

Bertie County Board of Commissioners



**July 18, 2022
6:00 PM**

Vice Chair	Ronald “Ron” Wesson	District I
	Greg Atkins	District II
	Tammy A. Lee	District III
Chair	John Trent	District IV
	Ron Roberson	District V



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Meeting ID: 723 391 6141

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BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 18, 2022

Meeting Agenda

This agenda is only a tentative schedule of matters the Commissioners may address at their meeting and all items found on it may be deleted, amended, or deferred. The Commissioners may also, in their absolute discretion, consider matters not shown on this agenda.

6:00 PM Welcome, Roll Call, and Call to Order by Board Chair John Trent, Commissioners Room, Windsor

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Vice Chair Ronald Wesson

Public Comments *(3-minute limit per speaker)*

(A)

***** REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS *****

- (1) Introduction of Bertie County Cooperative Extension Agent Edward Godfrey By Extension Director Billy Barrow
- (2) Introduction of Elections Director LaToya Peele by Board of Elections Chair Michael Freeman
- (3) NCDOT Updates by Division Engineer Clemmon “Win” Bridgers, Jr.,PE
- (4) Trillium Annual Report Presentation by Bland Baker
- (5) Tethering Ordinance Request by Beth Hassell-Northcott
- (6) Recreation Complex Request by Bonnie Jones
- (7) TGOW & Capacity Building Updates by Project Consultant Robin Payne
- (8) Financial Summary by Finance Director William Roberson

Board Appointments (B)

1. Reappointment to CPTA Board – Lewis C.Hoggard
2. Appointment to Trillium Board - Dr. Patricia Wesson

Consent Agenda (C)

1. Approve Register of Deeds Fees Report – June 2022
2. Approve Minutes for Budget Public Hearing 6-6-2022
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*****OTHER ITEMS*****

Discussion Agenda (D)

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Commissioners' Reports (E)

County Manager's Reports (F)

County Attorney's Reports (G)

Public Comments
(3 minutes per speaker)

Closed Session

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)(4)(5)

Adjourn



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SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM AND/OR NEEDED ACTION(S): --

ATTACHMENTS: No

LEGAL REVIEW PENDING: N/A

ITEM HISTORY: ---



A-4

TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES ANNUAL REPORT BERTIE COUNTY

BLAND BAKER, BA

NORTHERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Transforming Lives



TRILLIUM UPDATE

Trillium's mission: Transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions.

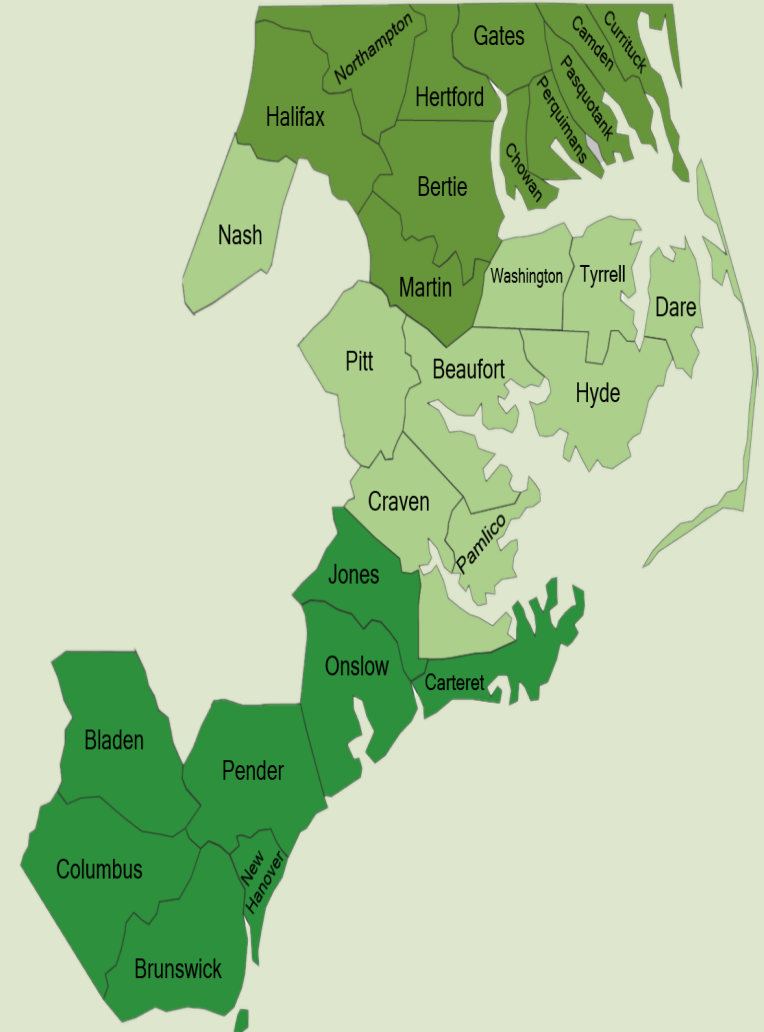
- Who We Are
- Medicaid Transformation Changes
- Organizational changes
- County Data

Who We Are - Numbers

- 28 Counties, but numbers are from last fiscal year with 26 counties
- 1,469,101 total population
- 244,075 Medicaid Eligible
- Served 58,452 individuals from mild to severe mental health needs
 - 70% with MH needs
 - 20% with SUD
 - 10% with IDD
- Approximately 500 Providers
- \$475,921,857.00 spent on services last year
- Smallest County- Tyrrell 3,665- Largest County -New Hanover 238,907
- Cover over 12,000 square miles

Three Regions

REGION	POPULATION	SQUARE MILES	# OF COUNTIES
Northern	252,211	4,235	11
Central	494,312	4,717	9
Southern	797,086	5,063	8



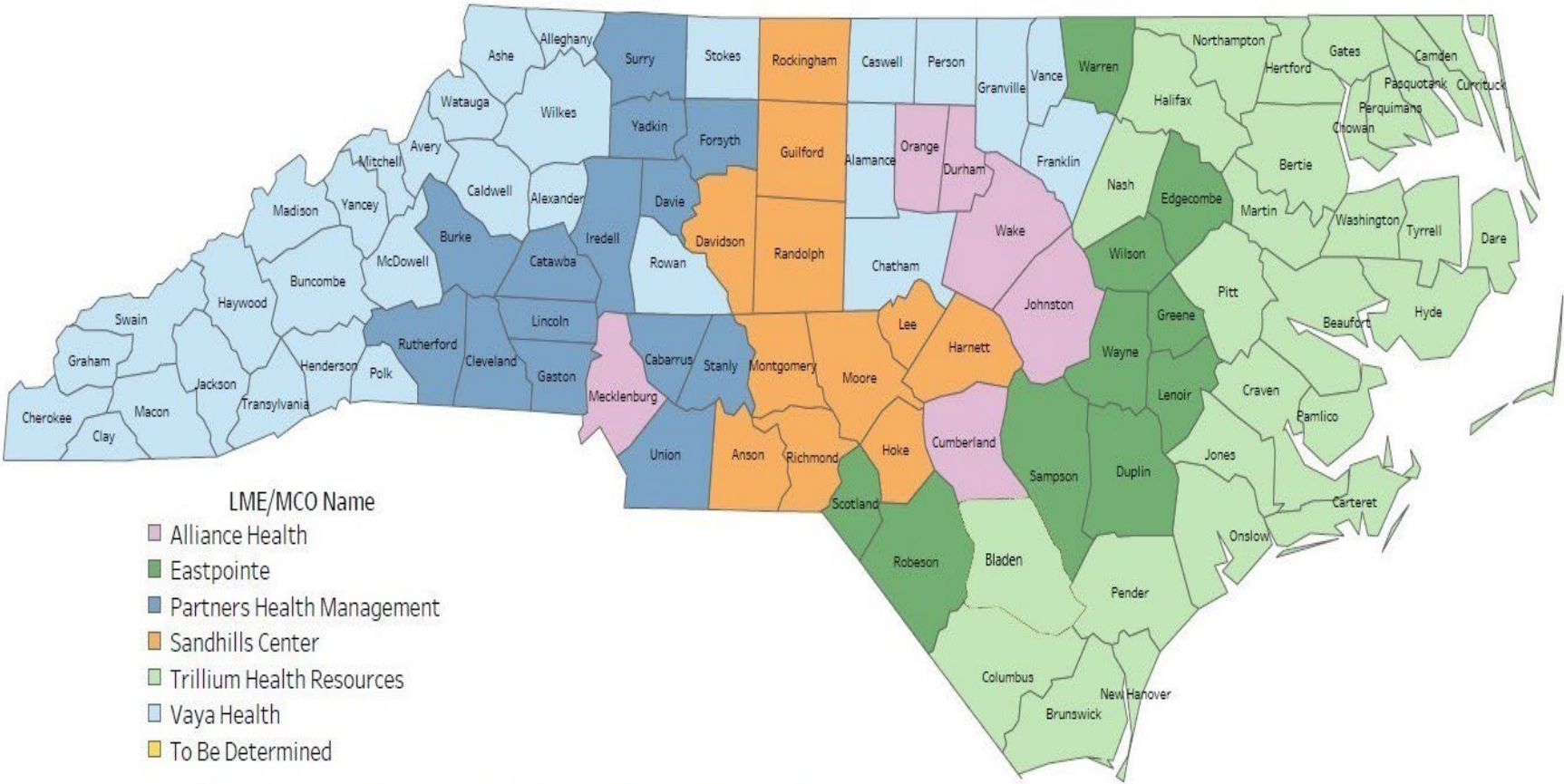
Medicaid Transformation- Standard Plans

- **Standard Plan- 5 companies were awarded**
 - Amerihealth Caritas NC Inc.
 - Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC
 - UnitedHealthcare of NC Inc.
 - WellCare of NC Inc.
 - Carolina Complete Health- covers regions 3, 4 and 5
 - ❖ **These Plans are managing the mild to moderate Medicaid behavioral health recipients**
- They started on July 1st 2021**

Medicaid Transformation Tailored Plan:

- 7 of 7 LME/MCO's were awarded to become Tailored Plans
- 1 of the 7 - Cardinal Innovations, decided to merge with Vaya, so we will have 6 Tailored Plans
- Cardinal covered 20 counties, 11 of them decided to go to other MCO's besides Vaya, including Halifax county to Trillium, which occurred on December 1st 2021
- Bladen county requested to join Trillium from Eastpointe and that took effect on Feb. 1st 2022
- Original date to go live with the Tailored Plan was moved from July 1st, 2022 to December 1st 2022.

Behavioral Health I/DD Tailored Plan Regions



Note: This map shows projected county assignments based on disengagements requested or approved as of 9/15/21. County realignment and disengagement requests must go through the process identified in law and rule which ultimately require approval by the DHHS Secretary.

Medicaid Transformation Tailored Plan Continued

- We will have a readiness review late summer
- Dec. 1st 2022- Begin the Tailored Plan managing Severe Behavioral Health, Substance Use and I/DD population like we do today, but in addition managing individuals physical health
- We are contracting with a Pharmacy Benefits Manager to oversee contract with approximately 2000 pharmacies
- We are also going to be contracting with all Primary care agencies that serve individuals on Medicaid

Organizational Changes

- Leza Wainwright retired and Joy Futrell is our new CEO
- Richard Leissner moved to a new job, so Senitria Goodman is our new General Council
- Sue Ann Forrest is our new Director of Government Relations
- We have had to move staff because of the Tailored Plan requirements

Organizational changes continued:

Call Centers

- Pharmacy
- Provider
- Nurse
- Current Call Center

Care Management

- Whole Person Care

Disaster Response Unit

- Meeting with Emergency Management Departments
- Collection of Providers Disaster Response Plans
- Map to Readiness- before, during and after a Hurricane

Project Updates

- Naloxone kits
- Mobile Clinics
- Tribal Engagement
- Family Navigators
- Co-Responder Pilots
- CFAC adding a representative with TBI
- Healing Place in New Hanover

Consumers served in Bertie County

Total Consumers served - 678

- **Mental Health - 530**
- **Substance Use - 165**
- **I/DD - 76**

Total is unduplicated, since a single individual may receive services in more than one category

QUESTIONS?

Transforming Lives





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ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: July 18, 2022

SECTION: Board Appointments

DEPARTMENT: Governing Body

TOPICS:

1. Reappointment of Lewis C. Hoggard - CPTA Board
2. Appointment to Trillium Board - Dr. Patricia Wesson

COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM AND/OR NEEDED ACTION(S)

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

LEGAL REVIEW PENDING: N/A

ITEM HISTORY: ---



B-1



CHOANOKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Post Office Box 320
Rich Square, North Carolina 27869

Phone: (252) 539-2022

Fax: (252) 539-2533

Lewis C. Hoggard, III
Board Chair

Pamela Perry
Executive Director

May 31, 2022

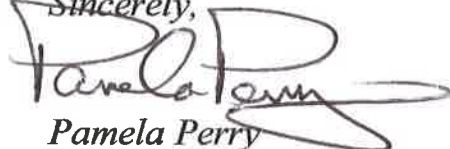
*Ms. LaShonda Cartwright
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 530
Windsor, NC 27983*

Dear Ms. Cartwright:

I am writing to inform you the term of Lewis C. Hoggard's appointment to the CPTA Board of Directors will expire on August 31, 2022.

Mr. Hoggard has been a very dedicated member to the CPTA Board in representing Bertie County. I would like to recommend that Mr. Hoggard be reappointed to another term on the CPTA Board of Directors. I have contacted Mr. Hoggard and he has indicated that he is willing to serve another term.

We certainly appreciate your support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pamela Perry
Executive Director



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SECTION: Consent (C-1 to C-3)

DEPARTMENT: Governing Body

TOPICS:

1. Approve Register of Deeds Fees Report – June 2022
2. Approve Minutes for Budget Public Hearing 6-6-2022
3. Approve iWorQ Service Agreement

COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend approval.

SUMMARY OF AGENDA ITEM AND/OR NEEDED ACTION(S): Recommend approval.

ATTACHMENTS: Yes, see each particular agenda item.

LEGAL REVIEW PENDING: N/A

ITEM HISTORY: ---



C-1

NORTH CAROLINA
 BERTIE COUNTY

TO: THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Agreeable to and in compliance with Chapter 590 of the Public Local Laws of North Carolina, Sessions 1913, I beg leave to submit the following statement of all fees, commissions, etc. of any kind collected by me as Register of Deeds for the month of JUNE 2022 and for an itemized statement thereof, I respectfully refer you to the following books in my office.

AMOUNT SUBJECT TO GS 161-50.2

10-0030-4344-01	REAL ESTATE REGISTRATION-----		\$3,675.40
10-0030-4344-03	VITAL STATISTICS-----		\$2,110.00
10-0050-4839-02	MISCELLANEOUS(NOTARY OATHS/PHOTO COPIES, ETC)-----		\$310.70
10-0030-4344-04	NO. MARRIAGE LICENSE-----	<u>8 @60.00</u>	\$480.00
			\$6,576.10
10-0018-4240-01	N. C. STATE EXCISE STAMP TAX-----		\$6,066.00
10-0030-4344-10	STATE TREASURER FEE-----	<u>118 @\$6.20</u>	\$731.60
	STATE VITAL RECORDS-----	<u>91 @14.00</u> 1274+180	\$1,454.00
		<u>36 extra cert</u>	\$14,827.70
10-0000-1251-00	A/R IN/OUT(REFUND)-----		\$35.00
			\$14,862.70

REGISTER OF DEEDS - BERTIE COUNTY

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

D/T /MORTGAGES-----	<u>27 @\$6.20=</u>	\$167.40
ADDITIONAL PAGES-----	<u>@\$0.40=</u>	
DEEDS & OTHER INSTRUMENTS-----	<u>98 @\$1.94=</u>	\$190.12



C-2

Windsor, North Carolina
June 6, 2022
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met today for its advertised Budget Public Hearing in the Commissioners Room, 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was hosted partially in person, and partially via Zoom (conference call). The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald “Ron” Wesson, District I
Greg Atkins, District II
Tammy A. Lee, District III (**Zoom**)
John Trent, District IV
Ron Roberson, District V

Absent: None

Staff Present: County Manager Juan Vaughan, II. (Zoom)
Assistant County Manager David Scarborough (Zoom)
Finance Director William Roberson (Zoom)
Clerk to the Board LaShonda Cartwright (Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Trent called the meeting to order. Chair Trent then requested that the Clerk to the Board call the roll.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present either in person or via Zoom.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wesson provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHT SUMMARY

County Manager Vaughan started by saying, “Good evening to the Board of Commissioners, the staff present and all of the citizens and tax payers who have joined the Public Hearing.”

County Manager Vaughan then thanked everyone for either coming participating physically or virtually.

Manager Vaughan began the summary of the County budget by stating that the Budget increased for the General Fund by \$12,000 compared to the budget initially presented and reviewed by the Board.

County Manager Vaughan stated that the \$12,000 takes our General Fund budget from \$24,307,447 to \$24,319,447. County Manager Vaughan further stated that the \$12,000-increase was to retain our Project Consultant for Tall Glass of Water (TGOW).

County Manager Vaughan then stated that the revenues were adjusted after he and Finance Director William Roberson reviewed the current status of sales tax revenues. County Manager Vaughan further stated that based on how the sales tax was coming in, they were able to project a \$12,000-increase to account for the increase in expenditures.

County Manager Vaughan stated that with this increase, the General Fund budget increased by less than 1% compared to last year.

County Manager Vaughan stated that this budget does not include an increase in the ad valorem tax rate, so the county will continue to remain at 86 ½ cents. County Manager Vaughan then stated that this will make the fourth year that the County has not increased the tax rate.

County Manager Vaughan stated that he wanted everyone to keep in mind that a tax increase could be coming or at least recommended in the near future.

County Manager Vaughan stated that he was very pleased to say that a tax increase was not recommended for this upcoming Fiscal year. County Manager Vaughan then stated that this budget also does not include a fund balance appropriation, just as the current year budget did not include a fund balance appropriation.

County Manager Vaughan stated that a 2% Cost of Living adjustment was also included in the budget for all employees.

County Manager Vaughan stated that the budget continues to include \$30,000 to our local Fire Departments and approximately \$6,000,000 to our nonprofit organizations in what we call the special appropriations category.

County Manager Vaughan stated that the biggest recipients of those funds are the school system and Bertie-Martin Regional Jail.

County Manager Vaughan then discussed the big expenditures that were in the budget. The biggest expenditures in the budget came from Capital outlay which were for the vehicles for the Sheriff’s Office as well as software for the Panning/Inspections Department..

County Manager Vaughn then went into the discussion of the spending of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

County Manager Vaughan stated that roughly \$1,000,000 of the County's ARPA Funds are going towards projects that would benefit the citizens of our county. This will include a \$500,000 match for the GREAT Grant, which will be used for broadband accessibility.

County Manager Vaughan then stated a great amount of the funds will be going to TGOW development, which will provide recreational as well as educational opportunities for the citizens of Bertie County and visitor of the county.

County Manager Vaughan then discussed other one-time capital expenses the County will be using ARPA Funds for, which included tax software and a firewall for the IT Department. Also, included is the repair to a communications tower, ambulances, and a one-time fee of \$45,000 for a vehicle for the NC Forestry Services.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Roberson

Commissioner Roberson stated that he did not have any reports at this time.

Vice-Chair Wesson

Vice-Chair Wesson stated that he wanted to thank County Manager Vaughan, Finance Director William Roberson, and Assistant County Manager David Scarborough for the tremendous job they have done with this year's budget and getting the County caught up on the audits that were behind. He also thanked them for getting the County out of having a very low fund balance.

Vice-Chair Wesson then stated not only were the County Manager, Assistant County Manager and Finance Director able to do those things, but they were able to give the citizens some of things they have been asking for.

He further stated that one of the major investments was with the broadband and the GREAT Grant and Roanoke Electric. He stated this project will bring broadband to the vast majority in just a few years. Vice-Chair then stated that this project took significant investment from state dollars, but the County had to match that money with funds from the County.

Vice-Chair Wesson then discussed the raise that was able to be given to employees, even though he wishes they could have been able to give the employees more.

Vice-Chair Wesson then stated that the key thing was that they did not have to raise ad valorem taxes and they are still investing in things that will benefit the County's administration and the citizens of the county.

Commissioner Atkins

Commissioner Atkins stated that he did not have any reports at this time.

Commissioner Lee

Commissioner Lee echoed what Vice-Chair Wesson said. Commissioner Lee then thanked the staff and stated that the staff have worked hard and their efforts are showing and she is very proud of the work the staff has done.

Commissioner Lee further stated that she was also proud of the work that they as commissioners have done.

Chairman Trent then asked if there were any other comments. There were no additional comments.

DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR ADOPTION

Chairman Trent stated that he discussed a potential date for adopting the budget with the County Manager. Chairman Trent then asked the board how the date of June 21st works for everyone.

Vice-Chair Wesson stated that he thought that was a great date.

Commissioner Lee agreed, then further stated that June 21st was the date of their regular scheduled meeting.

The board then agreed for the adoption of the budget to take place at the regular meeting scheduled for June 21st at 6:00 PM.

Chairman Trent then asked if there were any more discussions.

County Manager Vaughan stated there were no additional discussions from him.

County Manager Vaughan then asked if there were any citizens who would like to provide comments or feedback on the proposed budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Scott Sauer

Mr. Sauer then came before the Board and stated that he would like to share a few thoughts and highlights. Mr. Sauer then stated that in the special appropriations, relative to Vidant Hospital and the Indigent care fund, he noted that there was \$0 recommended. However, in years past there was amounts of \$120,000.

Mr. Sauer then stated that he was interested in knowing if there was a change in the amount of the appropriation, the amount related to debt service, or if there had been some other discussion relative to that debt figure.

Secondly, Mr. Sauer stated that on that same page of the budget is the line item for the OPEB Trust. He stated that as he read the budget, that number was 0 and in prior Budget Ordinances the Board of Commissioners inserted special instructions requiring the establishment of an irrevocable Trust Fund for OPEB obligations both current and future and typically that amount had been \$242,000.

Mr. Sauer further stated that every Budget Ordinance for the last five years has included that same special instruction for the OPEB Trust Fund and the draft Budget Ordinance for FY2022-23 does not contain that special instruction.

Thirdly, Mr. Sauer stated that he was interested in knowing if there were funds for the new animal shelter, either in the proposed budget or the ARPA Funding Plan.

Lastly, Mr. Sauer stated that he wanted to talk about taxes. He stated that on the detailed summary sheet, the bottom line for the taxes next year (stating all the taxes) totaled \$12,860,000 compared to what the Tax office has recommended which was \$12,491,500 and that was a delta of \$368,700. Mr. Sauer stated that he was interested to know if they had that type of growth experience in the tax base that would hopefully generate the \$368,700.

Mr. Sauer then noted that for the current year 2022, the revised budget for all of those same categories in sum is \$12,620,826. Mr. Sauer stated that it appeared that it could be a potential amount of growth there.

Mr. Sauer stated that taking collectively the funds for the Vidant indigent care, the OPEB money, and then the tax levy that equals about \$731,000 and that in itself is equivalent to five cents on the tax rate.

Mr. Sauer stated that if a tax increase is warranted he would argue that this might be the time to do that option.

Mr. Sauer then thanked the board for their time.

Chairman Trent then asked if there were anymore comments.

Clerk to the Board LaShonda Cartwright stated there were no more comments.

RECESS

Chairman Trent asked the board for a **MOTION** to **RECESS** until June 21st.

Vice-Chair Wesson made the **MOTION** to **RECESS** until June 21st. Commissioner Roberson **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSED** with a unanimous decision.

The meeting then **RECESSED**.



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