



**Rutherford County Office Building
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

**Rutherford County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes of April 10, 2019**

**Monday, April 10, 2019
4:00 PM**

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the April 10, 2019 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.

B. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Benfield 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

A. ID 19-2025 Budget Meeting with Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees

Isothermal Community College President Walter Dalton thanked the Board of Commissioners for the investment and the interest which they have in Isothermal Community College. The new Engineering, Technology, and Workforce Development Center has been well received by businesses and citizens and means the college is competing in a modern environment. This building along with the Agribusiness Facility and Emergency Services Training Center will add 42 acres to the campus that must be maintained.

Vice President Stephen Matheny elaborated on the budget request of the college. To operate the additional square footage and acreage, Isothermal Community College projects an addition of one fulltime custodial position, one fulltime grounds position, and two fulltime maintenance technicians.

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The request for funding the four position totals \$167,000. A projection of operating expenditures was estimated to be recurring at \$317,000 which includes costs for utilities, maintenance, and supplies.

There will be increases in employee benefits which includes retirement and insurance.

A new master plan was just completed and approved by the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees. The top priority is the renovation and redesign of the campus library to make it a Student Success/Student Learning Center. Since so much research is done online and the need for hardbound books has diminished, space could be used for more collaborative areas for students and more computer access. No new space is required but the existing space would be repurposed.

Isothermal Community College has also signed articulation agreements with The Citadel and with Fayetteville State University. These agreements could allow online learning communities which would be enhanced by the space for study groups created in the redesigned library.

The estimated cost of the renovation is approximately \$1,000,000. Isothermal Community College is requesting that the County Commissioners create a reserve fund for the renovation and appropriate \$500,000 during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This would allow planning to be completed, and the full cost to be accomplished in the following fiscal year.

The overall request reflects an increase of 12.15%. This does not include capital projects which are accounted for separately through the capital reserve fund maintained and supported by the County.

III. Adjournment

At 4:28 P.M. Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

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

Noes: None

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners