

HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – August 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark S. Swanger convened the regular meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Courtroom at the Haywood County Historic Courthouse, Waynesville, North Carolina, with Chairman Mark S. Swanger, Vice-Chairman J.W. “Kirk” Kirkpatrick III, Commissioners Michael T. Sorrells and Bill L. Upton present. Staff members present were County Manager Ira Dove, HCHHSA Director/Asst. County Manager Stoney Blevins, County Attorney Leon M. “Chip” Killian, III, Finance Director Julie Davis, and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Candace Way.

Not present: Commissioner L. Kevin Ensley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Swanger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick offered the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Chairman Swanger opened the public comment session. Comments are generally limited to three minutes per individual, unless the speaker is representing a group for which the comment period may be extended to five minutes.

Sam Smith addressed the Board. He provided information on the Haywood County Fair which will be next week, August 25th through the 31st. He highlighted new things to the Fair such as the ugly truck contest. He distributed copies of the guide for the fair which contain a schedule of events for each day.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

Commissioner Sorrells took a moment to thank Haywood County staff for the work that they do each day for the County and its citizens. He noted that he had heard a few comments from people complimenting the service that they had received. As football season begins in the County, he encouraged Haywood County to get out and support their team.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick stated that he had received a call from a citizen concerning the difficulty they had with traffic during the Lake Logan triathlon. He encouraged the caller to contact the organizer since the County is not involved with the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE/AGENCY REPORTS

Smoky Mountain Center Fiscal Monitoring report

Chairman Swanger recognized Finance Director Julie Davis.

Ms. Davis explained that this a quarterly report that is brought before the Board. She said that these are unaudited numbers that may change. Through the quarter ending June 30, 2015, the Smoky Mountain Center total revenues collected were \$373,302,916 and the total expenditures were \$348,653,322 for a total increase of \$24,649,594.

DISCUSSION / ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

Chairman Swanger stated that item six under New Business will be expanded to include comments from Dr. Barbara Parker from Haywood Community College and members of the HCC Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Upton seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of August 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes.
2. Approval of July 2015 Refunds, Release, Amendments and Discoveries – David Francis, Tax and Solid Waste Administrator
Mr. Francis reported that there was nothing unusual to report.

3. Approval of Settlement of Taxes Collected 2014-2015 – Mike Matthews, Tax Collector –
 Mr. Matthews explained that out of the net levy of \$39,747,286, the County is at 97.47% which is \$38,742,408. He stated that excluding the motor vehicles before that, it is 97.29% and with registered motor vehicles collected it is 99.97%. He stated that numbers for motor vehicles outstanding back from 2005 to current is \$554,000. He said that about \$63,000 will be written off in September from the 2005 numbers, and his office has a plan for the rest of them. He said that he has a list for those that owe over \$5,000, and they have addressed each one.
4. Budget Amendments – Julie Davis, Finance Director
 a. General Fund – Community Development - \$268,899 – to reallocate the federal grant funding remaining at June 30, 2015 to be carried over to the current fiscal year for Blue Ridge Heritage signage project -
 Ms. Davis explained that this project has come before the Board throughout the process. The money left in the grant will be put into this fiscal year to finish out the project.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PER: _____
JNL: _____

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County that the following amendment be made to the budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Community Development				
Other Contract	11 4930 6890 11BRN		268,899	268,899

which will result in a net increase of \$ 268,899 in the expenditures of the General Fund.

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased as the money has been received:

Revenue	Acct. No.	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Restricted Intergovernmental				
Inter gov't Revenue-Non Federal	11 0050 449360 11BRN		268,899	268,899

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be delivered to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this the 17 day of August, 2015


 Chairman
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
 Clerk to the Board

Explanation: To appropriate budget TO FY 2016 from revenue not spent in FY 2015 For the Blue Ridge National Heritage Grant.

- b. General Fund – HHSA – Adult respite - \$2,294 – to reallocate the balance of the Local grant funding from the Evergreen Foundation remaining at June 30, 2015 for expanding programs in adult respite -
 Ms. Davis explained that this is grant revenue that was not spent last year and is available to spend in the current fiscal year.

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BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PER: _____
JNL: _____

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Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Adult Day Care-DSS				
Special Program Materials	11 5401 619900 15ADC		2,294	2,294

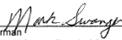
which will result in a net increase of \$ 2,294 in the expenditures of the General Fund.

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased as the money has been received:

Revenue	Acct. No.	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Miscellaneous				
Local Grant-Evergreen	11 0100 454852 15ADC		2,294	2,294

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 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
 Clerk to the Board

Explanation: To appropriate budget TO FY 2016 from revenue not spent in FY 2015 for the Evergreen Foundation Grant.

- c. Special Revenue Fund – Solid Waste Management - \$336,635 – to reallocate the prior year contracts for engineering and dirt hauling for the Francis Farm Landfill cap and maintenance projects –
 Ms. Davis explained that this is money rolled into the fund balance from contracts that were not completed in the last fiscal year. This will be used to cover the balance of the contracts.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
 FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

PER: _____
 JNL: _____

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County that the following amendment be made to the budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016

Section 1. To amend the Special Revenue Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
S/R Funds-Solid Waste Mgt:				
Capital Outlay - FFLP land improvements	244710-655701-4710	-	161,881	161,881
Capital Outlay - FFLP land improvements	244710-655701-4710	161,891	69,900	231,791
Professional Services - engineering-McGill	244710-619403-4710	215,000	63,000	278,000
Professional Services - engineering-Bun/Lam	244710-619403-4710	278,000	41,754	319,754
which will result in a net increase of \$		336,635		
Special Revenue Fund.				

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased as the money has been received:

Revenue	Acct. No.	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Fund Balance Appropriation	240110-499901	-	336,635	336,635
			336,635	

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Adopted this 17 day of August, 2015.

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Clerk to the Board

[Signature]
 Chairman
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

Explanation:	
To cover the contracts that are still open that will carry over to this new fiscal year.	
NIM Constructors	161,881 CAP maintenance
NIM Constructors	69,900 FFLP prop. stockpile
	231,781
McGill Associates	63,000 Development of ACM
Bunnell/Lammons	41,754
	336,635

- d. General Fund – Health & Human Services - \$5,000 – to reallocate funds between two HHS departments to cover a contract for mammography services for indigent patients at Haywood Regional Medical Imaging -
 Ms. Davis explained that \$16,000 is needed in the breast and cervical cancer line item. This is to reallocate funds to cover the Mammography Services contract for indigent patients.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
 FISCAL YEAR 2015-16

PER: _____
 JNL: _____

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County that the following amendment be made to the budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
115110 Health				
Office Supplies	115110-526000	6,500	(1,000)	5,500
Non-Expendable Office Supplies	115110-526900	7,002	(2,000)	5,002
Travel	115110-531100	10,459	(2,000)	8,459
115158 Breast & Cervical Cancer				
Professional Services	115158-519300	11,000	5,000	16,000
which will result in a net increase of \$				
General Fund.				

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Adopted this the 17 day of August, 2015.

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 Chairman
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

Explanation:	
To reallocate funds to cover the Mammography Services contract for indigent patients with DLP Haywood Regional Medical Center and Haywood Medical Imaging.	

NEW BUSINESS

Request approval of resolution and application for special-use permit for new telecommunications tower on Sleepy Hollow Lane near Lake Junaluska

Chairman Swanger recognized Planning Director, Kris Boyd.

Mr. Boyd reminded the Board of the Public Hearing in July that was held for the special-use permit for the telecommunications tower on Sleepy Hollow Lane.

He noted that a property owner near the proposed site, Mr. Styles, had expressed concerns about storm water runoff. He stated that he, Mr. Styles, Mr. Pruett and staff from the Lake Junaluska public works had visited the site. He noted that Mr. Styles had a legitimate concern if this was project was not done correctly. He explained that the area around the site is steep, and they will have to assure that the conveyance system pushes the water to the back of the site into a drainage ditch. He said that his recommendation was after the approval of the special-use permit, the County requires the contractor obtain a land disturbing permit from the County prior to beginning work on the site. He stated that he had spoken to the applicant from the law firm and the Junaluska Assembly and they are all in agreement with this. He noted that this permit will allow the County to inspect the site. No other public comments were received from the public hearing.

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the resolution and application for special-use permit for new telecommunications tower on Sleepy Hollow Lane near Lake Junaluska and a variance stipulating an erosion control plan and a land disturbing permit prior to receiving a building permit and beginning construction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorrells and passed unanimously.

