

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2010**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, June 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the main court room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville, NC. Commissioners Twine, Jernigan, Askew, Nickens and Jordan were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell and Finance Office, Sandy Pittman.

A prayer was led by Commissioner Jordan.

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order.

Dr. Zenobia Smallwood, Superintendent, Gates County Schools, stated the Board of Education has cut \$120,000 from the budget they originally submitted.

Chairman Twine stated the Commissioners accepted the \$2,567,079 budget from the Board of Education.

Ed Webb, Sheriff, requested \$2,000 be put back into the line item for uniforms. He has been working hard to build the drug budget and has not received any funds this year.

Colleen Turner, Director, Department of Social Services, requested to restore the Food and Nutrition Services Assistant position to full-time or authorize another part-time position to address the growth in the program. She also requested the EPT line item be restored to \$3,000. She requested the travel line item be restored to \$10,000; it had been reduced by \$1,500. She requested the office supplies and equipment line items be restored and any available funds would be welcomed by the Housing Committee.

Renee McGinnis, Tax Assessor, thanked the Board for the 2% cost of living increase. She requested funds for a new computer; the suggested cost of a new system is \$100,000. She was reminded funds would be available once back taxes have been collected; delinquent tax numbers need to be reduced.

Commissioner Jordan stated he prefers to split the employee salary increase and the Board should have final approval on the employee evaluation salary increases.

Chairman Twine called for a vote regarding employee salaries.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion for employees to receive a 2% cost of living salary increase and a 1% merit salary increase. There was no second to the motion. Motion did not pass.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to accept the merit system salary increase as presented in the Proposed Budget. Commissioner Askew seconded the motion. Chairman Twine and Commissioners Jernigan and Twine voted for the motion. Commissioners Nickens and Jordan voted against the motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Commissioner Askew made a motion to accept Mr. Chappell's recommendation of a merit system schedule as a 2% salary increase for an outstanding employee evaluation, a 1% for an above standard employee evaluation and no increase for a standard employee evaluation. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion. Chairman Twine and Commissioners Jernigan and Askew voted for the motion. Commissioners Nickens and Jordan voted against the motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to recess until 10:00 a.m. June 18. Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.