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## **Rutherford County**

### **Board of Commissioners**

#### **Minutes of Special Meeting 2 on April 23, 2018**

**Monday, April 23, 2018  
3:30 PM**

##### **I. Call to Order**

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Chairman King called the April 23, 2018 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

**Present:** Chairman Bryan King, Vice Chairman Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner Eddie Holland, and Commissioner Greg Lovelace.

Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Leonard Hollifield called the meeting of the trustees to order.

##### **A. Agenda Approval**

**Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Holland and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

##### **II. New Business**

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##### **A. ID 18-1625 Budget Meeting with Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees**

Isothermal Community College President Walter Dalton told the Board that the education gap needs to be closed in Rutherford County. The goal of the college is for Rutherford County citizens to come to the college to receive training in order to get jobs in the future; however, this training requires facilities and buildings. President Dalton asked that the County form a committee with the college officials to identify the needs of the college and how to meet those needs by 2024. The college has engaged an architect to work on a master plan for the college, and he invited the County to join the college in this endeavor.

The state construction office has summarized existing needs of the college which totaled an estimated \$12,700,000. The balance of the Connect NC bonds were applied to address these needs, but there is a balance remaining of \$8,300,000.

Vice President Stephen Matheny said the college anticipates bringing the new Comprehensive Applied Science and Workforce Development Facility online in January 2019. The annual operational cost is estimated to be \$125,000 which includes additional staff, utilities, and supplies. There is an additional request of \$36,000 included in the requested budget for costs to open the facility.

Personnel costs representing Maintenance and Custodial staff reflect an estimate of 2% increase, but the state had not indicated potential increases. There will be an increase in the retirement rate from 17.13% to 18.55% and an increase in medical costs from \$5,869 to \$6,104. These costs are included in the budget request.

Bid were received for required insurance coverage which resulted in a savings of approximately \$30,000. The requested budget reflects that reduction.

The overall request from Isothermal Community College shows an increase of 5.17% for operational costs. Capital projects are accounted for separately through the capital reserve fund. Adjustments to line items are included for the annual cost for facility repairs.

### **III. Adjournment**

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**At 3:54 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:**

**Ayes:** Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Holland and Commissioner Lovelace.

**Noes:** None

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

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Clerk, Board of Commissioners