

**OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**May 11, 2015**

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford. The purpose of the meeting was to begin working on the proposed submitted budget for FY 2015-2016.

***Present were:***

***Chairman:*** Tony W. Cozart

***Commissioners:*** R. David Currin, Jr.                   Zelodis Jay  
                                  Timothy Karan                               Ed Mims  
                                  David T. Smith                               Edgar Smoak

***County Manager:*** Michael S. Felts

***News Reporters:*** Chris L. Harris – *Butner-Creedmoor News*  
                                  Linda Nicholson – *Oxford Public Ledger*

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order.

**UPDATE ON HEALTH INSURANCE, PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND PROPOSED PAY & CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

County Manager Felts updated the Board on health insurance. The Board approved at the April 20, 2015 meeting authorizing County Staff to contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to administer the County's Group Health Plan for fiscal year 2015-2016, with the proposed 3.3% increase of the County funded portion of the premium for the County Health Plan, and the County's voluntary Dental Plan for fiscal year 2015-2016 Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) with no increase to employees. He referred to budget book and explained the summary of changes to the FY 2015-2016 Pay and Classification Plan.

**SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES**

County Manager Felts referred to the budget document for the summary and general fund revenues and general fund expenditures. He noted that the tax collection rate is 98.12% and is up .94% from last year and revenues are up approximately \$1M. He said that the proposed budget has no increase recommended for the tax rate. He reviewed the list of expenditures and noted that the Board of Elections has the most significant increase in their budget due to three upcoming elections.

When Commissioner Smith asked about tennis courts, County Manager Felts said that the plan is to apply for a PARTF grant and a grant with the United States Tennis Association in the Fall. He also mentioned working with other counties regarding receiving waste at the C & D landfill, legislation being looked at to free up restricted dollars for E-911, and establishing a process for working with subdivisions to front funding for roads with payback through tax assessments.

Mr. Felts reviewed the other funds that are not general tax dollars including the Emergency Telephone System Fund, R. H. Thornton Library Memorial Fund, Stormwater Services, Solid Waste Management – Landfill Operations – C & D and MSW landfills, and the Solid Waste Management – Convenience Centers.

#### **REVIEW OF SERVICE EXPANSIONS**

Mr. Felts said that a penny on the tax rate is approximately \$421,000. The Board then reviewed the service expansions requested for FY 2015-2016.

#### **BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

The Board went through the list of service expansions included in the budget notebook for consideration.

The Board discussed at length the request by Granville Health System for EMS Services. Commissioner Currin explained that EMS had uncollected debts, personnel problems and ambulance upkeep issues when EMS was turned over to Granville Health System. He said they have had a 50% cut in revenue due to the Affordable Healthcare Act and many charity cases which are not services that can be charged. He said that in order to keep EMS services as they are today the request needed to be funded. Board members discussed the request and if other options had been researched. Commissioner Smoak expressed concerns that this will be an ongoing problem and if all options had been researched. Commissioner Jay expressed concerns with losing services in Oak Hill if the request was not granted. It was discussed that if this is not funded, then EMS stations would need to be closed. Board members discussed that the service EMS provides is valuable for our citizens. Commissioner Smoak said that he could not support the request as it is because the problem will be worse next year.

Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. made a motion to approve the \$650,000 service expansion request from Granville Health System to fund EMS services. Commissioner David T. Smith seconded the motion.

When Chairman Cozart called for the vote on the motion, it passed by a vote of 6 – 1 as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cozart, Currin, Jay, Karan, Mims, and Smith  
Nays: Commissioner Smoak

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$1,000 for the Volunteer Reading Program.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$3,050 for the North Granville Senior Meal Program.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendments to the County Manager's recommended budget for Social Services for three (3) Income Maintenance Caseworkers II at \$10,367 each and one (1) Income Maintenance Caseworker III at \$11,091.

Commissioner Mims made comments about Granville-Vance District Health and noted concerns regarding cuts to their budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$20,000 for Granville-Vance District Health Department for the Electronic Medical Records System.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$23,941 for the Library to fund and unfreeze the Assistant Director position.

County Manager Felts noted that consolidating 911 can be revisited once we know the status of legislation regarding the matter. The consensus of the Board was to pursue consolidation of 911 if legislation does not change significantly. The Capital Outlay Program

that Granville County Public Schools had sent to the Board was mentioned and that sometimes funding is used for items other than original funding requests.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$2,500 for the Cat Trap Loaner/Rental Program.

Security issues at Vance-Granville Community College's South Campus were mentioned.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$12,000 for funding for a part-time Dispatch Position at Animal Control.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$44,317 for funding for Parks and Recreation.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ed Mims, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the service expansion amendment to the County Manager's recommended budget of \$1,000 for the National Mary Potter Club.

Commissioner Karan mentioned litter issues and asked about the Cash for Trash Program. He asked if Jason Falls, Environmental Programs Director, can bring the program back.

Commissioner Currin mentioned the Adopt-A-Highway Program and the signs that are throughout the County. He noted that some of the groups or clubs are no longer picking up trash per the agreement with the program. He asked that the signs be removed if the sponsor is no longer participating in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Commissioner Karan mentioned that Mr. Falls is looking into the matter and will follow-up.

The Board thanked the Sheriff for not having any service expansion requests this year.

**SERVICES EXPANSIONS APPROVED**

Listed below is the summary of items approved for funding to be included in the proposed budget:

*Summary of Approved Service Expansion Requests 2015-2016*

<b>Department</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Government	Volunteer Reading Program	\$1,000
Senior Services <sup>1</sup>	North Granville Senior Meal Program	\$3,050
Social Services <sup>2</sup>	Income Maintenance Caseworker II x 3	\$10,367
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Social Services <sup>2</sup>	Income Maintenance Caseworker III	\$11,091
Granville Health	EMS Service	\$650,000
District Health	Electronic Med Records System	\$20,000
Library	Assistant Library Director	\$23,941
Animal Control	Cat Trap Loaner Program	\$2,500
Animal Control	Dispatch Position	\$12,000
Special Appropriations	National Mary Potter Club	\$1,000
Parks and Rec	Recreation Funding	\$44,317
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$800,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>- Includes gross expenditure of \$5,000 for meals, less \$1,950 for Federal reimbursement and contributions from citizens.

<sup>2</sup> - Figures represent the net of gross salary, benefits and supplies expenditures less Federal 75% reimbursement for salaries and benefits and 60% reimbursement for supplies.

**BOARD ADJOURNED**

With budget deliberations completed and no further business the Board cancelled the Budget Workshop for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ed Mims, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra A. Weary, NCCCC, CMC  
Clerk to the Board