

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE  
ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND  
THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 23, 2011

A joint meeting between the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees and the Rutherford County Commissioners was held on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the Rutherford County Building. The following trustees were present: Grady Franklin, David Herndon, Chivous Bradley, Leonard Hollifield, Dr. Bobby England, Ray Gasperson, Ron Giles, and David Eaker. The following county commissioners were present: Bill Eckler, Bo Richards, Susan Crowe, and Julius Owens. Others present from the college were: Dr. Myra Johnson, Stephen Matheny, Dr. Kimberly Gold, Thad Harrill, Mike Gavin and DeeDee Barnard. Others present from the county were: John Condrey, Hazel Haynes, Ann Moore, Judy Toney, Rhonda Owens, Jai Doherty, Paula Roach and Julie Scherer. Allison Flynn from **The Daily Courier** was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 by Commissioner Bill Eckler from the County and Mr. David Herndon from the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Julius Owens gave the invocation.

Mr. John Condrey presented the County's Recommendations for the General Fund for the 2011-2012 budget year. Mr. Condrey and his staff presented a recommendation of no change from last year's budgeted allotment to Isothermal Community College in the amount of 1.8 million. Mr. Condrey's presentation highlighted areas of revenue sources and recommended cuts for the upcoming year.

Dr. Myra Johnson informed the County Commissioners that Isothermal Community College was requesting an increase from last year due to mandates, facilities, and personnel. She requested that Mr. Stephen Matheny detail the 2011-2012 Isothermal Community College budget increase of 1.77%. Mr. Matheny reviewed the budget request with the County Commissioners detailing the increase in personnel with the Rutherfordton expansion and utilities cost. Mr. Matheny further stated that overall the College was doing what it could to hold expenses down with utility processes and procedures, and preventative maintenance. In addition, Mr. Matheny gave a brief summary of the future needs of the College in the form of roofing, maintaining equipment, and automated door locking system.

Ms. Julie Scherer asked if the College had any plans of use for the Fund Balance and Mr. Matheny stated that the Fund Balance was held for additional projects and was not budgeted.

Commissioner Eckler informed the College that they would get consideration for their request.

Mr. Bradley and Mr. Gasperson of the College gave a brief summary of the economic interest that Isothermal Community College provides to Rutherford and Polk Counties in training and the locating of new companies to the area. Commissioner Owens thanked Isothermal for all that the College gives to the community and that the dedication to the training of new employees was an attraction for new companies within the area.

Mr. Matheny, Dr. Johnson, and Mr. Herndon of the College thanked the Commissioners for their time, support, and consideration of the budget request in the current economic conditions within the county and state. Dr. Johnson also extended an invitation for the Commissioners to visit Isothermal Community College for additional information on the programs available.

Commissioner Crowe inquired about the prospect of growth in the Nursing Program and Dr. Johnson commented that the clinical requirement was one of the limiting factors of the Nursing Program.

Commissioner Eckler inquired about the number of job placements from Isothermal Community College and Mr. Harrill stated that around 85 jobs were created through the Small Business Center. Commissioner Richards stated that Isothermal should promote the number of job placements.

The meeting was adjourned.



CHAIRMAN

MR. JAMES HUTCHINS



PARLIMENTARIAN/SECRETARY

MR. GRADY FRANKLIN