

**OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**May 31, 2016**

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room at the Sheriff's Satellite Office at 1546 South Campus Drive, Creedmoor. The purpose of the special meeting was for a budget workshop to continue budget deliberations on the FY 2016-2017 budget.

***Present were:***

***Chairman:*** Zelodis Jay

***Commissioners:*** Tony W. Cozart (arrived during dinner)  
R. David Currin, Jr. 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 Zelodis Jay called the meeting to order and called on Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. for the invocation.

**DINNER BREAK**

At this point, Chairman Jay declared a break for dinner.

**SERVICE EXPANSION REQUEST BY VANCE-GRANVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Chairman Jay noted that Dr. Stelphanie Williams, President of Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC), was unable to attend the Budget Workshop on May 9, 2016 due to a scheduling conflict. He recognized her for a brief overview of the service expansion request from VGCC.

Dr. Williams noted that she was joined by representatives from VGCC's Board of Trustees and staff. She explained the requests of \$89,778 (VGCC Main Campus-Current Expense-Granville County's 25%), \$10,000 (VGCC Main Campus-Capital Outlay) and \$74,730 (VGCC South Campus). She said that \$12,000 of the current expense fund will be to hire a Safety Coordinator and that \$47,000 of the South Campus request is for a full-time police officer for security. She explained that at this time they have a part-time security officer and

is the only campus that does not have a full-time police officer and explained programs, plans and funding challenges at the college. Board members asked questions regarding her requests.

**OVERVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BUDGET WITH RECOMMENDED SERVICE EXPANSION CHANGES**

County Manager Felts reviewed the list of service expansions that were approved at the May 9, 2016 Budget Workshop with corrections and noted that a public hearing was held May 16, 2016. He also briefly reviewed the Summary of General Fund Expenditures and Revenues for the recommended FY 16-17 budget. He noted that the school system provided a draft of the Capital Outlay-Category 1 projects for 2016/2017. He said there was also a list of completed school system projects and a five-year plan with projects by school that was provided this afternoon.

At this point, Chairman Jay opened the floor for discussion and deliberation. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the Granville-Vance District Health Department, Vance-Granville Community College, Granville County Public Schools and Granville Health System. Lisa Harrison, Granville-Vance District Health Director, Beth Day, Granville County Public Schools, and Lee Isley, Chief Executive Officer of Granville Health System, answered questions and made comments when asked. County Manager Felts explained how different funding scenarios could affect fund balance and the tax rate and discussion continued. Mr. Isley talked about how indigent care has affected the hospital budget.

**BREAK**

At this time, Chairman Jay called for a break.

**BUDGET DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION CONTINUED**

County Manager Felts noted that the service expansion approved on May 9, 2016 for roadside litter crews shows a \$0 cost because it will be funded by a \$5 increase in solid waste household user fees that raises funding for part-time clean-up crews. He noted that the items approved at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop support a five cents tax increase to fund the teacher supplement and the Law Enforcement Center. Discussion continued about how to fund requests. Commissioner Smoak requested that each service expansion in question be voted on separately.

Commissioner Ed Mims made a motion to approve one-time funding of \$150,000 for the Granville-Vance District Health Department and to direct the County Manager to work

with the Granville-Vance District Board of Health to look at a sustainable funding plan. Commissioner Tony W. Cozart seconded the motion.

Chairman Jay asked that the motion be amended to include working with the Vance County Manager also. Commissioners Mims and Cozart agreed with the amendment.

Commissioner Currin said perhaps they need to tell Ms. Harrison to make the necessary cuts to deal with state and federal cuts because \$150,000 is not sufficient to remedy the problem.

Commissioner Karan said well and septic inspections are on a six to nine week time frame at a cost of approximately \$400 and asked if that is sufficient funding to do the inspections.

Ms. Harrison said they get some funds for environmental services, but not nearly enough to cover the more than \$680,000 costs.

Commissioner Karan asked if a fee source needs to be considered so the end user pays the costs. He expressed frustration with unfunded mandates.

Ms. Harrison said they would look at that and noted that the Health Department has made cuts to programs and people and noted that they have fewer people working there than a decade ago and are still at the same funding level.

When Chairman Jay called for a vote, the motion passed by a vote of 4-3 to approve one-time funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the Granville-Vance District Health Department and to direct the Granville County Manager and the Vance County Manager to work with the Granville-Vance District Board of Health to look at a sustainable funding plan as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cozart, Jay, Mims and Smith

Nays: Commissioners Currin, Karan and Smoak

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, the Board approved the service expansion amendment of \$74,000 to the County Manager's recommended budget for VGCC South Campus Current Expense as recurring funding by a vote of 6-1. Commissioner Timothy Karan voted nay.

When asked, County Manager Felts stated that if Vance County approves funding for VGCC as in their recommended budget, in order to maintain the 75/25 funding split there will be an additional request.

Commissioner Tony W. Cozart made a motion to appropriate \$250,000 as one-time funding for Granville Health System to offset self-pay costs. Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smoak said the original request came from the hospital for \$650,000 and that he believed that this was just redirecting the \$250,000 that had already been voted down and he did not believe it needed to be voted on again. He noted this was not enough to help cover the costs of unpaid services.

Commissioner Cozart clarified that information was submitted to the Granville Health System Board of Trustees regarding self-pay which was previously called indigent care. He noted that the costs of unpaid services continues to get worse because the hospital has to serve those who come to the emergency room. He said this funding would at least acknowledge those large costs.

Commissioner Karan noted that the Board usually does not fund mandated cuts and expressed frustration with the Affordable Care Act and the impacts on our local County hospital. He said he is against augmenting services with County taxpayer money.

Commissioner Cozart said perhaps the Board needs to have discussion with Granville Health System staff regarding how the Affordable Care Act impacts the costs related to Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

When Chairman Jay called for a vote, the motion failed by a vote of 3-4 to appropriate \$250,000 as one-time funding for Granville Health System to offset self-pay costs as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cozart, Currin, and Mims

Nays: Commissioners Jay, Karan, Smith and Smoak

**BOARD CONSENTS TO TRANSFER REMAINING FUNDS FROM GRANVILLE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT TO BE ON UPCOMING CONSENT AGENDA**

The consensus of the Board was to do a budget amendment to transfer funds left from the Granville Central High School expansion project to Granville County Public Schools-Capital Outlay Category 1. County Manager Felts said this would be presented in the Consent Agenda at the upcoming meeting.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP SUMMARY**

County Manager Felts stated that the budget ordinance would be prepared with a five cent tax increase with approved service expansions including one-time funding of \$150,000 for Granville-Vance District Health Department and recurring funding of \$74,000 for VGCC

South Campus. He noted that these service expansions will be presented for consideration to be approved at one of the June meetings before the June 30, 2016 deadline.

**SERVICES EXPANSIONS APPROVED**

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

<b>Department</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>		
Information Technology	Email Security Enhancements	\$ 20,920
Human Resources <sup>1</sup>	Employee Recognition Program	0
Human Resources	Paycom's HR Benefit Suite	20,735
Senior Services	Wage Inc for Medicare Specialist	2,153
Cooperative Extention <sup>2</sup>	Unwrappin' 'The Gift /He Matters programs	2,940
Inspections <sup>3</sup>	Building Inspector	12,947
Granville County Schools	Schools – Cat. II & III Cap. Outlay	50,000
Granville County Schools	Schools - 3% Supplement Increase	1,191,602
Granville Medical Systems	EMS funding reduction	(250,000)
Sheriff	Law Enforcement Center Financing	1,083,275
District Health	Operating Expense (Non-reoccurring)	150,000
Vance Granville Comm. College	South Campus Operating	74,000
TOTAL		2,359,172
<b><u>SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - CONVENIENCE CENTER FUND</u></b>		
Environmental Programs <sup>4</sup>	Roadside Litter Crews	\$ 0

<sup>1</sup>– Figure represents \$5,000 of funding for Employee Recognition by way of a transfer of \$2,500 from the Wellness Program and \$2,500 in grant matching reserves.

<sup>2</sup> - Figures represent the net of increased funding (\$20,115) over the original amount budget for these programs (\$17,175)

<sup>3</sup> Figure represents net of supplies expenditure and half year’s gross salary and benefits less anticipated permit revenues generated from this position.

<sup>4</sup> Figure represents net of salary expense and supplies for part-time clean-up crews (\$ 100,390) funded by \$5 increase in Solid Waste Household User fees.

**BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Smoak asked for a closed session for property acquisition to deal with matters concerning the budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-

318.11(a)(5) to discuss a property acquisition matter. Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

**BOARD ADJOURNED**

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

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