

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met on April 12, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. with the Rutherford County Commissioners. The following trustees were present: Amanda Shevette, Amy Jenkins, Chivous Bradley, Dave Hunt, Don Hofmann, Grady Franklin, Jackie Godlock, James Hutchins, Joan King, Leonard Hollifield, and Roger Jolly. The following staff members were present from the College Administration: President Margaret Annunziata, DeeDee Barnard, Greg Thomas, Leeann Cline Burris, Mike Gavin, Stephen Matheny, and Thad Harrill.

The Rutherford County Commissioners present were Chairman Bryan King, Dave Hunt, Alan Toney, and Greg Lovelace. Mr. Mike Benfield attended via phone.

Chairman Bryan King on behalf of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order.

Prior to the joint meeting with Isothermal Community College, the Rutherford County Commissioners conducted business pertaining to a Resolution requesting North Carolina grant(s) for update of Rutherford County/Municipalities Joint Sewer Study.

Agenda Confirmation

Vice-Chair James Hutchins called the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees to order and announced a quorum. The agenda was approved by consensus.

Ethics Statement

Mr. Don Hofmann asked Board members if they knew of an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest that existed with regard to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees. No conflicts were indicated.

Rutherford County Budget Request

Mr. Hutchins expressed his appreciation to the Rutherford County Commissioners for their time and service to the county.

Dr. Margaret Annunziata expressed her appreciation for the Commissioners naming April as Isothermal Community College month. She announced that the budget request for Isothermal Community College reflects the needs of the college.

Dr. Annunziata shared information regarding capital needs, but announced that the college did not have any specific requests from the county as the college is leveraging NC Connect Bonds, State Capital (SCIF), grant funding and County Capital reserve funds. Dr. Annunziata requested that the County continue to allocate the Capital Reserve Funds and the sales tax funds for reserve for future projects including but not limited to a new health and sciences facility. She discussed the need for a facility to house all types of simulation equipment and labs.

Mr. Stephen Matheny announced that the main drivers for the budget continue to be personnel costs and utilities, as well as facility repairs and maintenance.

He informed the Rutherford County Commissioners that Isothermal Community College's portion of the State Capital (SCIF) by the legislature is \$5 million. This will be allocated over the next four years. He discussed the facility needs of approximately \$19 million without the health and sciences facility.

Mr. Matheny reviewed the facility repairs including repairs to the swimming pool which supports the Rutherford County Schools swim teams, and other community youth swim teams while maintaining all operating costs.

Mr. Matheny reviewed the personnel costs of Maintenance and Custodial staff which includes a 2.5% salary increase that matches the salary increases for state funded staff positions at Isothermal Community College. In addition, the state has increased the minimum salary for state funded positions from \$13 to \$15 per hour. Isothermal wants to include the county funded positions in the minimum state salary. This will impact about seven employees. Also included in this year's budget request are amounts in anticipation of benefit increases.

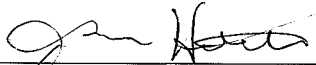
Mr. Don Hofmann, Chair of the Isothermal Community College's Board of Trustees Finance Committee addressed the Rutherford County Commissioners. He discussed the efforts of the administration of Isothermal Community College in maintaining and overseeing the budgets of the College. In addition, he discussed the transparency of Isothermal during the budget process. He thanked the Rutherford County Commissioners for their time and service.

Members of both boards expressed their appreciation for the relationship that the County and the College share.

Chairman Bryan King adjourned the Rutherford County Commissioner's meeting.

Vice Chairman James Hutchins adjourned the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees meeting.

ACTING CHAIRMAN
MR. JAMES HUTCHINS



ACTING PARLIMENTARIAN/SECRETARY
FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR
MR. DON HOFMANN