



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE  
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY 22, 2008

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The Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5:50 p.m. in the Small Conference Room, Room # 124, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, immediately following the regular meeting of the Board, held on said date. Commissioners present were James C. Kelly, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook. Also present for the meeting were County Manager John Crumpton, County Attorney K. R. Hoyle, Finance Director Lisa Minter, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Reives called the meeting to order and the following items were discussed.

County Revenue Options – The Committee discussed the ¼ percent sales tax and .4% land transfer tax revenue options the Board of Commissioners can put to the vote of the citizens of Lee County. County Manager John Crumpton stated this would be a critical budget year and all departments had been advised to keep their budgets as low as possible. Chairman Reives stated he wants all additional information being requested by the Finance Committee provided to us or the budget request will be decided based on existing data. The Committee will make a recommendation in February as to whether the tax options will be placed on the May or November ballot. No action was taken.

Vacant Property – County Manager John Crumpton furnished a report of vacant properties owned by Lee County and the Board of Education that had been requested by Commissioner Kelly. It was agreed to share this information with the full Board to get their input and also recommended we place the listing on the County website to give citizens an opportunity to review surplus property. County Attorney K. R. Hoyle was also asked to report to the Committee on how the County can sell surplus property.

E-911 Funds – County Manager John Crumpton stated the collection and disbursement of all 911 fees in North Carolina changed on January 1, 2008. These changes arise from Session Law 2007-383. Under the new law, all 911 service fees will be collected at the rate of \$ .70 for each connection (was formerly \$1.00 for each connection). Wire line and wireless providers will collect the fees and remit to the North Carolina 911 Board for administration. The Session Law now provides that any fund balance of landline line fees collected prior to January 1, 2008 can e

transferred to the general fund of the local governing entity. Finance Director Lisa Minter stated there is approximately \$800,000 of wireless funds available for Lee County at this time. Mr. Crumpton recommended the money be transferred to the County's General Fund and earmarked for public safety and emergency management. The City of Sanford will continue to receive 911 funds as they currently do. After some discussion, Commissioner Kelly moved that a resolution be presented to the full Board at the February 4, 2008 meeting to transfer \$500,000 of 911 funds to the County's General Fund and restrict the use to public safety or emergency management projects. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

Chairman Reives ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Waste Management Contract Renewal – County Manager John Crumpton has been reviewing the County's current waste contract with Waste Management and negotiating the renewal of the contract. Mr. Crumpton noted that Waste Management has stated they would like to buy the County out and has offered \$100,000 to purchase the provision to the contract. They have also stated they would like to renew the contract with no increase. After some discussion, Mr. Crumpton was authorized to negotiate the \$100,000 purchase price. No action was taken.

Other Business – Commissioner Reives asked the County Manager to look into the possibility of leasing or purchasing the old Food Lion Building on North Horner Blvd. and/or the old Wal Mart building on South Horner Blvd. for office space. All options need to be considered. No action was taken.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Commissioner Reives moved to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Kelly, Reives, and Shook  
Nay: None

Chairman Reives ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Robert T. Reives, Chairman  
Lee County Finance Committee

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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk