

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BRIEFING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 5:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present were:

Chairman Steve D. Johnson  
Vice Chairman Godfrey Williams  
Doug Madison  
Marvin Norman  
Sara Haire Tice

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith, Planner Rebecca Harper, Tax Collector Joe Ketchie, Tax Administrator Bill Doolittle, Purchasing Agent Evie Caldwell, Solid Waste Director Ron Weatherman, Sheriff's Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle, Communications Director David Martin, Allied Health Services Director Norma Rife, Librarian Myra Patterson, Secretary/Bookkeeper Libby Stewart, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Johnson.

**REQUEST FROM THE IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CURRENT EXPENSE FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION PROJECTS (\$583,448):** Dr. Terry Holliday, Superintendent of the Iredell-Statesville Schools, and Terry Haas, the Finance Director for the school system, requested permission to transfer \$583,448 out of undesignated fund balance totaling \$3,080,026 and to place it in capital outlay for construction and renovation projects. Holliday said the board of education had a goal to maintain an undesignated fund balance that was equal to 10% of the revenues, and the transfer would leave a sufficient amount (\$2,496,578) to meet this requirement.

Chairman Johnson asked what was planned for the \$583,448.

Holliday said the usage depended upon the commissioners.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 50/50 PARKS PLAN:** County Manager Mashburn asked if municipalities were eligible to participate in the 50/50 parks plan.

Commissioner Williams said he envisioned the plan to be used for the "best public use." Williams said he didn't want to see several parks clustered in one area.

Commissioner Madison said he felt the municipalities had sufficient means to construct their own parks.

Chairman Johnson said a precedent had basically been set in the past, and it was with private organizations.

It was the consensus of the commissioners to stipulate that the 50/50 split would be with private organizations in the unincorporated areas of the county.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Johnson adjourned the briefing session at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board

