

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and take action on the proposed Fiscal Year Budget 2014/2015.

Members Present: Kenny Poteat, Chairman; Glenn Johnson, Vice-Chair; Phyllis Forbes; Reo Griffith; Martha Hicks

Members Absent: None

**Call To Order**

Chairman Poteat called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Martha Hicks led prayer.

Chairman Poteat stated that he would recap what happened at the last meeting. There was a public hearing on the budget. When the Board came out of the public hearing, the chair asked for a motion. A motion was made to adopt the budget as presented according to the budget ordinance at revenue neutral. There was no second to the motion and there was a deadlock.

Chairman Poteat advised that it was his understanding that if there is any deviation to the budget it would require a second public hearing. Hal Harrison, County Attorney, confirmed that statement. Chairman Poteat questioned if the majority of the Board voted to deviate from the public hearing what would be the ramifications to wait until July 10<sup>th</sup> to have another public hearing.

Robert Wiseman, County Manager, stated that if a balanced budget was not adopted by the first day of July the county would have to initiate an interim budget. Hal Harrison, County Attorney, advised that NC General Statute 159-16 provides for an interim budget. It does allow for certain things but very few. It allows for salaries, debt service and utilities. You cannot enter into any new contracts, no new hiring, no capital projects. You can't collect taxes. This could be serious if it went on long enough.

Chairman Poteat asked for a motion to adopt the FY Budget for 2014/2015.

**Motion by Martha Hicks and second by Reo Griffith to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2014/2015 as proposed at a revenue neutral tax rate of 52.1 cents; 45.4 cents ad valorem, 6.7 cents fire tax.**

**Vote: In Favor ---Kenny Poteat, Martha Hicks, Reo Griffith**

**Against---Glenn Johnson; Phyllis Forbes**

**Motion passes 3 to 2.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Phyllis Forbes and second by Martha Hicks to adjourn this meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.**

---

**Kenny Poteat, Chairman  
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk