

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 21, 1999**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session meeting on Monday, June 21, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, Greenville, North Carolina with the following commissioners present:

Eugene James, Chairman
Jeffrey E. Savage, Vice Chairman
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Charles P. Gaskins, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Thomas H. Johnson, Commissioner
Mark W. Owens, Jr., Commissioner
M. Theresa Shank, Commissioner
Beth B. Ward, Commissioner

Also present were:

Thomas B. Robinson, County Manager
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board
Arlen Holt, PIO and Cable Coordinator
John K. Bulow, Assistant Manager
Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Services

Call to Order and welcome by Chairman James.

Prayer by Commissioner Owens.
Pledge led by Commissioner Gaskins.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman James added a letter endorsing the State's efforts to correct the Belvoir Elementary School traffic problem. Commissioner Hammond asked to table the closed session. Mr. Robinson stated that there was another closed session item to be addressed. Ms. Banks, Clerk, asked the Board to begin to follow the Board appointment policy adopted at the last Board meeting by delaying the appointments with the exception of Greenville Board of Adjustment, Board of Health and Planning Board. Commissioner Shank asked to have an opportunity to speak prior to consideration of budget.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond approval of agenda, Commissioner Ward seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Chairman James and Mr. Robinson presented service awards to the following:

**EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS
JUNE 21, 1999**

5 Years

Patsy M. Adkins
Hilda S. Alford
Ola R. Bradshaw

Detention Center
Social Services
Mental Health

<u>Theresa</u> S. Braxton	Social Services
<u>Allison</u> C. Canfield	Social Services
<u>Charles</u> C. Coburn	Detention Center
<u>Lynn</u> M. Coggins	Mental Health
Timothy <u>(Tim)</u> C. Daniels	Buildings & Grounds
<u>Donnalynn</u> W. Dixon	Social Services
<u>Cherry</u> G. Evans	Mental Health
<u>Kathryn</u> M. Gorham	Social Services
<u>Angela</u> S. Hart	Social Services
<u>Wren</u> Locke, Jr.	Buildings & Grounds
<u>Elizabeth</u> B. McGlaufflin	Social Services
Tabitha <u>(Tab)</u> D. Mills	Emergency Services
<u>Tammy</u> Pugh	Cooperative Extension
<u>Glenda</u> C. Sawyer	Health
Robert <u>(Bob)</u> P. Schoen	Sheriff
French <u>K.</u> Tyson, Jr.	Soil & Water
<u>Terry</u> R. Williams	Detention Center

10 Years

<u>Patsy</u> K. Baker	Sheriff
<u>Marvis</u> Evans	Social Services
<u>Ricky</u> W. Gibbs	Health
<u>Pauline</u> E. Jenkins	Mental Health
<u>Betty</u> E. Nurse	Elections
<u>George</u> L. Perry	Social Services
<u>James</u> E. Wainwright	Solid Waste
<u>Catherine</u> L. Wynne	Communications

15 Years

Timothy <u>(Tim)</u> D. Copeland	Detention Center
Richard <u>(Rick)</u> J. Fisher	Sheriff
Lela <u>(Elaine)</u> E. Hinchman	Mental Health
<u>Randy</u> M. Horton	Mental Health
<u>Paul</u> Jones	Buildings & Grounds
<u>Cheryl</u> M. Nelson	Social Services
<u>Lester</u> L. Poppe, Jr.	MIS
<u>Phillip</u> Rowan	Cooperative Extension
Edith S. <u>(Sue)</u> Shackelford	Detention Center

20 Years

<u>Scott</u> Luce	Mental Health
<u>Judy</u> J. Tart	Register of Deeds

25 Years

<u>Charles</u> J. Lehmann	Health
<u>Suzanne</u> Sumrell	Social Services

A reception was held in honor of the employees.

Vice Chairman Savage arrived at this time, 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD

Bryant Tripp, lives north of the river, apologized for bringing outdated material to the commissioners and asked when the new material would be made available. He asked why the County entered into extraterritorial jurisdiction. He stated that the balance of power between rural and urban representation on boards is out of kilter, and asked when it will be returned to the proper balance.

Debbie Metcalf, Teachers of Exceptional Children, Pitt County Association of Educators, spoke on behalf of both groups, stated her appreciation for the recognition of teachers by providing additional funds for supplements. She stated her support for raising taxes if necessary. She asked the Board to bring the per pupil allotment up to the State average and stated that Pitt County Schools provide an excellent education but it is increasingly difficult with financial constraints.

Nancy Colville spoke concerning the proposed increase in taxes for the School Board. She said that she was aware that there may be support for an increase in the property tax by four cents for additional funding for the schools. She stated that this should have been addressed at the budget workshops and not waited until this point in the process. She said that the public has been led to believe that there will be no tax increase. She stated that the Board gave away funds to the nonprofit organizations. There are good teachers that are underpaid and bad teachers that are overpaid and this does not address the situation. She said there are a lot of other things that are connected to the schools and if it will not directly affect the children, then don't increase budget.

Chris Mansfield asked the Board to fully fund the School Board's request. He said he wants to have a school system that prepares for the future.

Larry Carnes, Vice President of Parents for Public Schools, said he appreciated the work being done by the Board and encouraged them consider a tax increase. He stated that the local schools are competing with the private schools. He said that both Boards have been under ridicule by the newspaper and the perceptions that exists. He said that they have representatives at the School Board meetings and he had attended all five of the school board forums where they had round table talks. He said he supports the schools and is willing to pay taxes for the schools..

Keith Cooper asked that Board to reconsider this County's priorities. He asked the Board to say no to the proposed animal shelter. He asked how they could increase teachers' supplements when they could not afford to bail out Mental Health. He said he believes in increasing teacher supplements, salaries and should get quality in education. He said you should help by providing funds for hungry people in Pitt County.

Commissioner Bowen questioned each of the speakers about their perspectives.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager's Report - Tom Robinson

Mr. Robinson reported that the Greenville-Pitt County will host the Special Olympics, Team from Japan for the World Special Olympics. Ms. Alice Keene informed the Board that they have been working to plan for the three days the Japanese delegation would be in Pitt County. There is a Wednesday afternoon Welcome reception, 4:30 at Sports Medicine Building and Good Luck dinner on Thursday evening. She presented the Board members with host county/town lapel pins. She said that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Commissioner Hammond asked how many Japanese visitors would there be and Ms. Keene stated that there would be around 47 in Pitt County.

Mr. Robinson informed the Board that there is a regional public meeting on Mental Health Services, on July 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulford Building, at Pitt Community College being hosted by the State. There will be an opportunity for commissioners and citizens to make comments at this meeting.

Mr. James Rhodes informed the Board of a meeting on the Central Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area being held July 14 at Craven Community College. It includes the new regulations by the State concerning the capacity use area and stated that Pitt County is one of the 15 counties in the area affected by these rules. He stated that the Planning staff will be attending the meeting. The water in this area is being depleted at an alarming rate. Permitting will be associated with this process and there will also be consideration on the impact from industrial uses.

Vice Chairman Savage asked about Gary McGill's role is in the NC 11 Planning Corridor activities. Mr. Phil Dickerson stated that Mr. McGill has been involved with the planning of the sewer along on the NC Highway 11 Corridor.

Mr. Rhodes reported on the Southwest ByPass Corridor. He said it is a top priority of the County and the Metropolitan Planning Organization but that the State has delayed the project. The planned date for a decision to be recorded is January, 2002. There are currently three corridors under consideration. We were without a project engineer for awhile which did delay the project. Commissioner Bowen asked if either of the corridors would impact the school building property. Mr. Rhodes stated there should be room for the road even with the school's presence.

Mr. Robinson reminded the Board that they meet one time, on July 12 instead of two meetings in July.

Mr. Robinson stated that John Chaffee had informed him that he has a signed contract with Encelle for the Technology Incubator.

Mr. Robinson said he had met with Martha Knisley on the Mental Health situation. She has worked with other counties. She has offered to talk with the Board about the mental health issues. Vice Chairman Savage said that it would be inappropriate to meet with Ms. Knisley prior to knowing the impact there has been on the citizens from the changes at Mental Health. Mr. Robinson said she can inform the Board on many different aspects. Commissioner Hammond asked about the \$300,000 the county was supposed to receive from the State. Mr. Robinson said he has heard about the funds, but has not received a letter to confirm that information. He said that they have been working hard to reduce the \$1.8 million deficit.

The Board agreed to meet on July 12th for a luncheon with Ms. Knisley as part of their regular meeting.

Vice Chairman Savage stated that he wanted a preliminary assessment of what the impacts have been on Mental Health prior to meeting. Chairman James said he had not received any complaints from the changes and Vice Chairman Savage agreed that he had not been receiving numerous complaints either. Chairman James asked Mr. Robinson to try to find a way to satisfy the Vice Chairman's request.

Commissioner Owens requested an acknowledgement of tax collections report be placed in the minutes and the Board agreed that a full verbal report was not necessary.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Items for Consent as presented.

1. May 18, 1999 Minutes
2. Educational Leave for Ms. Lesley K. Brann in the amount of three (3) hours to attend Mt. Olive College for the summer to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. This degree is directly related to her current position as an Income Maintenance Caseworker
3. Budget Amendment for Social Services. The Social Services Department is requesting a budget increase for Long Term Care. This is a mandatory Medicaid program and the County will receive 100% reimbursement for the expenses.

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
165455-529000	Other supplies & materials	8,000	
162400-434001	Medicaid LTS		8,000

4. Budget Amendment for Mental Health. The State has made a one-time allocation of 3,000 in substance abuse funds to be used for the Conference Room Redesign Project at the Hatteras House.

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
19-5-34-351.00	Maintenance and Repair	3,000	
19-3-34-530.00	Special Projects		3,000

5. Budget Amendment for year-end Reconciliation. The Finance Department reviews year end reports and made necessary adjustments to facilitate the audit and take corrective action as necessary to avoid overspending in violation of the County's budget ordinance. These amendments are more for accounting purposes and do not allow departments additional spending authority. They are administrative in nature and recognize actual receipts and offsetting expenditures. The following funds have budget amendments enclosed: Fund 28-Fire/EMS Districts, Fund 84-Hospitalization Fund.

