

**PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 3, 2013**

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met on May 3, 2013 in a continuation of the April 29, 2013 budget work session. The meeting was held in the Hugh Cale Commissioners Board Room in the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Dixon, Chairman  
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Lloyd E. Griffin, III  
Cecil Perry  
Dr. William R. Sterritt  
Frankie Meads

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gary White (*Out of Town*)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rodney Bunch, Interim County Manager  
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney  
Sheri Small, Finance Officer  
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 AM. Interim County Manager Rodney Bunch presented a revised spreadsheet showing no increases in the school system's or COA's budgets, using \$200,000 from fund balance, and using \$100,000 of library fund balance. He stated with these changes the deficit has been reduced to \$763,853.

Commissioner Sterritt asked if the Board would then have to cut \$763,853 from the budget if it wants no tax increase. Mr. Bunch said that is correct.

Members of the Board indicated their preferences regarding a tax increase and the majority of the Board wanted no increase.

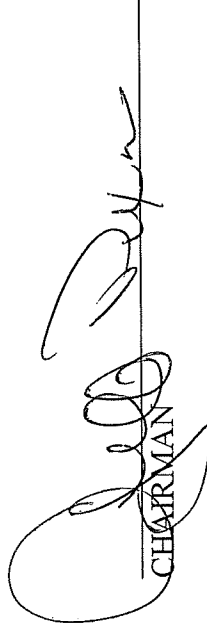
Mr. Bunch advised that still included in the proposed budget is a 3% cost-of-living increase for county employees. He said there will be some savings in health insurance costs because the county will most likely be moving to another insurance carrier and all of the options being considered will result in a lower cost. He stated that it is hoped the health insurance savings would help cover the cost of the COLA. The Board discussed the cost-of-living increase and the majority of the Board voted to decrease the COLA to 1½%. This would result in a savings of \$91,850.

The Board agreed to flat-line the Parks & Recreation budget and the Senior Center budget and to use additional general fund balance.

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After further discussion the Board agreed to hold another budget work session on Thursday, May 9 at 9:00 AM. A definitive answer on health insurance rates should be available at that time.

Motion was made by Frankie Meads, seconded by Cecil Perry to adjourn the work session. The motion carried and the work session was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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CLERK TO THE BOARD