

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2007**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 5:00 P.M., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Board Members Present
Chairman Marvin Norman
Vice Chairman Sara Haire Tice
Steve Johnson
Godfrey Williams

Absent: Ken Robertson

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Deputy County Manager Susan Blumenstein, Health Director Donna Campbell, Transportation Director Ben Garrison, Tax Administrator Bill Doolittle, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Norman.

FY 2007-2008 IREDELL COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Commissioner Johnson complimented the staff on the budget preparation. He said there had been few exceptions made to the budget by the commissioners. Johnson said, however, he still had concerns about the extra penny for the countywide fire tax district. He continued by saying he didn't feel enough VFDs had "bought" into the performance-based incentive proposal, and some departments would have a difficult time accomplishing the goals. Johnson said much of the penny increase would be consumed for debt.

Commissioner Williams said business plans had been developed, and there was the possibility that three departments (Trinity, Ebenezer, & Cool Springs) would be inspected this year, plus three others were preparing for inspections in two or three years. Williams said over one half of the VFDs attended the last fire tax board meeting.

Commissioner Tice said Kevin Clark, with the Lake Norman VFD, mentioned previously that all of the fire chiefs were in favor of the incentive program.

Commissioner Johnson said some departments would probably accomplish the goals, but others would not.

Williams said some departments would find it more difficult, for instance, Central would have problems due to the lack of water and the demographics, but split ratings were available.

(All other agenda items were then reviewed and additional information may be found in the regular minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Norman adjourned the briefing at 5:55 p.m.

Approval: _____

Clerk to the Board