it to \$23,975,537.42. The Catawba LME received a one-time de-allocation of State funds in the amount of \$380,590 – this was per Mental Health's submission of one-time funds available to meet service needs in other LME's per the Division request. These funds will be returned in the SFY09 allocation. Catawba LME received an allocation of \$20,000 on a recurring basis for providing support for a newly funded housing specialist position. The SFY09 amount will be annualized to \$60,000 on a recurring basis. This brings the requested budget decrease to \$360,590. Vice-Chair Lynn Lail made a motion to approve this Mental Health budget revision. The supplemental appropriations are as follows:

Expenditures		Revenues	
110-530906-911420 DD Services Adult	(\$26,500)	110-530906-635300 Child DD	(\$26,500)
110-530907-911420 DD Services Adult	(\$46,000)	110-530907-635200 Adult DD	(\$46,000)
110-530907-911350 MRMI- Svc.	(\$20,000)	110-530907-633209 MRMI	(\$20,000)
110-530906-915524 Cont.SA Svc Child	(\$14,000)	110-530906-635500 Child SA	(\$14,000)
110-530907-915524 Cont.SA Svc Child	(\$10,000)	110-530907-635500 Child SA	(\$10,000)
110-530906-915522 Cont. SA Svc Adult	(\$166,800)	110-530906-635400 Adult SA	(\$166,800)
110-530906-915520 Cont. SA Svc Detox	(\$73,290)	110-530906-635400 Adult SA	(\$73,290)
110-530906-915524 Cont. SA Svc Child	(\$24,000)	110-530906-622500 Child SA – Fed	(\$24,000)
110-530906-911250 MH Services Adult	\$20,000	110-530906-622000 Adult MH Fed	\$20,000

5. Rodney Miller, Finance Director, presented a request for the transfer of funds accumulated in the Emergency Telephone Fund as of December 31, 2007 to the General Fund and General Capital Projects Fund. In 2007 the General Assembly enacted Session Law 2007-383 to change the administration of the North Carolina 911 system. The law became effective January 1, 2008 and made the change that any landline funds remaining in the wireline telephone system fund at the end of calendar year 2007 were authorized to be transferred to the unit's general fund to be used for any lawful purpose. It was recommended that \$2,282,753 be transferred to the General Capital Project Fund, of which \$2 million will be used toward the new Public Safety Center project and \$282,753 will be used to phase in an 800 MHz radio system. The 800 MHz funds can be used to provide the local match for any previously requested grants. The balance of \$732,033 will be transferred to the general fund to pay costs previously paid for in the 911 fund that will now be part of the general fund. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker made a motion to approve these transfers. The motion carried unanimously. The following appropriations apply:

Supplemental Appropriation:

202-280100-690100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$3,014,785
202-280100-995110	Transfer to General Fund	732,033
202-280100-995410	Transfer to Gen. Cap. Project Fund	2,282,752

110-190050-695202	Transfer from Emergency Tel. Fund	732,033
110-280100-841505	Telephone Service	38,750
110-280100-842530	Repair & Maint. Other Equipment	35,825
110-410250-841505	Telephone Service	425
110-190050-993999	Future Expenditures	657,033
410-460100-695202	Transfer from Emerg. Tel Phone	2,282,752
410-460100-985000-12028	800 MHz Project	282,752
410-460100-988000-12029	Public Safety Center	2,000,000

6. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk