

**State of North Carolina  
County of Avery**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Workshop on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 4:17 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 budget.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Dennis Aldridge; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: Blake Vance; Tim Phillips

**Call To Order**

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Chair Hicks led prayer.

Chair Hicks turned the meeting over to Phillip Barrier, County Manager. Mr. Barrier stated that it was his pleasure to present a proposed balanced budget at the current tax rate of 48 cents. The revenues have grown around 2% and the overall budget has grown 2%.

Mr. Barrier turned the meeting over to Tim Greene, Finance Officer. Mr. Greene handed out the budget books. Mr. Greene explained to the Board that the next budget meeting would get in depth with each department's expenditures. He asked the Board to study the budget and highlight any questions that they had and these would be discussed at the next budget meeting. We are very pleased that we are able to bring a balanced budget with the same tax rate. We have made some cuts but we feel like we have funded everything that needs to be funded.

Mr. Greene went over each tab in the budget book and what was included in that tab. We are proposing a 30 million dollar budget. You will see that we have had a decrease in our health insurance, worker's comp and general liability.

The next budget meeting will be on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Dennis Aldridge to adjourn this meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (3-0).**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair  
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk