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RESOLUTION

Resolution for Wireless Telecommunication Special Use Permit

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Haywood County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 115: Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, (the "Ordinance"), on October 3, 2014, Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (the "Applicant") filed an application, and on May 14, 2015 filed an amended application with the Haywood County Planning Department seeking a special use permit to construct a One Hundred Thirty-two (132') foot stealth monopine telecommunications tower located on that real property at 660 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Waynesville, North Carolina 28745 (the "Lake Junaluska Site"); and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the application for special use permit, pursuant to the Ordinance, Verizon Wireless also requested a variance to the setback of the proposed telecommunications tower from the property line to the North in the amount of sixteen feet, five inches (16'5"), and Verizon Wireless; and

WHEREAS, the amended application for the special use permit, and the narrative and twenty-four (24) exhibits attached thereto, and the application for a variance, and the eight (8) exhibits attached thereto, are collectively referred to herein as the "Application"; and

WHEREAS, the collective Application submitted into the record by Verizon Wireless, and the copy of the Verizon Wireless PowerPoint presentation submitted into the record, are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, after due notice required by the Ordinance, a public hearing was held by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners on Monday, July 20, 2015, at which time the public was given an opportunity to be heard. The matter and Application were presented by Kris Boyd, Director of the Haywood County Planning Office; Laura Askins, legal counsel to Verizon Wireless, testified on behalf of Verizon Wireless and the Application; Sam Styles spoke with concerns about installation of storm water control measures as he lives down slope from the proposed location.

WHEREAS, Kris Boyd, Director of the Haywood County Planning Office and code enforcement officer for Haywood County, testified that the Application met the standards set forth in the Ordinance;

WHEREAS, at its scheduled meeting on August 17, 2015, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Application, subject to the approval of this final Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, after considering the evidence offered at the public hearing, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is resolved as follows:

3. That the Application of Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, satisfies the requirements of the Ordinance, and that Verizon Wireless shall therefore be granted a variance which will permit the setback of the proposed telecommunications tower from the property line to the North to be reduced to sixteen feet, five inches (16'5"), as more specifically addressed and requested in the Application.

This 17th day of August, 2015

Haywood County Board of Commissioners


Mark Swanger, Chairman

1. The Haywood County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") makes the following findings under Section 115 of the Ordinance:

- a. All public notice requirements of the Ordinance have been satisfied;
- b. Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, has satisfied the requirements of the Ordinance in regard to that special use permit, and has carried its burden of proof to the satisfaction of the Board;

- c. Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, has satisfied the requirements of the Ordinance in regard to the request for a variance, and has carried its burden of proof to the satisfaction of the Board, in one or more of the following particulars:

- (i) Unique technical reasons not shared by other providers of functionally equivalent services prohibits its ability to provide personal wireless services and that no combination of locations, techniques or technologies generally known in the industry, can resolve its technological deficiency at a reasonable cost. Verizon Wireless' main objective in connection with the Lake Junaluska Site is to improve coverage to the North of Highway 19, South of Interstate 40 and East of Highway 276. That area is presently covered by Verizon Wireless' Ivy Hills and West Canton Sites. The coverage provided by the Ivy Hills Site is limited due to a significant change in elevation to the North of Highway 19. The West Canton Site is currently operating at full capacity. The Lake Junaluska Site will allow Verizon Wireless to resolve both of these technical coverage limitations at the Ivy Hills Site, thereby allowing Verizon Wireless and other wireless carriers to provide adequate coverage to the communities surrounding Lake Junaluska. The Lake Junaluska Site will address the capacity issues at the West Canton Site by serving as an "offload site" - meaning it will free up capacity at the West Canton Site. Therefore, in addition to increasing coverage between Highway 19 and Interstate 40, the Lake Junaluska Site will allow the West Canton Site to provide a better quality of coverage in all directions.

- (ii) The proposed variance would result in further mitigation of adverse visual and other environmental impacts than would otherwise be possible due to the requirement that an additional tower otherwise be constructed. The Lake Junaluska Site is a suitable parcel of property for the construction of a telecommunications tower. There is an existing elevated water tank at the proposed location and, therefore, a telecommunications tower will be in harmony with the existing use of the property. Moreover, the Lake Junaluska Site has been leveled and graded for the water tank and there is an existing access road between the proposed location and Sleepy Hollow Drive. Due to these existing improvements, the installation of the telecommunications tower will require minimal, if any, disturbance of the existing trees and protected mountain ridge.

2. That the Application of Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, satisfies the requirements of the Ordinance, and that Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless shall therefore be granted a special use permit under Section 115 of the Ordinance to construct a new additional Hundred Thirty-two (132') stealth monopine telecommunications tower located on that real property at 660 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Waynesville, North Carolina 28745, as more specifically addressed and requested in the Application.

Request approval to purchase five 2016 Utility Police vehicles from Ken Wilson Ford, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a total of \$132,465

Chairman Swanger recognized Sheriff's Office Captain Jason Smiley. Captain Smiley explained that the request is for the approval to purchase five police interceptors as a result of the statutorily required competitive bidding process. He stated that this is allowed in the fiscal year.

Chairman Swanger noted that this was in last year's budget and is required to go through the process of obtaining the bids, and Ken Wilson is the lowest responsive responsible bidder and Captain Smiley concurred.

Captain Smiley explained that this is the police version of the Ford Explorer.

Commissioner Sorrells asked if any other company is able to do this, and Captain Smiley explained that Ken Wilson Ford gives them a price that is even below the state contract price. Commissioner Sorrells thanked Ken Wilson Ford for doing this.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the purchase of five 2016 Utility Police vehicles from Ken Wilson Ford, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, for a total of \$132,465 and was seconded by Commissioner Sorrells. The motion passed unanimously.

Request approval of the installation of the sign panels and bases for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's trail signs by Waybaytay Holdings, Inc., dba Signs Etc. Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a total of \$78,750

Chairman Swanger recognized BRNHA Signage Coordinator Melinda Massey. Ms. Massey thanked the County for its support as the fiscal agent for the project. She stated that this is for approval of the final contract that is required to complete the installation of the signs. She said that they are fabricated, delivered, inspected and ready to go in the ground.

Chairman Swanger noted that this is for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's trail signs and is the lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$78,750 and is funded by a federal highway administration grant.

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the installation of the sign panels and bases for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's trail sign by Waybaytay Holdings, Inc. the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a total of \$78,750 from a federal highway administration grant and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick. The motion passed unanimously.

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RESOLUTION
EXECUTING CONTRACT FOR
THE BLUE RIDGE HERITAGE TRAIL SIGNS INSTALLATION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY MANAGER, IRA DOVE TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF HAYWOOD COUNTY A CONTRACT AND ANY CHANGE ORDERS WITHIN THE BUDGETED AMOUNT WITH WAYBAYTAY HOLDINGS, INC. DBA SIGNS ETC., INC. FOR THE PROJECT KNOWN AS BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA'S TRAIL SIGNS GRANT (E-4975).

WHEREAS, Waybaytay Holdings, Inc. dba Signs Etc., Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder for the installation of the Blue Ridge Heritage Trail signs; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County is the fiscal agent for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's Trail Signs grant (E-4975) from the Federal Highway Administration;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Haywood County Board of County Commissioners authorizes County Manager, Ira Dove to execute on behalf of Haywood County the attached contract with Waybaytay Holdings, Inc. dba Signs Etc., Inc. in the amount of \$78,750 and any change orders within the budgeted amount for the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area's Trail Signs grant (E-4975), pending concurrence with award by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Read, approved and adopted this 17 day of August 2015.


Mark S. Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ira Dove, County Manager
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

Request approval of foster care board rate increases for Health & Human Services Agency supported family foster homes

Chairman Swanger recognized HHS Director/Asst. County Manager Stoney Blevins. Mr. Blevins explained that this increase was approved and recommended by the HHS Board. He noted that this rate increase will help to accomplish three goals 1) raise the board rate for local foster parents, 2) allows foster children to stay in the county by possibly recruiting more foster families, 3) more beneficial to the taxpayer which will save County dollars instead of private placement.

Chairman Swanger commented that he sits on the HHS Board, and has learned that private placement can be as far the coast of North Carolina. Our County agency still has a legal obligation to make monthly contact with the placed child.

