

Windsor, North Carolina
June 18, 2015
Budget Work Session

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a budget work session inside the Commissioners Room located at 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. The Board recessed its regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 in order to meet today at 2:00PM to discuss the approval of the FY 2015-2016 budget. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald "Ron" Wesson, District I
 Stewart White, District II
 Tammy A. Lee, District III
 John Trent, District IV
 Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent: None

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer
 Finance Officer William Roberson
 Water Department Superintendent Ricky Spivey
 Sheriff John Holley

There were no media members present.

RECONVENE

Also: Sauer, Roberson, Biggs, Sheriff Holley, Norman Cherry, acting administrator for Martin Community College, Dr. Michael Elam Roanoke Chowan Community College, Ricky Spivey

Chairman Wesson reconvened the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The Board recessed its regular meeting on Monday, June 15, 2015 in order to meet today at 2:00PM inside the Commissioners Room to discuss the approval of the FY 2015-2016 budget.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner White led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION TO APPROVE FY2015-2016 BUDGET

Chairman Wesson asked if there were any outstanding budget issues, questions or concerns before the Board prepares to consider the FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance.

Commissioner Bazemore suggested that staff prepare a cost estimate for a full size basketball court installation at the recreation facility in Windsor for the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Lee inquired about staffing and service hours for the Veterans Service Office, and there was discussion about possibly expanding the hours to full time in the future.

There was also discussion among the Commissioners about projects and issues on the upcoming horizon such as the high school welding initiative proposed by Martin Community College, the possibility of a CADET program for Corrections and Law Enforcement Officer training bridging the gap between high school and age twenty for job candidates, and the need to look closely at recent funding proposals from non-profit agencies which submitted requests after the budget deadline.

The County Manager responded briefly to questions regarding the appropriated fund balance, the use of credit and debit cards for water customers, accepting automatic draft payments and the need to examine post-employment benefits such as health insurance coverage for retirees.

County Manager Sauer also reported that work is ongoing to prepare detailed cost estimates for the installation of emergency generators at shelter sites, specifically school facilities.

Chairman Wesson asked if there were no further questions or items of discussion, and then called for a motion to consider the budget ordinance.

Commissioner Trent made a **MOTION** to approve the FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance, and for County staff to continue to work on the items noted above with a report at the next meeting. Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chairman Wesson adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.