

**At a Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Held in the General District Courtroom on  
Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 5 pm**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Keith C. Blowe  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
Susan B. Seward  
John A. Stringfield  
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Vandy V. Jones, III, Interim County Administrator  
John P. Woodley, County Attorney  
Millard P. Stith, Independent Consultant  
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Deste J. Cox, Deputy Treasurer  
Brenda H. Drew, Housing Coordinator  
Ernest Giles, Captain  
William Jenkins, General Registrar  
Kelly W. Moore, Interim Finance Supervisor  
Patrick Plourde, Director of Social Services  
Lyndia P. Ramsey, Commonwealth's Attorney  
Terry Williams, Deputy Commissioner

**1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum**

The April 20, 2017 special meeting (Budget Work Session) of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Seward.

**2. The Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Fly.

**3. The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**4. Agenda Amendments – none**

**5. Approval of Regular Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the agenda as presented.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Fly, Futrell, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler  
Voting nay: none

## **6. Budget Work Session – Fiscal Year 2018**

Interim County Administrator Jones gave an overview of the process of the budget and previous Budget Work Sessions held. He noted that this was the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Budget Work Session that the Board of Supervisors has held with the first budget session scheduled for the school system and employee health care and the second budget sessions was scheduled for the General Registrar, Sheriff's Department, and Public Safety/Animal Control. There were also general discussion on various aspects of the budget. This budget work session was scheduled for questions/comments specifically for outside agencies.

Vice Chairman Blowe had some questions regarding the increase in funding to Chowan Basin. Interim County Administrator Jones explained that there wasn't additional funding requested. Chowan Basin funding was recorded incorrectly; it was actually a lesser amount. He explained the actual cash funding and the in-kind funding.

Vice Chairman Blowe also requested use the money from Chowan Basin to the Faith Based Coalition since there was a request of \$15,000.00; however, they're only being funded \$5,000.00.

Supervisor Fly asked staff to verify the amount funded to Chowan Basin in the previous. Supervisor Fly stated that a member mentioned a discrepancy in the funding amount.

ON MOTION OF THE SUPERVISOR BLOWE, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the request to fund the Faith Based Coalition in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Futrell, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: Supervisor Fly, Seward

Chairman Seward discussed the Miles B. Carpenter Museum. Chairman Seward recommends reducing their budget from \$5,000.00 to \$3,500.00 based on the observation of the lack of activities. It was suggested to transfer the \$1,500.00 difference to the Wakefield Foundation budget for the services provided and the maintenance of the building.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FLY, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the transfer of the \$1,500.00 from the Miles B. Carpenter Museum budget to the Wakefield Foundation budget for the service

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: Supervisors Blowe, Futrell

There were various discussions regarding various outside agency funding,

Staff was requested to confirm how long the Chowan Basin program will last regarding the study of gauges.

**7. Citizens' Comments (8:00 pm) – none**

**8. Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR BLOWE, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the April 20, 2017 Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Fly, Futrell, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none