

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2003**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 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
Doug Madison
Marvin Norman
Sara Haire Tice

Absent: Vice Chairman Godfrey Williams was absent due to a business commitment out of the country.

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith, Emergency Services Director Tracy Jackson, Chief Animal Control Officer Sidney Weisner, Support Services Director Jim Vernon, Social Services Director Don Wall, Social Services Attorney Thomas Young, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Johnson.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE SEWER EXTENSION BIDS FOR THE MILLARD REFRIGERATED SERVICES INC., PROJECT: Jerry Twiggs, with West Consultants of Morganton, N.C., was present at the briefing to share information about the sewer bids opened on January 16, 2003, for the Millard Refrigerated Services Sewer Project. He said the low bid was from Bell Construction Company for \$160,466.

County Manager Mashburn said the county's total commitment to Millard was in the form of an economic development incentive for \$112,800 spread out over five years. Mashburn said other entities had pledged funds for the Millard project and applications had been submitted for various grants. He said the Millard Refrigerated/West Farm water tank project would cost approximately \$1.2 million. Due to other business items needing approval prior to the awarding of the sewer contract, Mashburn requested for this matter to be deleted from the agenda.

REQUEST FROM THE BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ATTORNEY I POSITION: Social Services Director Wall explained the need for an additional attorney, and he presented the following budgetary information for the position.

Attorney I Position

March – June 2002

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| Salary: \$42,840 ÷ 12 months = \$3,570 x 4 months (March-June) = | \$14,280 |
| FICA (.0765) | 1,092 |
| 401K and Retirement (10%) = | 1,428 |
| Health Insurance (4440 ÷ 12 = \$370 x 4 months) = | <u>1,480</u> |
| Total for 4 months | \$18,280 |
| \$18,280 ÷ 2 = | \$9,140 |

Child Support Program

\$9,140 x 66% Federal = \$6,032
\$9,140 x 34% IV-D Incentive Fund = \$3,108
Cost to County = 0

Services and Income Maintenance Programs

\$9,140 x 50% Federal = \$4,570
\$9,140 x 50% Special Children's Adoption Fund = \$4,570
Cost to County = 0

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| IV-D Federal = | \$6,032 |
| IV-D Incentive = | 3,108 |
| Services/IM Program Fed = | 4,570 |
| Special Children's Adoption Fund = | 4,570 |
| County Cost = | <u>0</u> |
| Total | \$18,280 |

Cost FY 03-04

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| Salary = | \$42,840 |
| FICA = | 3,277 |
| 401K & Retirement = | 4,284 |
| Health Insurance = | <u>4,200</u> |
| Total | \$54,601 |

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| IV-D Federal 66% = | \$18,019 |
| IV-D Incentive 34% = | 9,282 |
| Services/IM Program Fed = | 13,650 |
| Special Children's Adoption Fund = | 13,650 |
| County Cost = | <u>0</u> |
| Total | \$54,601 |

Wall said additional legal assistance was needed in the Child Support Program, the Income Maintenance Program, and in other areas. He said another attorney could help in achieving higher child support collections and assisting with the placement of children for adoptions. He said the department had 100 children in custody now, and during this fiscal year 21 adoptions had been finalized. Mr. Wall said the department's attorney was in court almost every day and more time was needed for paperwork. He said no funds would be needed from the county for the new position due to having federal child support money (66%) and incentive money (34%) that could be used for the salary and benefits.

Social Services Attorney Thomas Young added that obtaining liens on property was a lengthy process and additional legal assistance in this area would be helpful.

(Mrs. Blumenstein said Budget Amendment #24A could be used for the establishment of the position.)

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Johnson adjourned the briefing session at 6:15 p.m.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board