

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 10, 2010**

The Lenoir County Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lenoir County Administration Conference Room at 101 N. Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28502.

**Voting members present included:** Mr. Russell Rhodes; Chairman, Mr. Dan Sale, County at Large; Mr. Chris Humphrey, County Commissioner; Mr. B J Murphy; Mayor of Kinston; Mr. Joe Bower, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Don Howard, GTP Authority.

**Non-Voting members present included:** Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development; Brian Lucas, City of Kinston Planning Board; Mr. Adrian King, Pride of Kinston; Mr. Alex Rickard, RPO Planner;

Also Present: Ms. Lashanda Aytch, Administrative Secretary

**Members absent included:** Ms. Treva Brigman, Mayor of Pink Hill; Mayor Woody Gurley, Town of LaGrange; Mr. Bill Whaley, Economic Development Board; Mr. Rodney Howard; Town of Pink Hill, Mr. Scott Stevens, City Manager; Mr. Joe Albright, Manager of Grifton and Ms. Leigh McNairy, Mr. Len White, and Ms. Betty Caldwell, NCDOT; Mr. Wayland Humphrey, Lenoir County Planning; Ms. Sue Powell; Lenoir County Transit, and NCDOT Board Members.

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sale and a second by Mr. Howard, the minutes of February 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.

**NCDOT Update** – Mr. Rhodes stated he was not aware that John Green Smith Road would be widened. Mr. Rhodes stated he would ask DOT officials for specific information regarding the project.

**Old Business**

**GTP Rail Spur** – Nothing new to report.

**US 70 Corridor Commission** – Mr. Humphrey stated the Commission is looking for direction for the continuation of funding for the corridor from Lenoir County. Commission members want Lenoir County to continue funding the Commission at \$25,000 per year. The Commission would like to hire a Director/Lobbyist for the Lenoir County portion of the Corridor. Mr. Rhodes stated the sub-committee for the 70 Corridor will meet and come back with a recommendation to the Transportation Committee. The Commission will be again on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Carteret Community College.

**Traffic Signal at Mt. Vernon Park Rd.** – The City Manager was not pleased with the presentation given at the last public hearing. The citizens of the community are not pleased with the recommendation of a road being constructed at the back of the cemetery. NCDOT will come back with another presentation and other recommendations; 90 vehicles must go through the intersection per hour in order to keep the traffic signal.

**Industrial Access** – The road is being worked on; ditching work to begin shortly.

**Bridge Replacement** – Mr. Murphy stated an on-site detour would be best for the entire county. In 2012 the City of Kinston will be celebrating 250<sup>th</sup> years; it would be bad to have the city cut off during that time.

**NC 11 Thoroughfare** – Mr. Rickard stated the next trip to travel the thoroughfare will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event will be a four (4) hour trip with maps of the corridor provided.

**Carey Road Extension** – Mr. Rickard stated the project is ranked #3 on the “Spot” rankings for the state, meaning the project will be placed in the 5-10 year window.

**Kinston Median Project** – Mr. Rhodes stated the project is in the design phase; surveying started last week.

**MLK and King St., Roundabout** – Golden Leaf Foundation has approved the project for grant funding; will be May or June before funds are received.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Rhodes stated the Transportation Oversight Committee will meet on April 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the distribution of money for projects; the “Equity Formula” will be discussed as well.

**Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board