

**Windsor, North Carolina**  
**May 14 & 15, 2013**  
**Budget Work Sessions**

**May 14, 2013**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a budget work session at 3:00 PM in the Commissioners Room with the following members present or absent:

Present:	J. Wallace Perry, Chairman Charles L. Smith, Vice-Chairman Rick Harrell John Trent Ronald "Ron" Wesson
Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Interim County Manager John E. Whitehurst Assistant County Manager Misty Gibbs Finance Director William Roberson

Chairman Perry opened the meeting. Chairman Perry led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board discussed the School System request and departmental budget requests for FY 2013-2014.

The Board discussed areas to reduce costs to reduce the probable tax rate increase in FY 2013-2014.

The Board discussed the request from the Register of Deeds for an increase in her salary because of her 14 years of experience. The salary had to be set before filing and was set at the hiring rate for that grade. Finance Director William Roberson stated that her salary in the next fiscal year would be \$42,763.00.

The Board discussed this request. Chairman Perry suggested a 10% increase for her years of service.

Commissioner Wesson introduced a **MOTION** to approve a 10% increase (or \$4,276.00) above \$42,763.00 in the new fiscal year for Register of Deeds Annie Wilson. Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** with 3 aye votes and 2 nay votes, the nay votes coming from Commissioner Harrell and Commissioner Trent.

The Board discussed the Sheriff's Office budget. Sheriff John Holley was present for part of this discussion.

The Board discussed special appropriations.

Chairman Perry stated that he serves on the Tri-County Airport Authority Board on behalf of the Commissioners and that board had requested each of the three counties pay \$4166.75 as matching funds for a grant to replace the fuel systems at the airport. Chairman Perry stated that Perdue and Valley Protein are regular users of the airport. Chairman Perry stated that the three main agencies that

use the airport are Nucor Steel, Perdue and Valley Protein, noting that many Bertie County citizens work at Nucor as well.

Commissioner Trent introduced a **MOTION** to allocate up to \$4200.00 for matching funds for the grant to replace the fuel systems at the Tri-County Airport. Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Commissioner Harrell introduced a **MOTION** to reduce the expenditure to Lawrence Memorial Library by \$10,000.00 in the next fiscal year. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Board continued to discuss special appropriations and cost saving measures.

The Board discussed the budget request from the Bertie County Family Resource Center. The Board discussed concern about this budget request since they had received no notice of a new fiscal agent for the Resource Center and the current fiscal agent had sent notice that it would cease to serve as fiscal agent in June 2013. Assistant County Manager Misty Gibbs contacted Ms. Vivian Saunders via phone and Ms. Saunders stated that One Economy would continue to serve as fiscal agent for the Resource Center in fiscal year 2013-2014. Ms. Saunders agreed to have One Economy send a letter stating this to the Assistant County Manager for the budget records.

### **RECESS**

Chairman Perry recessed the meeting until May 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM in the Commissioners Room.

### **May 15, 2013**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a budget work session at 3:00 PM in the Commissioners Room with the following members present or absent:

Present:	J. Wallace Perry, Chairman Charles L. Smith, Vice-Chairman Rick Harrell John Trent Ronald "Ron" Wesson
Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Interim County Manager John E. Whitehurst Assistant County Manager Misty Gibbs Finance Director William Roberson

Chairman Perry reconvened the meeting.

The Board continued to discuss departmental budget requests for FY 2013-2014.

The Board discussed the Bertie County Water System budget. The Board discussed changing allocation methods for Water Districts I, II, III and IV.

The Board discussed the budget request from the Bertie County Family Resource Center. Assistant County Manager Misty Gibbs stated that the County had received an email from Sonja Murray with One Economy stating that One Economy would continue to be the fiscal agent for the Family Resource Center in FY 2013-2014. The Board discussed the budget request.

Commissioner Trent introduced a **MOTION** to approve \$25,000.00 to the Bertie County Family Resource Center in fiscal year 2013-2014. Commissioner Smith **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** with three aye votes and two nay votes, the nay votes coming from Commissioner Harrell and Commissioner Wesson.

Interim County Manager John Whitehurst discussed the School System budget request. Mr. Whitehurst stated that he would like to request several other pieces of information for budget discussions including the fund balance of current expenses and capital outlays as of June 30, 2012 and the estimated fund balances as of April 2013. The Board directed Interim County Manager Whitehurst to request the information needed for budget discussions.

### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Perry adjourned the meeting.

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J. Wallace Perry, Chairman

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Misty J. Gibbs, Clerk to the Board