

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Special Budget/Public Policy Session in Conference Room CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Harold Cogdell, Jr. Neil Cooksey, George Dunlap, and Jim Pendergraph
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: Commissioners Bill James and Vilma Leake

Commissioners Bentley and Cooksey were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts, after which the matters below were addressed.

(1) COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

Budget/Management Director Hyong Yi addressed Community Service Grants and the FY2012 Request for Proposals. The following was covered:

- The target areas selected for the request for proposals and Critical Success Factors
- Meetings with community nonprofit experts

Commissioner Cooksey entered the meeting.

- Request for Proposals (RFP) process and Timeline

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Dunlap asked where do organizations (non-profit) that have typically received funding that aren't mandated and aren't the usual type of outside agency, i.e. the Library, WTVI, where do they fall in this process.

Director Yi said the Library and WTVI already exist, but that if they're looking for new funding or enhanced funding, it would not be outside one of the four target areas. He said if they're looking to make investments, it needs to be tied to one of the critical success factors.

Director Yi said WTVI and the Library have not been treated as non-profits but as separate

budget line items.

County Manager Jones said staff would be using the criteria that Director Yi explained and as a result, there may be agencies that have been funded in the past, that may not be recommended for funding in the forthcoming budget recommendation. He said the ultimate decision, however, would be that of the Board, whether to accept the criteria staff has used and fund those agencies at the amount staff recommends or not do so and continue funding the outside agencies that the County is currently funding.

Commissioner Clarke asked should Board members participate on the RFP review panel, which would allow them to receive information ahead of time rather than later.

Director Yi said he would not recommend Board members participate because it may have an undue influence on whatever the outcome may be.

Commissioner Clarke said the Board needs as much information as possible and as soon as possible regarding what the outside agencies do and how well they do it and how they fit into the County's criteria.

Commissioner Clarke noted that in the past, the Board has spent a great deal of time on outside agencies, which he said was just a fraction of the budget. He suggested staff try to get the Board as much information as possible regarding the outside agencies, as far in advance as it can.

Chairman Roberts asked for clarification regarding the sustainability Critical Success Factor, which was addressed.

Chairman Roberts echoed Commissioner Clarke's comments as well, regarding receiving as much information as possible regarding outside agencies.

(2) BOARD PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

Director of Planning and Evaluation Leslie Johnson addressed the Board prioritization process and explained the prioritization exercise.

The Board went through the FY2012 Priority Level Strawman which was based on community survey data, critical success factors, and initial Board reactions per its Strategic Planning Conference.

A copy of the FY2012 Priority Level Strawman is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Clarke suggested in future Priority Level Strawman charts that staff show the total amount of dollars and percentage of total county budget spent the last fiscal year for the various priority levels. Also, with respect to program categories, that if it's possible, he'd like to be able to click on a program category and have all of the services underneath show up.

Commissioner Pendergraph suggested showing what's mandated within the program categories.

The Board began the prioritization exercise.

Note: The Chairman is allowed to make motions when it's a straw voting process, such as the prioritization exercise.

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The following actions were taken with respect to the FY2012 Priority Level Strawman that resulted in changes:

Commissioner Bentley entered the meeting.

Economic Development was moved from Priority Level One to Priority Level Two, per a motion made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 5-2 with only Commissioners Cogdell and Dunlap voting no.

Air Quality was moved from Priority Level Three to Priority Level Four, per a motion made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 4-3 with only Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, and Roberts voting no.

Land Quality was moved from Priority Level Three to Priority Level Four, per a motion made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and unanimously carried.

Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention and Protection was moved from Priority Level Four to Priority Level Two, per a motion made by Chairman Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

Homeless Services was moved from Priority Level Four to Priority Level Three, per a motion made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried.

Jails and Detention Facilities was moved from Priority Level Four to Priority Level Three, per a motion by Commissioner Pendergraph, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried.

Greenway Development & Management was moved from Priority Level Five to Priority Level Four, per a motion by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

Parks, Fields & Recreation Centers was moved from Priority Level Five to Priority Level Four, per a motion made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

Recreation & Leisure Programs was moved from Priority Level Five to Priority Level Four, per a motion made by Commissioners Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

Building Safety was moved from Priority Level Six to Priority Level Five, per a motion made by Chairman Roberts, seconded by Commissioner Pendergraph and carried 6-1 with only Commissioner Clarke voting no.

Aging In Place was moved from Priority Level Four to Priority Level Five, per a motion made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and carried 5-2 with only Commissioners Clarke and Dunlap voting no.

Non-Communicable Illness/Disease Prevention and Treatment was moved from Priority Level Two to Priority Level Three, per a motion by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

Land Quality was moved from Priority Level Four to Priority Level Five, per a motion made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried.

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Morgue and Medical Examiner was moved from Priority Level Five to Priority Level Six, per a motion made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried.

This concluded the discussion.

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment but is a summary.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Pendergraph, and Roberts voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman