

Commissioners finally approve budget; \$.99 rate carries \$137,000 increase

The Board of County Commissioners yesterday approved a 4 tenths increase in the tax rate to 99 cents per \$100 valuation for next year and a \$1,634,761 budget, calling for increased expenditures of \$137,761 for the fiscal year.

The pressure for increased school appropriations brought the tax increase despite a windfall of \$100,000 in ABC profits promised during the year and included in the expected revenue.

School spending will account for 81 cents of the 99 cents ad valorem tax rate, believed to be the highest percentage of tax revenue appropriated for schools by any county in North Carolina.

Unanimous okay

The Commissioners approved the budget and tax rate unanimously after two months of hearings and discussions of the requests from various county departments.

Other notable changes in the budget included salary raises for most county employees, appropriations totaling \$11,420 to place the Sheriff's department in county-owned cars for the first time, and a \$20,000 appropriation to begin a fund to construct a \$60,000 addition to the county agricultural building.

The rate of 99 cents per \$100 valuation represents an increase of 51 per cent in the county tax rate since 1954 when the last property revaluation took place. After the revaluation the tax rate was placed at 62 cents. It went up to 72 cents in 1957, to 62 cents in 1958, and then to 95 cents last year.

Over million for schools

The new budget calls for spending \$849,979 for schools during the next fiscal year, including \$198,127 for school debt service, payment of principal and interest on bonds previously sold for school building purposes. Capital outlay appropriations to both the county and Chapel Hill school systems total \$331,928 and the current expense appropriation to the two units totals \$319,924.

Last year's budget totalled \$731,192 for schools, including \$231,278 for current expenses, \$296,804 for capital outlay and \$203,110 for debts.

The current expense budget was granted on the basis of the county system request, \$187,643, which gave the Chapel Hill system on a per capita basis as required by law \$132,281, considerably below the \$163,452 requested. The county system's budget included an appropriation for 12 additional teachers to be paid completely from county funds.

Fund for Northside
In the school capital outlay distribution, the county was given \$95,378, Chapel Hill \$136,550, and an additional \$100,000 was set up in a building fund to replace the present Northside school in Chapel Hill.

The Welfare department budget of \$448,919, representing a slight decrease from the previous year, was adopted as presented, including \$73,979 for general welfare and administration, \$123,000 for old age assistance, \$170,100 for aid to dependent children, and \$81,840 in aid to the permanently and totally disabled.

Other appropriations to the various funds included: farm program \$41,936, general fund \$220,120 (completely from non-tax revenues, no tax levied for these purposes); district health department \$32,500 (increase of \$2,500); bonds and property revaluation.

No supplement change

Also levied by formal resolutions passed yesterday were the Chapel Hill Special School district tax, 20 cents per \$100 valuation (no change); Greater Chapel Hill Fire District tax, \$.10; poll tax \$2; dog tax \$2 and \$1; and Schedule B licenses as prescribed by the Revenue Act.

Here Tuesday night . . .

Flat tire halts Terry's tour at Chapel Hill

A flat tire at the end of a trip to inspect the state hospital in Morganton caused Governor-Nominate Terry Sanford to spend Tuesday night in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Sanford started his four-day tour of the institutions on Monday, as a part of his program to learn their problems and needs. He was accompanied by State Hospitals Board of Control Chairman John Umstead of Chapel Hill.

On Tuesday they looked at the Broughton State Mental Hospital and the School for the Deaf in Morganton. Mr. Sanford also took time out to talk informally to about 150 persons in the county courthouse there, re-emphasizing his support for the Democratic national ticket.

Following the flat tire episode on their return to Chapel Hill Tuesday night he decided to stay over here, rather than press on to Raleigh. With him was his aide, Tom Lambeth.

Yesterday and today Sanford completed his tour by visiting hospitals in Goldsboro, Kinston, and Butner.

Most employees get raises

Most Orange County county officials and employees under the jurisdiction of the county commissioners got salary increases in the new budget for 1960-61 approved yesterday.

General exception to this were personnel of the Farm and Home Agents' offices and the Judge and Solicitor of the County Recorder's Court. Two members of the farm staff were granted

raises, however. The former are paid principally from State funds and only partially from the county.

Following are the officials and increases approved: County Accountant and Tax Supervisor Sam Gattis, up \$500 to \$6,250; Sheriff C. D. Knight, up \$400 to \$5,200; Clerk of Court E. M. Lynch, up \$200 to \$5,200; Register of Deeds Betty June Hayes, up \$200 to

\$4,600; Tax Collector Ortense Dickson, up \$200 to \$3,800; Delinquent Tax Collector Frank Frederick, up \$360 to \$3,490; Appraiser Frank Miller, up \$312 to \$3,312; Assistant Court Clerk Lucius Cheshire up \$240 to \$4,080; Dog Warden Cashe Boggs, up \$180 to \$3,300.

Veterans Service Officer W. G. Wrenn, up \$180 to \$3,300; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Childress, jailer, up \$200 to \$3,000; Deputy Sheriffs up \$360 per year, ranging according to their tenure in the Merit System from \$3,480 to \$3,840. Clerical and other personnel in the courthouse received increases of \$10 to \$12 per month in accordance with the established pay scale.

Authority was granted the Sheriff to establish the position of Chief Deputy who will be paid \$336 per month, one merit step above the other deputies in the highest rank.

Brush arbor classes won't be necessary

Despite unexpectedly high enrollment increases this fall, Chapel Hill public school pupils will have a roof over their heads.

This, in essence, is what Superintendent of School Joseph Johnston told the county commissioners during their school budget deliberations. The Board members asked Johnston if there'd be enough space to accommodate all of the pu-

pils this year if all of the requested money for school buildings wasn't granted.

The Superintendent noted, by way of reply, that he'd received 90 additional enrollments since issuing his previous estimate of 3,630. This would bring the expected total to 3,720—an increase of 250 over last year, even though more enrollments are expected.

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