

## HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL MEETING – FY 2020-2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
May 26, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman L. Kevin Ensley convened the special meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 5:31 p.m. in the Historic Courtroom at the Haywood County Historic Courthouse, Waynesville, North Carolina, with Chairman L. Kevin Ensley, Vice-Chairman Brandon C. Rogers, Commissioners J.W. "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, III, Tommy Long, and Mark Pless present. Staff members present were County Manager Bryant Morehead, Finance Director Julie Davis, County Attorney Frank Queen and Clerk to the Board Tracy Wells.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Ensley recognized County Manager Bryant Morehead. He reviewed the power point that was presented at the May 18, 2020 regular meeting and stated representatives from the Fire Departments were present to answer any questions the public may have regarding their individual budget(s).

Commissioner Long asked about the effects of the new healthcare plan. Mr. Morehead stated based on the first few months of this year the numbers are very positive and under budget.

Commissioner Pless inquired about lowering the solid waste fee. Mr. Morehead stated there are additional cost(s) for the Francis Farm Landfill project and it is not known at this time what those cost(s) will be. He further stated any additional funds in the Solid Waste Fund might be used for additional solid waste projects. Mr. Morehead does not recommend lowering the solid waste fee at this time until the Francis Farm Landfill project has been completed. However, he will look into this possibility and present his findings or recommendation to the Board at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Commissioner Long agreed with Mr. Morehead stating the Francis Farm Landfill project should first be completed before the Board looks at lowering the solid waste fee.

Commissioner Pless questioned the purchase of the EM/EMS-SUV vehicle. Mr. Morehead clarified this purchase is to replace an older vehicle.

Chairman Ensley asked for public comment.

Chairman Ensley stated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fire Departments were not able to hold their required annual public meeting(s). Therefore, their individual budgets are posted on the County website for public inspection.

There were no public comments and Chairman Ensley closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Ensley asked if there was any further business.

With no further business, Vice-Chairman Rogers made a motion to adjourn the Special Board meeting. Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The time of adjournment was 6:04 p.m. The DVD is attached by reference to the minutes.

  
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CHAIRMAN