

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
JUNE 8, 2009**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 for a Budget Work Session in the Commissioners' Room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville, NC. Commissioners Jordan, Jernigan, Askew, Nickens and Twine were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell.

Chairman Jordan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Colleen Turner, Social Services Director, discussed her concern with her travel line item reduction of \$500.

Mr. Chappell stated the Sheriff's Department has a proposed budget to purchase three (3) new cars. Mr. Chappell's suggestion is to purchase two (2) cars, use the funds for the third car for travel expense during the year if needed; if not needed then a third car could be purchased at the end of the fiscal year.

Chairman Jordan voiced a concern with the lack of part-time staff in the Planning Department.

Mr. Chappell stated the volume of work along with the revenue will have to be assessed; there is the possibility of hiring a part-time person during the year based on work load.

Commissioner Nickens voiced his request to bid out office supplies.

Commissioner Askew voiced a concern to increase the tax rate one cent for the schools (\$87,059). Mr. Chappell stated with the increase in funds for the schools a proposal could be made for a maintenance agreement between the schools and the county.

Commissioner Twine voiced a concern with having funds set aside towards a computer system for the Tax Office.

Chairman Jordan stated the county should provide a contribution to the Albemarle Chapter of the Red Cross; the suggestion was made for a \$250 contribution.

The final decision was made to increase the tax rate two cent to produce \$174,118 in revenue; \$87,059 – schools, \$6,000 – governing body, \$250 – Red Cross, and \$80,809 – fund balance.

Commissioner Nickens made a motion to make the discussed changes to the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion. Commissioners Jordan, Jernigan, Askew and Nickens voted to approve the changes; Commissioner Twine voted against the changes. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to recess the meeting until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 12, 2009. Commissioner Twine seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.