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COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 20, 2026
RUTHERFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College met on Tuesday, April 20, 2026, at 4:15 p.m. Trustees Steve Bedford, Grady Franklin, Danna Stansbury, James Hutchins, Bill Miller, Amy Jenkins, Seema Daigle, Bryson Smith, and Dave Hunt, as well as Dr. Margaret Annunziata and staff from Isothermal Community College were present.

Chairman Bryan King called the April 20, 2026 special meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order. Present: Chairman Bryan King, Vice Chairman Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner Donnie Haulk, and Commissioner Hunter Haynes. Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the agenda on behalf of the Rutherford County Commissioners. Commissioner Toney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Miller called the meeting of the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees to order.

Dr. Margaret Annunziata thanked the County Commissioners for the support they have provided to Isothermal Community College. She announced that there will be approximately 53,200 more square feet available for instruction in the next year which will provide training for jobs in health care such as EMT, Paramedic, nursing pathways. She discussed the mission of the college to connect people in the community with good jobs with family sustaining wages.

Dr. Annunziata discussed the College's philanthropy partnerships in pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeship programs to expand opportunities for the community.

On behalf of Isothermal Community College, Dr. Annunziata presented the Rutherford County Commissioners with the budget request of the college which included an increase of \$465,500. Most of the proposed increase is due to the opening of the Dr. Bobby F. England Health & Sciences Center. Dr. Annunziata informed the Commissioners that the new facility will increase enrollment in nursing and other healthcare programming, which will result in a significant return on investment for workforce development in the healthcare sector of both Rutherford County and regionally.

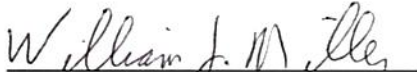
Dr. Annunziata discussed other drivers for the increase. A primary driver for the proposed budget is a 3% cost of living adjustment across county personnel, increases for janitorial services, utilities, insurances services, and repairs to facilities. An increase in repairs to facilities request reflects the ongoing need to address critical findings from the 2024 Facilities Capital Assessment Program (FCAP) conducted by the State Construction Office. The Commissioners discussed the FCAP and the College prioritizing those needs. Dr. Annunziata discussed that currently the College is focusing on the areas that are in "failure" as the priority. The college continues to leverage other funding resources for these projects, including State Capital Infrastructure Funds (SCIF) and capital allotment to address many of these repairs. Mr. Dave Hunt announced that the College is conducting a review of the College's insurance and are in the process of requesting bids and quotes for services.

The Rutherford County Commissioners discussed enrollment at Isothermal Community College. Dr. Annunziata informed the Commissioners that Isothermal has recently experienced an increase in enrollment at about 5%. She discussed the intentional drive to reach adult learners. She introduced Dr. Scott Queen as the new vice president of

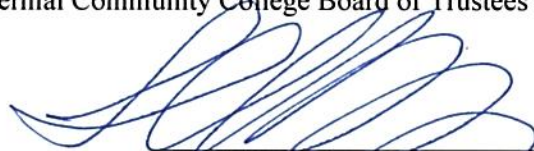
workforce and economic development to develop and support short term credentials for the community. In addition, Dr. Annunziata discussed the scholarship opportunities for these programs.

The Rutherford County Commissioners discussed the recent partnership with Trelleborg and Isothermal Community College. Dr. Annunziata reviewed the partnership and training program with Trelleborg in the Walter Dalton Engineering Technology and Workforce Development Center. Rutherford County Commissioner Chairman King discussed the value of the facility and the partnerships including the Rutherford County Economic Development to bring industry to the county.

The Rutherford County Commissioners adjourned their meeting and Chairman Miller expressed his appreciation for the meeting and declared the meeting of the Isothermal Community College Board of Trustees adjourned.



CHAIRMAN
MR. BILL MILLER



PARLIAMENTARIAN/SECRETARY
DR. SEEMA DAIGLE