

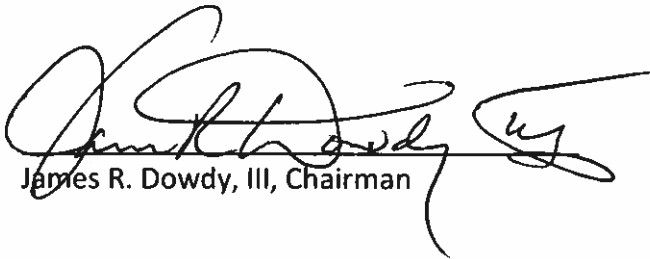
**CRISP COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION
HELD ON JUNE 13, 2024**

Present at the work session: Crisp County Board of Commissioners Chairman James Dowdy, Larry Felton, James Nance, Sam Farrow, Mark Crenshaw, County Administrator Clark Harrell, Finance Director Sherrie Leverett and County Clerk, Monica Irwin.

Chairman Dowdy called the work session to order at 11:05 am in the Crisp County Board Room. County Administrator, Clark Harrell stated this is a budget work session. Mr. Harrell stated he and the Finance Director, Sherrie Leverett, began in March working on the budget. Right now the budget is out of balance \$1,000,035.00. There is still \$500,000.00 available in ARPA funds that I am recommending to be used towards bringing the budget closer into balance. Using the ARPA funds brings the budget out of balance \$500,000.00. Tax Assessment notices have been mailed and I'm sure we will have several appeals filed. If we continue to roll back the millage rate as done in years past, the county will have a short fall of \$500,000.00. If the millage rate is not rolled back and we can use some of the inflationary growth to balance the budget. This seems to be the only way to get ahead. I am not talking about a millage rate increase but just not rolling the millage rate back. The current millage rate is as low today as it has been since 1996.

Planning and Zoning Director, Mickey Dunnavant, along with County Inspector, Jimmie Mumphery, later attended the work session to discuss an increase in county permit fees. The Planning and Zoning Department has requested the Board's consideration in increasing the permit fees based on the cost of square footage. Mr. Dunnavant also reminded the Board the County has not raised permit fees in 24 years.

There being no further business, **MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER FELTON** to adjourn the work session at 12:10 pm, **SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CRENSHAW, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**


James R. Dowdy, III, Chairman


Clark Harrell, Administrator