

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 16, 2009

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 P.m. on Monday, February 16, 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; Lashanda Aytech, Clerk to the Board; 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 COMMENTS

Mr. Graham stated the Public Comments section of the meeting has been moved to the front to give the public the opportunity to speak at the beginning of each meeting. There were no comments made by the public.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Sheriff Smith addressed the Board regarding the Town of LaGrange's Law Enforcement issue. Sheriff Smith stated there have been several public meetings held in LaGrange regarding the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department taking over law enforcement in the Town of LaGrange. An agreement has not been reached to date. Contracts are being reviewed; it will not cost Lenoir County taxpayers any additional funding to provide this service to the Town. A contract will be reached by July 1, 2009 when the Town of LaGrange formally adopts an agreement. The Board stated the Sheriff has their full support.

ITEMS FROM CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Graham stated the NCACC would be hosting District Meetings for a Legislative Update on April 8th in Beaufort County, NC and April 15th in Duplin County, NC. Mr. Graham stated it would be a good opportunity for the Board to be aware of what is going on across the state. A Congressional Update will be given at the NACo Conference in Washington, DC; the Board would benefit from the congressional update as well. The Board will be holding a budget work session on March 2, 2009 immediately following the Boards regular scheduled meeting.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving the Community Transportation Program Grant Application for FY 2009-10: \$256,538 Administrative: \$120,975: Capital. Ms. Powell stated in 2009, NCDOT approved a request from Lenoir County Transit to increase our fleet to fifteen. This growth has allowed the County to qualify for increased funding through the North Carolina Department of Transportation's grant program. The N.C. Department of Transportation initiated the Community Transportation Program (CTP) to enhance the provision of rural human service and general public transportation in counties and to meet the community transportation needs. The CTP grant application includes approximately \$256,538 for administrative funding and \$120,975 for capital funding. The Transportation Department is currently approved for grant funding of one full-time Assistant Director's position @ 100%, one full-time Administrative Assistant's position @ 100%, and one Part-Time Secretary @ 25%.

Lenoir County Transit is also requesting a Grant Writer/Safety Officer position funded @ 100%. The administrative portion of the grant application for FY 2009-2010 includes salaries, fringes and other operating expenditures for all administrative positions at the approved NCDOT/PTD participation percentages. NCDOT/PTD will participate in the administrative funding at an 85 percent level for both positions resulting in a 15 percent local match requirement; capital is 90 percent NCDOT/PTD and a 10 percent local match. The capital portion of the grant application for FY 2009-2010 includes replacing three (3) center aisle vehicles without lifts with three (3) eight passenger Lift Equipped Vans. The Transportation Department will endeavor to secure the necessary local funding requirements through transit revenues before requesting county funding. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Cooperative Extension: \$12,000: Increase. Ms. Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director addressed the Board. Ms. Kelly stated the amendment appropriates revenue and expenditure lines within the Cooperative Extension Department to cover rental income at both the livestock arena and the farmer's market and to cover the expenditures associated with both places. These have been received and paid out of liability accounts in previous years, but during the FY 07-08 audit, the auditors recommended that both expenditures and revenues should be processed through Cooperative Extension's budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Emergency Telephone Fund: Telephone Expense: \$16,170: Increase. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director addressed. Mr. Dail stated the amendment appropriates additional funds from the E911 Fund Balance to cover the cost of installing a new phone system in the communications center. This purchase was approved by the Board on November 17, 2008. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Construction: \$574,764.77: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment appropriates the final amount of interest earned on the Series 2007 School Construction Bonds and appropriates an estimated amount of interest to be earned on the Series 2008 School Construction Bonds. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property by Auction. The County has a small inventory of various vehicles and equipment that has outlived its useful life. These vehicles and equipment are no longer of use to any County Department and there are no plans to put them back into service. In accordance with procedures set forth in G.S. 153A-176, The County Manager’s Office is requesting the approval of the Board to sell the following vehicles and equipment by auction on GovDeals.com within the next 90 days.

	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Serial Numbers</u>
1	1997 Ford	2FALP73W9VX167831
1	2005 Ford	2FAHP71W35X141508
1	2005 Ford	2FAHP71W65X141504
1	LSS 2000	Printrak Fingerprinting System
1	Omni-Clave	Sterilizer (Health Department)

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to the Training Consortium for Software Training of MIS Employees on CISCO and Microsoft: \$11,960. Mr. Joey Bryan, MIS Director addressed the Board. Mr. Bryan stated with the current trend of ever changing software versions in servers as well as desktops, along with our current infrastructure being based on CISCO switches and the CISCO AVVID/Unity Phone system, it is imperative that the department keep employees abreast of all new changes in the software environment. One way of doing this is sending them to classes. This would cost on average \$1500-\$2100 per person per class including cost of class, hotel, travel and meals. With the current economic crisis, we are looking at alternative methods of training to allow us to get the best product for our dollars. With the Training Consortium, all employees can attend as many classes as they can allocate time for. No travel or other expenses are involved. This price includes access to live online training classes for an entire year including the CISCO All Access, which is over 40 CISCO courses with course e-books and live tech labs. In addition, it includes over 30 Microsoft live classes with coursework e-books. Utilizing this method, the department can have everyone taking multiple classes throughout an entire year. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Authorizing the Relocation of a Drainage Ditch in the Hwy. 70 West Industrial Park: Ernie Everett Site Prep, Inc.: NTE: \$19,850. Mr. Pope stated Companies located in the Hwy 70 West Industrial Park include Smithfield Foods, Dopaco, West Company, Electrolux, Affordable Care, Best Diamond, Select Foods, Hoover Tops, and Commercial A/C. The park will also be the future home of Sanderson Farms feed mill and hatchery operations. In December 2008, the construction of Lenoir County Shell Building #3 commenced. An existing angled drainage ditch, located on the southern border behind the shell building site, prohibits the full use of the land behind the Shell Building and prevents future expansion possibilities at the Shell Building site and on the lot located to the south of the Shell Building. On August 1, 2003 the City of Kinston received a letter from the Division of Water Quality that identifies the referenced ditch. The letter stated; “This ditch is not applicable to the Neuse River Riparian Buffer Rules (15A NCAC 2B.0233).” The letter serves as the reclassification of the ditch from a proposed blue line stream. Scope of Services Include: Ernie Everett Site Prep, Inc. (\$19,850.00) Scope of work: clearing & grubbing, 1,000 CY fill in place \$14,500. Add \$3,500 for select fill and \$2,600 to seed & mulch. Add \$5350.00 for re-grading lot for positive drainage. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 15 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 Economic Development Board 2nd Appearance	Bobby Merritt (Re-Appointment)	December 2011 M: Davis S: Stroud
Lenoir County ABC Board 2nd Appearance	Wiley Dawson (Appointment)	June 2010 M: Davis S: Stroud

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 the meeting adjourned 5:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager