

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
MAY 9, 2013**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in a continuation of the May 6, 2013 Commissioner meeting. The meeting was held in the Hugh Cale Commissioners Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Dixon, Chairman
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Lloyd E. Griffin, III
Cecil Perry
Gary G. White
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Frankie Meads *(left at 9:30 AM)*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rodney Bunch, Interim County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Officer
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 AM by Chairman Jeff Dixon.

1. UPDATE ON CHANGES IN WATER BILLS:

Water Superintendent John Gregory explained to the Board that every year the Water System has to mail out a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to all water customers. He said this year for the first time the Water System is allowed to put the report on the internet instead of mailing it. A notice is being included on every water bill advising customers how to access the report. Mr. Gregory said the cost of the report is \$300 this year, compared to \$3,000 when the report had to be mailed.

Mr. Gregory updated the Board on new water bills the Water Department will begin using next month. He said the old water bills are outdated and the new bill will be outsourced to a company that will cut it. The billing information from MUNIS will be sent to the company to be included on the bills. The Water Department would also have the ability to include messages on the bills. Mr. Gregory said this will save staff time and will save the Water Department the cost of printers, cartridges, and maintenance contracts. He said the overall cost will increase by 1¢ per bill or \$70 per month. He stated that there will be some future savings.

2. BUDGET WORK SESSION:

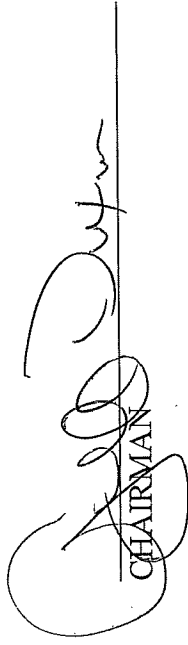
Interim County Manager Rodney Bunch presented an updated spreadsheet on the proposed budget. He said the proposed budget shows a deficit of \$763,583. He listed the items reflected in the budget and the changes that had been proposed at the previous meeting that could reduce the deficit.

He explained that the health insurance committee met yesterday and agreed to remain in the insurance pool with a new administrator. He said a quote has been received from a company for coverage that matches or exceeds in some cases the health insurance benefits provided under the current plan. He stated that the projected cost savings is \$50 per employee per month. He said this equates to a savings of approximately \$174,000 in health insurance costs per year to the county.

After lengthy discussion, the majority of the Board concurred to include a 2% cost of living increase for county employees in the budget and to also include a 1¢ increase in property taxes.

Mr. Bunch stated that the Water Department budget and the Solid Waste budget will be reviewed at the next work session. These two budgets are enterprise funds and will not have any impact on the tax rate.

Motion was made by Gary White, seconded by Cecil Perry to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.


CHAIRMAN


CLERK TO THE BOARD