

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 18, 2016**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a budget work session on Monday, April 18, 2016 in the Community Room at the Public Safety Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Chairman
Cecil Perry, Vice-Chairman
Jeff Dixon
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Frankie Meads
Bettie Parker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rodney Bunch, County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Officer.
Lynn Scott, Clerk to the Board

The work session was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Joe Winslow. He welcomed members of the Board of Education, as well as school staff.

1. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Chairman Winslow called on Dr. Larry Cartner, Superintendent of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools, to present the Board of Education's budget request for 2016-17. He said in 2015-16, ECPPS experienced a reduction of \$750,000 in their local appropriation. He said taking into account the effect from inflation, ECPPS' 15-16 appropriation would need to have been approximately \$250,000 more than its 14-15 appropriation in order to remain at a flat level of funding. The combined effect of the \$750,000 reduction plus the \$250,000 needed inflation adjustment essentially equates to a \$1,000,000 reduction in funding in 15-16. He stated that the proposed budget request seeks to restore that \$1,000,000 reduction while providing a realistic picture of the additional resources needed to move our district forward.

Dr. Cartner presented a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the Board. The request for funding from the County is \$12.4 million for Current Expense and \$3.5 million for Capital Projects.

Dr. Cartner said the Board and the greater community have expressed a desire to improve our schools at many levels. He stated that this budget addresses student achievement, invests in their employees, moves the district into a 21st century posture with technology, and begins the long process of completing deferred maintenance of facilities.

Chairman Winslow called on Director Bobbi White to present the Parks & Recreation budget for 2016-17. She reviewed each line item and outlined the increases in appropriations and listed the capital outlay items. The total budget request is \$2,819,171. After deducting \$357,000 (County only projects) and \$436,997 (City only projects, City debt payments, project revenue) the balance is \$2,025,174. The County's 55% budget share is \$1,113,846.

Director White presented the Senior Center budget request. The County's 50% share is \$95,147.

Motion was made by William Sterritt, seconded by Frankie Meads to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The next budget work session will be held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

CHAIRMAN

CLERK TO THE BOARD