

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fiscal Year Budget 2018/2019.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: Blake Vance

**Call To Order**

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Hicks led prayer.

Chair Hicks turned the meeting over to Phillip Barrier, County Manager. Mr. Barrier stated that Commissioner Blake Vance was not present because of a mandatory meeting that he had to attend related to his job. Mr. Barrier explained that this would be the shortest workshop and that he would go over just a few of the highlights of the budget.

Mr. Barrier explained that this year Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance had come back with a 0% increase. We had talked to some other providers but felt like Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the one that we should go with again this year. The worker's comp and property and liability have balanced out and we received a 3% decrease for our longevity with the NCACC Risk Management Pool. Mr. Barrier announced that the revenue neutral tax rate is 52.08.

Budget notebooks were handed out to each commissioner and Mr. Barrier explained each tab of the notebook.

The next budget workshop will be Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Barrier stated that the next workshop is when we start going through the budget in detail.

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to adjourn this meeting at 2:17 p.m.**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair  
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk

