

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR JUNE 4, 2001**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, June 4, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

David Hammond, Chairman
Glenn Bowen, Vice Chairman
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Eugene James, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner
Mark Owens, Commissioner
Randy Royal, Commissioner
Terry Shank, Commissioner
Beth Ward, Commissioner

Staff present:

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

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Hammond

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Invocation was given by Commissioner Royal.
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Vice Chairman Bowen.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Chairman Hammond

Chairman Hammond said the Manager had requested removal an agenda item. Mr. Robinson said the Ambulance Franchise Ordinance needs some additional work and will have staff bring it back for approval at the next meeting. Vice Chairman Bowen asked to add a donation of land to the County under Items for Decision.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda as amended.

ADOPTION AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Royal, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution honoring the Pitt County 4-H Livestock Club for their work.

Mitch Smith and the 4-H Livestock Club members came forward for the presentation. He stated that this is an honor and agriculture has benefited by this club. He offered congratulates to the new leaders in this club. Beth Burlingham introduced each of the members.

OFFICE OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION HONORING
THE PITT COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK CLUB
JUNE 4, 2001**

WHEREAS, 4-H in Pitt County has had a history of improving the leadership skills of young people in Pitt County, and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County 4-H Livestock Club has provided outstanding leadership educating the nonfarm population and has corrected misconceptions about agriculture, and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County 4-H Livestock Club has increased agricultural awareness as to the true source of food, how it is produced and the high quality of our food supply, and

WHEREAS, club members have taught environmental field days for several thousand students and have spoken to school classes, civic groups, and hosted booths at fairs and festivals, and

WHEREAS, this 4-H Club has delivered more than 100 lessons on the basics of animal care by participating in "Lamb Camp" for youth ages eight to twelve, and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County 4-H Livestock Club has been named as "Farm Journal spokespersons of the Year for 2001" by Farm Journal Magazine

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of PITT COUNTY, North Carolina does hereby proclaim to honor the Pitt County 4-H Livestock Club in North Carolina, and congratulates them for their splendid leadership.

ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2001.

Pitt County Board of Commissioners

David Hammond, Chairman

Attest:

Susan J. Banks, Clerk

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD – Each speaker is limited to three minutes and must sign up to speak prior to the beginning of the meeting.

- Lu Liverman, SPCA representative, from Winterville, addressed the lack of an animal control facility in the County's proposed budget and submitted plans for new facility. He said Pitt County has had the most growth in surrounding counties. There is an increase in the animal population and the animal control facility cannot handle the rising workload. It is understaffed, under funded and they can only kill the animals as fast as they come in. A new updated facility has been previously approved that would allow humane treatment to animals. The current facility will cost more and more in the future. He encouraged the Board to address the need for the new animal control facility. Pitt County has an 82% euthanasia record. People who were present in support of the new facility were asked to stand so the commissioners could recognize them.

- Roger McIntyre - read a letter of appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their efforts in an attempt to impose the zoning ordinance to prohibit the cotton gin from being located in their area. He said the citizens have been allowed by the judge to support the County as it makes its way to the State Court of Appeals. He said the zoning ordinance will prove its usefulness to other citizens. He said he admired the County's stance on the zoning ordinance.
- Judith Hunt, Highway 64 west of Bethel, expressed appreciation of the Commissioners who were willing to help the citizens in the area of the proposed cotton gin. She said the citizens do feel that they can approach the commissioners with their requests and thanked them for their efforts.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager's Report – Tom Robinson

- a. Board's Schedule –
 1. June 12, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on 2001-02 Budget, - Commissioners' Auditorium
A copy of the Manager's Recommended for 2001-02 budget is in the Clerk's office and a summary is on the County's webpage.
 2. June 18, 9:00 a.m. Regular meeting, Commissioners' Auditorium
 3. Luncheon invitation for commissioners at ECVC on June 18 @ 12:30 p.m.
- b. Airport Terminal Dedication and Reception - June 20th at 11:30 a.m.
- c. Designated Smoking Areas in the Courthouse - reported that the staff is looking into this but the County Engineer needs time to look into the ventilation system prior to making a formal proposal. This will be brought back to the Board at a later date.
- d. Other matters as needed - Ms. Burgdorff gave the Board an update on the hearing on the Harvey's request for the cotton gin. A preliminary injunction was given by the Judge that meant that they can go forward with completion of the cotton gin project. A trial has been set for the future but a date and time have not been set. Commissioner James said there were people that had planned to testify but they did not get a chance to testify. Ms. Burgdorff said the Harvey's did not deny that they did not have the air quality permit which was what some of the people were there to verify. The fact was not disputed and the judge decided that he would rule in the favor of the Harvey's.
- e. Mr. Robinson informed the Board that he had received a copy of the Greene County resolution for a support of the Global Transpark and its benefit to the State in the future. He asked if this Board would like staff to present a similar resolution for the Pitt County Board to endorse. Vice Chairman Bowen said he could not support such a resolution. Commissioner James said it would be a disservice to the citizens of Pitt County to support this resolution. He said the funding for roads has been going to the GTP area and Pitt County is losing funds for roads.

Commissioner Shank **motioned** that she would like the Global Transpark resolution put on the next agenda for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Royal seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Report on Redistricting for Commissioners Districts – JoAnne Burgdorff/James Rhodes

Ms. JoAnne Burgdorff stated that she had provided some handouts on points to consider about the redistricting issue and the steps to take in the process. She also provided the Board with a copy of an article on Redistricting for Local Governments from Popular Government Magazine. She stated that Michael Crowell will be with the Board on June 18th and can answer the commissioners questions about the process. At that time, the Board will need to adopt a resolution to proceed with the plan to redistrict the County. She asked that the Board consider the "bailout" option of the Voting Rights Act and that would be stating that there have been no voting violations against the County. Ms. Burgdorff said she has written the Justice Department with this request asking them to check their voting records on the County and the municipalities. She said they have sixty days to give or refuse approval of letting the County out of the imposed restrictions. There could be as much as a 120-day period that they have to respond to the County. Ms. Burgdorff stated that Mr. Crowell had indicated that the "bailout" process should be favorable for Pitt County.

Chairman Hammond asked about Mr. Crowell and his assistant's fees. Ms. Burgdorff explained that the County could handle the mapping and Mr. Crowell will be acting as a consultant. Commissioner James said the County has had a 10% growth which mandates this change in districting and he supports Mr. Crowell as a consultant. Ms. Burgdorff said that the County would be billed at the applicable rate depending whether Mr. Crowell or his assistant performs the service.

Commissioner Shank asked for staff to provide a calendar of the process and the details for the Board. Ms. Burgdorff said that this would be presented at the June 18th meeting.

Mr. Rhodes said the 10% growth rule states that election districts should have generally the same amount of population in each district. Districts 1 and 2 are the districts with high minority population. He reviewed each of the existing districts. Combined districts 1 and 2 become District A. The new census data from 2000 that was released in April 2001 indicate that a target population per commissioner seat is 22,300 residents per district. The two districts, 2 and 5, are the most effected. District 2 lost people because of the flood and District 5 has had an increase as shown by the Census.

District A - 36,269

District B - 43,461

District C - 54,068

The County has a 42.6% deviation in population which is substantially over the 10% rule. Mr. Crowell will receive the maps and the population information prior to meeting with the Board on June 18. District 5 has had explosive growth. This is a preliminary report and Mr. Crowell will provide additional information on June 18.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT – *Items for Consent are intended to be non-controversial and routine items. These items do not add positions or use contingency funds.*

Commissioner Owens offered a **motion** to approve the items for consent agenda that was seconded by Commissioner Ward.

Vice Chairman Bowen offered a **substitute motion** to remove items 4-7 which were reappointments from the consent agenda. Commissioner Coulson seconded the motion and agreed that all reappointments should be individually addressed. Vice Chairman Bowen said the people don't know what is going on with items on the consent agenda. Commissioner Ward said all these are people being considered for reappointment have already served one term. The Commissioners have received reports on their attendance and their effectiveness on these boards. She said the people have given their time but it would be appropriate to name the people.

In favor of the substitute motion were: Commissioner James, Vice Chairman Bowen, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Coulson. Opposed to the substitute motion were: Chairman Hammond, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Royal, Commissioner Shank, and Commissioner Owens. The substitute motion failed.

The vote was called for the motion to approve the consent agenda. In favor of the motion were: Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Shank, Chairman Hammond, Commissioner Royal, Commissioner Ward. Opposed to the motion were: Commissioner James, Vice Chairman Bowen, and Commissioner Coulson. The motion to approve the consent agenda was approved.

Commissioner Coulson **motioned** to not put any future reappointments on the consent agenda. Vice Chairman Bowen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Owens stated that the rules of procedure may need to be looked at and changed by making this motion. Commissioner Shank asked that the section of the Board's policy that addresses reappointments be sent to the Commissioners. Chairman Hammond asked the Clerk to follow up on this matter.

The Chairman called for a vote on the motion to not place future reappointments on the consent agenda. In favor of the motion were: Commissioner James, Commissioner Shank, Vice Chairman Bowen, and Commissioner Coulson. Opposed to the motion were: Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Royal, Chairman Hammond and Commissioner Johnson.

Commissioner Shank **motioned** to have staff provide the area of the Board's policy dealing with reappointment to the Board. Commissioner James seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. Tax Releases and Refunds
2. Approval of Auction List and Declaration of Surplus Property
3. Declaration of Surplus Computers & Monitors
4. Reappointments to Pitt Community College Board of Trustees
5. Reappointment to ABC Board
6. Reappointment to the Social Services Board
7. Reappointment to the Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority
8. Budget Amendment – Court Facility Fund
9. Budget Amendment – Fire/EMS Fund
10. Approval of Minutes –
 - a. May 15, 2001
 - b. May 21, 2001
 - c. May 22, 2001
 - d. May 23, 2001
11. NCDOT Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Roads
 - a. Elliot Dixon Drive in Worthington Industrial Park
 - b. Levi Drive in Worthington Industrial Park
12. Rural Operation Assistance Program Public Hearing June 18, 2001

Items for Consent – June 4, 2001

Releases and Refunds Greater Than \$100

RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
ALLEN, ELLEN JACKSON MRS LF ES	99413/0	245	197.73
REF: 39228			
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE AND RECHARGE TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 115500/0 (ALLEN, MACK BELMONT JR.).			
BARNES, NORMA	1187554/0		187.30
REF: 39433			
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME, LISTED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 11751550, NORMA WATTS PHILLIPS.			
BARRY, LILLIAN	1181868/0		117.89
REF: 39126			
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT			

NUMBER 10907840, LILLIAN PAULINE BERRY.

BARRY, LILLIAN 1181868/0 132.96

REF: 39124

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE CHARGED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 10907840, LILLIAN PAULINE BERRY.

BRADSHAW, RICHARD E. 1167088/0 116.63

REF: 39314

NOTE:1997 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO PICKED UP AS PERSONAL AND REAL
ESTATE. SEE PARCEL NUMBER 41820, SAME NAME.

BRADSHAW, RICHARD E. 1167088/0 106.47

REF: 39315

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO PICKED UP AS PERSONAL AND REAL
ESTATE. SEE PARCEL NUMBER 41820, SAME NAME.

CAROLINA SEAFOOD VE LLC 1010079/7 134.42

REF: 39381

NOTE:2001 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

CARRAWAY, CHARLES RICHARD 8080596/8 122.87

REF: 39180

NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

COLE, KIMBERLY JEFFERSON 1010674/6 111.69

REF: 39450

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

COOPER, QUINCY 1010667/3 108.26

REF: 39342

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

CORBETT, ALLEN DOUGLAS 1010919/2 181.59

REF: 39264

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

COREY, VICTOR THOMAS 1011628/6 166.17

REF: 39098

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

DAWSON-BARNETT, MARY ELIZABETH 120077/2 157.42

REF: 39139

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

DESVARIEUX, KIMMELER 1181210/0 281.21

REF: 39129

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME. BILLED INCORRECT. NOT ON MOBILE HOME
PARK REPORT.

DEVANE, JAMES MIDDLETON 120575/6 206.95

REF: 39097

NOTE:2000 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

DIXON, RICKY LEE 99744/0 142.37

REF: 39174

NOTE:2000 - FARM EQUIPMENT CHARGED IN ERROR.

DUNCAN, DONALD FRANKLIN 70920/9 112.54

REF: 39407

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

EAKES, FANNIE LEE 1189837/0 222.44

REF: 39255

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME, BILLED IN ERROR.

EAKES, FANNIE LEE 1189838/0 280.44

REF: 39425

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO PICKED UP AS REAL, SEE PARCEL NUMBER 27708, EAKES, FANNIE LEE.

EAKES, FANNIE LEE 1189837/0 153.68

REF: 39254

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME, BILLED IN ERROR.

EDWARDS, WILLIE COLUMBUS 103521/0 110.22

REF: 39168

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE BILLED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11817280, DELORIS BARNHILL (EDWARDS).

EDWARDS, WILLIE COLUMBUS 103521/0 113.30

REF: 39167

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11817280, DELORIS BARNHILL (EDWARDS).

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010688/7 119.88

REF: 39201

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/5 139.74

REF: 39234

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/7 139.74

REF: 39238

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010912/5 120.16

REF: 39244

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010892/3 139.74

REF: 39243

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010892/0 139.74

REF: 39241

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010892/1 139.74

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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/8 139.74
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/9 139.74
REF: 39240
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REF: 39236
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/3 139.74
REF: 39227
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010891/0 139.74
REF: 39226
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010720/3 119.41
REF: 39221
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010720/4 119.41
REF: 39231
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010802/6 142.32
REF: 39225
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010802/2 142.32
REF: 39223
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010802/4 142.32
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010720/6 119.41
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ENTERPRISE LEASING	1010689/2	119.88
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ENTERPRISE LEASING	1010688/9	119.88
REF: 39218		
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REF: 39203		
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REF: 39216
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010638/5 229.02
REF: 39211
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010638/6 229.02
REF: 39212
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010639/1 229.02
REF: 39213
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010638/2 229.02
REF: 39210
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010637/8 229.02
REF: 39208
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010638/1 229.02
REF: 39209
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010207/3 131.38
REF: 39191
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010197/2 159.32
REF: 39189
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010197/0 159.32
REF: 39188
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010196/9 159.32
REF: 39187
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010188/9 102.95
REF: 39185
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

EVERETTE, JOSEPH JR. & 1168010/0 57996 478.62
REF: 39408
NOTE:2000 - MOBILE HOME ON LEASED LAND FLOODED IN 1999.

FIRSTCO,INC. 1010172/6 138.77
REF: 39492
NOTE:2000 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

GOURAS INC 1010484/7 149.97
REF: 39331
NOTE:2001 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HALL, JOHN ELMO 110119/5 100.96
REF: 39251
NOTE:2000 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

HARDEE, SUDIE M.TURNER LF.EST. 103979/0 9765 243.21
REF: 39182
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE AND RECHARGE TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 34641/0 (BESS,
THOMAS W. & WF. LINDA).

HARRIS, JAMES ALFRED 1010194/9 133.81
REF: 39455
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HARRIS, JOHNNY MARION 1010910/8 158.58
REF: 39313
NOTE:2001 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HILL JR, REUBEN LEE 120351/8 116.96
REF: 39114
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HOOKS-WIGHTMAN, DEBORAH DENISE 70711/3 124.25
REF: 39444
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

JOHNSON, JEROME M. 1162275/0 196.27
REF: 39135

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE DOUBLE CHARGED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11726960, JOHNSON, JEROME.

JONES, SHERI WILLIAMS 7030254/3 100.69

REF: 39392

NOTE:1997 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

KNOWLES, KATHLEEN 1187197/0 204.76

REF: 39116

NOTE:2000 - MOBILE HOME DOUBLE CHARGED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 1166922/0.

KNOX, JANE MATTHEWS 1010241/2 126.96

REF: 39336

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

LEE, KEITH NELSON 11164/6 137.74

REF: 39132

NOTE:2000 - ADJUST VALUE ON VEHICLE.

MAINLINE SUPPLY 110775/2 136.14

REF: 39338

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MANNING, JENNIFER E. 1187751/0 188.69

REF: 39250

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO FLOODED IN 1999.

MILLER, JERRY EARL 1010387/2 147.83

REF: 39349

NOTE:2001 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MOORE, LORRAINE LEHMAN 1011749/6 111.60

REF: 39108

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

NEWTON, WALTER ROBERT 70920/4 160.34

REF: 39307

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

POTTER, CHRISTOPHER LEE 10339/2 107.87

REF: 39453

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

RIGGAN, DAVIN C. 1189811/0 277.20
REF: 39146
NOTE:1998 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO LISTED AND PAID ON ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11712890, RIGGAN, DAVIN CHARLES.

ROBERSON, WILLIAM HENRY 80632/4 139.72
REF: 39249
NOTE:2000 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

ROYAL HERITAGE FARM 1011580/2 138.95
REF: 39143
NOTE:2000 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

RUTLEDGE, DALE WILBURN 100921/8 158.58
REF: 39247
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

RYDER TRUCK RENTAL 1011732/0 103.09
REF: 39341
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

SKINNER, RANDALL EDMUND 9090781/1 100.06
REF: 39390
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

VALLEY NATIONAL FIN SERVICES C 9080919/4 170.87
REF: 39237
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

VALLEY NATIONAL FINCO 8120076/0 216.58
REF: 39413
NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

VARNER, LARRY WILLIAM 1010608/3 134.37
REF: 39418
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

WHITEHURST ENTERPRIC 1011680/3 103.16
REF: 39148
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

WOOD, JOHN KEVIN 1178854/0 210.03
REF: 39136
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE AND RECHARGE MOBILE HOME TO LEGGETT, AMY M.

5107204ISE LEASING 1010688/5 119.88
REF: 39199
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

TOTAL RELEASES: 98 \$15,128.78
RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
CAROLINA SEAFOOD VE LLC	1010079/7		128.72

REF: 39381
NOTE:2001 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

COOPER, QUINCY 1010667/3 107.56
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NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

DAWSON-BARNETT, MARY ELIZABETH 120077/2 147.33
REF: 39139
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DEVANE, JAMES MIDDLETON 120575/6 167.39
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DUNCAN, DONALD FRANKLIN 70920/9 111.03
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ENTERPRISE LEASING 1010688/6 116.97
REF: 39200
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FIRSTCO,INC.	1010172/6	112.25
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GREENVILLE POOL & SCO INC	1010387/1	132.15
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JAMES A EVANS CONST	120289/1	120.27
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KNOWLES, KATHLEEN 1187197/0 113.35
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ROYAL HERITAGE FARM 1011580/2 112.38
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RUTLEDGE, DALE WILBURN 100921/8 148.26
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SASSER, WILLIAM MCDONALD 120738/4 100.47
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VALLEY NATIONAL FINCO 8120076/0 198.63
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TOTAL RELEASES: 61 \$8,328.31

2. Approval of Auction List and Declaration of Surplus Property

At the May 7, 2001 Board meeting, we set a County Auction for June 16, 2001 at 9:00 am. At that time, staff had not completed the inventory of the surplus furniture/equipment at the East Carolina Technology Center.

VEHICLES

1977 Dodge Truck	1989 Ford Aerostar Van	1993 Chevrolet Caprice (2)
1978 Pontiac Firebird	1990 Ford Taurus	1994 Ford Truck
1982 Ford Tempo	1990 Ford Taurus	1994 Mitsubishi Van
1982 Ford Aerostar Van	1990 Chevrolet Caprice	1994 Plymouth Acclaim
1984 International Bus (2)	1990 Chevrolet Truck	1994 Ford Aerostar Van
1984 Chevrolet Truck	1991 Chevrolet Lumina	1996 Ford Crown Victoria
1988 GMC Van (2)	1991 Plymouth Acclaim	1997 Dodge Intrepid
1988 Chevrolet Cavalier	1991 Ford Tempo	1998 Ford Van

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Miscellaneous lot - chairs	(2) PC Monitors
Miscellaneous lot – desks	(2) Keyboards
Miscellaneous lot - tables	(2) Terminals
(2) Examination Tables	(5) Electric Typewriters
(2) Overhead projectors	(16) Office Partitions
(2) Dry erase boards	Kenmore upright vacuum
Whirlpool Electric Oven	Microfiche viewer
Gas Oven	GE Refrigerator

Everything sold “as is, where is”, with no expressed or implied warranties. The County reserves the right to add to or delete from this list. Titles for the vehicles sold will be available on site. Other terms and conditions will be announced prior to sale. All bidders must register prior to sale time with name, address and valid NC driver’s license. No out-of-state checks will be accepted. Sale conducted by Ernie Nichols, NCAL #5430. The Pitt County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Vehicles will be available for inspection on Friday, June 15, 2001, from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Eastern Carolina Technology Center (formerly - Prepsheet Manufacturing facility), 1800 N. Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina. Call Ward Parker at (252) 830-4169 for additional information.

3. Declaration of Surplus Computers & Monitors

The County regularly replaces computers and monitors on a predetermined schedule. The county’s policy is to donate these items to non-profit agencies and organizations. The attached list details these items.

B11314	Acer 486DX2-66	B19004	Acer P133 Tower
B11316	Acer 486DX2-66	B19006	Acer P100 Tower
B11318	Acer 486DX2-66	B19009	Acer P100 Tower
B11323	Acer 486DX2-66	B19010	Acer P133 Tower
B11330	Acer 486DX2-66	B19011	Acer P133 Tower
B11353	Acer 486DX2-66	B19012	Acer P133 Tower
B11493	Micron Millennia Mxe P-90	B19021	Acer P166 Tower
B12257	Serenity P166 Tower	B19034	Acer P166 Tower
B12937	Acer P100 Tower	B19038	Acer P166 Tower
B12938	Acer P100 Tower	B19042	Acer P100 Tower
B12939	Acer P100 Tower	B19073	Micron Millennia Mxe P-200 MMX
B12940	Acer P133 Tower	B19078	Acer P166 Tower
B12942	Acer P100 Tower	B19085	Acer P133 Tower
B12943	Acer P100 Tower	B19086	Acer P133 Tower
B12944	Acer P100 Tower	B19087	Acer P133 Tower
B12950	Acer P100 Tower	B19089	Acer P166 Tower
B12951	Acer P100 Tower	B19093	Acer P166 Tower
b13365	Acer 486DX	B19103	Acer P133 Tower
B13380	Acer P100 Tower	B19124	Acer P166 Tower
B13381	Acer P100 Tower	B19126	Acer P166 Tower
B13382	Acer P100 Tower	B19127	Acer P166 Tower
B13384	Acer P100 Tower	B19129	Acer P166 Tower
B13385	Acer P100 Tower	B19131	Acer P166 Tower

B13386	Acer P100 Tower	B19132	Acer P166 Tower
B13387	Acer P100 Tower	B19133	Acer P166 Tower
B13388	Acer P100 Tower	B19234	Acer P166 Tower
B13416	Acer P75 Tower	B19269	Acer P200 Tower
B13441	Vision Software PC	B19270	Acer P166 Tower
B13455	Vision Software PC	B19282	Acer P200 Tower
B13679	Serenity P120 Tower	B19312	Acer P166 Tower
B13700	Serenity P100 Tower	B19313	Acer P166 Tower
B13861	Acer P100 Tower	B19314	Acer P166 Tower
B13863	Acer P100 Tower	B19318	Acer P166 Tower
B13871	Acer P100 Tower	B19319	Acer P166 Tower
B14060	IBM VP 325 CPU	B19320	Acer P166 Tower
B14204	Vision 486DX	B19516	Acer 486DX4-100
B14332	Acer 486DX	P00132	Acer P100 Tower
B14385	Acer 486DX	R00527	Acer P100 Tower
B14441	Acer P100 Tower	R00532	Acer P100 Tower
B14452	Acer P166 Tower	R00533	Acer P100 Tower
B14462	Acer P100 Tower	R00534	Acer P100 Tower
B14464	Acer P100 Tower	R00536	Acer P100 Tower
B14494	Acer P100 Tower	R00537	Acer P100 Tower
B14497	Acer P100 Tower	R00590	Serenity P120
B19002	Acer P133 Tower	R01921	Acer 486DX2-66
B09663	IBM 8512 monitor	B19194	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B11427	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19196	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B11442	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19220	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B11447	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19221	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B11492	TTX 14" VGA monitor (3439)	B19222	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12259	Leo 15A SVGA monitor	B19224	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12901	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19228	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12925	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19238	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12952	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19245	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12954	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19250	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12955	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19251	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12956	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19267	Acer AcerView 56e monitor (7156e)
B12957	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19283	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12958	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19303	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B12967	Sampo Alphascan 15g monitor (KDM-1566)	B19305	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13369	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19308	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13371	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19310	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13373	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19363	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13377	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19365	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13379	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19393	View Mate 15" Color Monitor
B13426	Samsung SyncMaster 3Ne	B19431	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13478	Samsung SyncMaster 3Ne	B19435	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13678	Leo 15A SVGA monitor	B19447	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13680	Leo 15A SVGA monitor	B19456	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13819	IBM 14R28 monitor	B19463	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B13866	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19473	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)
B13870	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19523	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14035	IBM 8512 monitor	B19525	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14233	IBM 6312 14" Monitor	B19526	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14287	TTX 14" VGA monitor (3439)	B19528	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14468	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19532	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14475	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19534	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B14481	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)	B19584	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B18324	IBM Powerdisplay 20	B19661	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B19020	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	B19685	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)

B19074	Micron 17" Color Monitor	R00540	Acer 15" SVGA monitor
B19081	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R00543	Acer 15" SVGA monitor
B19110	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R00546	Acer 15" SVGA monitor
B19112	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R00573	AcerView 56L 15" SVGA monitor
B19113	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R00583	Techmedia 15" Multiscan SVGA monitor
B19118	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R01579	TTX SVGA monitor (5428G)
B19119	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	B19177	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)
B19122	Acer AcerView 54e monitor (7154e)	R01939	Acer AcerView 34T UVGA monitor (7134T)

4. Reappointment to the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees

Mr. Frank Hemingway and Mr. John Roberts were re-appointed to serve on the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees.

5. Re-appointment to the ABC Board

Mr. Marvin Speight was re-appointed to serve on the ABC Board.

6. Re-appointment to the Social Services Board

Ms. Jennifer Smith was re-appointed to the Social Services Board.

7. Re-appointment to the Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority

Mr. Jack Duffus was re-appointed to the Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority

8. Budget Amendment – Court Facility Fund

Increase Budget Items to offset Governor's escrow action

Account No.	Title of Account	Increase	Decrease
172900 499100	Fund Balance Appropriated	500,000	
174190 598030	Fund Transfer	500,000	
302900 498017	Interfund Transfer Court Facility	500,000	
302900 498010	Interfund Transfer General		500,000

9. Budget Amendment – Fire/EMS Fund

Increase budget revenues for expected Fire/EMS Districts to reflect actual tax collections

Account No.	Title of Account	Increase	Decrease
287000 469912	Falkland Fire	4,500	
287000 569914	Staton House	48,000	
287000 569923	Stokes House	3,000	
287000 569924	Pactolus Fire	9,000	
287000 569925	Clarks Neck Fire	2,800	
287000 569931	Grimesland Fire	2,500	
287000 269932	Simpson Fire	10,000	
287000 569934	Eastern Pines Fire	12,000	
287000 569935	Black Jack Fire	3,000	

287000 569941	Winterville Fire	10,000
287000 569942	Ayden Fire	8,000
287000 569943	Grifton Fire	6,500
287000 569944	Gardnersville Fire	3,000
287000 569951	Red Oak Fire	14,000
287000 569952	Bell Arthur Fire	6,000
287000 569953	Farmville Fire	6,000
287000 569954	Fountain Fire	1,500
287000 569972	Bell Arthur EMS	12,000
287000 569975	Eastern Pines EMS	22,000
287000 569976	Ayden EMS	1,000
282112 410000	Taxes Falkland Fire	4,500
282114 410000	Taxes Staton House	48,000
282123 410000	Taxes Stokes Fire	3,000
282124 410000	Taxes Pactolus Fire	9,000
282125 41000	Taxes Clarks Neck Fire	2,800
282131 41000	Taxes Grimesland Fire	2,500
282132 41000	Taxes Simpson Fire	10,000
282134 41000	Taxes Eastern Pines Fire	12,000
282135 41000	Taxes Black Jack Fire	3,000
282141 41000	Taxes Winterville Fire	10,000
282142 41000	Taxes Ayden Fire	8,000
282143 41000	Taxes Grifton Fire	6,500
282145 41000	Taxes Gardnersville Fire	3,000
282151 41000	Taxes Red Oak Fire	14,000
282152 41000	Taxes Bell Arthur Fire	6,000
282153 41000	Taxes Farmville Fire	6,000
282154 41000	Taxes Fountain Fire	1,500
282172 41000	Taxes Bell Arthur EMS	12,000
282175 41000	Taxes Eastern Pines EMS	22,000
282176 41000	Taxes Ayden EMS	1,000

10. Minutes from May 15, 21, 22, 23 approved.
11. NCDOT Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Roads
 - a. Elliott Dixon Drive in Worthington Industrial Park
 - b. Levi Drive in Worthington Industrial Park
12. Rural Operation Assistance Program Public Hearing scheduled for June 18, 2001

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Adopt Ambulance Franchise Ordinance – Bobby Joyner

Item was postponed until the next meeting.

Appointments to Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities – Susan Banks

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Teri Mitchell to fill the vacancy of Casey Brittain from ARC of Pitt County; appoint Jennifer Lenior to fill the vacancy from Margaret Zahrowski with terms to expire June 30, 2004 and reappoint Lee Armstrong with a term to expire March 31, 2003.

Appointments to GTP Commission – Susan Banks

Vice Chairman Bowen **motioned** to reappoint Ed Bright and William Teel to the Global Transpark Development Commission. Commissioner Coulson seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Robinson said the Town of Grifton has a problem with their budget and they have asked for a deferment of a \$42,000 payment for water and sewer on the Global Transpark loan. Mr. Robinson said they are writing a letter today to the Global Transpark asking for deferment of that payment. Ed Bright said his is vice chairman of the committee and feels that it would be favorably accepted.

Appointment to Mental Health Area Board (attorney) – Susan Banks

Chairman Hammond **motioned** to appoint Jerome Ramey to the Mental Health Area Board which was seconded by Commissioner Royal. Commissioner Ward nominated Robert Kemp in support of the recommendation from the Mental Health Area Board. Ms. Deborah Dihoff said there is a vacancy for an attorney on their Board and she was unaware that Jerome Ramey had applied. Chairman Hammond said Mr. Ramey asked last summer about being on the Mental Health Area Board.

Commissioner Owens **motioned** to send this appointment matter back to the Mental Health Area Board since his application was not available to the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion and it was approved with an eight to one vote. Vice Chairman Bowen asked why this was being sent back and voted in opposition to the motion.

Potential Appointees to the Restructured EMS Committee as Recommended by Consultant– Bobby Joyner

Mr. Joyner said that some applications had come in late and he needed some instruction from the Board on how to consider the latest applicants. He asked if Greenville City residents should be considered for appointment since they are not going to be paying the EMS tax.

Commissioner Owens **motioned** to have staff review all applications and bring a recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting. Commissioner James seconded this motion.

Vice Chairman Bowen **motioned**, seconded by Commissioner James, to have only people who do not live in Greenville serve on the EMS committee.

Commissioner Johnson asked if there were other items that would affect Greenville that would be within this committee's authority or concern. Mr. Bulow said that the County has a mutual aid agreement with the City of Greenville Rescue and that would be their main emphasis. Commissioner James said that Greenville is important in this system and when they are called they respond.

Commissioner Shank offered a **substitute motion** for five people that represent the EMS

Commissioner Ward asked that staff be instructed bring a recommendation back to the Board at a following meeting. She further stated that at least one person from the Greenville municipality should be on the committee since they are involved and that a citizen at-large could fill that position. Vice Chairman Bowen said if the Greenville has a representative then all municipalities should have representation. Commissioner Coulson said that Greenville citizens are County residents also and it is a partnership and should be continued.

Chairman Hammond asked for Commissioner Owens to restate his motion. Commissioner Owens stated that his motion was to instruct staff to review all the applications and bring a recommendation back to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Bowen only county citizens who reside outside the City of Greenville should be on this committee.

Commissioner Ward **motioned** to include one citizen as an at-large member from the City of Greenville on the EMS Committee. Commissioner Shank seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Land Donation

Vice Chairman Bowen said that facility services needed more room and that Jeffrey's Beer and Wine has made an offer to the County for approximately 8 ½ acres behind facility services, with access to the road that the County owns. Vice Chairman Bowen said he started negotiating and they accepted and agreement that they would deed the property to the County and the County would give them an easement, and they will become responsible for one-half the cost of the upkeep of the road. He wanted the Board to authorize Phil Dickerson or Tom Robinson to do this contract. Commissioner Owens asked why it was rejected the last time because the Board had considered this item once before. Mr. Dickerson said the asking price for the land was \$30,000 per acre. The tract of land is an odd shape and they have an odd shape also. If combined, it would be usable. Previously the Board authorized \$10,000 to be offered for the land. Mr. Dickerson said that the pavement design is adequate to carry heavy trucks and they have agreed to share in maintenance costs. Commissioner Owens commended Vice Chairman Bowen and Mr. Dickerson and would like a written proposal to be brought back to the Board. Mr. Dickerson said he would like some form of endorsement from the Board to pursue this project.

Commissioner James said he wanted a drawing of this property before making a decision. Commissioner Shank said she wanted to know why this was not put on the agenda and brought forward by the Manager. Vice Chairman Bowen said he was called last Thursday afternoon and he told Mr. Dickerson this morning. Commissioner Royal said the Manager cannot be responsible when this plan was not driven by the Manager and his staff. He said the chief negotiator for the County is the County Manager and he should bring this item back and follow the proper process.

Commissioner Ward motioned to authorize the Manager and Engineer to move ahead and come back to the Board with a plan and proposal at the next meeting. Commissioner Royal seconded the motion. The motion passed the motion with an eight to one. Commissioner James opposed the motion.

Commissioner James commended Vice Chairman Bowen for his actions. Vice Chairman Bowen said that as long as he has been a commissioner the County had been pursuing that property.

The Board recessed for a short break.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- **Commissioner Coulson** said the Commissioners have received correspondence through the mail about the animal shelter. He said he suggested a user fee on something that addresses the cause. He asked the Board to consider a bigger facility for the animal shelter. At some point the animal shelter will fill up and it will be the same as it is today. He said he would like a way to make the animal shelter a self-funding agency. He suggested a \$100 fee for animals that can breed. He said he cannot support a new building at \$850,000 without addressing the root problem. He encouraged the SPCA to make a recommendation for funding to offset this expense. He said he does not support an ad valorem tax increase. He said the fund balance is for natural disasters or economic downturns. He said the fund balance went from 11% to 16%. He said if the Board raises the tax rate, it is taking the easy way out. As more money comes in, more money is spent and the tax burden increases. He spoke of gas prices and unemployment rates in North

Carolina and the severe impact on the citizens. He said fund balance needs to be used versus a tax increase.

- Commissioner Ward said that all commissioners will be receiving invitations to the Airport Grand Opening.
- Commissioner James said he agreed with Commissioner Coulson. He reminded the Board that they are servants of the people and they do not need to put more burdens on the people.

Commissioner Shank said there is a budget session following this meeting when the commissioners should talk about the budget.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

1. Presentation of Manager's Recommended Budget and Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2001-2002 – Tom Robinson
2. Commissioner Discussion and Deliberations

Mr. Robinson stated that he had provided summaries on the budget for the Board which was delivered on Friday. He reviewed the items that were in the budget package provided to the Board. This budget represents a 1% increase which gives a total budget of \$164, 591,000. County's general fund shows a 4.9% increase in this area which is attributed to four areas. He said the Board instructed him to use fund balance and he tried to present a responsible budget. He said included in the proposed budget is a 3 cent tax increase and he has used .25 cent of the economic development tax to be used for the county's general budget. He stated no one wants a tax increase, and we should live within means, yet this county can be progressive and the citizens still want the County to step up and meet their needs. He said he tried to comply with the Board's requests and being responsible with the budget. He said he could show implications of a zero increase budget if the Board chooses.

He asked about the value of mobile homes being put up in the Belvoir area. He said the contribution by each household on each child's education is about \$1,070.

Commissioner Coulson said about the tax burden and said that the burden is not lifted because his children are not in schools. Mr. Robinson said the tax base is not keeping pace with the growth of the County. The County's tax base is 64th in the State. The Board will need to look to cut back on services. Commissioner Coulson said his first loyalty is to the people who are paying the bills. Chairman Hammond said the City residents of Greenville are looking at double taxes because the City is looking at a 6.5 cents increase in their tax rate. Commissioner James said he was concerned about the times. He said only one was reduced. Mr. Robinson said he can not accomplish what the Board has instructed with the funds that are available. Chairman Hammond asked what has been reduced since the Friday workshop. Commissioner Coulson spoke about the tax revaluation which had been reduced to seven year and the suggestion that it could be reduced to a four year cycle. He said he thought this was a one-time deal on making revaluation seven years.

Mr. Robinson presented the following Budget Message.

To the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and Citizens:

The proposed Pitt County Fiscal Year 2001-2002 annual budget as enclosed is \$164,591,610 and represents an 0.93% increase over the current year's amended budget. The General Fund, the County's main control fund, is projected at \$75,792,453 or a 4.9% increase from the current year. The county property tax rate to support the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 budget as proposed is 71 cents per \$100 of valuation. This rate will be split with 69¾ cents supporting general fund operations and 1¾ cents directed to Industrial Development.

Earlier this year, the Board of Commissioners established goals and objectives for Pitt County government

to achieve over the next several years. As County Manager, I have worked with staff, departments and agencies to develop an annual budget that begins to implement programs, services, and projects to achieve the Board's adopted priorities. I have also sought to fund the mandated programs and services required by the State of North Carolina and the federal government.

Development of this budget has been one of the most challenging in my sixteen years as a County Manager. The Board has expressed, through its goals and objectives, a desire to move forward with several initiatives including increased levels of service in a number of areas. Historically, the Board has sought to maintain a fairly low tax rate by limiting both the range and the levels of service the County has supported.

This year, as everyone is aware, economies on the local, state and national levels are experiencing a slowdown. The growth previously experienced each year in sales taxes has slowed substantially. The County's investment earnings, like the market, are down from anticipations last year. The revenues withheld from the State for manufacturers inventory reimbursement has impacted the current year with the loss of \$815,000 in revenue. The possible escrow or elimination of those revenues next year could impact Pitt County by \$1.6 million.

Several other factors have made this a challenging budget to develop. Pitt County is a rapidly growing County. We experienced a 24% population increase over the past 10 years and expect to continue at near this same rate over the next 10 years. Many people believe that growth typically pays for the cost of providing county services. This is not the case in Pitt County. For example, it takes a home selling at \$200,000 just to cover the cost of providing Pitt County's public school per pupil current expense allocation of \$1070. Additionally, six of the County's top nine employers are exempt from both property and sales taxes. Pitt County's tax base ranks 64th out of 100 counties in the State. We are, therefore, considered to be a low wealth county.

Many people in Pitt County are considered well off; however, there is a very large segment of the County's population that lives on incomes below the poverty level. This large population often requires greater levels of county service than the population in general. Finally, the County's sales to assessment ratio five years from the last property revaluation stands at approximately 80% as compared to 85% after eight years for the last revaluation cycle. In simple terms, this means that 20% of the real property in the County is not being taxed. It also means that many people with low real estate property appreciation are carrying a disproportionate share of the tax burden.

As the Board of Commissioners reviews and deliberates this proposed annual budget, a fundamental question needs to be addressed. *What levels of service does the public want from Pitt County Government?* Given the current tax structure available to county government by the State and a tax base at 75% of the State average, it is not possible for Pitt County to maintain a property tax rate near the State average if higher levels of service are desired.

MAJOR BUDGET INITIATIVES

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners spent considerable time over several meetings this year to identify specific goals and objectives for implementation over the next few years. These priority areas are:

- 1 - Long-Range Planning / Vision
- 2 - Education /Schools
- 3 - Community Safety / Emergency Services
- 4 - Facilities / Building Needs
- 5 - Human Services / Social Services
- 6 - Recreation & Parks

The recommended budget seeks to implement the Board's priorities and to maintain progress in meeting the ongoing

needs of our citizens and those public services mandated by state or federal law. To more aggressively address these needs and priorities, additional revenues will have to be identified. Major initiatives included in the coming year's work program are as follows:

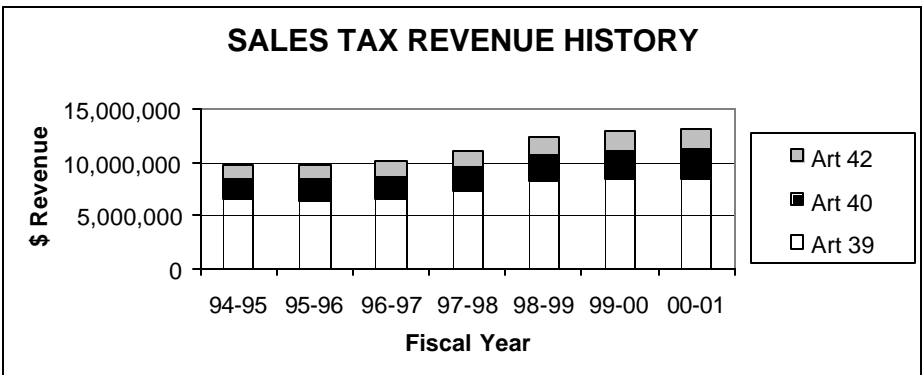
- Establish a government/education television channel;
- Continue to seek, retain, and attract a quality workforce by revising the personnel ordinance; revising the performance appraisal system, addressing training needs, and implementing the final phase of the pay and classification plan;
- Seek to fully integrate total quality management principles into County operations;
- Undertake required redistricting of County Commissioner districts;
- Fund and begin Phase II renovations on the Courthouse;
- Continue flood recovery activities;
- Seek funding for Community Schools & Recreation site purchase and development;
- Begin implementation of Rails to Trails recreation plan;
- Develop master Emergency Medical Services plan and begin implementation;
- Bid 800 MHz public safety/emergency radio communications system and begin phased implementation;
- Work with Pitt Community College to seek funding and begin development of the firing range/defensive driving course;
- Continue to implement hazard mitigation buyout program;
- Work with the State to update the flood plain maps;
- Update the Comprehensive Development Plan;
- Implementation of the Northwest Zoning Ordinance;
- Develop a multi-departmental coordinated permitting process;
- Continue work to develop a master plan for supply, distribution, treatment, and management of a countywide water and sewer system;
- Determine a site and seek funding to purchase or option land for Phase 1 of a bio-medical technology park;
- Continue work with East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, Pitt County Schools, the City of Greenville, and the Chamber of Commerce to develop a science center for research, business, and education;
- Work to develop a perpetual drainage plan to include beaver management;
- Enhance the County's efforts to increase recycling and to reduce littering along roadways;
- Continue to work with Pitt County Mental Health to stabilize the agency, continue to improve collections, and to promote clinical excellence;
- Work to resolve the space needs of the Department of Social Services;
- Continue to fund the Education Compact with Pitt County Schools;
- Work with the Public Schools to refine the system's 10-year capital needs; and
- Work with Pitt Community College to fund bond improvements and phase in required county matching funds.

REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

Ad Valorem Taxes – We are anticipating growth in the tax base of 4.9% over last year, to a base of \$6.1 billion. Completion of replacement housing from Hurricane Floyd and flood damage continues to improve the base. Pitt County is fortunate to have steady and continuous growth in property valuation. As previously stated, our current revaluation cycle is a detriment with the rapid growth in the housing market. The current sales to assessment ratio of 80% is well below the 85% experienced at the time of the last revaluation. The Board of Commissioners has approved to have an earlier revaluation in the seventh year, effective January 1, 2003, but more property base will be lost before this can be accomplished. A rapidly growing county such as Pitt needs to revalue on a more frequent schedule, such as every four years, in order to keep this assessment more in line.

I am recommending that the allocation to the Industrial Development Fund be reduced to 1¼ cents from the current 2 cents of our tax levy to assist the General Fund in this difficult year. The Industrial Development Fund is used to fund projects that further economic development activities throughout the year. This small reduction should not hamper any known projects for this year or the current fund balance in this account. I would ask that the Board consider carefully this reduced funding recommendation and make sure you are comfortable with this level of support.

Sales Taxes – Slow growth in the overall economy has led to a decline in the increase typically seen in sales tax revenues. The new 2000 census figures have not adversely impacted the County’s portion of the Article 40 and 42 sales taxes that are distributed based on population. A 3.1% increase has been projected in these taxes. Article 39 taxes, distributed on a point of sale basis, have grown very little over the past couple of years and with the economy in the region suffering, we have conservatively budgeted no change in this tax receipt over the prior year budgeted amount. The chart below shows the gradual increase in sales tax collections over the past several years and the leveling off of the Article 39 tax in the last three years.



Fees – Fee increases are proposed as indicated below for the following service areas: Environmental Health (a division of the Health Department), Emergency Services, and Financial Services.

	Present Fee	Proposed Fee
Environmental Health Fees		
Initial standard septic system evaluation, design and inspection	\$100	\$225
* Additional charge for non-traditional system	\$0	100
* Additional charge for low pressure pump system design	\$0	\$200
Planned system revision (without site visit)	\$15	\$25
Planned system revision (with site visit)	\$15	\$75
Change of flow for an existing septic system	\$50	\$75
Mass gathering permit	\$10	\$100
Body piercing establishment permits	NA	\$200
Swimming pool, wading pool, spa (year-round) permit	\$170	\$200
Seasonal swimming, wading pool, spa permit	\$85	\$100
Emergency Services		
Illegal burning citation	\$50	\$200
EMS ambulance transport (effective January 1, 2002)	\$0	\$400
Financial Services		
Wage garnishment (per transaction)	\$0	\$2

Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Taxes – Taxes for the Fire Districts will remain at the same level as approved in the prior year for each district. No changes have been requested. Note, the citizens of each service area approved the imposition of these taxes.

