

Minutes
Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Budget Hearings
Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse in Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies for Fiscal Year 2012/13.

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

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Dewey Harris, Assistant County Manager Mary Furtado and Budget Manager Jennifer Mace.

1. Chair Barnes called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Budget Hearings:

The following departments presented their proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2012/13:

Technology/Communications Center

Catawba County Schools

Newton-Conover Schools

Hickory City Schools

Catawba Valley Community College

Catawba Valley Medical Center

Utilities and Engineering

Sheriff

Emergency Services

Action: Finance Director Rodney Miller presented a request for approval of a transfer of excess funds accumulated in the Emergency Telephone Fund to the General Capital Projects Fund. In 2007, the General Assembly enacted Session Law 2007-383 that changed the administration of the North Carolina 911 system effective January 1, 2008. This created a new 911 Board, which combined the administration of wireline and wireless Enhanced 911 systems, which had previously been separate. This legislation also enabled local government units to spend the balance of any wireline funds that had accumulated in the wireline telephone system fund at the end of calendar year 2007.

In May 2008, \$2,282,753 was transferred from the Emergency Telephone Fund to the General Fund and General Capital Projects Fund to be used for the Public Safety Center Project, a new 800 MHz radio system and for expenses in the 911 Communications Center. This amount was based on an estimated balance at December 31, 2007. After the close of the fiscal year, our records showed that additional wireline funds in the amount of \$80,262.93 were remaining in the Emergency Telephone Fund. These extra funds have been carried over in subsequent years as part of the Emergency Telephone Fund Balance and shown as a reconciling item between the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the 911 Board's annual report of expenditures. After reviewing with the NC 911 Board last month, they have advised that the two amounts should agree by the end of the current fiscal year. As such, the County has been given approval to transfer the excess amount from the Emergency Telephone Fund to be used for other public safety purposes. It was recommended that these funds be transferred to the General Capital Projects fund to supplement the Justice Center/Public Safety Center Project. Commissioner Barbara Beatty a motion to approve this transfer. The motion carried unanimously. The following appropriations apply:

Supplemental Appropriation:

202-280100-690100	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$80,262.93
202-280100-995410	Transfer to Gen. Cap. Proj. Fund	\$80,262.93
410-460100-695202	Transfer from Emer. Tel Phone	\$80,262.93
410-460100-988000-12001	Public Safety Center	\$80,262.93

Forestry
Soil and Water
Tax Administration
Board of Elections
Register of Deeds
Finance
Planning, Parks and Development
Library
Public Health
Social Services
Cooperative Extension
Partners Behavioral Health Management
Human Resources
County Manager
Other Agencies
 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

Subcommittee Meetings immediately followed Budget Hearings.

4. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk