

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JOINT MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND
RUTHERFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MAY 15, 2006

A joint meeting between the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees and the Rutherford County Commissioners was held on Monday, May 15, 2006, at the Rutherford County Annex at 11:30 a.m. The following trustees were present: Warren Carson, Terry Hines, James Hutchins, Ron Giles, Jervis Arledge, Gordon Scott, and Jimmy Tanner. The following County Commissioners were present: Charles Hill, Paul McIntosh, Brent Washburn, Chivous Bradley and Amanda King. Others present were: Willard Lewis, Stephen Matheny, Amy Penson, Glenda Scruggs, John Condrey, Rob Bole, Judy Toney, Paula Roach and Hazel Haynes. Pam Bunch with **The Daily Courier** was also present.

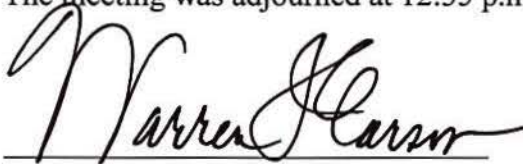
President Lewis presented the local budget for 2006-2007 to the Board of Commissioners. The total budget request is \$1,829,448 which represents a \$270,914 or 17.38% increase over the budget for 2005-06. Dr. Lewis stated that the largest increase in the budget request is in the fuel and heating line item. The allocation last year was \$185,000. This year it increases to \$345,000. Electricity was \$325,000 last year. This year it increases to \$370,000. These amounts are based upon actual usage figures.

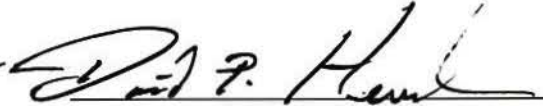
Stephen Matheny reported that the college began to notice that the therm usage in some of the buildings tripled during the winter months while traffic did not increase and the winter was mild. Mr. Matheny stated that he was working with Public Service Gas of North Carolina to determine if there is a problem with the lines or equipment. Mr. Matheny stated that PSNC will bring in technicians to check the buildings and determine if there is a problem with their equipment.

Dr. Lewis stated that there is also a 3.5% cost-of-living increase built into the budget for insurance, salaries and related expenses. Dr. Lewis further stated that if it were not for the increase in fuel and heating, the actual budget increase would only be 3.15%.

Mr. Hill thanked President Lewis and the Trustees for their attendance at the budget meeting and assured them that the county would do what they possibly could.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.


CHAIRMAN


SECRETARY