

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 21, 2011**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Monday March 21, 2011 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 Reuben Davis and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Mac Daughety, Linda Rouse Sutton, Tommy Pharo, and Eric Rouse

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, Latanya L. Green, Clerk to the Board(Interim), and members of the general public and 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.

Mr. Graham apologized for the limited space and he stated the Commissioners room has not been enlarged for many years. Most of the people in attendance were there for two specific reasons. Mr. Graham stated we will rearrange the agenda and put the hot issue at the very front of the meeting, in order to make space. First, there were two issues that needed to be addressed that were relative to the meeting.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Ms. Kay Johnson Director of Membership Services at the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce presented the Board with the Youth Town Hall Invitation for April 2, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Johnson stated she was representing Ms. Laura Lee Sylvester, whom could not attend, due to a death in the family. Ms. Johnson stated to her knowledge all the Board members had received an invitation and she hoped that all the Board members would be on the panel. Mr. Jarman asked for clarity on the invitation, because everyone was not aware that elected officials were being asked to serve on a panel at the last meeting. Ms. Johnson stated the Commissioners and the City Council are being invited to be part of the leadership academy. There are fifty youth that have been working since January 29 to learn more about civic responsibilities and how the Board can be mentors to them. Ms. Sylvester will be back in town this week and will answer any questions. Mr. Rouse stated he will be out of town at that time and unable to attend. Mr. Jarman stated the Board received a copy of the invitation at the last meeting, but it was not clear that they were asking the Commissioners to be panelist. Ms. Johnson thanked everyone and stated she looked forward to working with them. Mr. Jarman asked the Board to address Item No. 4, since issues with the chamber were being addressed.

Item No. 4 was a Resolution declaring the month of April 2011, "Think Lenoir County". Mr. Scott Crocker, Chairman of the Business and Tourism Committee for the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, presented the Board with a resolution. He stated the project started a few years ago to help encourage citizens to shop local. It shows community loyalty to

our business owners and keeps the sales tax here in the County. Mr. Pharo stated he serves on the committee. They work very hard and are doing a great job. Mr. Jarman advised the Board to take action on this by approving the resolution declaring April 2011 as "Think Lenoir County Month". Upon a motion by Mr. Pharo and a second by Ms. Sutton Item No. 4, was unanimously approved.

Mr. Graham stated the Board wished to acknowledge Ms. Rachel Delaney, who recently crowned NC State Junior Miss. Mr. Pharo stated she was the first in many categories and that qualified her to participate in the state finals. She was a finalist in the categories of fitness, interviews, and self expression. She will compete in September in Mobile, Alabama as North Carolina's representative. Ms. Delaney thanked everyone for their support and stated it has been an amazing experience. She asked the County and the City to continue to support the Junior Miss program.

### **ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS**

Mr. Graham stated this is not part of the public hearing, and there are people present to speak. At the last meeting, Mr. Bob Smith asked to speak and was able to at a later time in the meeting. We want to give everyone the opportunity to do so in regard to the Hwy 70 Median project and Mr. Graham asked for anyone, who wanted to speak, to please sign in. Mr. Graham stated since it was Mr. Rouse's proposal so he would turn it over to him. Mr. Rouse addressed the Board with a Resolution regarding the Hwy 70 Median project that states the Lenoir County Commissioners understand and gratefully acknowledge that the North Carolina Department of Transportation, in this Division, has already made every attempt to help accommodate the businesses that will be affected along the Highway 70 median project between Highways 258 South and 58 to alleviate or greatly reduce their economic loss. The Commissioners understand that these are difficult economic times and it is in the best interest of our citizens to be supportive of our local businesses with their attempts to stay profitable and retain full employment for our citizens. It is apparent to this Board of Commissioners that the Highway 70 median project, between Highways 258 South and 58, in Lenoir County continues to be controversial. The citizens of the County are fearful of losing ease of access to the businesses frequented and located along the Highway 70 Median project between Highways 258 South and 58. It was requested by the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners to the North Carolina Department of Transportation that the median project between Highways 258 South and 58 in Lenoir County not continue forward because of its potential negative economic impact on the community and affected businesses. Mr. Rouse stated a copy of this resolution has been sent to the NCDOT, the Governor, and the Legislative Representatives. This was brought up at the last Commissioners' meeting and it was to be forwarded to the Transportation Committee to be voted on, but they did not have a quorum, so it is being brought back up. Mr. Rouse stated he wanted to hear from the people who were present concerning their views, and asked if any letters had been received. Mr. Jarman stated he received two letters, one from a Mr. Wilder and one from Mr. Barrus, and they were forwarded to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Rouse asked if there were any for the resolution, and Mr. Jarman stated both letters were for the resolution, and there may have been one more but it was addressed to Economic Development. Mr. Rouse stated as an addendum to

