

**Minutes of the 2010-2011 Budget Workshops
Commissioner's Meeting Room
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

April 29, 2010

Present at the 29 April 2010 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, Commissioner Johnny Riddle, County Manager Nathan Bennett, County Planner Jamie McMahan, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Finance Director Lynne Hensley.

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the agenda (Attachment A). Commissioner Riddle seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Finance Director Lynne Hensley and Finance Officer Brandi Burleson discussed and updated the Board about all of the outside agencies: Yancey County Schools, Mayland Community College, and others had already been told not to expect an increase in their budgets. Ms. Hensley and Ms. Burleson also gave the Board an update on the fund balance and they also informed the Board that there still needed to be about \$500,000 cut from the budget. The Finance Officer and Finance Director also supplied the Board with the third quarter financial statement and report. County Manager Nathan Bennett informed the Board of a couple of cost saving measures that could be done. One of these cost savings measures would be to employ a full-time IT person instead of contracting those services out. The second cost cutting measure would be to enroll the County on the State Health Plan which would be a savings of about \$150,000. Upon hearing from County Manager Bennett Commissioner Storie made a motion to authorize the county manager to employ Mike McKinney as full-time IT Director as a cost cutting measure. The motion was seconded by Chairman Savage and the vote to approve was unanimous. Chairman Savage then moved to approve a resolution asking Yancey County's legislative delegation in Raleigh to introduce legislation to allow Yancey County to enroll in the State Health Plan. The motion was seconded by Chairman Savage and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment B). Chairman Savage made a further motion that effective May 1, 2010 all Yancey County Government shall be subject to a hiring freeze in all county agencies. The county manager shall be authorized to determine if a vacant position is essential and should be filled. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and the vote to approve was unanimous. Having no further business Commissioner Riddle made a motion to recess until May 18th at 9:00 am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storie and the vote to approve was unanimous.

MAY 18, 2010

Present at the 18 May 2010 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, Commissioner Johnny Riddle, County Manager and Assistant Clerk to the Board Nathan Bennett, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Finance Director Lynne Hensley.

Chairman Savage reconvened the meeting at 9:00 am from April 29th and was informed by the finance office that no updates were available about the fiscal year 2010-2011 budget. Upon hearing from the finance office staff Commissioner Riddle made a motion to recess the meeting until May 25, 2010 at 9:00 am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and the vote to approve was unanimous.

MAY 25, 2010

Present at the 25 May 2010 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, Commissioner Johnny Riddle, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Finance Director Lynne Hensley, and Sheriff Gary Banks.

Chairman Savage reconvened the meeting at 9:00 am from May 18th and first heard from Ms. Hensley about updates on some of the components of the budget preparations such as the Employee Health Plan and the PARTF grant. Ms. Hensley stated that money had to remain for a possible debt service for the library and money need to be added to form the IT department but money could be subtracted from contracting line item. County Manager Bennett gave an update on the PARTF grant submission. Nothing has been heard from PARTF yet but there is always hope and if no grant funding is available about \$200,000 would be needed to move the project forward. Sheriff Banks also gave an update about what has been happening in his department. He informed the Board that he is trying to cut costs wherever possible and looking into possibly contracting out medical service to the inmates. Having no further business Chairman Savage made a motion to recess the meeting until June 15, 2010 at 9:00 am. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and the vote to approve was unanimous.

June 15, 2010

Present at the 15 June 2010 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, Commissioner Johnny Riddle, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and Finance Director Lynne Hensley.

Chairman Savage reconvened the meeting at 9:00 am from May 25, 2010 and heard from Mrs. Hensley and Mrs. Burleson about the 2010-11 budget. Mrs. Hensley and Mrs. Burleson updated the Board about where the budget was at. There is still no word back from PARTF but the Yancey County Library Loan was approved. Mrs. Hensley and Mrs. Burleson also informed the Board that they might want to come up with a priority list of projects if extra money were to become available. Mrs. Burleson and Mrs. Hensley both asked the commissioners to leave restoring the fund balance to 8% as the top goal. Mrs. Burleson and Mrs. Hensley also updated the Board about ad valorem taxes and adding some additional money into the budget thanks to the Tax Office and Assessment Solutions. Having no further business Chairman Savage moved to recess the meeting until June 24, 2010 at 5:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Storie and the vote to approve was unanimous.

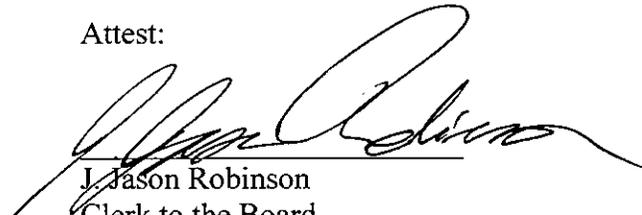
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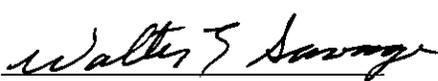
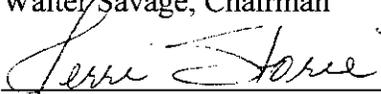
Present at the 24 June 2010 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioner Jerri Storie, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Finance Director Lynne Hensley, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, and members of the general public.

Chairman Savage reconvened the meeting at 5:45 pm from June 15, 2010 into session. The Board then heard from Finance Director Lynne Hensley and Finance Officer Brandi Burleson about some of the things that were added to the budget and taken away from the budget. Having no further business Commissioner Storie moved to adjourn the budget work sessions and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the 3rd day of December 2010.

Attest:


Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board


Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Member

(county seal)




Johnny Riddle, Member

Attachment A

Nathan Bennett, County Manager

Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Commissioner

Johnny Riddle, Commissioner



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AGENDA
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING—BUDGET WORK SESSION
APRIL 29, 2010
2:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Savage
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Budget Work Session – Nathan Bennett, County Manager, Lynne Hensley and Brandi Burlison, Finance Office
- IV. Adjourn

Attachment B



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Nathan Bennett, County Manager

Walter Savage, Chairman

Jerri Storie, Commissioner

Johnny Riddle, Commissioner

YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS Resolution

Whereas Yancey County has determined that it would be in the best interests of its employees, being local government employees as defined by G. S. 128-21(11), to be given the opportunity to participate in the benefits provided by the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan; and

Whereas it would be fiscally advantageous for Yancey County Government to provide for the provision of health insurance for its employees by participation in the North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan; and

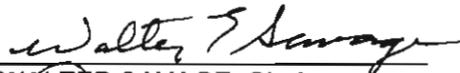
Whereas Yancey County Government as a local government employer, if permitted, would enroll all of its eligible employees, retired employees, and, as applicable, their eligible family members in the Plan. Would provide that eligible employees, retired employees, and, as applicable, their eligible family members, shall participate in disease management, case management, and all other mandatory and voluntary cost containment measures implemented by the Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees of the Plan, and would further adhere to all requirements for participation in the Plan as provided by the Executive Administrator and Board of Trustees.

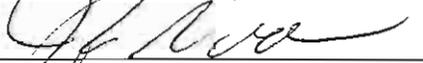
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Yancey County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the County's legislative delegation to the General Assembly unanimously sponsor and introduce a Bill for consideration by the legislature during the 2010 "Short" Session of the North Carolina General Assembly which shall provide for and allow Yancey County Government to participate in the North Carolina Teachers and State Employees' Comprehensive Major Medical Plan and to provide for the enrollment of all employees of Yancey County as set forth herein above in the Plan.

ADOPTED this the 29th day of April 2010.



J. JASON ROBINSON, Clerk


WALTER SAVAGE, Chairman


JOHNNY RIDDLE, Member


JERRI STORIE, Member