

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 8, 2004 MINUTES**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at 7:00 PM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

Eugene James, Chairman
Mark Owens, Jr., Vice Chairman
John Minges, Commissioner
Jimmy Garris, Commissioner
Beth Ward, Commissioner
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Randy Royal, Commissioner

Staff present:

Scott Elliott, County Manager
Susan Banks, Clerk to the Board
Phil Dickerson, Deputy County Manager/Public Services
Melonie Bryan, Deputy County Manager/Financial Services
Joanne Burgdorff, County Attorney

Call to Order

Meeting Notes

Chairman James called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone including the viewing audience.

Invocation and Pledge

Meeting Notes

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Owens.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Garris.

Approval of Agenda

Agenda

Staff Recommendation

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion:

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2004-05 Proposed Budget

Information Provided with the Agenda

Open Public Hearing
Public Comments
Close Public Hearing

Meeting Notes

Manager's Comments

Mr. Elliott said that this is the final step before adopting the budget for 2004-2005. He stated that he presented the highlights of the budget at the regular meeting yesterday on June 7, 2004. Highlights are as follows:

- Implements property revaluation effective January 1, 2004
- Maintains Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 70 cents
- Projects no expenditure of fund balance for operating expenses
- Sustains & Exceeds Top One-third in State for Funding to Pitt County Schools (current expense funding)

Total budget is \$187,163,611, 2.23% decrease compared to this year's current budget.

Within this budget there are \$87,229,306 of general funds which is a decrease of .42% from the current year's budget.

The Board received the Manager's preliminary budget on May 17th and then held budget workshops. As of yesterday, June 7, the Board received the final Manager's recommended budget. Mr. Elliott stated that a request was made at yesterday's meeting about the 53 counties that have received the GFOA award, what kind of fund balance do they utilize? There was a 19.10% average fund balance in these counties. Of the eight counties that are comparable to Pitt County there was an average of 22.52% in fund balance. He stated a 20% fund balance is in line with what the other counties maintain. This county is more likely to have natural disasters so this County needs to maintain this fund balance. Commissioner Owens said that of that list of counties the Board received, the lowest fund balance is 8% to the highest being 72.67% but of 53 were below 20%.

Commissioner Hammond said Commissioner Bowen stated that this Board voted to maintain a 20% fund balance and he would like to know when that vote was taken because he did not remember voting on it. Commissioner Bowen said it has been the general consensus to maintain a 20% fund balance. Commissioner Bowen asked to poll the members to see if they remember the Board deciding to maintain a 20% fund balance. Chairman James said the Board needed to stick to the agenda. He said if this county has a disaster, the funds are there to fall back on.

Chairman James opened the public hearing and noted that each person would have three minutes to speak.

Lynn James, Executive Director of Greenville Community Shelters, commented on the process that was used this year for making funds available to nonprofits. She commended the Board on that process. She said they have not received County money in the past but thanked the Board for the start up grant funds for Solid Ground which will assist in providing permanent housing for people and the operating funds to sustain some lost revenue. These monies will help replenish those funds until they can find another source. She asked the Board to continue this practice. She asked to encourage striking a balance for start up funds and funds for existing programs. She thanked the Board and stated that they hope that the County will continue this process in the future.

Mr. Christopher McPhatter, Director of Sentencing Program, reminded the Board of the function of his program does which provides detailed reports for the Judges about the offenders. They make recommendations on what may be effective or not effective programs for the offenders. He said this Board has funded them since 1997 and thanked the Board for those funds even though they were not funded this

year. He asked the Board to reconsider giving them some funds because it will be hard to go from getting some funds to getting nothing. They will be going from \$10,500 to 0. He asked for some form of support from the County even if its in-kind match for office space.

Michael Stephenson, Development Director at the Music Academy of Eastern Carolina, a nonprofit community music schools that offers band instruments and instruction for over 300 students a week with all ages and socioeconomic levels. He said they reach over 3,000 people in the community. They have two locations. He stated that the Music Academy applied for two grants but were denied. He stated that they would keep applying for future funds. Many grants and individuals have supported the Music Academy. He said they address the music needs in this County and 12% of their students receive some sort of assistance. Music teaches many lifelong skills. Music also helps increase test scores and touches the soul like nothing else. He spoke about The Emerald City band. Mr. Stephenson said they are the only organization that offers music therapy for the citizens.