A proposal to go to a 3 cents countywide EMS tax (with the exception of the city of Greenville) is reflected within this budget. This County tax would eliminate the three existing EMS district taxes for Ayden, Bell Arthur and Eastern Pines, which currently have tax rates ranging from 2.73 to 5 cents. This county emergency medical service tax is part of a comprehensive plan to upgrade and complement the volunteer emergency medical services in the County. Our volunteers have come to a point where they can no longer provide 24 hour service and Pitt County must step in to provide paid EMS personnel to assist the squads with coverage.

Hospital Revenues – Pitt County has received the full \$30 million from Pitt County Memorial Hospital per the transfer agreement. The Board of Commissioners has set this money aside to function like an endowment to generate revenue to cover increased funding for education over the next several years. Although the hospital transfer deal is completed, the hospital will continue annual payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$1.26 million, and \$475,000 annually as a partial Medicaid offset.

Interest Earnings – Pitt County has two separate investment strategies to produce interest earnings. The first is the normal procedure that is allowed by the North Carolina General Statutes and requires that Counties invest in very secure, very conservative instruments. For this coming year, Pitt County expects to earn 4.5% interest or \$1.6 million on an average investment of \$35 million. These funds are internally managed by the County's Financial Services Department.

The second investment strategy deals with the \$30 million in proceeds realized from the hospital transfer agreement. The Board of Commissioners has established a policy using the interest earnings from these proceeds to help fund the Education Compact. Pitt County also obtained special legislation to be able to invest these funds in typically higher yielding stocks and bonds and has retained five fund managers to invest these funds.

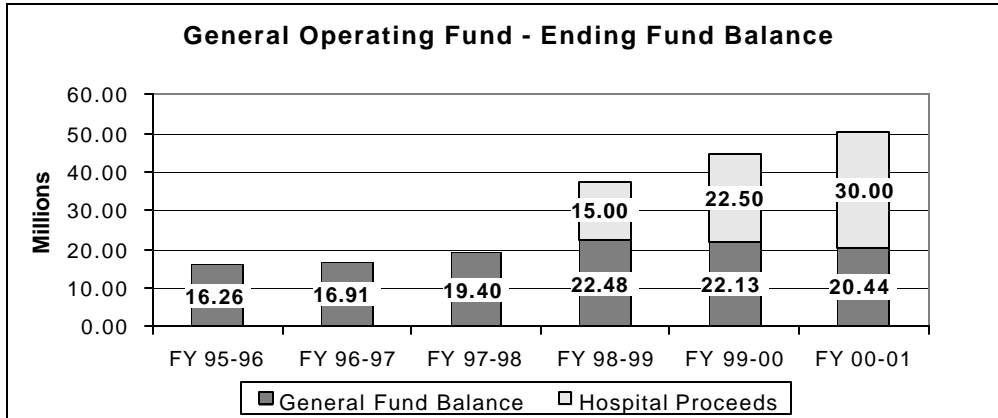
The asset allocation of these funds is 50% stocks (equity instruments) and 50% bonds (fixed instruments). This past year the County established a goal of obtaining a 10% overall return on investment. The actual yield will probably be in the five to seven percent range. Therefore, this coming year, a more conservative 8% return or \$2.4 million is included in the proposed budget.

Fund Balance – Approximately \$4.8 million in fund balance has been appropriated to cover one-time expenses and to balance the budget. Historically, Pitt County has tried to limit the amount of fund balance appropriated to be an amount that can be offset by conservative budgeting. However, this year, the Board of Commissioners has directed that the County hold the proposed tax increase down by using Fund Balance to cover non-recurring expenses in the budget.

I have a couple of concerns about using fund balance. First, over the past couple of years, we have seen departmental operating margins diminish. Many departments are spending close to their budgeted amounts. Secondly, the non-hospital portion of the fund balance was approximately 15% at the beginning of this current fiscal year. We will probably use over a million in fund balance this year that could drop our non-hospital fund balance percentage to the 12 percent range. With well over this amount budgeted next year to fund the non-recurring expenses, the non-hospital portion of the fund balance will probably drop to the ten percent range. While this is still acceptable, the Board needs to understand that this level is close to the minimum that the Local Government Commission requires a county to maintain and that while we hope to avoid major emergencies in the future, they can and do occur. Remember, the calculation is done at year-end: $\text{fund balance} / \text{expenditures} = \%$. Each year though, the denominator grows at a faster pace than does the amount in actual fund balance and therefore, the percentage can drop. With the larger appropriation this year, the likelihood of fund balance being reduced at the end of the year is greater. For

counties of similar size to Pitt, the Local Government Commission reports the average unreserved fund balance to be 18%. Our fund balance outside of the Hospital proceeds was approximately 14.9%.

The following table shows growth of the fund balance levels over the past several years.



* FY 00-01 is an estimate.

EXPENDITURE HIGHLIGHTS

As stated earlier, the overall budget is projected to increase by 0.93% with the General Fund increasing by 4.9%. Much of this increase is attributable to four major expenditure increases. If these four increases are removed for comparison purposes, the proposed budget is actually less than the current year budget.

Recommended FY 2001-02 General Fund		\$75,792,453
Education Compact	\$1,600,000	
Medicaid	999,964	
Phase II Courthouse Debt	730,000	
Health Insurance	666,528	<u>3,996,492</u>
Net FY 2001-02 General Fund		\$71,795,961
Current FY 2000-01 General Fund		\$72,363,010

Some changes to the budget in the primary areas of County responsibility include:

General Government – Two years ago, Pitt County began televising Board of Commissioner meetings on the government access channel run by the City of Greenville. This coming year, Pitt County will move to another channel to allow more programming time for Pitt County, the Pitt County Public School System, and other County-affiliated agencies.

Pitt County will begin Phase II renovations of the historic 1910 courthouse and the 1960 annex within the next 90 days. The debt service payment of \$730,000 for this \$9 million renovation project has been included in the recommended budget.

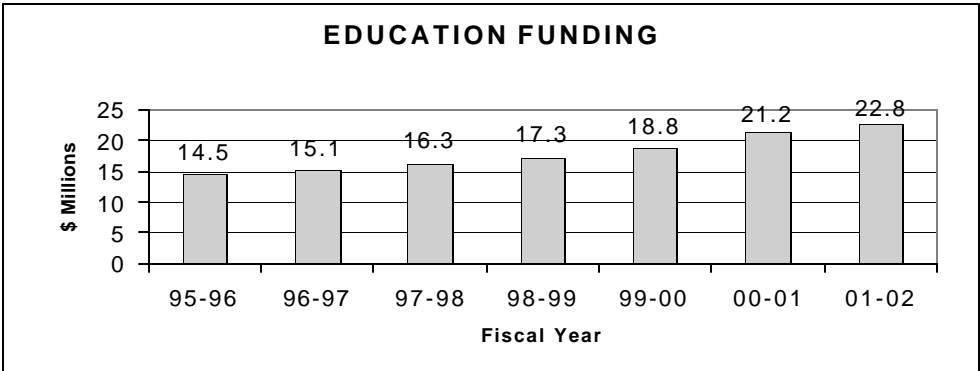
Planning and Development – Fiscal Year 2001-02 will be a busy year for the staff of the planning

department. In addition to the day-to-day planning functions handled through this department, several new projects are now underway. The Planning Department has been charged with the job of updating the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and will be working on the redistricting of commissioner districts as required in response to the Year 2000 Census results. Several departments are participating in the development of a Coordinated Permitting system. Once completed, this system will be of great benefit to our citizens in streamlining the permitting process into "one stop" shopping. Additionally, the County will begin enforcing the requirements of the Northwest Planning Area Zoning Ordinance effective July 1, 2001.

Flood Recovery – The County and many of its departments continue to be heavily involved in the flood recovery process. Through the acquisition of buyout properties in the Planning Department, the demolition of these same properties by the Engineering and Solid Waste Departments, to the filing of reimbursements by the Financial Services Department, these projects are still ongoing daily. Additionally the County is participating in the repair, replacement and relocation programs funded by the State. All told, these projects represent a budget of approximately \$30 million in state and federal programs.

Education – The joint Education Compact developed by the Board of Commissioners and the Pitt County School Board is in its second year. The Compact provides for increased funding and greater accountability over a five-year period with a goal of moving the Pitt County Public School System into the top one-third of North Carolina's school systems in both funding and performance. The year the compact was initiated, Pitt County ranked 43rd out of the one hundred counties in per pupil current expense funding according to North Carolina Association of County Commissioners data. The 12.75% increase in funding this past year moved the County to 32nd place. The Education Compact was developed using North Carolina Department of Public Instruction rankings for the 117 school systems. Using these rankings, Pitt County ranked 57th in per pupil current expense funding for 1997-98. Unfortunately, the Department of Public Instruction's numbers lag two years behind the current year and do not reflect this past year's funding effort by Pitt County. The County and the School System will need to reconcile this discrepancy so we can accurately measure progress toward our funding goal.

This year funding is increased \$1.6 million over the prior year's budget, a 7.5% increase, for a \$22.8 million current expense budget. Funding trends for education over the past several years are shown in the chart below.



The Board of Commissioners annually appropriates an additional \$750,000 for pay-as-you go Category I, II, and III capital needs and an additional 10% (\$475,000) of Article 40 Sales Tax to fund regular school capital projects. Pitt County also provides free rent and utilities for school administration, services valued at over \$230,000 annually.

Human Services - The Pitt County Mental Health Area Program has stabilized its operation and has ended a second year with an operational surplus after downsizing 1999. To get back to the pre-deficit funding level and to utilize County dollars for other pressing needs, I am recommending that the Mental Health appropriation be reduced by \$324,542, or 16.9% this year. Of the 5 new positions requested by the

agency, only 3.5 revenue-generating positions are recommended.

In the Department of Social Services, a \$1,379,716 or 13.7% increase is anticipated. Most of this increase can be attributed to mandated services such as Medicaid and Foster Care. I would note that the recommended increase in Medicaid is approximately \$318,000 less than the State projected increase for Pitt County. Historically, the State estimates have been too high, however, in the current year, Medicaid will exceed budget by an estimated \$300,000 and will have to be covered by fund balance. No net change will be seen in positions within the department.

The Health Department's budget reflects a 3.4% increase in County appropriation. An increase of 1.5 new positions is included—one of which is an environmental health specialist that will aid the County in meeting State standards for inspections. An increase in environmental health fees is proposed to cover this personnel expense.

Public Safety - The Sheriff's budget includes continued funding for training of the Special Response Team established last year for handling violence, gang activity, terrorism, and hostage situations. Recommended positions include a telecommunicator and two positions previously funded by grants in the Sheriff's Office and one maintenance technician in the Detention Center.

This year's Emergency Services Department budget addresses the first phase of improving the level of rescue services throughout the County. Included is a 3 cents countywide EMS tax (with the exception of the city of Greenville) and elimination of the three existing EMS Rescue district taxes for Ayden, Bell Arthur and Eastern Pines. In doing this, base appropriations to each squad will be increased to \$30,000 with a \$30 per call reimbursement. Squads previously receiving a tax will be held harmless for that amount this year. A \$400 fee for each EMS call is also proposed and is recommended to be implemented later in the year after collection options have been evaluated and a system for collection established.

Although funds are not included in the budget, progress is being made for an 800-trunking radio system to replace the County's outdated radio communications system. The County's consultant is in the bid phase to ascertain the total costs for the project. Use of the 911 surcharge fee on phone lines has been identified as the funding source for the system. The estimated cost to implement the entire system is \$12,000,000, which would require a \$2 monthly telephone surcharge. This project will come back to the Board of Commissioners for approval of the phased approach necessary for implementation and for financing decisions. The Board can implement an increased user fee at the time a decision is made on the phasing of this system.

A portion of the emergency management expenses has been transferred from Fund 10 (the General Fund) to Fund 281 (the EMS Fund). Additionally, emergency medical service expenses have been separate from fire expenses (Fund 280) to better account for each type of cost.

Animal Control needs continue to go unmet this year. Delayed previously by the flood, construction of a new animal shelter falls victim once again to the depressed economy. The project has been pushed out an additional year in the capital plan.

Personnel – In an effort to keep our pay plan as up-to-date as possible, a 2% cost of living wage adjustment for employees has been included. This amount falls short of the recent consumer price index of 3.3% but is reasonable given the current economic slowdown and the tightness of County funds. Funding is also budgeted for implementation of Phase II of the Pay and Classification Study. A significant cost increase has been realized for health care provided under the County's self-funded hospitalization plan. A 19.6% increase in rates is necessary this year to keep the fund stabilized. This increase will affect the portion contributed by the County (100% for individual coverage) as well as the amount paid by the employees for child or family coverage.

Departments requested 24.75 new positions this year. Funding is only included for a net of 8.75 new

positions, most of which will generate additional revenue.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

An updated 5-year Capital Improvement Plan is presented as part of the annual budget process. Continuation funding is included for MIS projects, recurring capital outlay, Pitt County Schools and Pitt Community College current annual projects, and economic development (water, sewer, and gas) projects. Schools capital projects scheduled for completion this year include Pactolus and Whitfield improvements and the new Forlines Road High School. Funding is included in the budget for debt payments on Phase II of the Courthouse project and acquisition of a downtown office building for use by the Sheriff's Department. Decisions to proceed on a new administration building, county storage building and funding for the Bowen Farm site development will be reviewed at the beginning of the calendar year with funds for debt not needed until the next fiscal year. Also, funding for the communications system will be reviewed with anticipated payment method being 911 surcharge fees. Projects pushed out for another year include the animal shelter and a building for Community Schools and Recreation.

The funding for debt service projects in the Capital Improvement Plan comes from multiple sources. The County will use bank financing, current revenues, issued debt and grants to meet our needs. The debt service for the school projects is completely covered through the use of the school's earmarked sales tax proceeds and their capital building money from the State.

OUTLOOK

Without additional permanent revenue streams, the outlook for the County continues to be strained. Several of the major expense increases budgeted this coming year are anticipated to increase again the following year. The recommended 3 cents tax increase only assists with an immediate need and does not solve long-term issues to handle anticipated mandated services. Many of the increased expenses as well as decreased revenues come from the State level. It will be imperative that we monitor events and continue to petition for change at the State level in order to hold future expenses to acceptable levels.

At the time of this budget submission, there is unofficial indication from the State Legislature of a possible one percent additional sales tax. Part of these proceeds would be used to help local governments with their budget dilemmas. I therefore, do not recommend that the Board take action to adopt this budget until late June. I do recommend however, that the Board make a tentative decision on this budget assuming no sales tax is forthcoming. This way, the public will be better informed for the June 12, 2001 budget public hearing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In closing, I want to acknowledge the significant effort made by Pitt County department heads and their staffs in preparing and carving out a very lean budget that still provides expected services to our citizens. A special recognition is extended Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Services, and Loretta Lewellyn, Budget Administrator, for their dedication in developing, balancing, and compiling the budget document and presentation material.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Robinson
County Manager

Chairman Hammond asked about the Board of Elections budget increase. Mr. Robinson said that the elections have to be done accurately and Ms. Hardee submitted the increase to the budget. He said he had

already cut back on her request substantially. Chairman Hammond said some of these departments have 20-25% increases. Commissioner Coulson asked if Ms. Hardee turns in money at the end of the year. Mr. Robinson said she has three elections this year and she does turn money back in but the Board should not count on that the return of those funds.

Mr. Robinson began reviewing some of the areas the Board discussed where they had concerns. Chairman Hammond spoke about countywide zoning and increasing the planning staff to meet this need.

**RECAP OF CHANGES TO MANAGER’S PRELIMINARY BUDGET
SINCE MAY WORKSHOPS**

GENERAL FUND

OUT OF BALANCE AMOUNT - Preliminary Budget	2,030,878
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EXPENDITURES

NON-PROFITS AGENCIES - Restore funding	96,000
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Humber House Renovations	100,000
EMERGENCY SERVICES - Moved 800-Trunking Consultant to E911 funding	-100,000
HUMAN RESOURCES - Reduced Contractual Services	-3,000
NON-DEPARTMENTAL - Adjusted Reserve for Salary Changes	-87,000
TRANSFERS - DEBT SERVICE - Delayed Storage Facility construction and reduced amount required for Courthouse due to lower than anticipated bid pricing	-109,239

CHANGES TO EXPENDITURES	-103,239
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REVENUES

BEER & WINE - Received notice of higher distribution than anticipated	4,328
INTEREST EARNINGS - Reduced appropriation based on market	-200,000
FUND BALANCE - Additional appropriation. Coordinated Permitting \$180,000 Land Use Plan \$75,000 Humber House \$100,000	355,000

AD VALOREM TAXES - Increase tax rate by 3 cents	1,768,311
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CHANGES TO REVENUES	1,927,639
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**OUT OF BALANCE AMOUNT -
Recommended Budget**

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Note: Two large expenditures of \$300,000/each (storage facility and Tugwell Building) only have \$27,000/each appropriated in the budget for the respective debt service payments. Therefore, little savings would be realized by using Fund Balance to cover these expenses. The Manager is recommending that the storage facility construction be delayed until Fiscal Year 2002-03.

**RECAP OF CHANGES TO MANAGER'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET
SINCE MAY WORKSHOPS**

OTHER FUNDS

EXPENDITURES

MENTAL HEALTH - Removed duplicated contract for high risk youth position and realignment of two other positions.	-683,280
DEBT SERVICE FUND - Removed payment for storage building and reduced proposed payment for Courthouse	-109,239
E911 SURCHARGE FUND - Added 800-trunking consultant contract	<u>100,000</u>
	-692,519

REVENUES

MENTAL HEALTH - Reduced medicaid offset for deleted contracts	-683,280
DEBT SERVICE FUND - Reduced the anticipated transfer from the General Fund since the payments were reduced.	-109,239
E911 SURCHARGE FUND - Appropriated existing fund balance to cover consultant contract for 800-trunking	<u>100,000</u>
	-692,519

Chairman Hammond asked about the Pay Plan Study and if the second phase of the Pay Plan Study could be taken out of the budget.

Mr. Robinson reviewed request for funding by Nonprofit Agencies as follows and consideration of putting them back in the budget.

Pitt County

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING - NONPROFIT AGENCIES

Fiscal Year 2001-02

Agency	FY 99-00 Budget	FY 00-01 Budget	FY 01-02 Request	FY 01-02 Mgr Rec
General Government 104999				
Institute of Govt-Local Government Wing	--	10,131	--	--
	0	10,131	0	0
Public Safety 104379				
Pitt County Community Penalties	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Transportation 104520				
Pitt Area Transit System	15,175	17,920	14,600	14,600
Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority	50,000	0	0	0
	65,175	17,920	14,600	14,600
Environmental Protection 104750				
Beaver Management	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mid-East RC&D	950	950	950	950
	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950
Human Services 105800				
Women's Commission	814	814	808	808
Committee - Employment of People w/Disabilities	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
New Directions-Family Violence Program, Inc.	10,000	10,000	15,000	10,000
Mediation Center	3,250	3,250	8,174	3,250
Little Willie Center	1,750	1,700	1,750	1,750
Eastern Carolina Vocational Center	--	5,000	75,000	25,000
Pitt County Council on Aging	120,000	130,000	212,237	135,000
Farmville Child Development Center	--	--	10,000	10,000
	137,514	152,464	324,669	187,508
Human Services-Solid Waste Fund 607200				
Eastern Carolina Vocational Center	30,000	20,000	**	**
	30,000	20,000	0	0
Cultural & Recreational 106100				
Radio Reading Program	1,500	1,500	6,000	1,500
Sheppard Memorial Library	457,364	512,500	553,538	536,509
Farmville Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Grifton Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Fountain Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Ayden Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Winterville Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Bethel Public Library	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Jackie Robinson League	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000
Grifton Recreation	3,000	3,000	2,000	2,000

Stokes Recreation	0	0	10,000	2,000
Pitt County Arts Council	7,000	*7,000	0	0
Farmville Community Arts Council	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Ayden Arts and Recreation	7,000	7,000	12,000	7,000
Greenville Museum of Art	7,000	7,000	10,500	7,000
Winterville Historical & Arts Society	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000
Grifton Civic Center	4,000	4,000	5,000	4,000
NCCCMA-Civic Education Project	--	--	1,250	1,250
	531,864	580,000	648,288	573,259
Other Economic Development 104920				
Eastern Center for Regional Development	--	--	200	0
	0	0	200	0
Totals - Outside Agencies	780,003	795,965	1,003,207	790,817

* Not disbursed -- organization status not operational

** Request does not qualify for Solid Waste funds this year, see Human Services

Ms. Bryan reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan

FUND BALANCE COMPARISON					
	06/30/96	06/30/97	06/30/98	06/30/99	06/30/00
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Fund Balance	16,264,325	16,914,457	19,395,401	37,476,176	44,625,858
Unreserved & Undesignated	8,740,952	9,188,183	12,022,953	30,210,704	36,699,355
General Fund Expenditures	78,798,680	86,082,472	88,017,080	87,766,944	95,262,732
Fund Balance as % of Expenditures	11.09%	10.67%	13.66%	34.42%	38.52%
Net of PCMH Contributions				17.33%	14.91%
				(\$15.0M)	(\$22.5M)
Fund Balance % - State Average	20.43%	21.47%	22.00%	20.49%	18.87%

Vice Chairman Bowen suggested that the Hospital money should be used as a part of the 8% of fund balance. Ms. Bryan stated that it was a Board decision not to include the Hospital funds in projections to be used for expenditures. Mr. Robinson said that the instruments that the Hospital funds are invested in there would be considerable loss if those funds have to be used. Ms. Bryan tries to maximize returns on

the short-term investments also. Ms. Bryan stated that every year there is an increase in expenditures and if the revenues are not increased, then the County will have a financial problem. Mr. Robinson said if savings are used and there are recurring expenses then next year the needs will still have to be met with a tax increase. Ms. Bryan said the bond rating of the County will drop if the Board insists on using fund balance year after year.

Commissioner Ward suggested that on the non profit agencies, with non-recurring expenses should be funded by fund balance. She suggested the following be included in the budget to be funded by fund balance:

ECVC - requested \$75,000 for machinery (\$70,000 from fund balance)
Radio Reading request - \$6,000 for Purchase of radios from fund balance
Winterville Historical Society - \$3,000 from fund balance
Additional \$82,500 could come from fund balance.

Commissioner Ward recommended the libraries receive \$2,000 towards their \$5,000 requests and reinstate the \$2,000 to others that did not appear before the Board.

Commissioner James said that the biggest problem is that we are spending more money than the County is bringing in. He said that this Board should not want to continue the process by adding to the burden. Pitt County is \$90 million in debt and looking at going over \$100 million in debt. The only way to get those funds to pay the debt is through taxation.

Mr. Robinson asked what level of services the Board wants to provide. Commissioner Shank asked what the 3 cents tax increase would mean to a family that owns a \$100,000 home. Mr. Robinson responded that it would cost them \$30 a year. Commissioner Shank reiterated that with a 3 cent proposed increase, this budget has no monies going to the 800 trunking system, animal control project, with only 2% cost of living increase, an increase in health insurance for employees and of the 25.75 positions, only 8.75 were approved and they were approved because they bring in money. There is no recreation land or building included in this budget and no administration building which was there to provided space for the Social Services facility needs. There is no county storage building and no increase in deputy positions. She further stated that with the 3 cents tax increase, if the Board cut the budget by the three cents where would the cuts come from and how many employees would be asked to leave. She asked what services would be annihilated and asked if that was what this Board wanted for this County. The Board is putting the County further in the hole for the people we are providing services for. If the fund balance goes down to 8%, it will ruin the County's ability to respond to disaster.

Chairman Hammond said the outgo exceeds the income, the upkeep becomes the downfall. Commissioner James said that taxes will be raised on houses, boats, and automobiles. He said fees for services are also going up. Vice Chairman Bowen asked about the Town of Grifton's funding for recreation. He said he would like to see the \$4,000 for the Grifton Civic Center increased to \$5,000 so they will be equal to the rest of the agencies. He said if Sheppard Memorial Library can get \$500,000, why can't the other libraries get additional funding.

Commissioner Ward **motioned** to put add the following back into the budget:
\$75,000 for machinery for ECVC from fund balance
\$4,500 radios from fund balance
\$6,000 Winterville Historical Society,
and reinstate: Grifton Civic Center to \$5,000 and the Libraries that requested \$2,000 a piece with a \$12,000 total for libraries (other than Sheppard Memorial Library).

Commissioner Owens said he did not support the \$75,000 for ECVC when they had reduced their request to \$25,000. Commissioner Ward said the County Manager worked it down to \$25,000. She said she would like to see the \$75,000 for ECVC fully funded. Commissioner Ward's motion did not receive a second.

Commissioner Johnson stated his position on the proposal. Commissioner Owens offered an amendment to Commissioner Ward's motion stated that except for the \$75,000 for ECVC, he would like to fund ECVC at \$25, 000 and would otherwise support her recommendation. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion stating that he wanted to fund the Radio Reading request at \$1,500 support. The Board voted unanimously to support Commissioner Ward's motion with Commissioner Owens and Commissioner Bowen's amendments.

Vice Chairman Bowen instructed the Manager to bring back at least one budget that shows no tax increase. Commissioner Coulson seconded the motion. Commissioner Ward asked board members to instruct the Manager on what services he would cut. Chairman Hammond called for a vote on the motion. In favor of the motion were: Commissioner James, Vice Chairman Bowen, Commissioner Coulson, Commissioner Owens, and Chairman Hammond. Opposed to the motion were: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Shank, and Commissioner Royal. The motion passed.

Mr. Robinson said he needs to know if they Board wants to use fund balance or cut services? He said he does not recommend using fund balance but he can provide the Board with a budget that uses fund balance to balance the budget. Commissioner Owens said he could provide a list of services to he would consider for reduction. He asked Mr. Robinson to look at these and evaluate them. He said this needs to be done in conjunction with using fund balance. Culture and Recreation is one area he suggested.

Ms. Bryan said if the Board uses fund balance and the Hospital funds are tied up and they have to be used, the County will lose a significant amount of funds in interest earnings. Mr. Robinson said the fund balance figure would drop to 8% or below. Commissioner Shank said the Board needs to reconfirm what the Hospital funds are to be used for before the Manager reworks the budget. Commissioner Royal asked if the Manager is supposed to drop below the \$30 million from the Hospital. Commissioner Owens said the \$30 million needs to stay in place and not be spent. He said that was not the fund balance that he was talking about using to balance the budget. He said no one is saying that this is the budget that would be adopted but it needs to be considered. The Board would like to study the alternatives. Commissioner Ward said when the Manager looks at the budget without a tax increase, that he should look at non-recurring expenses to be covered by fund balance. They are the parts of the budget that need to be reconsidered. Mr. Robinson said every year there is a level of non-recurring items, and if you take them out, what you are truly looking for is big ticket items that are not going to be there in later years.

Commissioner Coulson said 12.22% is over \$4 million more than the 8% that is required. There is adequate fund balance.

Mr. Robinson asked when the Board would like to get together to consider a revised proposal. The consensus of the Board was to recess this meeting and reconvene Wednesday, June 6th at 4:00 p.m. with the Manager to present an alternative budget.

Commissioner Shank stated she would like to know the cost on the property tax to add the animal shelter back to the budget.

The meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Board

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