

**BUDGET SESSION OF THE PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY MARCH 23, 2009**

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met in a Budget Session on Monday March 23, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the Patsy H. Sadler Room of the Pamlico County Courthouse. All Commissioners were present. Also present were County Manager Tim Buck and Clerk to the Board Kathy P. Cayton.

Chairman Paul Delamar called the meeting to order.

County Manager Tim Buck gave the Board Members an overview of the Budget. He stated that for the current fiscal year the Local Option Sales and Use Tax revenue is projected to be at least \$100,000 under the current year budgeted amount. Other taxes and Licenses line items are projected to be \$150,000 under the budgeted collections. The primary reason is revenue stamps. Permits and fees of all types are down due to decreased building activity. It is projected to be approximately \$240,000 under this current year and next year is not expected to increase significantly. County Manager Buck went further to state that with decreasing interest rates, investment earnings are expected to be approximately \$80,000 short this year.

County Manager Tim Buck informed Board Members that a Department Head Meeting was held on March 17th to discuss current year budget actions necessary to reduce expenses. The following expenses were discussed:

- Freeze travel (with exception to certifications and job improvement)
- Freeze dues and subscriptions
- Review job openings with County Manager before posting
- Review necessary expenses with County Manager

Additionally, other major expenses have been cut or reduced as summarized below:

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| • Courthouse Renovation | \$255,169 |
| • Contract Planner | \$ 25,000 |
| • Unapproved Position | \$ 60,290 |

On a motion made by Commissioner Christine Mele and seconded by Commissioner Kenny Heath, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING WITHHOLDING ADM AND LOTTERY PAYMENTS TO PAMLICO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pamlico County receives Lottery and ADM Distributions as mandated by State Law and;

WHEREAS, Pamlico County currently has approximately \$900,000 in annual debt service for school capital projects and;

WHEREAS, Pamlico County allocated \$100,000 in ADM and Lottery funds for payment of debt service for school capital projects for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and;

WHEREAS, Pamlico County anticipates a necessity to allocate ADM and Lottery funds for payment of debt service in future fiscal years and;

WHEREAS, Pamlico County is experiencing many revenue shortfalls due to the national recession and economic crisis and;

WHEREAS, many citizens in Pamlico County have lost jobs due to the economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Pamlico County opposes any actions by the Governor to withhold ADM and Lottery allocations to Pamlico County and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to Governor Beverly Perdue and to the members of the General Assembly representing Pamlico County.

Adopted this the 23rd day of March, 2009.

s/s Paul J. Delamar
Chairman

s/s Kathy P. Cayton
Clerk to the Board

On a motion made by Commissioner Carl Ollison and seconded by Commissioner Roy Brinson, the Board went into closed session in accordance with G.S. 143.318.11. (a) 6 to discuss a personnel issue.

On a motion made by Commissioner Ann Holton and seconded by Commissioner Kenny Heath, the Board went back into open session.

There being no further business the Board recessed until Monday March 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board