this he will be leaving at 7:00 p.m. to attend a meeting at the City Council to ask them to adopt a similar resolution. Mr. Rouse asked for the citizens who came to speak. Ms. Susie Jenkins, owner of the Kinstonian Family Buffet, stated to her knowledge, everyone except Mr. Pharo has eaten at her restaurant. Ms. Jenkins stated that if they go through with this Median Project, this would kill her business and asked the Board to reassess their decision to vote against this. She stated that she has a poor business and serves poor and elderly people. The elderly customers would not be able to survive a turn around and there will be wrecks. Citizens can access businesses easily now and with the median they will not be able to, especially with beach traffic. Ms. Jenkins stated she was told by the DOT she would be out of business for about four months while the project is being completed. Ms. Jenkins asked how will a 70 year old elderly person be able to get to her business and how the County will lose out on sales and employee taxes that she pays. Ms. Jenkins stated she was told that she would be contacted, and has not heard from anyone, but has spoke to everyone on the Board except Mr. Davis and Mr. Rouse, who are against this. Ms. Jenkins begged the Board if they thought anything of Lenoir County, not to do this and if it is not broken, don't fix it. Ms. Jenkins stated she has been in business for many years and she appreciated everyone's business and that people 70 years old will not be able to figure out how to use the turn around. Mr. Pharo stated he is also against this and Ms Jenkins stated that she read where Mr. Daughety was for the Median Project. Mr. Daughety stated it was incorrect and at no point was he for the project and he has been an advocate on what is best for the business owners on that strip. Mr. Daughety also stated he has never told anyone that he supports the Median Project. Mr. Graham called Mr. Pearson, owner of Pearsons and Bert's Surf Shop, to address the board. He stated they his wife has been calling about this matter up until this point, and she is also available to speak. Mr. Pearson said he had been blackmailed by the DOT because there were three (3) large trees in front of his business that made it impossible to see the business sign when approaching it and was told he could not cut them down because they belong to the Highway Commission. When the Median Project came up he was told by the DOT that if he voted for the Median Project they would then cut the trees down and he felt that it was blackmail. Mr. Graham called Mr. Russell Rhodes to approach the board and he asked for all of the citizens, who were opposed to the Median project, to stand. Mr. Rhodes then stated these are the people who pay sales tax and asked the Board to support the resolution as a whole. There were resolutions to support this project, but it still left the business in harm's way. A lot of the business owners did not contact the Board early in the process because they expected the Commissioners to represent them. Mr. Rhodes stated this is the time to stand up and support Mr. Rouse's resolution. Mr. Graham called Mr. Bob Smith to approach the Board. He thanked the Commissioners for serving the County. Mr. Smith stated Hwy 70 is a very valuable asset to Lenoir County. Putting up barriers to easy access to their business, Mr. Smith states he is against. These are challenging times we live in. Today is an opportunity to support small businesses. Mr. Smith stated, this week he read in the paper that the Economic Development Director was addressing concerns about local industry incentives coming our way and the individual quoted this in the newspaper. Those who are not in favor of the Median have been said to be jumping to conclusions. Mr. Smith stated he has been in business on Hwy 70 for thirty-two (32) years, and feels it is a profitable asset. These people are his neighbors, from his shop to LaGrange, and he did not appreciate their opinions being labeled like that. The DOT said Lenoir County is unfocused, uncooperative, and difficult to work with, and they are amazed at the instability per the newspaper. Mr. Smith stated this was a compliment and they were speaking for business owners on Hwy 70. Mr. Smith stated he was called special interest. He

