

Yadkin County Board of Commissioners
Minutes from Recessed Meeting
(With Department Heads)
June 21, 2007

Members present

Kim Clark Phillips- Chairman
Chad Wagoner - Commissioner
Joel Cornelius - Commissioner
Brady Wooten - Commissioner

Other Staff Present

Eric Williams – County Manager
Gina Brown – Clerk to the Board
Sheron Church – Finance Director

Representing Cooperative Extension

Ginger McGhee
Robert Lopp – Davidson County Ag. Director

Representing Soil and Water Conservation

Jason Walker – Director

Chair Phillips called the meeting back to order at 7:06pm.

BUDGET MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS, STAFF, AND AGENCY DIRECTORS

Cooperative Extension:

Cooperative Extension Administrative Assistant, Ginger McGhee, introduced Robert Lopp. Mr. Lopp is the Director of the Davidson County Cooperative Extension Service and has been assisting in Yadkin since Jack Loudermilk's retirement. Ms. McGhee reported that there had been 2 applications for the open position and that interviewing will begin in early August. Cooperative Extension hopes to fill the position by early September.

Ms. McGhee further reported that there were funds remaining in the budget as a result of Mr. Loudermilk's retirement and the replacement will not be hired at the same pay rate, thereby resulting in additional funds. These funds will be moved to a supply line item.

It was further reported that the County only pays a portion of Cooperative Extension salaries with the State paying the remainder.

Director Lopp offered that correspondence from Mr. Loudermilk had always been complimentary and the Agency appreciates the County's cooperation.

Cooperative Extension announced a future goal of a new building or new location in the near future. Commissioner Wooten asked if a decision had been made concerning the current roof work. Some discussion followed. The Board agreed to re-address this issue at their next regular meeting. There were no other major budget concerns.

Soil and Water Conservation:

Jason Walker, Director, reported that there are no major budget concerns for this fiscal year. Soil and Water department has 2 county employees and 2 federal employees. There are currently 14 existing watersheds. One of the dams is leaking but the engineering is provided at no charge for the repair. Commissioner Wooten commented that this particular dam had been leaking for years and stills looks as solid as it did in the beginning.

The Board held a conversation in reference to the 5D Project. The State continues to hold funds for 5D in escrow awaiting the federal match. The federal government has diverted all possible revenues to the war in Iraq. Representatives from local and state governments have talked with Virginia Foxx about this issue but no results have been forthcoming. The county cannot move forward for lack of funding and cannot terminate the project without having to repay funding received to date.

GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Sheron Church, Finance Director, presented a budget amendment for the current fiscal year to adjust for contracted services with Attorney Ben Harding and Financial Services of Ben Segal.

June 21, 2007
General Fund
Dept: Non-Departmental

Description	Account	Original	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Contracted Services	1059000-	10,000.00	71,505.00	81,505.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-	150,071.00	86,505.00	236,576.00
Professional Services	1059000-	44,000.00	15,000.00	59,000.00

To adjust contracted and professional services at fiscal year end 2006-2007 for Bob Segal and Ben Harding fees.

Increase in attorney fees are mostly due to zoning litigations. Some recent billings from Attorney Harding pre-date to 2006.

Director Church expressed her concerns with the arrangements with Bob Segal. Director Church explained that negotiations for lower interest rates at Suntrust Bank had resulted in service charges and fees not previously incurred. Chair Phillips believed that Mr. Segal's financial findings will result in increased revenues over expenses in the long-term. Chair Phillips asked Manager Williams to meet with Mark Moran to negotiate best terms and an end to fees. Commissioner Wooten requested an internal analysis of projected savings under the current negotiations.

Commissioner Cornelius made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 4/0

Sheriff's Office

Manager Williams asked the Board to revisit the Sheriff's Office budget in reference to "drug money". This money is used for drug-related investigations. Manager Williams' proposed budget offered \$6000 for this line item. After speaking with Major Widener of the Sheriff's Office, Manager Williams felt this may not be adequate. Manager Williams asked the Board to increase this line item amount to \$20,000. The Board was in agreement.

Department of Social Services

Manager Williams presented additional data for transportation comparisons for YVEDDI and Cape Fear as requested by the Board at a previous meeting. Manager Williams reported that DSS Director Wooten and YVEDDI Transportation Director, Charlie Walker, had talked earlier and a new proposal was provided. Some discussion followed in regards to contracts and if the Department Heads should have the authority to enter contracts when county money is involved. It was the consensus of the group that the DSS Board and DSS Director should, in this case, make the decision on transportation contracts.

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TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL
FOR
YADKIN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Cape Fear Regional Transport, Inc (CFRT) proposes to offer the following services for Yadkin County Department of Social Services (YCDSS);

Transportation Coordinator: CFRT will assign one full time person to coordinate all Medicaid transport for YCDSS and distribute gas vouchers to all clients that are eligible.

CFRT will also provide transport for all eligible Medicaid clients of YCDSS.

Fee: \$2.22 per mile starting at client's pickup point within Yadkin County.

If client's pickup point is outside of the county the rate will be \$1.00 per mile from the CFRT office to the pickup point and then \$2.22 per mile for the actual client transport.

As an example: The pickup point is the Winston-Salem hospital and the client needs to be transported back home to Yadkin County. The rate will be \$1.00 per mile from the CFRT office in Yadkin County to the Winston-Salem hospital. From the hospital back to the client's home in Yadkin County the rate will be \$2.22 per mile.

Other Information:

Patient's primary caregiver is allowed to ride at no extra charge. Loaner wheelchair available upon request at no charge. Child Safety Seats available upon request at no charge.

Insurance: CFRT carries all appropriate insurance including \$1.5 million liability.

Drug Policy: All employees are screened for drugs and go through a criminal background check prior to hiring. Drug test administered at random after employment.

Assistance Given: The driver will assist the client from the door of the pick-up location to the van and will assist from the van to the reception sign-in area of the appointment location. Driver will secure signature from doctor/receptionist to *verify* delivery of client. Driver will follow same procedures on reverse trip.

Driver Training: All drivers are trained in basic First Aid, CPR, Blood Borne Pathogens.

Re-certified as required.

Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc.

TRANSPORTATION

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4/27/2007

Eddie Wooten, Director
Department of Social Services
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Re: FY-08 Contract

Dear Mr. Wooten,

It is Budget time for FY-08 and we are holding transportation cost at \$1.10 per mile with a surcharge. Rates remain at \$1.10 until gas prices reach \$1.90.

We offer a full time Dispatcher to receive calls from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Weekend transportation is available on request. Our grouping and trip cost sharing saves your agency money. Through the use of ROAP funds we are able to reduce your cost even more. Also a staff person is available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to issue vouchers and handle Medicaid Transportation.

We have over the years developed a relationship with the users therefore the unique factors of each individual we understand.

It is a pleasure to work with you, your staff and agency to serve the people of Yadkin County.

Sincerely,

Charlie Walker
Program Manager

Comparison of contract between Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Transportation

Cape Fear Transportation	Yadkin Valley Transportation
Estimated yearly mileage 93600	Estimated yearly mileage 93600
Cost per mile \$2.22	Cost per mile \$1.10*
Total cost \$207,792	Total cost \$102,960

County Cost \$.05 per mile Total County cost \$10,390	County Cost \$.05 per mile Total county cost \$5,148
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*According to the proposal, this price is good until Gasoline prices reach \$1.90 per gallon.

Service comparison YVEDDI and Cape Fear

YVEDDI

YVEDDI Appointments Scheduled with YVEDDI and the day before client's appointment YVEDDI would call and say they could not work the appointment into their schedule

Client would be in Winston Salem and YVEDDI would call to tell us that they could not wait any longer for client. DSS would then have to call a taxi service to bring client home. Usually this cost \$100.00 in taxi fees

YVEDDI would not schedule early morning appointments or late afternoon appointments

Client scheduled with YVEDDI to be taken to work. No one picked up client or was late and DSS caseworker had to locate more reliable transportation to keep client from losing her job.

CAPE FEAR

Person with health conditions was being required to wait and was not able to do so and client complained that Cape Fear was going to make them wait with other clients and they were not able to do so. Cape Fear made aware of client conditions and immediately changed plans on how client would be transported.

A client who weighs in excess of 400 pounds called to let us know that Cape Fear had a special seat made for him and put in the van. He wanted to let us know that was the first time he could ride comfortably when being transported. He really appreciated it.

Cape Fear is willing to accommodate any appointment time.

We had some complaints in the first month that Cape Fear began providing transportation and have no complaints since start up.

Chair Phillips called for a recess at 8:32pm. Meeting reconvened at 8:37pm.

Finance:

Manager Williams and the Board had a brief discussion in regards to the County's debt capacity. Manager Williams commented that the county has more capacity than the majority of the citizens are willing to pay for. Commissioner Wooten stated that no amortization schedule for dept payment of waterlines has been presented. Commissioner Wooten further requested that the Finance Office review the waterline repayment schedule.

Yadkin County Schools:

School budget has been \$5.7 million for several years with no increase in the operating budget. There were some questions regarding the school's fund balance and possible position cuts. It was later determined that the school system's fund balance was used in lieu of position cuts. There is no mandate for maintaining fund balances for school systems. It is, however, mandated that funding levels cannot decrease from year to year. The Board also agreed not to jeopardize the school system's ability to qualify for low-wealth funding.

Public Buildings and Maintenance:

Commissioner Cornelius stated that maintenance services could be more effective by a contracted source. Mr. Cornelius further stated that he would like to see elimination of this department and for Manager Williams to pursue RFPs for building and grounds maintenance. Manager Williams remarked that this department had not been managed properly in the past.

Register of Deeds:

The only budget issue for this department is for the purchase of an electric county seal. All other budget items are typical operating costs. The Board indicated no specific concerns for this department.

Parks and Recreation:

Commissioner Cornelius questioned the increase to \$100,000 over last year's budget. Manager Williams explained the need for construction of new restrooms at the county park. There were no other issues of concern.

Chair Phillips reminded the Board and the County Manager that the Public Hearing scheduled for June 25, 2007 is for public comment only. There will be no question and answer session or comments from the Board. Chair Phillips also stated that she does not want to see an interim budget established and would like to have an approved budget in place by Wednesday, June 27, 2007.

Commissioner Cornelius made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Prepared and Approved by Clerk to the Board