

May 13, 2009
Special Session

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Chairman Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Commissioners C. Mort Hurst, Tommy W. Bowen and Derek Price, County Manager W. Russell Overman, County Attorney J. Melvin Bowen and Clerk to the Board Linda G. Hardison were present. No one was absent.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance which was led by Commissioner Price, the Invocation was offered by Commissioner Bowen.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chairman Lilley made a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Price, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously APPROVED by the Board.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Tom Daly, Superintendent of Martin County schools, began his presentation by introducing Board of Education members who were in the audience: Addie Lou Leggett, Johnny Bryant and Moses Matthews.

Dr. Daly thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this budget presentation. He began by explaining that this budget was based on the governor's outline of the State budget. Since that time, the State budget has gone down.

Dr. Daly passed out the Current Expense Budget in the total amount of \$6,352,021 which reflects an overall increase of 2.24%. He pointed out that the major increases were primarily benefits (retirement) and medical costs. He said there were no substantial increases and this budget is based on actual expenses.

Dr. Daly then reviewed the Current Expense Revenue Budget. The total estimated revenues amounts to \$6,194,707 and represents a decrease of 0.29% or \$157,314. The difference would need to be funded as additional funds from the county or by designating fund balance in order to balance the budget.

Dr. Daly pointed out that the State has frozen funds so they may have to use more Fund Balance to complete this fiscal year. He also emphasized that the stimulus money is not a long term solution for funding. He said he was fairly sure of the federal money and fairly sure of the county money, but he did not know what the state will do until the Legislature adjourns.

Dr. Daly then quickly reviewed the Capital Outlay Budget Requests from each individual school. The Grand Total Capital Outlay Requests are \$2,726,703. The 2008-09 Current year capital outlay appropriation is \$1,182,500; therefore, leaving a difference of \$1,544,203.

Commissioner Hurst commented that the School Board has done a good job stretching the money. Chairman Smith thanked Dr. Daly and the members of the Board of Education in attendance. He stated that both boards are here for the citizens and children of Martin County and communication is the key to solving our problems.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, Commissioner Bowen made a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Price, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously APPROVED, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman

Linda G. Hardison, Clerk to the Board

**Addendum

At the June 10, 2009 regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Price made a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Hurst, and unanimously APPROVED that the following information be added to these minutes.

May 13, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Price stated that there was a discussion at this meeting that was left out of the minutes. He requested that the minutes reflect that he asked Dr. Daly if the Board of Education was still advertising for an Assistant Superintendent. He said he understood that the advertisement stated a salary of \$110,000 plus benefits. Dr. Daly replied that this position has not been filled because of resources. He went on to say that the advertised position would fill two vacancies. Positions in the Central Office are being reclassified.

Commissioner Price then asked if Martin County had received new funding in the amount of \$1.5 million as a Small School Supplement. Dr. Daly indicated that Martin County has received approximately \$1.5 million in the Small County Allotment.

Linda G. Hardison, Clerk to the Board