

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Workshop on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 4:00 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 2011/2012 budget.

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

Members Absent: None

Call To Order

Chairman Poteat called this meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Chairman Poteat led prayer.

FY 2011/2012 Budget

Tim Greene, Finance Officer, stated that at this time there was a shortfall of \$290,000 but the Board still needed to address the Fire Commission, Linville Central, school board, the number of jailers for the new jail, the sheriff's budget and the pay plan. The number of jailers that are needed have been trimmed from 12 months to 10 months for the upcoming year because of the time that phase I will be completed. The projected overall revenues are down by \$22,000 for the next fiscal year.

There was considerable discussion and questions by the Board regarding the departmental budgets and the special appropriation requests. The budget was reviewed page by page with the Finance Officer answering questions.

There was discussion regarding the Newland Tag Office. The Town of Newland has requested that Avery County either take over the Tag Office or give extra funding for the Tag Office. By Consensus of the Board, the county will offer the Town of Newland an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 but if this offer is rejected, entertain taking over by the County.

There was discussion regarding the YMCA allocation; last year the Board had given an extra \$10,000 to the YMCA. The Board agreed to allocate \$25,000 for the fiscal year 2011/2012 for YMCA.

Recess

Chairman Poteat called for a brief recess.

Chairman Poteat called the workshop back to order after a brief recess.

There was discussion regarding the Board of Education budget. The Board of Education is requesting a 6% increase over last year's budget.

Upcoming Meetings

The next budget workshop will be held on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Scott Heath and second by Glenn Johnson to adjourn this workshop at 7:05 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

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

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk