

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**  
**March 12, 2015**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in a special emergency session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2015, in the Board of Commissioners' Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen Street, Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Craig Hill, Reuben Davis, Eric Rouse and Mac Daughety.

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Vickie F. King, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Robert Griffin, Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. Ms. Sutton offered the invocation and Mr. Davis led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, to excuse Vice-Chairman Jackie Brown and Commissioner Roland Best for being absent.

Mr. Hill stated, at this time the Board will go into closed session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, a closed session was entered into at approximately 10:05 a.m. with the following cited: Number 4: To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the (public body).

Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, stated, this meeting is in reference to Project Apple that I have previously spoken about. This company has been very close to all of us since 2008. We have worked very hard trying to keep them in North Carolina and they have finally found a community to construct a new facility. Robeson County has been chosen as the site for a new hatchery and processing facility. We are getting at least a \$5 million investment in Lenoir County, but it could end up being between \$8-10 million. I do not want to specify a figure because they can always do more. That is the reason the \$5 million amount is listed with a 50/50 pay back. We are excited for these folks in Robeson County because they have never had anything like this before. I am excited for them and I am excited for us.

Mr. Jarman stated, Mr. Pope is under playing his involvement a little bit, because he has worked with them on every location for their new project and the treatment of our exiting industries meant a lot to this company. They worked hard to find a location close enough to Lenoir County so that we might receive a \$20 million hatchery and a larger feed mill, but that could not be worked out. Not only does it get us this addition but we stood the chance of getting more, because they talk to other industries. Service after the sale is the reason he has done so well at economic development.

Some would say he is spending too much time with these other counties trying to help them get something. It reaps dividends for us because of the way other companies look at how we view economic development. So it's a very positive thing.

Mr. Daughety stated, skipping all the promotional stuff, the bottom line is, I would like to know what are we getting.

Mr. Pope replied, \$5 million in investments and our pay back is \$156,000 spread out over ten years.

Mr. Daughety asked, is this equating to more jobs?

Mr. Pope stated, they will have more jobs here, but they are waiting on the completion of the first agreement, because they are lacking 4 or 5 jobs from getting 100%. So right now, we are just talking about the \$5 million investment.

Mr. Daughety stated, so what you are saying is no jobs.

Mr. Pope stated, we won't announce jobs because all the jobs are listed in Robeson County. They will have additional jobs here that will put him them a little over at the feed mill site. In our previous agreement, we had jobs for each site and they lacked about four or five jobs to do what they needed to do in the existing feed mill contract. We will wait for them to finish with this one, but it will actually create more than four or five jobs.

Mr. Daughety stated, in talking to citizens about this, we usually tie incentives to job creation, but there will be no ties on this and we will only be looking at the \$5 million. Is this correct?

Mr. Griffin stated, we've actually have done a number of agreements that had no jobs included, just capital investments.

Mr. Daughety stated, when I receive it this quick, I want to make sure I have all the facts straight.

Mr. Jarman stated, we have discussed Project Apple in length when Mr. Pope bought it to us before. If you look at the tax on \$5 million, the minimum amount they are going to pay is like \$41,000 and the maximum amount you will pay that year is about \$19,000, so you can see this is favorable to you.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, and unanimous approval, the Board moved out of closed session at approximately 10:13 a.m. The meeting re-convened in open session at approximately 10:14 a.m.

Mr. Hill stated, we are back in open session at this time and I will turn the meeting over to our Economic Development Director, Mark Pope.

Mr. Pope recognized some of his partners and stated I cannot do my job without the help of them. Mr. Pope stated, it is another great day for us and we had a great opportunity to work with this company in 2008. Now, we have the opportunity again to work with them and help other communities. It's all about relationships and how we partner together. I will read a Press Release and then I will talk about what our part of the commitment is. This says a lot for Eastern Carolina. Sanderson Farms has done a lot for this community and will be doing so in other parts of our State. We want to thank Sanderson Farms, the State, and our partners for participating in this project. Mr. Pope shared the Economic Development Agreement with Sanderson Farms with the Board. We have been a partner with Sanderson Farms since they began searching for a second site in North Carolina. We all know what Sanderson Farms has meant to Lenoir County. Mr. Pope presented a Resolution to approve the Economic Development Grant Agreement with Sanderson Farms.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Rouse, the Board unanimously approved the Economic Development Agreement with Sanderson Farms.