stated this is his livelihood and was wondering why the hurry to limit the access on Hwy 70. His question was answered at the Transportation Committee meeting that he attended. He stated he enjoyed the meeting, and saw the words U.S. 70 Corridor Commission who are the individuals that want to bypass Kinston quickly. Their desire is to bypass Kinston on the way to Morehead, then Raleigh. Mr. Smith then read information he received at the meeting stating the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission unanimously approved seeking funding for sections that have no medians between Garner and Morehead City. Mr. Smith stated he had twenty (20) years of experience dealing with Transportation about the bypass and was told they would not prosper, questions were asked and then they went on to someone else. A consultant named Kimberly Horn spoke with Mr. Smith and told him that he was thinking the wrong way. She said not to think locally, think regionally, and Mr. Smith stated based on the Census, Lenoir County has not seen it in numbers. There are people in Raleigh already working on how to put another spin on things, and that is invalid. This is an opportunity to support small business and he too does not support the Median Project. Ms. Alban Barrus stated he has property on Hwy 70 that he leases, and it will not be leased for long, if they cannot access it. There are ready mixed concrete trucks that have to get in, and with the median, they will not be able to and they won't have any choice but to move. Mr. Barrus stated the main office is in the back of the building and you can't do business if people can't get in and if this happens, he will possibly lose two tenants. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Griffin for his legal advice, because it was voted that this be referred to the Transportation Committee and in return they report back to the Board with a recommendation. Mr. Griffin confirmed it was voted to refer it to the Transportation Committee. Mr. Jarman stated on page two of the March 7, 2011 minutes it reads: Mr. Graham asked if this is a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms Sutton and Mr. Griffin stated the superseding motion is Mr. Daughety's motion to refer this to the Transportation Committee, and upon agreement the motion was carried. Ms. Brown stated it was not voted on at the Transportation Committee meeting because there was not a quorum. Mr. Graham asked when the next meeting was and Mr. Daughety, stated as the acting Chairman, the meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2011 at 8:30am. Mr. Daughety stated he has contacted all the voting members to make sure they will be present to deal with this, and other issues, and the plan is to take it up then. Mr. Graham stated procedures have been set and procedurally we should follow them. Mr. Rouse stated he respectfully disagreed and this should be voted on and we need to show these business owners support by forwarding this on. Ms. Sutton stated we need to look at not just the issue, this is a protocol we have in place. Mr. Rouse stated if one of the committees fails to meet we cannot hold this up if this happens again. Ms. Sutton stated, if we send this to them and if then they make a recommendation, it will make this stronger, and if anyone has any questions they can be answered. Ms. Sutton stated it is not a matter of anyone on this council saying they are against Hwy 70, we are saying we don't have that authority. Ms. Sutton stated she supports them 100%. They pay taxes that the county needs. For people to say they are stopping this is wrong. Mr. Rouse stated as elected officials, we need to support the citizens, it was sent down to the committee and not voted on. Mr. Daughety asked Mr. Rouse if there was a time limit set on this, which was not indicated. Ms. Sutton stated that to have this thrown on them without knowing anything about it is wrong. Mr. Daughety stated there is no one here that is against this. Mr. Graham then asked Mr. Laroque, whom was in the audience, to stop giving influence to members on the Board about how to vote and he does not go to his meetings influencing what is begin voted on while it is in session, and to please show some courtesy. Mr. Daughety stated there are procedures in place that we have to honor. It was voted on at the last meeting for a

change in leadership with the Transportation Committee because the process was not being followed. We have very good people on the committee that have been appointed to help make these decisions, and if we vote on this we are being hypocritical by not following the standard. No one said they are in favor of this project. Mr. Rouse stated we can politically wrangle this and he is just doing what the people have asked him to do. Ms. Brown stated she didn't understand why we would defer from this recommendation just because of the situation, and there are some recommendations that have been brought up two or three times. Mr. Daughety stated to his understanding at the earliest the DOT said the median will happen is May. Mr. Smith stated it would have not come up if he had not been at the Transportation Committee meeting, it was voted to have a discussion since there was not a quorum, and he was also asked to read the resolution. Mr. Daughety stated he gave him his copy of the resolution from the last Commissioners' Meeting. Ms. Sutton stated they are not the ones that make the decisions and Mr. Smith stated he looked forward to a decision. Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Rouse made a motion, he asked for a second, and Mr. Pharo then made a second. The debate had been on whether or not this goes back to the Transportation Committee or override and make a decision. Mr. Davis stated it bothers him that the people who are appointed were not in attendance to make a decision at the last Transportation Committee meeting and then it was brought back up. Mr. Graham then asked for a call to the question with a yes-Rouse, no-Sutton, yes-Davis, no-Graham, yes-Pharo, no-Brown, no-Daughety. Motion carried to refer this back to the Transportation Committee.

### **ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Item No. 2 was items from the County Manager: Mr. Jarman presented the Board with an email from Neil Lassiter at the North Carolina Department of Transportation in reference to Commissioner Brown's request for a signal at J.P. Harrison Blvd., and Tower Hill Rd. Mr. Jarman stated they had responded and stated there is a study taking place. Mr. Jarman asked the board to review the Minutes from the Kinston-Lenoir County Parks and Recreation meeting. Mr. Jarman asked the Board to check their calendar and decide on a date for the Joint Meeting with the City Council either March 28 or March 30, 2011 at 5:30pm at the conference room in the Tax Building. Mr. Daughety stated there is going to be a public hearing on the Bridges at 6:00pm on March 28 at the Visitors Center. Mr. Jarman stated if March 30, 2011 will not work he will ask for alternate dates and the Board agreed. Mr. Jarman stated he will continue to give updates on what is happening in regard to the State's Budget and with the County being able to house misdemeanants, and stated it will cost about \$800,000, but it is still in discussion. Mr. Graham asked if we are paying for juveniles and Mr. Jarman stated there is an increase in cost when they are here.

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

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: March 7, 2011

**PROCLAMATION/BUDGET ORDINACE/RESOLUTIONS**

Item No. 5 Resolution Authorizing the approval for the North Lenoir Fire Protection Association to expand its fire insurance district to all areas not incorporated in another fire insurance district within six miles of North Lenoir Station Number Three located on Kennedy Home Road. Mr. Dail stated Commissioners must approve changes in Fire Protection Districts in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 69-25.11. North Lenoir Fire Protection Association has met all requirements set by North Carolina General Statute 69-25.11 for the expansion of the Fire District and all appropriate documentation is on file at the Lenoir County Fire Marshal’s Office. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 Resolution Authorizing Emergency Repair of a D6R Dozer, by NC Industrial Equipment Inc.: \$22,000. Mr. Hollowell stated this resolution is to authorize the emergency repair of a D6R Dozer, by NC Industrial Equipment, Inc. of Oxford, NC, in the amount of \$22,000.00. (Based on reusable block, crank shaft and cylinder head). The D6R Dozer owned by the landfill is constantly moving dirt all over landfill. The dozer lost power and needed emergency repair. The landfill operations must continue; therefore, it was necessary to diagnose and repair the equipment as soon as possible. This unit was purchased in 2003 from Gregory Poole, Inc. at a cost of \$250,326.50. This is a specialized piece of equipment designed exclusively for landfill operations; therefore, the dealer was contacted to diagnose the problem. After several hours of tests, the problem was determined to be in the engine. (10,000 hours of service). Once the pins were taken out they found they needed to be repaired. This specialized piece of equipment was purchased in 2003. The Solid Waste Director requested bids for the repair from 5 vendors. NC Industrial Equipment of Oxford, NC, provided the lowest bid. A Summary of the bids follows:

ESTIMATE OF REPAIRS: Gregory Poole, Inc.	\$29,909.00
NC Industrial Equipment Co.	\$22,000.00
Carraway Truck Repair	Job Declined
Joyner’s Truck Repair	Job Declined
Road Machinery	Job Declined

Approval of this resolution will allow for the emergency repair of the D6R Dozer, the encumbrance of funds and the payment of the repair bill. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown Item No. 1 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 Resolution authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a purchase order for Construction of the Registration Area by Jarman Construction Company, Inc.: \$23,400. The Board is asked to grant permission to Lenoir County Health Department to utilize

Aid to County funds- Essential Services for renovation of the Registration area per, the contractor's proposal.

