

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 19, 2010

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6, 2009 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman George Graham, Vice-Chairman Claude Stroud and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Reuben Davis, Chris Humphrey, Tommy Pharo and Linda Rouse Sutton.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney; and members of the general public and the news media.

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Russell Rhodes and Mr. Alex Rickard addressed the Board regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing Transportation Planning and the Establishment of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization. Mr. Rickard stated the only major change to the MOU is in regards to attendance. "The membership of a county or municipality member who fails to send the appointee or alternate to two (2) consecutive RPO meetings will be designated as a vacant seat and will not count towards quorum. Attendance at future meetings will reinstate the member." Mr. Rickard stated the RPO has had almost perfect attendance for the past 14 months. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Sutton, the MOU was approved as presented. Mr. Rhodes stated the county must appoint one additional member to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to represent the county's interest. Mr. Humphrey is Chairman-Elect for the TAC. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown the Board appointed Mr. Davis as an alternate member of the TAC.

Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Pope provided the Board and the viewing public with an economic impact analysis of Sanderson Farms. Mr. Pope stated at full employment, Sanderson Farms' facility in Lenoir County will support 1,650 jobs with an average annual wage of \$24,878, which is 86% of the average annual private sector wage in the county (NC ESC, Quarter 2, 2009). The total economic impact is comprised of direct, indirect, and induced effects. The direct impact is the employment, income, and sales associated with the Sanderson Farms project. These direct impacts include the spending on construction and the employment of workers. The direct impacts result in purchase of goods and services from other Lenoir County firms, which create multiplier effects as they cycle throughout the economy. The indirect impacts result from expenditures related to tangible property purchases as well as contract labor, business services, and other services. The wages paid to Sanderson Farms employees and workers at companies that supply the Sanderson Farms processing plant result in substantial induced consumer spending.

With the addition of Sanderson Farms, in five (5) years, Lenoir County will collect \$8.3 million in taxes; in ten (10) years an additional \$6 million in taxes. Without Sanderson Farms, Lenoir County would have collected \$43,000 in tax revenues in 10 years. The City of Kinston will collect \$5.5 million in utilities revenues over a ten (10) year period. Sanderson Farms will also bring to Lenoir County a \$41 million pay roll. Ms. Sutton stated she wanted the county to be aware that the agreement was between Sanderson and Piedmont in respect of providing gas services, not with Lenoir County. Mr. Pope stated the gas utility was an agreement between those respective parties, but Lenoir County saw the need to address and fix the problem to keep Sanderson Farms in Lenoir County.

ITEMS FROM CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Item No. 1 was Items for the Chairman and Members of the Board. Mr. Graham informed the Board members of the TACC-9 Interview Schedule for 2010. Mr. Graham reminded Board members of the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, DC: March 6-10, 2010.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated a Budget Work Session will be held after the February 1st Board of Commissioners meeting. County Administration would like to have the input of the Board on any issues and/or policies they wish to discuss. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board and the viewing public of Census 2010 and also shared the current jail populations numbers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: January 4, 2010 | Hall/Jarman |
| 4. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$226.00: Increase | Jones/Martin |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Finance/Sheriff's Dept.: \$2,000: Increase | Smith/Martin |

PROCLAMATION/BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Approving the Presentation of Badge and Service Weapon to Retiring Lieutenant Add Green Smith. Sheriff Smith stated Lieutenant A.G. Smith began his law enforcement career with the Lenoir County Sheriff's Office on July 1, 1982. North Carolina General Statue 20-187.2 provides for the presentation of an officer's badge upon his retirement and also provides for the governing body, in its discretion, to present the retiring officer with his service weapon after he receives a permit. Mr. Smith stated it has been a pleasure to serve Lenoir County and its citizens for the past 30 years. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Year 2010 Vehicle Valuation Service: \$4,243.45. Mr. Jarman stated the expenditure is an annual expense incurred by the county to update the vehicle pricing system. The pricing updates are needed to allow for an additional year of vehicles and the correction of values for motor vehicles which are one (1) year older as of January 1,

2010. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving a 3-Year Full Maintenance Service Contract: Southern Elevator: \$30,060. Mr. Mike Wiggins, Maintenance Coordinator, addressed the Board. Mr. Wiggins stated On January 12, 2010, the main elevator in the Courthouse broke down. Southern Elevator Company located a new replacement motor and is in the process of installation. The cost to Lenoir County under the current service contract would be \$3,650. Southern Elevator Company management officials agreed to cover the cost of the replacement if the County would approve a new 3-year full maintenance service contract. The cost of this new 36 month full maintenance service contract is \$45 per month more than the cost of the old service contract. This equates to \$540 more per year or \$1,620 more over the course of the 3-year period. This amount of this increase over 3 years is less than ½ of the cost of the emergency repair. The new full maintenance service contract covers this type of motor replacement repair for the Courthouse, Tax Administration, and Health Department Building. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9A was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: All Departments: \$348,000: Increase.

Item No. 9B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: State Controlled Substance/Solid Waste Funds: Sheriff Controlled Substance/Landfill: \$35,000: Increase. Ms. Martin stated both amendments are mid year budget amendments to more accurately reflect actual revenue and expenditure numbers and to take into account projections for the remainder of this Fiscal Year in funds other than the General Fund. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 9A and 9B were unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Capital Fund: School Building: \$41,000: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment appropriates funds from the Fund Balance of the Public School Building Capital Fund (School Sales Tax) to assist in the purchase of two (2) new activity buses. Buses are an allowable expenditure in this fund. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$102,641: Increase. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, addressed the Board. Mr. Jones stated the amendment is a line item adjustment to reflect additional allocations received. No County match required. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund & Vehicle Replacement Fund: Vehicle Replacement: \$250,000: Increase. The budget amendment moves funds from the General Fund's Fund Balance to the Vehicle Replacement Fund. This is to cover the cost of two (2) new ambulances that will be purchased to replace two (2) older ambulances. Bids were received on December 28, 2009 for the purchase of the two (2) new ambulances. This purchase was approved by the Commissioners at their January 4, 2010 meeting – Item No. 14. The two old ambulances will be declared surplus and sold on Gov.Deals. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

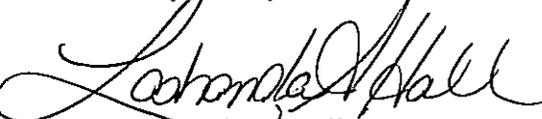
<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Planning Board 2nd Appearance	Mr. Eric Rouse (Re-Appointment)	January 2013 M: Brown S: Humphrey
Lenoir County Transportation Committee 2nd Appearance	Mr. Brian Lucas (Appointment/Replacement)	January 2013 M: Brown S: Humphrey
Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 2nd Appearance	Ms. Mary Cauley-(Primary) James Tull Hill, Jr.-(Alt.)	January 2014 M: Brown S: Humphrey
Regional Aging Advisory Committee 2nd Appearance	Walter LaRoque (Re-Appointment)	January 2013 M: Brown S: Humphrey
Lenoir County Economic Development Board 1st Appearance	Mr. Bill Whaley Dr. Jack Harrell (Re-Appointments)	December 2012 Tabled

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Lenoir County Economic Development Board – At-Large Member
- Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (2) Public Members
- Lenoir County Planning Board – Districts One (1) and Four (4)
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy
- CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies
- Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

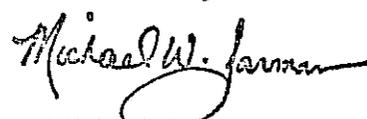
Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Sutton the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lashanda A. Hall
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By



Michael W. Jarman
County Manager