Mr. Hill stated, I especially want to commend our Economic Development Director, Mark Pope, for maintaining a long term relationship with a company like this and working from a regional standpoint with our partners across the state. I also want to thank the State and the City of Kinston for their involvement, as well as all of the other partners in this project. It's also important to know that we have been talking about transportation and the need for our highways, roads, and rails. All of these things go along with that. I think it's another great day for us to celebrate being in Lenoir County and to celebrate the good work and people involved in this process. Our local, regional and state partners have come together to make a long term commitment for this community, and we are excited about change.

Mr. Pope thanked Tony Sears, the City Manager, the City Council, and the Mayor for being a part of this agreement with us.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie F. King  
Clerk to the Board

**MINUTES**

**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 16, 2015**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Board of Commissioners' Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Craig Hill, Vice-Chairman Jackie Brown and Commissioners, Roland Best, Mac Daughety, Reuben Davis, Linda Rouse Sutton, and Eric Rouse.

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Vickie F. King, Clerk to the Board, Attorney Robert Griffin, members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the Invocation and Ms. Sutton led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None Scheduled

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: March 02, 2015. Corrections were made to the minutes with the following noted: Upon a motion made by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown the Resolution approving Pactiv, LCC expansion was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS:**

Item No. 2 was a Resolution honoring Kendall Hill. Ms. Sutton stated, it is indeed a pleasure to be able to read a Resolution honoring such a great man as Kendall Hill.

Mr. Hill stated, this is quite an honor for the Board to consider this Resolution. I was really surprised when I received the call from Commissioner Davis, it made me feel very special. All of the things I've done, I did with the thought in mind that if the sweet potato and agriculture did good, families could do good as well. I feel we are as good of farmers as there are in the state and we can do great things. I started out early in life helping people and vegetable growers. Several young growers started a vegetable association and established a Vegetable Hall of Fame. I was the first inductee named. Several years ago I attended a Christian music concert and was moved to bring that same concert here to Kinston. I am glad this was accomplished and we were able to see it happen. Although it took us a several years to fill the high school auditorium, we are now filling it up every time we have a concert. Last night we had about 700 people in attendance. There is something that bothers me and I thought about it when I saw public comments. I should have said something at that time. I really wish someone in Lenoir County would take an interest in the Performing Arts Center building because it is nasty and filthy on the outside and is being neglected. We should remember someone went through a lot of efforts to build the facility. It's a shame because it is liked by so many musicians. I'm sure it is not being used for various reasons and funding probably has a lot to do with it. Maybe that's something the county can look into because it can be a big benefit to this county. Maybe if it had a Board to oversee things it could become a great asset to the county.

Mr. Davis congratulated Mr. Hill and his family for all the wonderful things they have done for Lenoir County. The average citizen does not realize everything given was done without desiring or wanting recognition. I thank you and you are to be commended for your services.

Chairman Craig Hill stated, I concur with Mr. Davis. I am glad you are a citizen and leader of Lenoir County.

Item No. 3 was a Resolution honoring Sue Whitley. Ms. Brown read the Resolution. Ms. Whitley stated, she appreciated the opportunity to work for Lenoir County and DSS. Ms. Moore stated Ms. Whitley was one of the two Work First Assistants and has filled a key role for the Department.

Ms. Moore introduced Ms. Tracy Chestnut her new Business Officer at DSS. We are very pleased to have her back with us.

Mr. Hill stated, to Mr. Hill and Ms. Whitley I appreciate your service and I appreciate the fact you made your home here in Lenoir County. You have done so much for yourself and your family, and when you do things for your family you do for the community as well.

