

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 18, 2011

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on May 18, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were: Marvin Miller, Chairman; Lee Roy Ledford, Vice-Chairman; Ken Hollifield, Member; Bill Slagle, Member; Joe Street, Member; Charles Vines, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; and Corey Hoilman, Reporter with the Mitchell-News Journal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Street gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Budget Revision** – Commissioner Slagle moved to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Budget Revision (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachment A). Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - B. **Contract between Mitchell County and Tax Management Associates** – Commissioner Street moved to approve the Contract between Mitchell County and Tax Management Associates (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachment B). Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - C. **Resolution Providing for Electronic Listing and Extending Time for Filing Electronic Listings of Personal Property for Property Tax Purpose** – Commissioner Ledford moved to adopt the Resolution Providing for Electronic Listing and Extending Time for Filing Electronic Listings of Personal Property for Property Tax Purpose (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachment C). Commissioner Street seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - D. **Minutes for Board of Equalization and Review** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to approve the minutes for the Board of Equalization and Review (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachment D). Commissioner Slagle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - E. **Submission of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget** – County Manager Vines stated he respectfully submitted the Mitchell County proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in accordance with Section 159-11 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The proposed budget for Mitchell County's 2011-2012 fiscal year is \$16,582,583 which reflects a 3.35% decrease from last year. This

compares to our Fiscal Year 2010-2011 initial budget of \$16,945,493 for the current fiscal year, which has been amended to date to \$17,157,279.

The proposed budget is for all county operations and debt service requirements. The proposed budget is balanced and prepared in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

The proposed budget is balanced with a tax rate of \$0.40 per (\$100) valuation based on the current value of real property of \$1,710,975,000. The revenue is based on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 tax collection rate of 92.96% as of June 30, 2010 (per statute requirement).

Sales tax revenues were increased by 2% over actual figures for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. This is a major area of concern. Sales tax revenues have been declining in recent months. Vehicle tax revenues continue to decline due to the age of vehicles, lower values, and lack of new vehicle sales. Inspection fees, Register of Deeds fees and interest income continue to be either flat or declining.

Fiscal Year 2011-2012 expense highlights reflect increases in State Health Insurance of \$21.37 per month 108 full time and retired employees. State retirement match increased from 6.50% to 7.03%.

The proposed budget does not include a CPI increase for the employee pay plan or additional funding for outside agencies. Funding remains at the same level as Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

County Department Budgets were reduced where possible from 3% to 8%.

Emergency Medical Services increased. This is the 3rd year of a four-year contract.

Fuel cost budgeted at an average of \$3.50 (\$4.00 pump price) per gallon for FY 2011-2012.

Mitchell County's revaluation funding reduced from \$100,000 to \$50,000 and Contingency funds reduced from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

The following are items not included in the budget but are pending areas of concern for Fiscal Year 2011-2012:

- Courthouse Security
- Jail Misdemeanant Cost
- Meth Lab Clean-Up Cost

Mitchell County employees and I committed to being responsible and accountable for the 2011-2012 Budget. I appreciate the combined efforts of every department head for taking part in helping work on this year's budget. Even though we are facing uncertain economic times in government today, we have tightened our belts and will continue to do our part. I believe in giving credit where it is due, I would like to thank Mavis for her support and hard work in pulling together our 2011-2012 budget.

I would also like to thank the Board of Commissioners for their continued support over the fiscal concerns of our county.

Commissioner Slagle moved to accept the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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Marvin Miller, Chairman

Lee Roy Ledford, Vice-Chairman

Ken Hollifield, Member

Bill Slagle, Member

Joe Street, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board