

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **WAYNE COUNTY**

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, Goldsboro, North Carolina, after due notice thereof had been given.

Members present: Roland M. Gray, Chairman; Atlas Price, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Wilbur E. Anderson; John M. Bell; C. Munroe Best, Jr.; J. D. Evans and Efton M. Sager.

Members absent: None.

#### **Invocation**

Commissioner Efton M. Sager gave the invocation.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Efton M. Sager led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **Sheriff's Office 2008-2009 Budget Presentation**

Sheriff Carey A. Winders requested eight new deputy sheriff positions and one Detective Sergeant position as the gang officer position in the 2008-2009 budget. His justification for the request included officer safety, increased calls for service, increased service areas and response times. According to the 2007 Wayne County community needs assessment conducted by the Center for Survey Research of East Carolina University, citizens identified the following top 10 important/critical issues:

1. Crime
2. Access to affordable healthcare
3. Job opportunities
4. Gangs
5. Affordable prescription medications
6. High school dropout rate
7. Child abuse and neglect
8. Substance abuse/addiction
9. Elder care
10. Teen pregnancy

Wayne County ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in violent crime rate, 27<sup>th</sup> in property crime rate and 13<sup>th</sup> in delinquent juvenile crime rate, which are higher than the state and regional averages. In 2006 the Sheriff's Office received 17,327 calls for service, compared to 28,587 calls in 2008. In 2000 the Sheriff's Office arrested 2,992 people, compared to 3,520 in 2007. The population of Wayne County continues to grow. Wayne County has major roads, including Interstate 795, US Highway 117 and US Highway 70.

In response to questions from the Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Carey A. Winders stated it takes six months to train a deputy. Sometimes deputies leave the County of Wayne after training for higher salaries elsewhere. Currently, two employees in the Detention Center and four school resource officers are training to be a deputy sheriff. The cost for a new deputy sheriff is \$55,000-\$60,000 annually, which includes the cost of a vehicle. Wayne County has 82-83 deputies. Deputies can spend large amounts of time in court.

#### **Health Department 2008-2009 Budget Presentation**

Health Department Administrative Officer Ken Stern and Health Department Director of Nursing Evelyn Coley presented the 2008-2009 Health Department budget. Highlights of the budget include:

- Budget changes
- Decrease in county appropriations

- Budgeted more in savings to cover expenses
- Always try to reduce the need for county dollars
- Challenges include employee retention and recruitment, especially for professional positions

The budget request represents:

- Pregnancy prevention for 3,000 women and men (also includes 350 teenagers 17 years of age or less). Teen pregnancy rates are down 7%. There are two health educators in the schools, who counsel over 500 students on pregnancy, self-esteem and general health.
- Prenatal services were provided to 659 of the 1,455 women who delivered babies. There were 1,082 clients, 7,517 clinic visits, 1,020 support services, 618 postpartum home visits and 3,666 maternity care clinic visits. Infant mortality has declined from 22 deaths in 2004 to 12 deaths in 2006.
- The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program serves 4,400 clients monthly by providing nutrition education, counseling and food vouchers to improve the health of women and children. For every \$1 spent in the WIC program, it is anticipated \$3 will be saved in premature births and low weight babies. WIC contributes \$220,000 monthly to the local economy.
- Other nutrition services include medical nutrition therapy by registered dietitians for 775 WISH students, 105 Goldsboro Pediatrics clients and 771 prenatal clients.
- Last year there were 3,928 dental clinic visits, which generated \$352,000 in revenue. Benefits include improved dental health for clients who lacked access to dental care, improved school attendance due to lack of dental pain, improved prenatal health and nutrition and decreased risk of heart disease and premature delivery.
- Environmental health performed 900 lot evaluations and 1,700 facility inspections.
- General communicable disease services included investigations and treatments. There were 4,660 vaccinations and 1,947 tuberculosis skin tests. Last year 950 people were served by the tuberculosis and sexually transmitted disease programs.
- The Breast and Cervical Cancer program is funded by the Center for Disease Control and is contracted to serve 298 clients. In the past three years, 17 cases of cancer have been detected.
- The Wise Woman program is funded by the Center for Disease Control and is contracted to serve 160 women. The program provides education and counseling on cardiovascular risk reduction, lipid panels, weight assessment, blood pressure assessment and pays for one medical referral.
- Children's services include child service coordination for 580, clinic health service team for daycare health and safety, and child health screening exams and orthopedic service.
- Other programs include minority health, bioterrorism and sexually transmitted disease outreach.

Public health provides preventive health services, prevents the spread of communicable diseases, protects the environment and provides treatment and educational services.

The Health Department requested to partner with the Department of Social Services in scanning documents.

### **Wayne County Development Alliance 2008-2009 Budget Presentation**

Wayne County Development Alliance members Jimmie Edmundson and Edward H. Wilson requested a part-time employee for the office. The employee would update the website, stimulate the Impact Wayne campaign, perform a workforce study and work as a target industry analyst. The part-time employee would work 20 hours per week and would be a contract employee without benefits.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the contracted part-time Wayne County Development Alliance employee would also work on the County of Wayne website. In a partnership with the Wayne County Development Alliance, the employee would be funded from a reserve Wayne County Development Alliance line item for approximately \$35,000-\$40,000.

Wayne County Development Alliance member Jimmie Edmundson stated work continues on the Global TransPark suppliers and the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base tanker project. The WORKS initiative is proving to be very successful. Wayne County Development Alliance President Joanna Thompson received the 2008 North Carolina Economic Developer of the Year award.

### **Discussion**

The Board of Commissioners discussed the proposed 2008-2009 County of Wayne budget. The Board of Commissioners also discussed legislative issues, the County of Wayne idling policy and vehicle usage.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Roland M. Gray adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

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Marcia R. Wilson, MMC  
Clerk to the Board