

# **YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL/BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met for a Special Session/Budget Work Session at Junker's Barn located at 137 Triple J Lane, Mocksville, NC on January 27, 2020 at 2:00pm.

## **Present were:**

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

**Staff present:** County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager, Lisa Hughes; Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry; and Assistant County Manager, Drew Hinkle.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Austin at 2:15pm.

The Board discussed the following:

### **Census 2020 Update**

The Board reviewed Census Tract maps of Yadkin County that show how the population has changed from 2010 to 2018. The overall County population has decreased but the East Bend area Census Tract has continued to increase in population. The Census will not be filled out on paper this time so there won't be people going door-to-door helping ensure that the citizens complete it. The citizens will get a letter in the mail with instructions on how to go online and fill it out. It is important that the citizens fill it out because some of the funding the County receives is based off of information that is obtained from the Census. The Board discussed ways to possibly publicize the Census. Maybe something promoting the Census could be put in the Report to the People that will be mailed out to the citizens. The School System could possibly send something out to promote it. They might also be willing to open their libraries at certain times and assist people with going online and completing the Census. The four Libraries in Yadkin County have public computers so they could possibly offer assistance. Some of the Churches may be willing to help. Maybe people could be at the Senior Centers to assist the citizens there. A lot of people go to the Solid Waste convenience sites so information on the Census should be placed there.

### **Priorities**

The Board reviewed the following priorities: protect the financial position of the County; expand water and sewer; develop a comprehensive economic development plan; continue to work with the School System and Surry Community College; expand the Parks and river accesses in the County; review the County owned properties; and measure performance to ensure service effectiveness.

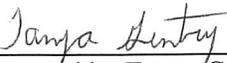
### **Financial Review**

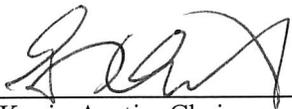
The largest County expense is personnel. There are approximately 250 full-time employees and approximately 75 part-time employees. The areas that the most money is spent on are Public Safety, Education, and Human Services. County Manager Hughes went over information about Education costs with the Board. When the Yadkin Guarantee was established the annual budget for it was \$75,000.00. Based off of the funding that was actually spent last fiscal year, the funding for it was cut to \$50,000.00 this fiscal year. The funding amount for the Yadkin Guarantee may need to go back up in FY2021. Approximately \$39,000.00 has already been spent this fiscal year so some additional funds may need to be appropriated to cover this fiscal year's costs. Some changes were made to the Yadkin Guarantee requirements and it has been promoted more so more students are taking advantage of it. The County's Retirement Fund cost increased previously due to changes the State made to the retirement system and it will increase again for FY2021. It is expected that there will be an increase in the number of retirees on the County's health insurance. Phase II of Memorial Park will open and that will mean additional costs. The utility costs are expected to increase and additional staff may be needed in order to cover both sides

of the Park. The cost related to the new Sheriff's Administration Building will have an impact on the budget. There will be some costs related to the General Statute changes that pertain to Planning. The Zoning Ordinance will need to be updated by January 1, 2021 and the County will have to have an updated Land Use Plan by July 1, 2022. The Board reviewed the County's current Debt Service costs for FY2020 to FY2040. The Board reviewed the actual revenues from FY2011 to FY2019 and the projected revenues for FY2020. The Property Tax revenue increased in FY2019 and is projected to increase this fiscal year. The Board reviewed the actual expenditures from FY2011 to FY2019 and the projected expenditures for FY2020. The Board reviewed the unassigned Fund Balance as a percent of expenditures from FY2010 to FY2019. The County has stayed above the 20% goal that was set by the Board. If the percentage ever does drop below 20% then a plan must be put in place to restore the Fund Balance to the policy level.

**Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

  
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Prepared by Tanya Gentry  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

  
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Kevin Austin, Chairman  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

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Date approved by the  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners