

*Camden County Board of Commissioners
May 19th, 2015
7:00 P.M. - Budget Work Session
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina*

MINUTES

The Camden County Board of Commissioners held a Budget Work Session on May 19th, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following Commissioners were present:

*Chairman Michael McLain, Vice Chairwoman Sandra Duckwall
Commissioners Garry Meiggs, Clayton Riggs and Tom White;*

Also attending were County Manager Michael Renshaw, Finance Officer Stephanie Humphries and Clerk to the Board Angela Wooten.

Call to Order

Chairman McLain calls the FY2015-2016 Budget Work Session to order at 7:00 PM.

Resolution No. 2015-05-02

Mike Blanton 629 Old Hertford Highway in Elizabeth City local commercial fisherman came to the board to request that they adopted a Resolution asking the NC Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) to not support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DCDMF) use of the supplement process to implement reductions of Southern Flounder.

Resolution No. 2015-05-02

**A RESOLUTION ASKING THE NC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (NCMFC)
TO NOT SUPPORT THE NC DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES (DCDMF) USE OF
THE SUPPLEMENT PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT REDUCTIONS OF SOUTHERN
FLOUNDER**

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is regionally diverse throughout Eastern North Carolina communities with regards to gear, timing of harvest and size of fish harvested; and

WHEREAS, the southern flounder fishery is a \$3.6 million fishery for NC commercial fisherman and the economic impact to the region would be devastating if harvest cuts of 25% to 60% are implemented by NCMFC; and

WHEREAS, recent NCDMF stock assessment report did not pass peer review and the harvest reduction parameters are arbitrary and subjective and not based on stakeholder input; and

WHEREAS, the supplement process disenfranchises stakeholder because of lack of public input; and

WHEREAS, Camden County's commercial fishermen have made their fishing gear investments for the 2015 fishing season that will not be able to be recovered, which subjects them to a double economic hit that will be catastrophic for these small businesses; and

WHEREAS, there is need for thoughtful and comprehensive review of any proposed measure to assess the long-term viability of the fishery, and that review must incorporate local stakeholder input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Camden County Board of Commissioners asks the NC Marine Fisheries Commission to not support the NC Division of Marine Fisheries use of the supplement process to implement reduction of Southern Flounder and that any proposal to limit the fishery be subjected to comprehensive review that includes stakeholder input.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-05-02. The motion passed 5-0 with Chairman McLain, Vice Chair Sandra Duckwall, Commissioners Garry Meiggs, Clayton Riggs and Tom White voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

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The FY 2015-16 Budget was discussed and information was received from the respective department heads:

Department

Senior Services Dept.

Tax Administration Dept.

Presenter

Shana Trafton

Lisa Anderson

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<i>Cooperative Extension</i>	<i>Cameron Lowe</i>
<i>Soil & Water Conservation</i>	<i>Brian Lannon</i>
<i>Finance Dept.</i>	<i>Stephanie Humphries</i>
<i>Public Works Dept. (Buildings & Grounds)</i>	<i>David Credle</i>
<i>CH & S/South Mills VFD</i>	<i>K. Jennings/T. Banks</i>
<i>Joyce Creek Drainage District</i>	<i>Ray Albertson</i>
<i>Special Appropriations</i>	<i>County Mgr/Finance</i>
<i>Non-departmental</i>	<i>County Mgr/Finance</i>
<i>Other Funds</i>	<i>County Mgr/Finance</i>
<i>Capital Reserve Fund</i>	<i>County Mgr/Finance</i>

Meeting Recessed

At 9:36 PM, Chairman McLain recessed the work session until Thursday May 21st, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

Meeting Reconvened

Chairman McLain reconvened the Budget work session on May 21st, 2015 at 2:00 PM. The following Commissioners were present:

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Commissioners Garry Meiggs, Clayton Riggs and Tom White;*

Also attending were County Manager Michael Renshaw, Finance Officer Stephanie Humphries and Clerk to the Board Angela Wooten.

The FY 2015-16 Budget was discussed and information was received from the respective department heads:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
<i>Visitor's Center</i>	<i>Donna Stewart</i>
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	<i>Tammie Krauss</i>
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	<i>Tim White</i>
<i>Human Resources Dept</i>	<i>Stephanie Jackson</i>
<i>Board of Elections</i>	<i>Elaine Best</i>
<i>Planning & Community Development</i>	<i>Dan Porter</i>
<i>Camden Public Library</i>	<i>Krystal Lancaster</i>
<i>Dept. of Social Services</i>	<i>Sylvia Holley</i>
<i>Sheriff's Department</i>	<i>Tony Perry</i>
<i>Board of Education</i>	<i>Melvin Hawkins</i>

The County Manager Mike Renshaw and Finance Officer Stephanie Humphries discussed other Budget items and lead a Review & Discussion.

During the review and discussion of the budget the following items were noted:

- Adjust GF-loan to VFD for truck*
- Adjust GF-Tractor upgrade*
- Adjust GF-EMERG MGMT & CENT COMM*
- Adjust salary amount for D. Credle*
- Verify D. Parks salary increase request included in budget*
- Add full amount of equipment requested for Parks Dept (mower & cement pads)*
- Increase Elections Budget for Bond Referendum*

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- *Adjust Library utilities for extended hours*
- *Adjust revenue for proposed tax rate of .68*
- *Added Fleet Department for pooled vehicles*
- *Add requested position in Water Distribution*
- *Adjust water/sewer sales revenue for accepted rate increase proposal*
- *Adjust Enterprise Fund Balance appropriated for difference in water/sewer rates*
- *Adjust Watershed Beaver Management expense in SM Watershed/JC Watershed*
- *Adjust amount requested in DSS under General Assistance*
- *Adjust DSVC for Gift Shop contribution*
- *Adjust DSVC budget requests: HWY 17, PT Salary, etc*

Meeting Adjourned

At 8:00 PM, Chairman Michael McLain asked if there were any other matters to come before the Board of Commissioners, hearing none, and by acclamation the meeting was adjourned.

*Chairman Michael McLain
Camden County Board of Commissioners*

ATTEST:

*Angela L. Wooten
Clerk to the Board*