

1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
2 OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
3 FY 11-12 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
4 TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2011

5 6:00 PM – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
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7 The special workshop meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was
8 called to order by Mayor Art Schools at 6:00 pm.
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10 Present for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools, Commissioners Nita Hedreen, Tom
11 Hoover, Floyd Messer, John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.
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13 Others present: Town Manager Frank Rush, Asst. Town Manager/Finance
14 Officer Mitsy Overman, Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee, Fire Chief Bill Walker,
15 Public Works Director Artie Dunn, Parks and Recreation Director Alesia
16 Sanderson, Planning Director Kevin Reed, and Police Chief Bill Hargett.
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18 Also present: Doug Fleming and Ben Dadd, Emerald Isle EMS, Inc.
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20 **Adoption of Agenda**

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22 *Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adopt the Agenda. The*
23 *Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.*
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25 **General Comments**

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27 Town Manager Frank Rush stated that overall the theme of this years budget
28 was to try to maintain the quality of the services while not having a tax rate that
29 was higher than revenue neutral.
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31 **Public Comment**

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33 Mayor Schools asked for any public comments at this time. There were no
34 comments from the public.
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36 **FY 11-12 Recommended Budget Presentations / Q & A**
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- 38 a. Emerald Isle EMS
- 39 b. Fire Department
- 40 c. Public Works / Solid Waste / Powell Bill
- 41 d. Parks and Recreation
- 42 e. Planning and Inspections
- 43 f. Governing Body / Legal / Administration / NonDepartmental
- 44 g. Debt Service
- 45 h. Police Department
- 46 i. Other Funds
- 47 j. 5-Year Capital Replacement / Improvement Program
- 48 k. 5-Year General Fund Forecast

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2 Town Manager Rush and Department Heads summarized and discussed with
3 the Board their budget requests, priorities and goals for the Fiscal Year 11-12.
4 During discussion of NonDepartmental items the Board directed the Town
5 Manager not to renew the Town's membership with the Eastern Carolina Council
6 of Governments for the upcoming fiscal year. Town Manager Rush during
7 discussion of Other Funds as noted above provided a handout that detailed
8 alternative beach nourishment district tax rates for the Board to consider. The
9 Board was in general agreement with the 4.5 cents and 1.5 cents beach
10 nourishment district tax rates as previously discussed in order to meet future
11 beach nourishment costs.

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13 **Employer Health Insurance Plan**

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15 Town Manager Rush noted that his recommendation was to continue to offer the
16 same Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan this year based on the fact that this
17 years renewal premiums increased by less than 2% this year. The Town's
18 current plan is the Blue Options HSA, a high deductible health plan paired with a
19 Health Savings Account. The Board agreed with Mr. Rush's recommendation.
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21 **Additional Board Discussion**

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23 There was general discussion of the recommended budget by the Board with
24 Town Manager Rush. The Board felt Mr. Rush had worked miracles with the
25 budget and they thanked him for the great job and also appreciated the work of
26 the department heads.
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28 **Next Budget Workshop Meeting**

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30 The Board determined that they would meet again for the official budget public
31 hearing on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6 pm in the Administration Building
32 Conference Room.
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34 **Adjourn**

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36 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The***
37 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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39 ***The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.***

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41 Respectfully submitted:

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44 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC
45 Town Clerk