Item No. 4 was a Proclamation declaring the month of March as Social Work Month. Susan Moore, DSS Director, read the Proclamation.

Mr. Hill stated, I appreciate the work Social Workers do and I know sometimes their work flies under the radar. We know there is a lot of great work going on and a lot of children and adults that have benefited from their work in this community. We appreciate their dedication and we know they are on call all the time and working when we are asleep. I hope all of our citizens will take the time to thank the Social Workers that are working in our community to make Lenoir County a better place.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution requesting the establishment of fees for rabies vaccinations. Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, stated Joey Huff could not be here this afternoon and he asked one of us to represent his Resolution. This Resolution is requesting to establish a fee of \$8.00 for upcoming rabies vaccination clinics that are County sponsored. This is done bi-annually and the \$8.00 fee we are requesting is the same fee that was done six months ago. The next clinic will be held April 28th at Riverbank Animal Hospital, Northside Animal Hospital, Five Oaks Animal Hospital, Countryview Animal Hospital, Faithful Friends Animal Hospital and the Animal Hospital of Lenoir County located in LaGrange. By statute Mr. Huff has to get this fee established. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution approving a purchase order in the amount of \$17,994.25 to Lawmen's, Inc. Sheriff Ingram, stated, we are seeking permission to purchase 15 tasers because the old X26 tasers are out dated. Currently we are to the point where all officers are not equipped with tasers because we do not have enough. Upon approval we will give the older models to the staff in the jail. By purchasing these tasers officers changing shifts will be able to transfer the tasers to the next officer on duty. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution approving appointments of citizens to boards, commissions, etc. Mr. Griffin shared how the LMH Board of Directors appointments work. He stated, the Board is not approving a primary and an alternate. This decision was a result of a law suit years ago between the County Commissioners and LMH. The agreement is the hospital will submit a primary recommendation and an alternate, if the Board accepts the primary recommendation the alternate is not approved. If you don't accept the primary recommendation then you approve the alternate. So today we are acting to approve Dr. Laddie Crisp, Jr. to the Board of Directors not both names submitted. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 7, was unanimously approved for Dr. Laddie M. Crisp, Jr.'s appointment to the Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and Joan Bannerman's appointment to the Lenoir County Board of Health.

Mr. Hill stated, Dr. Crisp does an outstanding job working on the Hospital Board. He's very open and looks at it from a holistic view point not only as a physician but as a citizen. Dr. Crisp does a good job representing the whole county. Having the expertise of a physician helps a lot. He's been a very good board member on that team. He has done a great job.

Mr. Davis stated, at one time Dr. Crisp had some impressive art displays at the Arts Council. Many of his displays were geared toward the Christmas Holidays and the downtown Kinston area.

Mr. Hill stated, Dr. Crisp also has a calendar that displays a lot of our historic buildings in town and I think some might be located at the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jarman stated, Dr. Crisp has taken some nice pictures of the Lenoir County Courthouse and his calendars are available for purchase at Dr. Crisp's office.

**CURRENT VACANCIES: Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Optometrist, (1) Member, Equalization & Review (1).**

Item No. 8 was items from the County Manager, Mike Jarman. Mr. Jarman stated, I have several items, the first is a March update video from NCACC. I will get you more information concerning upcoming meeting dates as well as the goals of the association. You will have the information available just in case you are in a situation when talking to our Legislative group one on one you can continue the conversation further. I will also send out information about the District meeting and the County Assembly Day. I won't say anything about the performance sheet and inspection report unless you have specific questions. I do have a several other items I would like to share and it may prompt some discussion. I think we need to have this discussion and I want to make sure we all are on the same page. We had a joint meeting with Lenoir County Board of Education and the meeting provided some good information. A lot of the information we requested was not received. The Board needs to know where we are in this process before we get into the budget discussion and work sessions. We will have a lot more discussion regarding the schools. We only received about half of the information we requested. We requested facility and capital needs information, information on their vehicles and school capacity. Since we did not receive a lot of the information we will send a second request to let them know what information we need. We're in a tough position with school capital funding being cut. Currently this Board does not have enough information to make an informed decision as to the funding of the schools. We received a call from Dr. Mazingo's office regarding scheduling our site visits. They suggested looking at possibly ten dates and picking one for every other week. If we consider that time frame we won't have the information or be able to look at some of the facility issues prior to the time when we need to make a discussion and have a submitted budget. We will have additional dialog so that you will be equipped to make the decision you need at the budget work session. If anybody has any questions about what we are requesting or what we did request I have that information available. I want the Board to be aware so if you run into one of their members you will know what information was requested. I feel the information we did not receive is important and needed to make decisions in representing the citizens.

Mr. Hill stated, I think our first meeting spoke or focused on the long range issues of facilities. Although some of the questions we didn't get an answer to were some of the shorter term. We need to look at how this will impact our immediate budget especially on the issues of capacity, transfers, immediate building plans, grade configuration and things like that which have an immediate impact on how we operate and how they operate as well. When they answer those questions I think that will help us as we look at the big picture both short and long range on how to address our budget moving forward. Again I will remind the Board this is a very important piece we need to look at closely because it is about 25% of our budget.

Mr. Jarman stated, as we get the information we will put it all together so you will have plenty of time for open dialog at the budget work session.

Mr. Jarman stated, the next item I have is in response to an email from Commissioner Daughety. As I was preparing a response to questions he had concerning Economic Development, I realized it was out on social media so I thought let's just publicly talk about it so everyone could hear all the information. Also there were a couple of things I was not sure what was being asked so we can have open dialog. I think it's important we're open about this and what we are trying to discuss. As I go through it if you have questions or comments feel free to ask at that time.

The first thing and I tried to pick the main points I thought you were asking:

Why if the City of Kinston isn't taking up this until their meeting Monday night was there such a need for the emergency meeting? We did inform the Board of this project, Project Apple in closed session several times. This Board has requested prior to the final decision time or prior to any kind of announcement that you know the specifics of the company and specific name so you can do what you have to do to look out for the citizen's best interest. You said you wanted the final opportunity to make sure you are looking at everything you need to. So my answer to why we were doing this is because those were the instructions we received from this Board. We had instructions that you be given the name and all specific information prior to it being announced so if somebody had an issue with it they could stop it then. Also, the city had already looked at it and approved it under a code name.

Mr. Daughety stated, that was not a criticism I was just thinking out loud wondering why we would do this and the time was so close to our regular scheduled meeting.

Mr. Jarman stated, I am fine with the questions, I just think we need to be careful with how we ask because we don't want to give the wrong message. The next question I will read the entire comment because with this one I might need some help since I was not sure with what I needed to answer.

“I agree it is not only important to make sure you retain your current great employers (we know too well from the past) but it also very important that we learn from our past mistakes and keep building and diversifying our manufacturing base. We need to build and diversify for two reasons to hedge against losing any current employers (history teaches us that) and to continue to upgrade the quality of employers and job opportunities”. I was not real sure what you were referring to but if you are referring to the past history, which is way past, like the loss of textile and tobacco, I'm not sure that our past leaders were trying just to accommodate them but they could have been, and just like High Point I don't think they were mainly just searching for furniture companies but that's a possibility. We do have issues where sometimes people come in and companies have approached us and say this is what we do and when we inform them we have a manufacturer that does the same thing they don't want to be in the area competing for the same labor pool. At the same time we have some, such as Spirit, that when you get one of their suppliers they want to cluster around them and we welcome that.

Mr. Daughety stated, basically my question is or my statement is this, when you look at the history of us and Lenoir County, when you go back to the 60's. We were doing extremely well; tobacco was really doing well; textile was doing well; we had shirt factories and DuPont. We hung our hat on DuPont at the time and we were tied to accentually three industries. All that went on and is not nearly what it was back then. We lost the textile industry due to outside factors we couldn't control. Basically that's the majority of it, DuPont left and moved away and we lost the large presence they had. Now they still have a great presence here and we appreciate that. But at peak DuPont was employing, with contractors, close to 4,000 or 5,000 people and now probably 500 or less. So the point I am trying to make here is sometimes as commissioners we should raise food for thoughts. However, this is really more food for thought. We've done a lot recently with expansions. We want to do that. We want our companies here to do well and we want to aid them in expanding. But we also have to be careful and this is what I said in the email we need to be careful and alert that we also keep a balance of expanding and taking care of existing, but not losing site of our history. Whereas if you just keep the ones you got the world is dynamic and there is no guarantee that none of these markets will change and these industries and employers will go away whether it's our fault or not. So we need to keep diversifying and keep trying to find industries that raise the wage in Lenoir County. We are a Tier One County and so even though we got some really great companies and we've done a phenomal job here of rebuilding the base and replaced the base we had to some extent. But what we have to do is not lose sight of expanding that and continue to improving diversifying the manufacturing base and that was the point I was making. That was not a criticism on anybody that was just a point I was trying to make.

This is why they need to hear this dialog and I will say there are several factors such as with DuPont, not only was it changing the product and what they made, technology is decreasing the number of employees. With that said since you grouped two of them together you also had the comment "I am concerned we are primarily focusing on manufacturer jobs". I want to address that because it goes along with what you are saying to the past and diversifying because I didn't want people to read this and think we are not because we are. Our incentives are performance based, we use the same SIC Codes, which is a criteria for what a business does and manufacturing is one aspect of it as well as warehousing distribution, as well as corporate offices, and as well as call centers, so we do a lot of things and we are not putting all of our eggs in one basket. We have not just focused on one thing, we have reached out, and we do not do incentives on retail so you don't see that. I know you mentioned something about the city, some downtown buildings, and some clusters. We do recruit and search for all entities. Mark Pope is not standing up here telling you what he does with retail, but we've had several big box retailers call us, hotels and motels. Mark has worked with the City and we have put their buildings on our website. Another example is the Elks Building. You know they pleaded with us and Mark was instrumental in connecting Jarman Construction with them. Another example is Solar Farms so we really do reach out and do various things. People don't need to think we are sitting around doing nothing.

Mr. Daughety stated, I did not mention retail but we talked about call centers and places like that which would bring large clusters of employees to downtown areas. In this county that's one of the things we could use in our downtown areas. Kinston, Pink Hill, and LaGrange need something like a call center. I think it's good we are having this exchange here because it's good for the public to hear these kinds of comments as well.

Mr. Jarman stated, I would have like to have had some exchange prior to this so it would not have been misleading. But we are working though it now. You went over to another question like call centers you mentioned we should look at that. Within the last six months, Mark has presented and I have seen 3 proposals for people to locate call centers here. So we are actively doing that and the email may have given people the impression we were not searching for that. The wording of another question struck me a little closer to home than the others. You said you were getting concerned that it has been a while since we added a medium to large industry in Lenoir County and you are hoping we are not resting on our laurels in that regard because we have a painful history that teaches us that is a failed plan. I am not too sure of the painful history you are referring to. Since 2007 we've averaged 4 announcements per year and we averaged over one new industry coming in. The good Lord has blessed this community with Economic Development even during the recession. And then the resting on our laurels, Mark received Economic Developer of the Year and he was asked to participate on the State Economic Development Board. He did not get that by resting on his laurels and I don't want our people to think that we have a employee that is kicked back because he was fortunate enough that Spirit and Sanderson Farms came here. This is why I felt I needed to share that.

Mr. Daughety stated, I am glad Mr. Jarman shared that information. I am not being critical but again was Sanderson the last new large employer?

Mr. Jarman stated, they were the largest. The last new one was in 2013, we had more than one, Strata Solar was a \$40 million investment in 2013, before that we had Crate Tech that does the packaging for Spirit in 2012.

Mr. Daughety stated, I am talking sizeable 300-400 people, when is the last time we had one of those? To me Strata is more like part-time construction jobs rather than full time major employment.