Diane White, Mr. Rudy's Creative Arts Center, housed in the AME Zion Church, said they provide music therapy for adults and children in the West Greenville area and especially work with those that have substance abuse needs. She said they are serving 20 children ages 4-14 years old and are currently looking for permanent housing and seeking funding for instruments. She thanked the Board for consideration in this budget year and any future consideration. She stated that she is the only employee but with this Board's help and the citizens in the community's help, they are looking to increase their program. They teach piano, voice and will add other instruments as staff comes on Board. She stated that she is a Board Certified Music Therapist.

Bob Thompson, speaking on behalf of Support Team for Active Recreation and the Committee for People with Disabilities, said he takes great pleasure in sharing the story of what Pitt County is doing for this population, especially what is being done through rural transportation. He thanked the Board for the application process which for levels the playing field for the nonprofits. He said as treasurer of the STAR group, every dime will be spent on its intended purpose and they would welcome an audit. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Diane Lucas, Executive Director of Family Violence Program, thanked the Board for the start up funds for one program. She said they have been depending on the County for their safe house in Pitt County and it is the only safe house for women and children. They have received \$10,500 each year from the County which has leveraged \$30,000 to \$50,000 each year from other sources. They are getting hit hard on other funds also. She said that Pitt County is ahead of other counties in law enforcement and family violence programs. She said they don't want to wipe out their programs to start up other programs which seem to be the programs that have gotten the funds. They need sustainable funds. She said they have taken up where Mental Health dropped the Safe Program. Nonprofits are very cost effective. She asked the Board to reconsider their program for sustainable funds.

Joyce Alberton, speaking about the Farmville Child Development Center. She said she was surprised and frightened at the possibility of them being eliminated from the 2004-05 budget. She said she did not know of anybody that is more deserving than the developmentally disabled children. They have had a 27 year relationship with the County. They have used these funds to help raise other funds. She said she has tried to build on this stability. She said the support is cracking by the County withdrawing this funding. She said ask about the No Child Left Behind. As of June 30, they will no longer get development day funds, they have no contract in place with Mental Health, and the State has not decided on funding for 0-3 years. She stated that now Medicaid has reversed their program so they have do their own billing. She said they really need the Board to reconsider this program.

Peter Sword, President of Family Violence Program, said they realize that government cannot give them all that they need but many of the non profit agencies here need this Board's consideration. The shelter which houses children and women who are experiencing family violence, provides a safe place for them to go to for protection. He spoke about how people die from family violence and they do not want it to be that way in Pitt County. Their budget has already been cut \$1250 and now they are looking at cutting

\$10,500 from the County funds. He said this small amount of money can be given to these agencies and it can multiply in these small agencies.

Sheri Strickland, past president of Pitt County Association of Educators and 28 year veteran of Pitt County Schools, was speaking about public schools on behalf of Tina Beacham, PCAE President. She expressed appreciation for the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners working together on the Education Compact. She requested that the Board increase the funds from the \$683,199 which is budgeted, to the \$1.9 million that was targeted in the Education Compact. She stated that this could effect any new money requests that the teachers may make and stated that this could impact the ability to meet the AYP with Exceptional Children. The new money requests are also earmarked to further develop or support advanced math courses beginning in grade 7.

Virginia Gaynor, PTA Council President of 32 active PTAs, commended the Commissioners on the partnership between the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education on the Education Compact. She was supportive of increased fiscal support for the Pitt County Schools. She stated that the teachers need the funds in order to continue the momentum. She also requested the Board revisit the request for Pitt County Schools more funds for the non-profits.

Brenda Tripp, retired employee of the City of Greenville from the Animal Shelter, said the People of Pitt County need more laws to help with the animal population. The shelter needs to be enlarged for animals and these animals are a nuisance. She was concerned that the Board was going to adopt the budget and not adopt the nuisance ordinance. She said the volunteers are doing the work that people are being paid to do and there is no one enforcing the rabies law. She said she supports the funds for the shelter but not if its going to cost the public the public nuisance ordinance. The County people need the ordinance.

Angel Savage said they have not received any funding this year. She spoke about accessible services being the way for people to improve their lives. They promote academics and self-esteem. This Youth Today project will provide a community based literacy lab with upgraded equipment that will help teach technology skills to low wealth economic disadvantaged individuals. It will provide intervention and prevention computer literacy training, satellite site for GED program, training for individuals effected by lay-offs, and others in a safe environment. She asked that the Board reconsider the funding for Youth Today.

Larry King, Treasurer of the Farmville Arts Council, said he wanted to thank the Board for the past funding and asked the Board to support the Manager's recommendation for this 2004-2005 budget year. He said they have provided funds to schools to help provide bringing arts to the schools. He also stated that they are reaching individuals from other communities outside of Farmville. He reviewed many activities which the Farmville Arts Council has accomplished over the last year.

Nancy Colville, resident of Greenville, asked that the Board hold the line on the budget. She spoke about the Board's accomplishments and things she is thankful for such as the nonprofit funding process and the request to televise the Board of Education meetings. She supported postponing the jail construction, relocating the Social Services staff, and supports the per pupil funding for the schools. She stated she supports reducing the animal shelter contribution and to not fund the remainder of the \$1.9 million for the schools. She stated the schools should have to sacrifice like everyone else has had to sacrifice. She said they can make up these funds with the \$2.3 million they have in fund balance and the additional \$400,000 they are getting from fines and forfeitures. She supports a bond referendum for the schools. She said the Senior Citizens facility should not be included on the bond referendum because it is a nonprofit agency. She said citizens need to be told how much these projects are going to cost. She thanked the board for their hard work.

Items for Report

Manager's Comments - Scott Elliott

Commissioners' Comments

Meeting Notes

Commissioner Ward stated her support of the budget as it stands.

Motion:

Motion to move that the \$683,199 for schools be moved from contingency funds and make available with the \$26.3 million that is already budgeted.

Motion made by Commissioner Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Garris.

Mr. Elliott clarified the amount to be \$26.3 million is the existing funding amount for schools. Commissioner Bowen asked why change this plan on the schools fund. Commissioner Garris said he changed his mind because the decision is not good to have funds in limbo and the Board of Education cannot plan with funds when they do not know if they are going to get the money or not. Commissioner Bowen said this motion would mean not waiting for a "report card" from Raleigh on the schools progress. Commissioner Garris said they should be able to realize those funds. These funds are only one-third of the funds stated in the compact.

Commissioner Minges asked if this will complete the compact funding. Commissioner Ward said this would be the 2004-05 budget addition that would be on top of the schools regular funds. Commissioner Minges said the schools budget is \$166 million with \$26 million coming from the County which is 20% of the County's budget. It was mentioned that the fines and forfeitures has increased over \$400,000 and schools have \$2.3 million fund balance that they are not required to have. Vice Chairman Owens said the fund balance was started many years ago as a result of a request by the Board of County Commissioners then.

Commissioner Ward said she did not vote for the schools funds to be put in the contingency fund. She said there are some things happening in the North Carolina House of Representatives about pulling funds from schools. She said she liked the budget from the beginning. Commissioner Garris said the Compact says the County would strive to provide these funds annually. Chairman James said the \$1.9 million has never been in the compact. Chairman James said there was no amount of money specified in the compact and there are no funds out there floating around. He said there was a goal to get the schools up in the top one-third for funding. The County can continue but there is already a 30% tax increase this year. He said that money is not floating around and would be in fund balance if not used. The agreement in the compact does say to get the schools in the top one-third in the State. He said they don't want to stop funding the improvements and progress but thinking about a 30% tax increase, that's another penny. The State mandates most of the things that the Schools are already doing.

Commissioner Hammond said he was part of original group on Education Compact and had there was a goal of being the best in the east and in the top one-third of 100 counties in the State. He said then it was the consensus of the Board that the funds from privatization of the Hospital be used for education. He said the media has said the County squandered the money but there is still \$12 million left for education purposes of those funds. He stated that the Humber Building at Pitt Community College also needs County's support. He said he supports this and wished it was the consensus of this Board to be the best in the State, if there were resources to do it.

Commissioner Coulson said there should have been a provision in the compact that says as things change, things in the compact could be adjusted. He said he has received emails, letters, and phone calls about the Compact and there are lots of people supporting it. He said the same argument prevailed in those contacts so he thought they all had to come from same source. He suggested that no real improvements have been made over the last four years and hoped that that argument was made just for funding purposes. Commissioner Bowen stated that Commissioner Ward voted against this action last time so she could not make the motion, based on the Board's Rules of Procedure, because she was not changing her vote.

Commissioner Bowen said it was mentioned that the State would cut the schools but this happened last year and the Schools used County funds and plugged the holes where they needed. He said he could not imagine this Board changing what they did yesterday.

Commissioner Royal said he did not believe that this Board should assume that the job has been done in the schools and the Board needs to continue to commit the County to the education of our children. He said it is the School Systems job to close the gap. He said sacrifices need to be made for the children to get a good education so that they do not have to pack up and move out of this area

New Motion:

Motion to move \$683,199 for schools from the contingency fund and release it per normal budget schedule with the remaining \$26.3 million operating funds for the Schools.

Motion made by Commissioner Jimmy Garris.

Motion seconded by Commissioner John Minges.

Commissioner Garris read a section of the compact while Commissioner Bowen noted another section stating that the County is to provide funding for the overall goal to increase Pitt County per pupil allocation to the top one-third in the State.

Commissioner Hammond spoke about changes in the progress of this County. It will not continue if this Board does not recognize the needs. He said he was proud to part of the infrastructure in this County and some schools have remained the same for over 50 years. The main part of that campus has not changed. He said he does not like teachers having to go classrooms and ceilings falling on their heads. Pitt County is the capital of the east and that most members of this Board have benefited. This Board needs to get in the future, not the past.

Vote Record:

John Minges	Yes
Jimmy Garris	Yes
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Glenn Bowen	No
Tom Coulson	No
David Hammond	Yes
Eugene James	No
Randy Royal	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 6

Total No Votes: 3

Motion Passed.

Motion:

Amend the budget to include \$10,000 for Farmville Child Development Center as a sustaining grant and to take \$2500 from the Greenville Museum of Art's allocation for the Rudy's Art Center.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mark Owens, Jr.

Motion seconded by Commissioner John Minges.

Commissioner Royal asked how to address the programs that are worthy for 2004-05 budget. Commissioner Owens said he knows what Greenville Museum of Art has available and that people in West Greenville are not getting the same things. Commissioner Royal said there are no funds allocated for the Jackie Robinson League. Commissioner Ward said that is part of the \$25,000 for the Community Recreation Program and they can apply for funding through the Community Schools grant program. Commissioner Ward asked how much the Board had raised the nonprofits budget. Ms. Bryan stated \$95,190 is total of the nonprofits. She asked Mr. Owens to consider \$5,000 instead of \$10,000. Commissioner Owens would not accept this change to his motion. Commissioner

Hammond asked why the County is asking the faith based agencies and nonprofits to pick up when the County has been growing. He said they are cutting off the people who are volunteering and asked why the County would do that. Commissioner Bowen said the people that are laid off don't have the money to pay these taxes. Commissioner Bowen asked to postpone or delay this item.

Vote Record:

John Minges	Yes
Jimmy Garris	No
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Glenn Bowen	No
Tom Coulson	No
David Hammond	Yes
Eugene James	No
Randy Royal	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 5

Total No Votes: 4

Motion Passed.

Motion:

Appropriate to Ayden, Farmville, Winterville, Bethel, Fountain and Grifton libraries \$4,000 each.

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner John Minges.

Chairman James asked why they were giving one library \$10,000. Commissioner Royal said that this has started sounding like pork barrel. Commissioner Garris said this Board discussed earlier trying to get the nonprofits under control. This would be over the \$100,000 budgeted. Commissioner Coulson said he is going to vote no again. Mr. Elliott said they looked at the size of towns for this recommendation on the libraries which was why some were different.

Commissioner Minges withdrew his second and Chairman James seconded the motion.

Vote Record:

John Minges	No
Jimmy Garris	No
Mark Owens, Jr.	No
Beth Ward	No
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Tom Coulson	No
David Hammond	No
Eugene James	Yes
Randy Royal	No

Total Yes Votes: 2

Total No Votes: 7

Motion Failed.

Motion:

Approve the 2004-05 budget as presented with the amendments from tonight.

Motion made by Commissioner Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner David Hammond.

Commissioner Minges asked if this would set the rate? Mr. Elliott said that by adopting the budget ordinance the board is adopting the tax rate.

Commissioner Coulson said offered several suggestions for how this Board could lower the tax rate such as interest on the money is \$700,000+ and this could be used. He noted that Buildings and Grounds budget was up over \$215,000, which he suggested cutting by \$100,000. He noted that the Legal Department was up by \$50,000, which could take a cut by \$25,000. He noted other areas such as jail health services, farmers market, non department/contingency fund that is \$3.9 million. Commissioner Coulson said an election in Pitt County costs more than an election in Mecklenburg County. There should be a way to reduce those expenses.

Mr. Elliott responded that the \$775,000 in interest is already budgeted as a revenue stream. Also that Buildings and Grounds has the construction costs for the addition to the Animal Shelter budgeted in it. Legal added a position using Medicaid funds. The non-departmental fund has \$683,000 for schools, hospitalization pool, COLA and other funds that can all be explained. Commissioner Bowen suggested that instead of giving County employees a raise that would cost the County \$665,000, give the employees a Christmas bonus and save \$365,000 it would lower the tax rate. Commissioner Bowen also stated that if the County holds the fund balance at a 20% reserve, then there will be over \$250,000 over the 20% target amount. He said these two items would get one cent off the tax rate. Ms. Bryan said the bonuses are taxable and a \$300 bonus would be a take home 50% of that bonus.

Mr. Elliott said the 1.9% cost of living was proposed with the City of Greenville and Greenville Utilities proposing a 3.9% raise. He said they need to keep the cost of living so the salaries can remain comparable. He said the proposed COLA is half of what others agencies are proposing. Chairman James said that most of the people with the lower salaries aren't paying taxes. Ms. Bryan stated that these employees may get a return on their taxes but they would have to pay it in first.

Substitute Motion:

Offer a \$300 bonus for employees that have worked here one year; and that the savings from the removing the 1.9% proposed Cost of Living and the savings from the interest on the fund balance, would generate a saving of one cent on the tax rate.

Motion made by Commissioner Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Coulson.

Mr. Elliott stated that \$250,000 +\$365,000 is still not a penny on the tax rate and additional savings will have to be found to make up one penny.

Commissioner Hammond asked for clarification. The Manager has proposed a 1.9% Cost of Living increase and it is fair. All employees would get the same rate of increase. Commissioner Bowen said this budget has \$665,000 for salary increases and with a little less than 1000 employees, a \$300 bonus would save an excess of \$365,000 or one cent on the tax rate. Commissioner Bowen said he wanted to lower the tax rate.

Mr. Elliott noted that this would generate \$365,000 and \$250,000 but this total would still not generate a penny on the tax rate, which takes \$800,000.

Commissioner Royal asked if this Board is talking about taking away a 1.9% cost of living increase for the employees which is not even a good raise. He asked if that was fair and consistent with what you want to do. Commissioner Bowen said this is more than fair for the lower paid employees. Commissioner Ward said she is used to small raises and with 1.9% the employees get it again next year. It is equitable way to give increases and the continual increase for all employees. Commissioner Coulson said that the Board of Commissioners should not benefit from the \$300 bonus. Commissioner Owens asked for the Manager and Ms. Bryan's recommendation and if a 69 cents tax rate would fund this budget. Mr. Elliott stated that the 1.9% cost of living raise is based on the CPI index, which is a very modest proposed increase just to keep salaries at market rate. He said if the Board wants to reduce the tax rate by one penny using COLA they will need to redirect staff on what areas this Board wants the cuts to come from in the budget. Chairman James said that would pick up \$600,000 doing what Commissioner Bowen has suggested. Commissioner Bowen said the

interest on the fund balance is an estimate. Mr. Elliott said things do come up during the year that are not budgeted for and there needs to be some fund balance to accommodate these needs. Mr. Elliott said they estimated 20% this year and next year but there is no guarantee.

Commissioner Owens asked if this Board sets the tax rate at 69 cents, would it fund this budget. Ms. Bryan said there would have to be some additional cuts to reduce the budget by a full penny. She said this would leave an unbalanced budget with this motion.

Ms. Bryan said that this substitute motion leaves the budget unbalanced. Commissioner Bowen changed his motion to a 69.5 cents tax rate. Ms. Bryan asked for clarification on the employees one year's service.

Substitute Motion:

Change motion to approve a 69.5 cents tax rate and the employees with one year or more of service as of December 25th, would receive a \$300 bonus.

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Vote Record on Substitute Motion:

John Minges	No
Jimmy Garris	No
Mark Owens, Jr.	No
Beth Ward	No
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Tom Coulson	Yes
David Hammond	No
Eugene James	Yes
Randy Royal	No

Total Yes Votes: 3

Total No Votes: 6

Motion Failed.

Chairman James called for a vote on the original motion.

Original Motion to adopt the 2004-05 budget, with amendments.

Vote Record:

John Minges	Yes
Jimmy Garris	Yes
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Glenn Bowen	No
Tom Coulson	No
David Hammond	Yes
Eugene James	No
Randy Royal	Yes

Total Yes Votes: 6

Total No Votes: 3

Motion Passed.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

COUNTY OF PITT, NORTH CAROLINA

BUDGET ORDINANCE

Fiscal Year 2004-05

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, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005:

GENERAL FUND

Governing Board, County Manager, Legal, Public Information	\$1,531,331
Finance, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Elections	3,040,397
Register of Deeds	702,974
Human Resources, Veterans Affairs	522,545
Printshop/Mailroom, Mgmt Information Sys, Geographic Information Sys	1,993,572
Buildings & Grounds, Housekeeping	2,682,675
Sheriff, School Security, Detention, Jail Inmate Services, Jail Health Services	15,774,043
Emergency Services	548,318
Communications	779,547
Medical Examiner	84,000
Other - Environmental Protection, Economic Development, Public Safety, Human Services, Cultural/Recreation, Transportation	1,114,751 --
Planning, Permitting Center	767,059
Engineering, Inspections, Animal & Mosquito Control	975,644
Cooperative Extension, Farmers' Market	300,795
Soil & Water Conservation	207,222
Pitt County Schools	28,110,448
Pitt Community College	3,275,000
Transfers to Other Funds	22,152,310
Non-Departmental, Contingency	2,676,675
 TOTAL	 \$87,239,306

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION FUND

LEO Pension Operating Expenses	\$92,500
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HEALTH FUND

Administration	\$1,789,311
Environmental Health	726,387
Communicable Disease	1,376,106
Adult Health Promotion	328,041
Women's & Children's Health	3,378,004

TOTAL	\$7,597,849
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	
Administration	\$1,982,512
Services & Programs	14,584,061
Public Assistance	9,768,374
Child Support	1,769,423
TOTAL	\$28,104,370
COURT FACILITIES FUND	
Court Facility Operating Expenses	\$417,030
MENTAL HEALTH FUND	
Local Management	\$4,131,285
Contracted Services	12,707,872
Developmental Disabilities	751,961
MH/DD/SA Services	7,116,435
TOTAL	\$24,707,553
SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	
School Reserve Operating Expenses	\$5,758,555
COUNTY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	
Reserve	\$1,566,424
STATE GRANTS FUND	
Elderly Handicapped Grant	\$91,896
CJPP Grant	121,792
HCCBG Grant	451,667
JCPC Alternative Education Grant	44,900
JCPC Resolve & Mediation Grant	64,544
JCPC Juvenile Restitution Grant	73,450
JCPC Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant	10,000
JCPC Teen Court Grant	50,762
JCPC Adolescent Outreach Grant	93,575
Soil & Water Watershed Grant	41,639
TOTAL	\$1,044,225
REVALUATION FUND	

Revaluation Operating Expenses	\$200,000
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**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FUND**

Industrial Development Operating Expenses	\$1,115,163
ECTC Rental Operation	175,188

TOTAL	\$1,290,351
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FIRE DISTRICTS FUND

Fire Districts	Levy
Ayden	\$53,466
Bell Arthur	69,387
Black Jack	25,949
Clarks Neck	22,812
Eastern Pines	116,436
Falkland	69,006
Farmville	31,481
Fountain	16,634
Gardnerville	45,624
Grifton	52,373
Grimesland	26,614
Pactolus	40,396
Red Oak	87,826
Sharp Point	2,452
Simpson	81,268
Staton House	128,080
Stokes	33,743
Winterville	82,694

TOTAL	\$986,241
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EMS DISTRICT FUND

Pitt County (less Greenville)	\$3,323,854
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E-911 SURCHARGE FUND

Communications, Planning, Other Projects, Sheriffs Communication	\$539,347
Wireless Communication	189,143

TOTAL	\$728,490
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Principal and Interest on Debt	\$11,059,898
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SOLID WASTE FUND

Solid Waste Operating Expenses	\$6,511,773
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GARAGE FUND

Garage Operating Expenses	\$338,000
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HOSPITALIZATION FUND

Administration Expenses	\$5,907,192
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

Workers' Compensation Operating Expenses	\$300,000
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GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS - EXPENDITURES**\$187,173,611**

SECTION II. It is hereby estimated that the following revenues will be available during Fiscal Year 2004-05 to meet the foregoing appropriations:

GENERAL FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$54,358,598
Other Taxes	18,454,775
Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	779,900
Permits & Fees	2,343,140
Sales & Services	4,085,611
Investment Earnings	775,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,052,765
Debt & Non Revenue Receipts	700,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	3,689,517
TOTAL	\$87,239,306

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$92,500
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HEALTH FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	\$4,291,799
Fund Balance Appropriated	819,106
Transfer from General Fund	2,486,944
TOTAL	\$7,597,849

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	\$15,614,848
Transfer from General Fund	12,489,522
TOTAL	\$28,104,370

COURT FACILITIES FUND

Facilities Fees	\$370,000
Investment Earnings	1,800
Fund Balance	45,230
TOTAL	\$417,030

MENTAL HEALTH FUND

Restricted & Unrestricted Revenues	\$22,997,965
Fund Balance Appropriated	115,000
Transfer from General Fund	1,594,588
TOTAL	\$24,707,553

SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Local Option Sales Tax	\$4,541,200
State Public School Building Capital Funds	850,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	367,355
TOTAL	\$5,758,555

COUNTY CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,566,424
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STATE GRANT FUNDS

Elderly Handicapped Grant	\$91,896
CJPP Grant	121,792
HCCBG Grant	451,667
JCPC Alternative Education Grant	44,900
JCPC Resolve & Mediation Grant	64,544
JCPC Juvenile Restitution Grant	73,450
JCPC Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant	10,000
JCPC Adolescent Outreach	93,575
JCPC Teen Court Grant	50,762
Soil & Water Watershed Grant	41,639
TOTAL	\$1,044,225

REVALUATION FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$200,000
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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,174,818
Rental Income	115,533

TOTAL	\$1,290,351
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FIRE DISTRICTS FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$986,241
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EMS DISTRICT FUND

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$1,730,197
Sales & Services	1,200,000
Miscellaneous	150,000
Transfer from General Fund	243,657

TOTAL	\$3,323,854
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E-911 SURCHARGE FUND

911 User Fees	\$625,743
Fund Balance Appropriated	102,747

TOTAL	\$728,490
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$4,770,514
Transfer from School Capital Reserve	5,758,555
Other Transfers	315,518
Miscellaneous	215,311

TOTAL	\$11,059,898
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SOLID WASTE FUND

Fees & Charges	\$6,023,000
Other Revenues	488,773
Investment Earnings	0

TOTAL	\$6,511,773
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**GARAGE
FUND**

User Charges	\$292,000
Other Revenues	46,000
Fund Balance	0
TOTAL	\$338,000

HOSPITALIZATION FUND

Premiums	\$5,835,000
Other Revenues	72,192
TOTAL	\$5,907,192

WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND

Transfer from General Fund	\$285,000
Transfer from Solid Waste Fund	15,000
TOTAL	\$300,000

**GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS -
APPROPRIATIONS****\$187,173,611**

SECTION III. The following tax rates, based upon collections of 95.05%, are hereby levied for the Fire and EM Districts for Fiscal Year 2004-05:

Fire Districts	Tax Rate	Estimated Valuation	Levy
Ayden	\$0.0375	\$150,000,000	\$53,466
Bell Arthur	\$0.0500	\$146,000,000	\$69,387
Black Jack	\$0.0300	\$91,000,000	\$25,949
Clark's Neck	\$0.0500	\$48,000,000	\$22,812
Eastern Pines	\$0.0250	\$490,000,000	\$116,436
Falkland	\$0.0600	\$121,000,000	\$69,006
Farmville	\$0.0360	\$92,000,000	\$31,481
Fountain	\$0.0500	\$35,000,000	\$16,634
Gardnerville	\$0.0750	\$64,000,000	\$45,624
Grifton	\$0.0475	\$116,000,000	\$52,373
Grimesland	\$0.0400	\$70,000,000	\$26,614
Pactolus	\$0.0425	\$100,000,000	\$40,396
Red Oak	\$0.0700	\$132,000,000	\$87,826
Sharp Point	\$0.0600	\$4,300,000	\$2,452
Simpson	\$0.0500	\$171,000,000	\$81,268
Staton House	\$0.0175	\$770,000,000	\$128,080
Stokes	\$0.0500	\$71,000,000	\$33,743

Winterville	\$0.0250	\$348,000,000	\$82,694
Total Fire Districts			\$986,241

EMS District

Pitt County (less Greenville)	\$0.0400	\$4,485,000,000	\$1,705,197
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SECTION IV. The County Manager and/or Deputy County Manager - Financial Services are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations within a fund as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. The Deputy County Manager - Financial Services or designee may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within a department.
- b. The County Manager may transfer amounts less than \$20,000 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 Deputy County Manager - Financial Services.
- d. No revenues may be increased, no funds may be moved from the Contingency account, and no transfers between funds may be processed unless formal action is taken by the Board of Commissioners.
- e. Upon notification of funding decreases from state, federal or grant sources, budgets may be adjusted to match with the approval of the County Manager or Deputy County Manager - Financial Services. Board of Commissioners' action will not be required unless staffing is affected.

SECTION V. The County Manager is hereby authorized to execute new contracts, service agreements, and change orders valued \$50,000 or less on behalf of the County provided that sufficient funding is available and the action is consistent with County policy. Actions between \$30,000 and \$50,000 will be reported back to the Board. Additionally renewal contracts already budgeted may be signed regardless of the amount.

SECTION VI. The County Manager is authorized to execute an interlocal agreement with the Pitt County Board of Education to recognize facility and overhead costs for the administrative office space provided by Pitt County.

SECTION VII. County Commissioners are to be compensated at a rate of \$834 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, the Chairman, \$400, and the Vice Chair, \$300, to cover mileage and expenses incurred in their service to Pitt County.

SECTION VIII. Changes to Pitt County fees and charges as presented in Budget Workshops will be effective

July 1, 2004 and incorporated into the Pitt County Manual of Fees.

SECTION IX. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a tax rate of sixty-six and one-half cents (.6650) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property for the County General Fund, two cents (.0200) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property for the County Capital Reserve Fund, and one and one-half cents (.0150) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation on property listed for taxes for the Industrial Development Commission Fund, for a total levy of seventy cents (.70) 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 \$8,240,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 95.05%.

SECTION X. The Board of County Commissioners hereby levies a per household assessment fee on solid waste disposal in the amount of \$63 per household and \$40 per ton for non-residential tipping fees, 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 XI. 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 and gross receipts taxes for the Towns of Ayden, Farmville, and Grifton in compliance with G.S. 105-330 and G.S. 105-275(42). The County also collects vehicle taxes for the Towns of Fountain 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 8th day of June, 2004.

(SEAL)

Eugene James,
Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

Susan J. Banks, Clerk
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

Adjourn

7/2/2004 2:05 PM

Staff Recommendation

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion:

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9pm.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Mark Owens, Jr.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board