Fire/EMS Funds

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
282131 410098	Grimesland	500	
287000 569931	Grimesland	500	
282132 410098	Simpson	2,500	
287000 569932	Simpson	2,500	
282134 410098	Eastern Pines	3,500	
287000 569934	Eastern Pines	3,500	
282135 410098	Black Jack	1,000	
287000 569935	Black Jack	1,000	
282141 410098	Winterville	11,000	
287000 569941	Winterville	11,000	
282142 410098	Ayden	3,000	
287000 569942	Ayden	3,000	
282143 410098	Grifton	1,500	
287000 569943	Grifton	1,500	
282145 410098	Gardnerville	3,500	
287000 569945	Gardnerville	3,500	
282151 410098	Red Oak	7,000	
287000 569951	Red Oak	7,000	
282152 410098	Bell Arthur	300	
287000 569952	Bell Arthur	300	
282153 410098	Farmville	1,500	
287000 569953	Farmville	1,500	
282154 410098	Fountain	250	

287000 569954	Fountain	250
282114 410098	Staton House	48,000
287000 569914	Staton House	48,000
282123 410098	Stokes	2,500
287000 569923	Stokes	2,500
282124 410098	Pactolus	4,000
287000 569924	Pactolus	4,000
282125 410098	Clarks Neck	2,500
287000 569925	Clarks Neck	2,500
282175 410098	Eastern Pines EMS	4,000
287000 569975	Eastern Pines EMS	4,000
282176 410098	Ayden EMS	1,200
287000 569976	Ayden EMS	1,200

Hospitalization Fund

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
842900 49800	Transfers from Departments	500,000	
844000 519105	Blue Cross Blue Shield	500,000	

6. Tax Releases and Refunds Greater than \$100. For May 1999 Total County Releases (Greater than \$100) 15 which totaled \$2,184.82. For May 1999 Total Greenville Releases (Greater than \$100) 10 which totaled \$1,497.24. Total Refunds (Greater than \$100) 1 which totaled \$211.48.
7. Report of Tax Releases and Refunds for May/June 1999, \$100 or less. In accordance with the N.C.G.S. 105-381(b), the Finance Officer has approved and is reporting the attached release and refund information. Total County Releases of 168 totaling \$5,541.63, Total City Releases of 108 totaling \$3,506.72 and Total Tax Refunds: 29 for May totaling \$865.64 and 10 for June totaling \$271.72
8. Appointment to Firemen Relief Fund Board. The Grifton Fire Department requests the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to appoint Donald Johnson to the Firemen Relief Fund Board. Mr. Johnson will replace Thomas Miller who is deceased.
9. Fireworks Display for the Town of Farmville on July 4, 1999 at 9:15 p.m. The Town will provide liability insurance as required.
10. Transfer of Frontivision Partners, L.P. to Adelpia Communications because it is being sold. Under the terms of the sale, the local franchise will remain with Frontivision Cable and is scheduled to expire in October, 2000. The companies have met the requirements spelled out in the Pitt County's Cable Communications Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

CONSENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

WHEREAS, FrontierVision Operating Partners, L.P. ("FrontierVision") currently holds a cable television franchise (the "Franchise") to conduct, own and operate a cable television system (the "System") operating in the County of Pitt, NC (the "County"); and

WHEREAS, the sole general partner of FrontierVision is FrontierVision Holdings, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("FV Holdings"), and the sole general partner of FV Holdings is FrontierVision Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("FVP"); and

WHEREAS, the general and limited partners of FVP and Adelphia Communications Corporation ("Adelphia") have entered into a Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 22, 1999 (the "Purchase Agreement"), providing for, among other things, the sale of the partnership interests in FVP to Adelphia (the "Transfer of Control") and requiring FrontierVision to obtain any required consents of governmental franchising authorities for the Transfer of Control pursuant to applicable law and the Franchise; and

WHEREAS, the partners of FVP and Adelphia have jointly submitted to the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") an application on Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Form 394 requesting consent for the Transfer of Control and have submitted such other information concerning the Transfer of Control and Adelphia as required by Law and the Franchise and as requested by the Board (collectively, the "Transfer Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Transfer Application, examined the legal, financial and technical qualifications of Adelphia, followed all required procedures in order to consider and act upon the Transfer Application, and considered the comments of all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, FrontierVision will continue to hold the Franchise and operate the System in the County subsequent to the Transfer of Control to Adelphia; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the interest of the County to approve the Transfer Application and the Transfer of Control of the Franchise and the System to Adelphia, as described in the Transfer Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves the Transfer Application and the Transfer of Control to Adelphia or to any wholly owned affiliate of Adelphia as described in the Transfer Application and Purchase Agreement; and the Board acknowledges that no further consent is required for the assignment of the Franchise to any affiliate company under common control with or controlled by Adelphia.
2. The Board hereby acknowledges that (i) the Franchise is valid and outstanding and in full force and effect on the date hereof; and (ii) the current term of the Franchise will expire on October 7, 2000 subject to options in the Franchise, if any, to extend such term.
3. The Board's grant of the Transfer Application and its consent to the Transfer of Control to Adelphia herein provided shall be effective immediately, and Adelphia shall notify the Board promptly upon the closing of the transactions described in the Purchase Agreement.

ADOPTED by the Board on this 21st day of June, 1999.

COUNTY OF PITT

By: _____

Name:

Title:

Attest:

Secretary

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Adoption of 1999 - 2000 Fiscal Year Budget

Commissioner Shank stated that the Board should not lose sight of funding for the public schools but should let the School Board members who represent the citizens also make the decisions of where the funds are distributed. She stated that all the children should have the same opportunities. She stated that Pitt County wants to be the leader in the east but the Schools receive less in funding.

Commissioner Shank motioned to increase property tax by two cents to provide additional school funding with a 90% efficiency in a three year period, in order to provide equal services, meet the technology requirements and increase the teachers supplement by one and a half percent. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Savage said he agreed that commissioners can do more, but it does not mean a tax increase. The Schools fund balance could be decreased. The County has steadily increased its allocation over the years. He said that a two cents increase in property taxes is not the best idea at this time. He said that instead of increasing taxes the staff should be instructed to decrease spending in order to meet the schools needs for an increase in funding. He said the county could save taxpayers money and they cannot continue to impose this on the citizens. He said the Board should demand from the staff to find a way to meet the schools needs at this time.

Commissioner Hammond said that education always will be a priority for the County and the State. He said that the State has moved a lot in the last three years on teachers pay and that is still tax money. He said that he had not met anybody that is in agreement to raise taxes to meet this request. He said they should either table this item or curtail other projects to fund the schools. He stated that he is not in favor of raising property taxes because people who are in rental houses will have the cost passed on to them and they are not able to pay.

Commissioner Owens said there was merit in what the other commissioners have said but the School Board needs to have a fund balance. He said he did not believe there was enough waste to be cut to make up for the school needs. He stated that he supported the use of sales tax as a way to fund schools but until then, if you have the services then you have to pay for them. He suggested the schools could use their fund balance for one year. He reminded the Board that there was a tax increase in 1997 for the schools and that he supports the motion.

Commissioner Gaskins said it was difficult to levy taxes on the citizens and that this funding can be done without raising taxes. He stated he especially did not want to raise taxes with the tobacco situation the way it is.

Commissioner Bowen said that the three commissioners went to a meeting with the Deputy Secretary Treasurer who said that the schools do not need a fund balance and furthermore, that \$2.2 million is too much money to be in the Schools fund balance. Commissioner Owens disagreed that the administrators in Raleigh would know better than the Board, about what is best for Pitt County.

Chairman James said he had forgotten the \$48 million in debt for the schools which the County had already approved for school construction. He said that you cannot buy education. It does not matter where you teach, in a trailer or a building. Commissioner Hammond said other counties are getting rid of trailers. He stated his support for funding the needs of the local schools.

Mr. Robinson said that the \$48 million was for the construction of the high school and elementary school, plus purchase of the land. He reminded the Board that in two years or more there will be a major increase for operational expenses to include the new schools.

Chairman James called for the vote on the motion to increase property taxes by two cents. Commissioners supporting the motion were: Commissioner Shank, Commissioner Ward, and Owens. Commissioners opposed to the motion were: Savage, James, Hammond, Gaskins, Johnson, and Bowen. The motion was defeated.

Commissioner Owens then motioned to add \$500,000 to the present budget to be used for school purposes. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. Commissioner Hammond offered an amendment to the motion to add \$250,000 to bring the funds up to 750,000. Vice Chairman Savage seconded the motion and encouraged the school system to decrease their fund balance to \$500,000.

Mr. Robinson said there is \$800,000 for a new animal shelter included in the budget. He asked the Board what area did they want decreased by the \$750,000 in order to allocate those funds. He said there was also \$100,000 in the budget to fund the new ID lab for the Sheriff's Department and \$100,000 for a firing range at Pitt Community College or it could come from a one time appropriation from Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Owens withdrew his motion. He said he was under the impression that those items were for approval later.

Mr. Robinson said that he would need to re-prioritize or the County would be using fund balance for those figures. He said he had presented a conservative budget. He said they could make a one time appropriation of \$500,000 but Commissioner Hammond's recommendation would require use of fund balance. Commissioner Hammond said that all the people want the schools to be fully funded, not partially funded. He said he supported a one time payment to fund the School Board's request. Mr. Robinson said it was the Schools plan to have a reserve intended to be built to \$2 million or rather it was Dr. Sosne's plan and goal. Mr. Robinson said that if the Board of Commissioners starts by giving the Schools money out of the County fund balance, then the County's budget will start in the hole next year. It is possible that revenues will come in higher than projected but have budgeted conservatively.

Vice Chairman Savage suggested the use of school fund balance and the County match it.

Commissioner Owens motioned to add \$500,000 to the original budget to be used for schools. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. It was suggested that the County use funds from Pitt County Memorial Hospital for the capital improvements program.

Commissioner Ward said she wanted commitments from the School Board for use of this money. She wanted to know how they will use the money to raise test scores, retain teachers, and equalize education in high schools across the county. She said the Board of Commissioners should appeal to the School Board because they are appropriating a \$1.5 million increase this year and wants to see how it was spent and how it affected education when they come with their budget request for next year. She said she wants to see improvements next year. She stated that other groups come back with results and how the funding has assisted them and she wants the Schools to do the same.

Commissioner Bowen stated that the County will have to fund the schools with the same amount next year. Commissioner Bowen also noted the School Board members in attendance today. Commissioner Hammond said he thinks this recommendation is cheap and the Board of Commissioners should do more for the schools.

Commissioner Bowen called for the question. Commissioner Ward seconded the call for the question. Vice Chairman Savage said the School Board should free up some of the fund

balance to help meet the needs. He said he was not comfortable with Commissioner Owens' motion as long as the Schools fund balance sits in the bank. He stated that he had a School Board member ask Board of Commissioners to remember the children during their deliberations. Vice Chairman Savage once again mentioned the staggered lunch schedules at some of the schools as being unacceptable.

Commissioner Owens reiterated his motion to adopt the 1999-2000 County Budget as it is, with an additional \$500,000 for the Schools. Chairman James called for the vote. Commissioners in favor of the motion were: Owens, Ward, Hammond, Gaskins, Bowen, Shank and Johnson. Commissioners opposed were: James and Savage.

COUNTY OF PITT, NORTH CAROLINA

BUDGET ORDINANCE Fiscal Year 1999-2000

**BE IT ORDAINED
by the Board of
County
Commissioners,
County of Pitt,
North Carolina:**

SECTION I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation and maintenance of the County's various governmental departments, for the payment of debt service obligations, and for capital outlay purchases during the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1999 and

ending June 30,
2000:

GENERAL FUND

Governing Board, County Manager, Legal, Public Information Officer	\$1,085,622
Finance, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector	1,950,888
Elections Register of Deeds	552,004 510,406
Human Resources	387,712
Printshop/Mailroom , Mgmt Information Sys, Geographic Information Sys Buildings & Grounds, Housekeeping	2,617,396
Sheriff's Department, School Security Detention Center, Jail Inmate Services, Jail Health Services	5,832,887 6,166,296
Emergency Services	1,194,399
Communications Medical Examiner	562,214 53,000
Other - Environmental Protection, Economic Development, Public Safety, Human Services, Cultural/Recreation , Transportation	-- 1,129,425

Planning	584,471
Engineering,	482,674
Inspections	
Cooperative	299,276
Extension,	
Farmers' Market	
Soil & Water	193,397
Conservation	
Veterans Affairs	33,372
Pitt County	19,587,249
Schools	
Pitt Community	2,430,000
College	
Transfers to	18,292,593
Other Funds	
Non-	1,806,908
Departmental -	
General	
Administration	
Contingency	250,000
TOTAL	\$69,237,275

**HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
FUND**

Administration	\$1,321,005
Environmental	839,369
Health	
Food & Lodging	6,750
Tuberculosis	124,730
Tuberculosis-	40,000
CDC	
Healthy Start	196,834
Carolina	44,782
Access II	
Reach For Me	27,500
Cardiovascular	100,000
Health	
Healthy Start	6,000
Plus	
PCMH	143,411
Foundation -	
Diabetes	
Adult Health	91,175
Health	196,163
Promotion	
Aids Control	244,706

Epilepsy	18,296
Breast & Cervical Cancer	26,808
Communicable Disease	297,413
Community Transition Coordinator	47,136
Infant Mortality	55,366
Child Health	281,727
Maternal Health	425,268
Family Planning	456,479
Maternity Care	249,503
Coordination Child Services	271,423
Coordination WIC-	69,815
Administration WIC-Nutrition	186,877
WIC-	30,815
Breastfeeding Promotion	
WIC-Clinical Services	266,789
Immunization	40,970
Action Plan Orthopedic	15,087
Speech & Hearing	45,914
TOTAL	\$6,168,111

**SOCIAL
SERVICES FUND**

Administration Services and Programs	\$1,717,193
Public Assistance	11,869,333
Child Support	7,242,328
1,217,904	
TOTAL	\$22,046,758

**COURT
FACILITIES FUND**

Operating Expenses	\$260,230
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**MENTAL HEALTH
FUND**

Administrative Services Unit	\$376,370
Residential / Day Services Unit	5,423,041
Case Management Services Unit	4,923,818
Outpatient Services Unit	3,987,404
TOTAL	\$14,710,633

**SCHOOL
CAPITAL
RESERVE FUND**

School Reserve Operating Expenses	\$5,557,727
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**COUNTY
CAPITAL
RESERVE FUND**

Water/Sewer Reserve Operating Expenses	\$102,700
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**STATE GRANTS
FUND**

CORP Grant Expenses	\$134,117
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**REVALUATION
FUND**

Revaluation Operating Expenses	\$50,000
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**INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
FUND**

Industrial Development Operating Expenses		\$1,026,534
ECTC Rental Operation		151,450
TOTAL		\$1,177,984

**INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
BUILDING FUND**

Shell Building Expenses		\$100,500
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**FIRE/EMS
DISTRICT FUNDS**

Fire Districts

Levy

Ayden	\$38,223
Bell Arthur	39,903
Black Jack	17,674
Clarks Neck	14,179
Eastern Pines	84,825
Falkland	36,072
Farmville	27,054
Fountain	12,864
Gardnerville	20,842
Grifton	43,856
Grimesland	21,244
Pactolus	33,094
Red Oak	38,913
Simpson	45,125
Staton House	95,500
Stokes	22,120
Winterville	65,233

**EMS/Rescue
Districts**

Ayden	52,566
Bell Arthur	51,099
Eastern Pines	147,763

TOTAL		\$908,149
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**E-911
SURCHARGE
FUND**

	\$243,285
Communications	
Planning	136,128
Municipalities	7,750
TOTAL	\$387,163

**DEBT SERVICE
FUND**

Principal and Interest on Debt	\$7,652,159
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**1992 COP
RESERVE FUND**

Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$20,000
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**1991 COP
RESERVE FUND**

Transfer to Debt Service Fund	\$7,500
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**SOLID WASTE
FUND**

Operating Expenses	\$5,871,791
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**HOSPITALIZATIO
N FUND**

Administration Expenses	\$2,823,000
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**LEO PENSION
FUND**

Operating Expenses	\$40,325
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**WORKERS'
COMPENSATION**

FUND

Operating Expenses	\$350,000
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GARAGE FUND

Operating Expenses	\$595,502
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GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS - EXPENDITURES	\$138,201,624
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SECTION II. It is hereby estimated that the following revenues will be available during Fiscal Year 1999-2000 to meet the foregoing appropriations:

GENERAL FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$38,076,815
Other Taxes	15,985,523
Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	3,176,404
Permits & Fees	1,367,240
Investment Earnings	2,350,000
ABC Profits	650,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,131,293
Fund Balance Appropriated	2,500,000
TOTAL	\$69,237,275

HEALTH FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted	\$3,408,848
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Revenues	
Fund Balance	181,148
Appropriated	
Transfer In -	
General Fund	2,578,115
TOTAL	\$6,168,111

**SOCIAL
SERVICES FUND**

Restricted	\$12,519,345
Revenues	
Transfer In -	
General Fund	9,527,413
TOTAL	\$22,046,758

**COURT
FACILITIES FUND**

Facilities Fees	\$198,000
Investment	11,500
Earnings	
Fund Balance	50,730
Appropriated	
TOTAL	\$260,230

**MENTAL HEALTH
FUND**

Administrative	\$376,370
Services Unit	
Residential /	
Day Services Unit	5,423,041
Case	
Management	
Services Unit	
Outpatient	3,987,404
Services Unit	
TOTAL	\$14,710,633

**SCHOOL
CAPITAL
RESERVE FUND**

Local Option	\$4,532,727
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Sales Tax	
State Public	1,000,000
School Building	
Capital Funds	
Interest	25,000
Earnings	
TOTAL	\$5,557,727

**COUNTY
CAPITAL
RESERVE FUND**

Fund Balance	\$102,700
Appropriated	

**STATE GRANT
FUNDS**

CORP Grant	\$134,117
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**REVALUATION
FUND**

Transfer from	\$50,000
General Fund	

**INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
FUND**

Ad Valorem	\$1,093,984
Taxes	
Rental Income	84,000
TOTAL	\$1,177,984

**INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT
BUILDING FUND**

Fund Balance	\$100,500
Appropriated	

**FIRE/EMS
DISTRICTS FUND**

Ad Valorem	\$908,149
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Taxes

**E-911
SURCHARGE
FUND**

911 User Fees	\$383,163
Investment Earnings	4,000
TOTAL	\$387,163

**DEBT SERVICE
FUND**

Rental Payments	\$138,000
Transfer from General Fund	3,865,610
Transfer from School Capital Reserve	3,456,649
Transfer from Industrial Development Bldg Fund	139,400
Transfers from COP & Debt Svc Reserve/Payment Funds	27,500
Transfer from Court Facilities Fund	25,000
TOTAL	\$7,652,159

**1992 COP
RESERVE FUND**

Investment Earnings	\$20,000
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**1991 COP
RESERVE FUND**

Investment Earnings	\$7,500
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SOLID WASTE

FUND

State Reimbursements	\$148,561
Fees & Other Charges	5,621,854
Investment Earnings	101,376
TOTAL	\$5,871,791

HOSPITALIZATION FUND

Transfers from County Departments	\$2,713,000
Investment Earnings	90,000
Other Revenues	20,000
TOTAL	\$2,823,000

LEO PENSION FUND

Investment Earnings	\$2,325
Transfer from General Fund	38,000
TOTAL	\$40,325

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

Transfer from County General Fund	\$312,000
Transfer from Solid Waste Fund	15,000
Investment Earnings	8,000
Other Revenues	15,000
TOTAL	\$350,000

GARAGE FUND

Federal Gasoline Tax Refund	\$50,000
State Gasoline Tax Refund	53,000
Fees & Charges	492,502
TOTAL	\$595,502
GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS - APPROPRIATIONS	\$138,201,624

SECTION III. The following tax rates, based upon collections of 95%, are hereby levied for the Fire/EMS Districts for Fiscal Year 1999-2000:

Fire Districts	Tax Rate	Estimated Valuation	Levy
Ayden	\$0.0400	\$100,585,598	\$38,223
Bell Arthur	\$0.0375	\$112,008,903	\$39,903
Black Jack	\$0.0275	\$67,651,087	\$17,674
Clark's Neck	\$0.0500	\$29,849,896	\$14,179
Eastern Pines	\$0.0250	\$357,157,461	\$84,825
Falkland	\$0.0500	\$75,941,890	\$36,072
Farmville	\$0.0400	\$71,194,525	\$27,054
Fountain	\$0.0500	\$27,081,964	\$12,864
Gardnerville	\$0.0500	\$43,877,558	\$20,842
Grifton	\$0.0450	\$102,586,334	\$43,856
Grimesland	\$0.0400	\$55,904,802	\$21,244
Pactolus	\$0.0465	\$74,914,910	\$33,094
Red Oak	\$0.0400	\$102,401,360	\$38,913
Simpson	\$0.0500	\$94,999,463	\$45,125
Staton House	\$0.0150	\$670,178,372	\$95,500
Stokes	\$0.0500	\$46,567,784	\$22,120

Winterville	\$0.0250	\$274,667,179	\$65,233
EMS/Rescue Districts			
Ayden	\$0.0400	\$138,331,201	\$52,566
Bell Arthur	\$0.0500	\$107,576,751	\$51,099
Eastern Pines	\$0.0273	\$569,741,743	\$147,763

SECTION IV. The County Manager and/or Financial Services Director are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Financial Services Director may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department.
- b. The County Manager may transfer amounts less than \$10,000 between departments within a fund upon finding they are consistent with operational needs.
- c. The funding for merit (step) increases, reclassifications, and cost of living allowances may be

moved from the budgeted reserve with the approval of the Financial Services Director and the County Manager.

d. No revenues may be increased, no funds can be moved from the Contingency account, and no transfers between funds can be processed unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION V. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute contracts, service agreements, and change orders valued \$30,000 or less on behalf of the County provided that sufficient funding is available and the action is consistent with County policy.

SECTION VI. County Commissioners are to be compensated at a rate of \$750 per month for regular service, and \$50 per meeting

when sitting as the Board of Equalization and Review (usually 2 meetings per year). County Commissioners are compensated \$200 per month to cover mileage and expenses incurred in the service of Pitt County.

SECTION VII.

Schedule B taxes shall be levied in accordance with the North Carolina Revenue Act.

SECTION VIII.

The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax rate of 66.00 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property for the County General Fund and 2.00 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property listed for taxes for the Industrial Development Commission Fund, for a total levy of 68.00 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

of valuation for current year's property tax.

The tax rate is based upon an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation at \$5,754,698,234 and an estimated collection rate of 95.75%.

SECTION IX. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per household assessment fee on solid waste disposal in the amount of \$58.00 per household and \$44.00 per ton for non-residential tipping fees for the period of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, and authorizes the assessment amount to be printed on the Pitt County Property Tax statement. The assessment is authorized to be collected in the same manner as property tax.

SECTION X. The Board of County

Commissioners
hereby authorizes
the Pitt County Tax
Collector to collect
taxes
for the City of
Greenville, the
Towns of Falkland,
Grimesland,
Bethel, and the
Village of Simpson
in compliance with
the contracts
adopted by the
governing boards.
The County will
also be collecting
vehicle taxes for
the Towns of
Ayden, Farmville,
Fountain, Grifton
and Winterville in
compliance with
G.S. 105-330. A
charge of 1-1/2%
of all taxes
collected for the
units of
government will be
payable to Pitt
County for said
collection services.

Adopted this
_____ day of
June, 1999.

(SEAL)

Eugene James,
Chairman
Pitt County Board
of Commissioners

Susan J. Banks,

Commissioner Bowen said that the schools would be glad to accept donations from the well meaning citizens.

New Inspections Fee Schedule - Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson presented an increase in the fee schedule for building inspections. Commissioner Gaskins asked about a comparison to other counties.

Vice Chairman Savage asked when the fee schedule was last approved. Mr. Dickerson said it was done in 1997. Mr. Dickerson stated that the service in Pitt County was far above the adjoining counties.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to approve the fee schedule with rates effective July 1, 1999.

NC North Planning Area Land Use Plan - James Rhodes

Mr. James Rhodes updated the Board of the staff's activities on the NC 11 North Planning Area Land Use Plan. He stated that they had completed the information sessions with other governmental units. Following the May 17th meeting, they met with Greenville Utilities and the Greenville Planning and Zoning Board and received comments and questions about the map. There was a meeting on June 3 where they discussed retaining the planning area and looked at the zoning area. They met last week to change the zoning area. The staff recommendation, including the Wooten Company representatives, City of Greenville, Greenville Utilities Commission which goes further on the west side. The reason it was not brought in is because that boundary line follows the other project. He said there is a one mile buffer along Hollowell Road. He stated that the changes need to be taken back to the Committee for endorsement before pursuing the process. He said there is a need to package the land use plan and zoning ordinance together. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for July 22 where they will review the new plan.

Mr. Rhodes stated that at the last Board meeting, the Board of Commissioners indicated their wishes to add a couple of members to the committee. He stated he has discussed this request the other agencies involved and they did not have a problem with adding members.

Chairman James stated that there must be people from that area on the committee. He recommended W.C. Moore and Charles Whitehurst. Chairman James said they want organized growth in the Belvoir area and welcomed the west side line. Mr. Rhodes asked that the new members be officially added today so they can continue with the process. Mr. Robinson said he had talked with Bethel and Greenville Managers who were receptive but that they need to get the endorsement from their Boards.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted eight to one to add W. C. Moore and Charles Whitehurst to the NC 11 Planning Corridor Committee and to modify the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Owens opposed the motion.

Commissioner Hammond thanked the citizens for attending.

Chairman called for a short break.

Sheriff's Office Computer Software Contract - Mike Taylor

Mr. Michael Taylor stated that they have negotiated an updated price on the contract, with a \$50,000 savings. The contract is with Visions Software and will provide software services to the Detention Center, Sheriff's Department and it is the same software used by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to award the contract to Visions Software in the amount of \$90,569.80 for the Sheriff's Department and the Detention Center.

Mental Health Computer Software Contract - Darlene Hunnicutt/Michael Taylor

Ms. Darlene Hunnicutt said it would take three months to have the new software package up and running and they are very excited about implementing these changes.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, to award the final contract to PsychConsult in the amount of \$100,000.

Vice Chairman Savage asked if the move has been completed to move the finances of the Mental Health program to the County Finance Office.

Mr. Robinson said Melonie Bryan, Darlene Hunnicutt and Lynn Stelle had met about benchmarks and issues that needed to be addressed in order to make this change. Vice Chairman Savage said the Board continues to move forward with financial obligations for Mental Health, yet the County still does not have any control over Mental Health finances. Chairman James said he believed this was being investigated and they were trying to do what is best for everyone. Vice Chairman Savage asked if anyone on staff that could explain this process and why it cannot be done. Commissioner Bowen stated that a time limit or expectation could be addressed when the Board can expect a report from the staff.

Chairman James asked the Manager to report and be prepared to make a recommendation to the Board at the July 12 meeting. Commissioner Johnson said he was not aware of the Board voting to bring the finances under the County. Mr. Robinson said that there are issues here that need to be carefully stated and were not appropriate for a public forum.

Commissioner Hammond asked what the cost of the software. Mr. Taylor responded \$100,000 for the software and support services.

Vice Chairman Savage asked for an answer to his question about combining the finances of Mental Health with the County.

Chairman James called for a vote on the motion to award the final contract to PsychConsult in the amount of \$100,000. The Board voted eight to one with Commissioner Hammond opposed to the motion.

Chairman James said that they were studying the possibility of putting Mental Health Finances under the County Finance Office but that there were many things that need to be worked out before this can be done.

Vice Chairman Savage motioned that the County Manager respond to his question about the implementation of moving Mental Health finances to the County finance Office and further, that the Manager will have until Wednesday of this week to make a recommendation to this Board on this situation at Mental Health. Commissioner Hammond seconded the motion. The motion failed two to seven. Commissioners in favor of the motion were: Vice Chairman Savage and Commissioner Hammond. Commissioners opposed were: Owens, Shank, Ward, Johnson, James, Gaskins, and Bowen. Vice Chairman Savage said if the staff cannot respond to the Board members questions they need to find other employment.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted eight to one to instruct the Manager to report on the Mental Health finances being moved to the County finance office at the next regular meeting on July 12. Commissioner Johnson opposed the motion.

Mental Health Accounts Receivable Write-Off Request - Melonie Bryan with Duane Holder

Ms. Melonie Bryan reported 55% of the accounts receivable have been reviewed, with the remainder at the year-end being a reasonable accounts receivable. She said there are some that are bad debt and some of the write-offs were inaccurate posting of accounts. She also stated that Medicaid can not be billed further back than twelve months. This write-off will leave an accounts receivable balance of \$2,835,878.10.

She stated that they have met to determine ways to recover any of this billing and there has been a thorough review of the process in trying to make sure that what is on the books is collectible. They are also doing research and determining written policies on how to handle these things in the future.

Ms. Bryan said that there has not been a write-off policy before but one has now been put in place. Vice Chairman Savage asked what timeframe these write-offs cover. She stated that it covers multiple years.

Mr. Duane Holder, Reimbursement Officer for the Mental Health Center, said that the population served is largely indigent and the State mandates that these clients are served. In the past, this has been a manual account review, and a lot of the things should have been written off in previous years that were not addressed.

Mr. Robinson said that in the future this will not be a problem because they will only budget what they can collect. The new procedure will correct this.

Ms. Hunnicutt said that some of these accounts are very old and there is nothing more that can be done on them. The new system will allow adjustments to be made on a regular basis. Medicaid and Medicare have to be completed charged out and the Mental Health Center should have adjusted them off. The new system will address these problems. Some of it is bad debt but its also very old debt.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted unanimously to write off the Mental Health bad debt in the amount of \$1,103,252.44 leaving an accounts receivable balance of \$2,835,878.10.

Appoint NACO Voting Delegate - Tom Robinson

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Vice Chairman Savage as the voting delegate at the NACO Conference.

Greenville Board of Adjustment - Susan Banks

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Ernest W. Schwarz to a second term, which will expire June 30, 2002, on the Greenville Board of Adjustment.

Clarification on the Pitt County Planning Board -Susan Banks

Ms. Banks explained that the vote the Board took at the last meeting indicated a revision of the Planning Board from voting district representation to representation by townships. The Board discussed that their intentions were to allow two members to be added to the NC 11 Planning Corridor Committee and not change the Planning Board membership. Chairman James said it would be unwise to change the Planning Board back to townships. It was the consensus of the Board for the Planning Board to remain with representation by commissioner districts.

Global Transpark Development Commission - Susan Banks

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner David Hammond to a regular position on the Global Transpark Development Commission, replacing Keats Sparrow.

Surgicenter appointment - Susan Banks

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Bowen to fill the commissioner position on the Surgicenter Board.

Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees

Chairman James stated that the Board had received a letter from Charles McLawhorn resigning from Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees due to health problems.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Bowen to fill Charles McLawhorn's position on the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees and to the Parent Corporation of Pitt County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Shank asked that the appointment policy be followed.

Belvoir School - Chairman James

Chairman James asked the Board to endorse the activities by the North Carolina Department of Transportation by installing a driveway out in front of the Belvoir Elementary School.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to approve a letter of endorsement to be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for their improvements to the traffic situation at the Belvoir Elementary School.

Mental Health Information

Mr. Robinson informed the Board that he had spoken with a consultant, Ms. Martha Knisley, concerning the options of merging mental health centers together. He stated that he would like to invite Ms. Knisley to make a presentation before the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed and also extend an invitation to the Mental Health Area Board to lunch on July 12.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman Savage stated that when he asked the Manager, and staff for a response concerning the Mental Health situation he should have received an answer but no one would answer the question. He said he felt it was a legitimate request.

ITEM FOR CLOSED SESSION

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted eight to one to go into closed session. Vice Chairman Savage opposed the motion.

Ms. Burgdorff noted the General Statute G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) which was for closed session on a personnel matter.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to return to regular session.

The meeting was recessed at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board