Commissioner Upton asked about our numbers of foster care children in comparison to other counties. Social Work Division Director Donna Lupton addressed the Board and explained that based on our population, our number of foster children is not high, although we do have more than all other seven western North Carolina counties combined.

Commissioner Sorrells confirmed that by paying foster parents more, it may help to bring more families that will serve in this capacity, and still have some cost savings to the County with reduced traveling.

Mr. Blevins stated that the goal is to get the child back in the home if at all possible, and placing a child three or four counties away impedes on the ability of the parent to visit at times. He further commented that the rates that a foster family receives are not payments, they are stipends that go towards room and board, clothing, food etc. for the child.

Ms. Lupton said that the next foster parent class will begin in September. She said that applications are being accepted now. Anyone interested can call the agency at 452-6620 and ask for her, Pam Montgomery or Rachel Young.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick confirmed the rate increases. He commented that not only do the foster parents take the child into their home, they have to take the issues that come along with that child that has been in a situation that would require that child to be removed from the home. He thanked foster parents for doing what they do.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the foster care board rate increases as set forth in the payment schedule for Health & Human Services Agency supported family foster homes and was seconded by Commissioner Upton. The motion passed unanimously.

Request re-appointments of two members to the Sediment Control Board

Chairman Swanger recognized County Manager, Ira Dove.

Mr. Dove explained that the Sediment Board approved Bill Yarborough as a member and Charles Boyd as an alternate on the Sediment Control Board and is asking the Board to approve these re-appointments.

Commissioner Sorrells made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Bill Yarborough and Charles Boyd to the Sediment Control Board and Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Haywood Community College Public Training Facility update and discussion regarding current status

Chairman Swanger recognized HCC President, Dr. Barbara Parker.

Dr. Parker reviewed the history between the County and the college concerning the facility site. She noted that on July 16th, HCC received 6 bids for the facility. All bids came in high, about one million over the budgeted price. The HCC board had met with County representatives and have discussed their options. She stated that from Ms. Davis's report, there will be enough money from accumulated sales tax to obtain a larger loan to support the funding of construction. The college is worried about the yearly maintenance and operations. She stated that they are here to ask the County to assist with that. Their best estimate is \$56,000 annually. She explained that they will need a Public Services Training Facility Coordinator who will coordinate classroom schedules, use of the burn building, maintenance of the building, training, security of the building, site training and development, and delivery of instruction. The projected salary can be as much as \$70,000, so the total annual cost will be \$126,000.

Mr. Dove responded to Chairman Swanger's inquiry about possible grant funding for this saying that according to initial information, operation and maintenance does not seem to fall within the requirements.

She said that there is a special called meeting of the HCC Board on Friday to look at their options. She said that this assistance will not be needed until the end of construction, so this would be in the County's next fiscal year.

Chairman Swanger explained that this Board does not have legal authority to promise a future Board's actions. He verified with Dr. Parker that a request that would come from the college will be in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Sorrells asked if there could be a charge to use this facility and Dr. Parker responded that emergency services fees are waived. She explained that the college can earn a FTE, which is full time equivalent. She said it takes 688 hours of instruction to earn one FTE. One FTE was worth \$4665.56 this past fiscal year. She explained that the State determines what a FTE is worth. Last year the college had 198 FTEs for a total of \$925,507 in the services of EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and Allied Health. She said the revenues and expenses are about even.

HCC Workforce Continuing Education Dean, Doug Burchfield, explained that groups outside of the county do come to use our facilities and some of these fees are not waived. He said that some classes can be offered in which the FTE fees are not waived.

Chairman Swanger reflected when in 2008, the County gave the 22 acres to the college, and one of the purposes was to build the training facility.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick asked if they did or did not anticipate the FTEs to pay for the operations, maintenance and coordinator, and Dr. Parker responded that they did not. She said that the coordinator will be busy all the time and his or her ability to instruct will be limited. She said that based on history, they won't have the funding to pay for this position. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick asked that even though the bids came in more than anticipated, are they still willing to construct the facility? Dr. Parker responded that the HCC board supports the project, and that is one consideration of their board, but they are concerned on how to pay for the maintenance and operations. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick confirmed with Dr. Parker that the reason they are back here tonight is to let the Board know that they cannot incur the additional expenses and would like the County to take these expenses.

HCC Board Chairman Richard Lanning stated that the challenge now is to try to come up with options to go along with this as it is. He said that there will probably be action at the meeting this week, and he thinks it is important for the County to know that they support this. He said that he understands that the Board cannot make a decision for the next group of commissioners that will be here, but would appreciate if the County supported the operations and maintenance costs down the road.

Chairman Swanger stated that there is no doubt that everyone understands the importance of the facility and the work that comes out of it.

Commissioner Upton noted that if money is borrowed for this, it could tie up funds for ten years, and the biggest concern is that there will be additional needs at the college. He asked if there is an expert that has done this type of work that can look at this project to see what can be saved.

Mr. Lanning responded that there has been extensive research done, and one option is to split this into two parts, one part with the burn building and one part apparatus classroom.

Chairman Swanger asked Mr. Dove for clarity on whether or not the quarter cent sales tax money can be used for this building, and asked that he and Mr. Killian research this and find out. He said that he would hate for a public safety training building to be blamed for preventing future projects being done.

Waynesville Fire Chief Joey Webb addressed the Board, stressing the need for this facility in the County, and stated that the attic prop in the facility can be used as a drawing card from others areas. Some of the trainings are multi day which will use County area services. He noted that small industries will also be attracted to this facility.

Commissioner Sorrells asked what the next big project is at the college since this could potentially tie up the money with a ten year loan, and Dr. Parker responded that nursing, early college, general all-purpose classroom building and cosmetology buildings are tight.

Sheriff's Office Chief Jeff Haynes addressed the Board and spoke of his history with the County and how he has seen the support they have given public safety in the past. He also stressed the significant impact this facility can make in the County.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick remarked that unfortunately the board has to deal with previous boards decisions about projects to undertake, and these projects still have to be discussed because they are taking money away from sales tax. He noted that he is not speaking negatively about any other board, but the fact is that the County is going to have to use a majority of sales tax to pay for the building. He asked if the creative arts building is being used for any other classes and Dr. Parker responded that some of the classrooms are specific to that class such as the pottery room. She explained that enrollment for creative arts is holding steady, and the child care facility has to make its enrollment numbers to open. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick stated that he supports the project but expressed concern over tying up the money for 10 years which would make other projects and their financial support difficult.

Chairman Swanger stated that this is just not a community college problem. He said that this maintenance issue will enable the community to benefit because without the maintenance there will be no product. He supports the project in the next budget year.

Commissioner Upton stated that he supports the project and although there are tough questions, this does not indicate where our hearts are.

Commissioner Sorrells stated that he has always supported it but was taken back when the bids came in. He asks that they continue to look at it very carefully and if at all possible see if there is some other savings.

Ms. Davis stated if the HCC Board decides to move forward, the bids run out October 14. The Local Government Commission will have to approve at their meeting on October 6. The County will have to get the applications in by September 1 and the County has to hold a public hearing. The LGC meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Chairman Swanger said that the County needs to be ready to move forward and the public hearing will need to be done.

Ms. Davis said that since it looks like the County will have to borrow \$4.4 million, it will be required to have another hearing. She stated that the timing is critical because the public hearing will need to be noticed in the newspaper.

HCC Campus Development Director, Brek Lanning stated that if the college decided to split the project, the redesign will not be ready before January or February.

Chairman Swanger explained that a motion to suspend the rules will be necessary to hold the public hearing during a morning session of the Board of County Commissioners since the County Board Rules of Procedures calls for public hearings to be held in an evening meeting.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to suspend the rules and Commissioner Upton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swanger called for a public hearing pursuant to Sections 160A-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, to take place on September 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Historic Courtroom in the Historic Courthouse at 215 N. Main St. Waynesville, N.C. concerning the approval of the execution and delivery of a financing contract, not to exceed \$4.4 million, for the construction of a public services training facility at Haywood Community College. He noted this will be held if the HCC Board of Trustees voted to move forward on the project and can be cancelled if necessary. There were no objections to the call for public hearing.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to enter into Closed Session for:
Economic Development §143-318.11(a)(4)
Commissioner Upton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Swanger asked if there was any further business.
With no further business, Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting. Commissioner Upton seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

The time of adjournment was 7:38 p.m. The DVD is attached by reference to the minutes.

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