



Rutherford County

Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Commissioners

Thursday, June 6, 2019

4:00 PM

Commission Chambers

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the June 6, 2019 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Bryan King, Vice Chairperson Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner Greg Lovelace and Commissioner Eddie Holland

A. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Lovelace moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

II. New Business

A. [ID 19-2088](#) Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Attachments: [Budget Ordinance - FY19-20 June 6th Draft](#)

Chairman King announced that the Board had held workshops on the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, and a public hearing was held to listen to comments about the proposed budget on June 3, 2019. A budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was presented for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 201-2020. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Lovelace

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Holland

Finance Director Paula Roach advised that the ad valorem tax values went down after the close of the Board of Equalization and Review and the calculations of depreciation on the business listings was completed. It was recommended that the \$165,685 decrease be budgeted in prior year taxes to offset this adjustment.

Commissioner Benfield made a motion to approve the recommendation.

Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield,
Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

As a result of the decrease in ad valorem taxes, the value of 1 cent was reduced from \$626,871 to \$624,096.

Commissioner Holland made a motion that \$10,000 of the contribution from the Tourism Development Authority for County projects within their FYE2020 Budget be put into Parks and Recreation. The funds would be used for strategic planning/grant writing/professional services to support a multi-field sports complex. Commissioner Lovelace seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Chairman King said the result of approval of this motion would delay the planned critical projects. One would possibly be delayed six months and the other would be delayed about a year. The Board of Education is asking that their needs be addressed now, and the projects will still be funded a few months later.

Commissioner Holland had concerns regarding the resolution approved by the Board on February 5, 2018 which stated that if the sales and use tax are approved, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners are fully committed to invest all additional sales tax revenue received by passage of the public education sales tax referendum on critical public education capital facility needs.

Chairman King said if approved, the Board of Commissioners would be fulfilling their obligations to voters but also to the Board of Education to help them on capital needs. There is the potential of other funds for capital school needs. Chairman King advised that the following year will be different as there will not be the potential for this amount of funding for schools.

Commissioner Lovelace made a motion to reallocate funds in the school's budget in the amount of \$909,759 from capital to current expense and to approve a one-time allocation of \$2,000,000 from School Capital Fund 29 Debt Service Fund to School Capital Outlay. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield,
Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Commissioner Holland moved to approve a budget amendment for a \$2,000,000 contribution from Debt Service Fund to the General Fund as a one-time allocation. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield,
Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Commissioner Lovelace move to approve \$2,000,000 Capital Outlay within the General Fund with revenue coming from the Debt Service Fund. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield,
Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

III. Adjournment

At 4:30 P.M. Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield,
Commissioner Lovelace and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0