Mr. Jarman stated, when you look at this period and look at what he has done since 2007, 4,700 jobs, \$1.4 billion investment. The report card is here and can be presented at a later time. You also mentioned you think one of the reasons for the demise of downtown Kinston is the removal of the workforces to the suburbs. That may be an accurate comment, but with it in here and in regards to our economic development I don't want to mislead the public into thinking that we are not doing that because that is the way I took it. I am very aware as is this Board of Commissioners as shown. Wwhen you talked about the jail and where you were going to locate it. We looked at the cost and at lot of counties that are building government complexes outside of the city and we considered that. But if we did that it would not have been good for our city. Even with the design of our jail we did not want it to look like an institutional building we wanted it to look more like an office. We put a lot of thought into that. We spent money on DSS and the Health Department in keeping these employees downtown because we know they mean a lot. The property at Court House Square, not only did we get it where we could build the jail, but we have available space for county offices. I met with county administration, Scott Stevens was here at the time and we discussed ways that we can do things that would be beneficial to our city. We work hard to not have it be a situation where its not detrimental to the city, so I just think that open dialog is good and you are sitting here kind of grinning because you're not appreciative of what I am saying, but I'll encourage this Board to question staff, to ask us because that is how we grow we grow through the process, we improve. But the questions need to be made in such a way that it does not mislead the public, we need to be open, we need to be transparent for everybody to see. Some of this information should have been verified and more properly vetted before being presented so people will understand it better. Anytime you want to have this open discussion I will welcome it.

Mr. Daughety stated, that's the great thing about debates, you have an opinion and I have an opinion and I respect your opinion.

Ms. Sutton stated, as a Commissioner I think if we compare any other county close to our economic background and the data in it you will see we have done extremely well and I am proud of what we have done.

Mr. Daughety stated, I am proud of what we have done but we need to keep doing more.

Mr. Hill stated, I would like to address this issue and then try to bring this meeting to a close. I read the email and the email internally, I can understand the email, but when you post it on Face Book there was a piece of it that felt like it was directed at an employee. Whether it was or not when I read resting on the laurels had I been a Director of any department I would have taken that at me, and I think we need to stay out of that side of it. Maybe it was a miscommunication and I think that is the part that really took it in a different way. We all need to be careful when we are communicating publicly about what we say especially if it involves employees. Employee decisions are made through the County Managers office and not through this area.

Mr. Best stated, at the meeting he attended in New Bern last week, Lenoir County received praise and Kinston received lots of compliments. I am proud of what this county has done even before I came aboard. Mark Pope receives a lot of compliments around eastern North Carolina about the job he is doing and how he is putting us on the map.

Ms. Brown stated, the assistant principal from Contentnea Savannah School is asking for the men on this Board to come there and support the Watch Dog Program at 7pm tomorrow evening. This program is geared toward male role models in the schools and the program should last about an hour.

Mr. Hill stated this program is to increase the presence of men in the public schools.

Mr. Davis stated, this Board should do something to recognize the KHS basketball team for their fourth straight state championship and the girl's team came very close.

Mr. Rouse stated, the contractor who was working on the road (Smithfield Way) has had financial difficulties and he finally capitulated. There is no bond involved since he was a small business contractor. Now the State is going in and has to finish the road, so we probably got another six months before we see it finished. It may also depend on how quick it all comes together. They were trying to work with him to finish the project but it became very obvious that he could not do it and he finally gave it up. Also, Ms. Sutton and I along with some assistance with grammatical skills from staff member Tommy Hollowell, we have a Resolution that we would like for you to consider in support of improving the parking area at Wooding Middle School. The school is experiencing some very bad parking issues. Officers have to help with traffic on a daily basis when it is time to dismiss school. We wanted to do something to help and North Carolina Department of Transportation has come up with a plan. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Sutton the Resolution in support of NC DOT improving the parking area at Woodington Middle School was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie F. King  
Clerk to the Board