

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for a Budget Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Present - Chairman: Stephen M. Morris  
 Vice Chairman: Diane R. Honeycutt  
 Commissioners: F. Blake Kiger  
 Barbara C. Strang

Absent - Commissioner: Lynn W. Shue

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

Kyle Bilafer, Area Manager of Operations, and Debbie Brannan, Area Manager of Innovation and Technology were in attendance via virtual means.

### Call to Order

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Overview of the FY 2022 Budget Process

Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager, presented an overview of the budget process via a PowerPoint presentation. Topics discussed were as follows:

#### General Fund Revenue Outlook

Revenue Source	FY21 Budget	FY22 Budget	Variance
Property Tax	204,959,679	213,823,933	1,864,254
Sales Tax	27,184,701	38,477,492	11,292,791
Other Taxes	833,000	833,000	-
Intergovernmental/Grants	21,136,525	21,738,958	602,433
Permits & Fees	7,747,427	9,823,051	2,075,624
Sales & Services	13,485,653	13,164,565	(321,088)
Investment Earnings	582,961	100,000	(482,961)
Miscellaneous	355,580	265,580	(90,000)
	276,285,526	298,226,579	21,941,053

#### General Fund Expense Outlook

Expense Category	FY21 Budget	FY22 Budget	Variance
General Government	127,782,936	138,429,223	10,646,287
OPEB Trust	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Contributions to Other Funds	45,840,524	48,005,057	2,164,533
Cabarrus County Schools	70,068,961	71,068,961	1,000,000
Kannapolis City Schools	8,494,592	8,619,982	125,390
Charter Schools	5,309,117	5,503,304	194,187
Rowan Cabarrus Community College	3,652,200	3,754,500	102,300
Cabarrus Health Alliance	8,293,021	8,710,558	417,537
Economic Development Incentives	2,497,000	2,111,000	(386,000)
Other Outside Entities	4,347,175	4,338,779	(8,396)
	276,285,526	292,541,364	16,255,838

#### Pending Requests / Issues

- Cabarrus County Schools Expansion (Excluding 0.5% teacher supplement increase)
- Kannapolis City Schools Expansion (excluding 0.5% teacher supplement increase)
- Cabarrus Health Alliance Expansion
- Deferred Maintenance Projects
- Budgetary impact of potential legislative changes.

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussions, Mr. Harris and Mike Downs, County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

### Kannapolis City Schools Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request

Dr. Chip Buckwell, Kannapolis City Schools (KCS) Superintendent, provided opening comments regarding the working relationships and teamwork with other entities throughout the county.

Will Crabtree, KCS Director of Business Operations, presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Kannapolis City Schools Budget Request 2021 - 2022." The following items were included in the presentation:

- CIP, Deferred Maintenance, and Capital outlay
- Current Expense
- Teacher Supplement Increase
- Current Expense Expansion

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussion, Mr. Crabtree and Dr. Buckwell responded to questions from the Board.

#### **Cabarrus County Schools Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request**

Holly Grimsley, Cabarrus County School (CCS) Board Chair, presented opening remarks.

Brian Schultz, CCS Interim Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "Cabarrus County Schools Budget Request 2021 - 2022." The following topics were presented:

- Budget Development
- Operating Budget Request
  - General Continuation Request
  - Expansion Request
  - Technology Request
  - Building and Grounds Maintenance Request
  - Charter School Transfer Request
- Capital Outlay Budget Request
  - Non-FMD
  - Deferred Maintenance
- Capital Improvement Projects > \$500,000
- 10-Year Planning Update

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Schultz and Kelly Kluttz, CCS Chief Financial Officer, responded to questions from the Board.

#### **RCCC - Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request**

Dr. Carol Spalding, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) President, provided introductions and a brief overview of their request that included RCCC's Mission and Vision.

Jonathan Chamberlin, RCCC Chief Officer of College Environment, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding school operations and budget needs for fiscal year 2021-2022. The following topics were discussed:

- Fiscal 2022 Budget Request Summary
  - Current Budget Operating Request - \$3,754,700
  - Capital Budget Request - \$5,333,000
- Current Operating Expansion Request
- Capital Budget Request

Following the presentation, a discussion ensued. During discussion, Dr. Spalding and Mr. Chamberlin responded to questions from the Board.

David Cannon, RCCC, Chief Financial Officer, was also in attendance.

All RCCC staff participants were present via virtual means.

#### **Break**

The Board took a break at 5:25 p.m. the meeting resumed at 5:31 p.m.

#### **Cold Water Fire Department**

Steve Langer, Emergency Management Director in attendance virtually, provided introductions and announced the Cold Water Fire Department is requesting a 2-cent increase in their fire district tax. He stated this increase would generate approximately \$78,000 in recurring funding.

Chief James Preddy, Cold Water Fire Department, presented a request for a 2-cent increase in fire district tax for the Cold Water Fire district. A memo with key points for consideration for the budget increase was included in the agenda.

Chairman Morris advised the Board would consider the request.

Tommy Blackwater, Cold Water Fire Department Board President, was also in attendance.

#### **Cabarrus Health Alliance - Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request**

James Mack, Jr., Cabarrus Health Alliance Public Health Board Chair, provided introductions and opening comments.

Erin Shoe, Cabarrus Health Alliance, Chief Operating Officer, and Dr. Bonnie Coyle, Cabarrus Health Alliance Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which included the following topics:

- Covid-19 Response Update
  - o Reflecting on FY2021
  - o Looking ahead
- 2021-2022 Expansion Request
  - o Personnel
  - o Operational

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussion, Dr. Coyle, Ms. Shoe and Mike Downs, County Manager, responded to questions from the Board.

#### **EDC - Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request**

Paige Castrodale, Cabarrus Economic Development Corporation Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation for FY2021-2022. Topics discussed were as follows:

- Year in Review
- FY22 Program of Work
- Recruitment
- Business Retention and Expansion
- Entrepreneurial Development
- Other Priorities
  - o Targeted Investor Recruitment
  - o Consistent Marketing and Communications
  - o Workforce Development
  - o Product Development
- FY22 Budget Request

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussions, Ms. Castrodale responded to questions from the Board.

#### **CVB - Presentation of FY 2022 Budget Request**

Donna Carpenter, Cabarrus Visitors Bureau (CVB) President and CEO, stated due to the timing of the budget meeting, the CVB Board has not voted on the budget and the CVB budget request would be presented to the Board at a later date. Ms. Carpenter and John Mills, CVB Executive Vice President, then presented a PowerPoint presentation titled "FY2022 Budget." Items included were as follows:

- Then / Now (Related to Covid-19)
- FY2022 Budget
  - o Allocations

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Mills responded to questions from the Board.

#### **General Board Discussion**

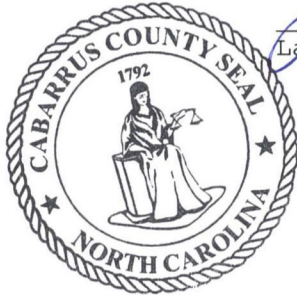
Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager, reviewed the Cabarrus County Schools deferred maintenance list/needs and teacher's supplement. He also spoke about Kannapolis City Schools teacher supplements.

Mr. Harris advised the Board needs to consider how to utilize funds for the American Rescue Plan Funds that will be released shortly.

The Board and county staff discussed the above matters, as well as status of the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) funds, the upcoming NCACC legislative meeting and mobile units for the early college program.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



*Lauren Linker*  
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Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board