YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION/BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES
Monday, January 26, 2022
The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met for a Special Session/Budget Retreat at the Yadkin Moose Lodge No. 2149 located at 1432 Country Club Road, Yadkinville, NC on Monday, January 26, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Present were:
Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Manager, Lisa Hughes; Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry; Assistant County Manager, Drew Hinkle; and Finance Officer, Lindsey Cearlock.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 6:00pm.

The Board discussed the following:

Priorities
The Board reviewed the priorities for the County. The top priorities for the last several years have been: protecting the financial position of the County, expanding water and sewer, developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Plan, continuing to work with the Yadkin County School System and Surry Community College, and expanding the parks and river access points in the County. The Board discussed some possible priorities to consider for FY2023. Protecting the financial position of the County is very important. It should possibly be a core value. The County working with the School System and Surry Community College benefits the citizens and the County. Public Safety should be a priority. Public Safety includes the Sheriff’s Office and EMS. The Fire Departments should be a priority. Cybersecurity is very important.

Core Values
The Board discussed the County’s core values. The Board wants to protect the financial position of the County and emphasize fiscal responsibility. Education should also be emphasized. Yadkin County is rural and has small towns. The citizens enjoy the rural atmosphere. Rural communities are an important part of the County.

Future Accomplishments
The Board discussed things they would like to see accomplished in the next five years. They would like to see an industrial park created in Yadkin County. They would like for there to be a Career Center. They would like to expand healthcare.

Budget Requests
County Manager Hughes went over some of the budget requests for FY2023. Two of the Departments have requested a generator. Several Departments have requested positions be created. Human Services requested one of their positions be reclassified. Parks & Recreation requested an increase in their part-time budget. EMS would like to replace an ambulance and a stretcher. Two of the Departments have requested a vehicle. The Sheriff requested completing the shell spaces in the new building and moving Communications there when it's time to replace the 911 equipment.

Financial Review
The Board reviewed the actual revenue and expenditure totals from FY20212 to FY2021. The revenues exceeded the expenditures for all but three of the years. In FY2014, FY2015, and FY2016 the expenditures exceeded the revenues because the County paid off some debts and the Board Committed Fund Balance to specific projects. One of the projects the Board Committed Fund Balance to was the construction of the Yadkin County Agricultural and Educational Building.

Commissioner Welborn had to leave the meeting at 9:17pm.

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**Direction**
The Board would like for the property tax rate to remain the same. They would like for the revenue estimate to be conservative. The County needs to look at putting some money aside for a new Pay & Classification Study.

*Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Moxley second. Vote: 5/0.*

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**Prepared by Tanya Gentry**
Clerk to the Board

**Date approved by the**
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

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