## ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 06, 2023 RUTHERFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES 4:00 PM

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met on Thursday, April 06, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at Rutherford County Administrative Office with the Rutherford County Commissioners. The following trustees were present: Chivous Bradley, John Condrey, Seema Daigle, Grady Franklin, Jackie Godlock, James Hutchins, Amy Jenkins, Roger Jolly, and David Scherping. Francisco Chavez, SGA President attended. The following personnel were present from the College: President Margaret Annunziata, DeeDee Barnard, Mike Gavin, Stephen Matheny, and Thad Harrill.

The Rutherford County Commissioners present were Chairman Bryan King, Alan Toney, Mike Benfield, and Greg Lovelace. In addition, Steve Garrison, County Manager, Richard P. Williams, County Manager, Hazel Haynes, Clerk, and Paula Roach, County Controller were present.

On behalf of the Rutherford County Commissioners, Chairman Bryan King called the meeting to order.

On behalf of the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees Chairman John Condrey reconvened the meeting from earlier. He expressed his appreciation to the County Commissioners and the County Manager Steve Garrison for their service to the community.

Dr. Margaret Annunziata addressed the Commissioners and expressed her appreciation for the Commissioners and their partnership with Isothermal Community College. Dr. Annunziata informed the Commissioners that the college acknowledges the work in front of them with the budget and resource demands needed for the county. Dr. Annunziata shared a copy of the proposed NC Senate Bill 538 for \$30,000,000 in capital funding for a new health sciences facility for the community and Isothermal. She announced that the budget request (attached) for Isothermal Community College reflects the needs of the college and that her objective is to leverage as much state funding as possible for those needs. She again thanked the Commissioners for their time and service to the community.

Mr. Stephen Matheny expressed his gratitude to County Manger Garrison, Controller Roach, and the Commissioners for the preliminary work with the budget process. He announced that 83% of the request is for personnel and utility costs. He discussed the proposed increase in state salaries and the request that college employees funded by the county receive the same increase. Mr. Matheny discussed the increase in utilities with the increase of fuel but noted efficiencies with some of the buildings due to upgrades.

Mr. Matheny discussed the increase in liability coverage for the college with the additions and insurance increases with cybersecurity.

Mr. Matheny reviewed the capital projects in process for Isothermal and the funding sources allotted for those projects. In addition, he discussed the repurpose of facilities to meet the needs of the health sciences programs and relocation of the Dental Assisting program to the Rutherford Campus.

The Commissioners and Dr. Annunziata discussed the challenges of the college. Dr. Annunziata announced that Isothermal is trying to identify those in the community in need of higher education and workforce training. She announced the efforts and campaign of the college to meet those individuals in the community to make a difference in their lives. Dr. Annunziata discussed the pathways for the health sciences programs that will fill the demand for the health care work force needs.

Chairman King expressed his appreciation to Isothermal Community College for their approach with the budget process and their transparency through the budget cycle. He adjourned the Rutherford County Commissioner's meeting.

Chairman Condrey adjourned the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees meetings

DR. SEEMA DAIGLE