Funding Source:

Aid to County Funds:

Essential Services- Dept. Supplies- 10-5110-2900-\$23,400.00

Mr. Huff stated the renovation is to improve effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services. This is to assure patient confidentiality and compliance with HIPPA requirements and to improve patient registration efficiency. This action is necessary to prove sufficient accounting of expenditures and to comply with applicable laws. This will also help patients get in and out faster and the staff will be cross trained. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton Item No. 7 was unanimously approved. Mr. Huff stated the dangerous dog hearing went well and people were interested in hearing about the modification to install a radio control for the dog. This will help confine the dog to the backyard. Mr. Graham asked how many animals does the Kennel hold at the animal shelter and Mr. Huff stated about 32. There are plans for a new shelter and they are looking at property that can be donated.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Authorizing the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Day Reporting Center Application and Receipt of Funding from the Criminal Justice Partnership (CJPP) for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Mr. Early stated the Criminal Justice Partnership Program/Day Reporting Center is funded through the Department of Corrections. The Criminal Justice Program began in Lenoir County in 1996 and has continued since that time. The CJPP/DRC concept began in March 2007. There are several goals of the Day Reporting Center: 1) Reduce the cost to the County and State by providing an alternative community resource in lieu of incarceration; 2) Reduce recidivism by assisting offenders in becoming productive citizens by assisting offenders in obtaining GED, obtaining and maintaining jobs, and reducing drug dependency; 3) Reducing the cost of incarceration to the State and County in fiscal year 2011-12. The CJPP Day Reporting Center has worked with over 100 people in the last two fiscal years. The success rate has been 52-56% annually, far exceeding the 42% state average. Based on that rate, the savings to the county and state has been approximately \$800,000 annually vs. the cost of incarcerating those offenders. This amount is derived by comparing the cost of \$60-\$70 dollars per day to incarcerate an offender vs. the cost of participating in the DRC. In addition, the offenders become productive taxpaying citizens upon completing the program. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution A. Resolution Approving Economic Development Incentive Agreement: West Pharmaceutical Services: \$500,000. Mr. Pope stated this is a \$29 million dollar investment that will spread out of the next five (5) years. West Pharmaceutical Services located in Lenoir County in 1974 with an initial investment of approximately \$3 million. West Pharmaceutical constructed an 80,000 SF manufacturing facility to produce molded rubber pharmaceutical products. In the mid 1980's they completed an \$8.5 million expansion adding 55,000 SF and 25 new jobs. In January 2003 a tragic explosion forced the company to close its Rouse Road location. In June 2003, West Pharmaceutical Services purchased Lenoir County's

Shell Building No. 2 located at 1028 Enterprise Boulevard, Kinston, NC, and resumed operations in early 2004. In 2007, West Pharmaceuticals expanded this facility with a 30,000sf addition and invested an additional \$18 million in new non-depreciated capital investment. The company now desires to upgrade this facility into a “*world-class facility*” that represents a non-depreciated capital investment of **\$29,000,000**. Competition for this project came from locations in three other states: St. Petersburg, FL; Kearney, NE and Jersey Shore, PA. Founded in 1923, and headquartered in Lionville, PA, West Pharmaceutical is a premier partner to the pharmaceutical and bio-tech industry. They have been a corporate citizen in Lenoir County for thirty-seven years and we are fortunate to have this company expand again in our community. This “*world class facility*” will boost Lenoir County and NC’s marketing efforts tremendously in our effort to attract other bio-tech and pharmaceutical manufacturing companies. In the event that West Pharmaceuticals unable to meet the total investment, the grant will be prorated based upon the actual goals achieved. This performance will be reported to the Board on an annual basis. Agreement No. 1 with West Pharmaceutical executed June 19, 2003 will expire on December 31, 2015. The goals of Agreement No. 1 to invest \$16 million in capital investment and create 200 jobs have been fulfilled. The \$18 million investment goal of Agreement No. 2 has been met; and the creation of the 154 jobs was at 87% as of 12/31/2009. As of January 1, 2010 the assessed value of the Lenoir County facility was over \$39 million. Funding partners for this project includes the State of NC, NC’s Eastern Region, Lenoir Committee of 100 and the City of Kinston. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the appointment of Meredith-Leigh Craig, Forrest Dawson, and William W. Whittington to the Board of Equalization and Review.

<b>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</b>	<b><u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b>Board of Equalization and Review</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance	Meredith-Leigh Craig (Re-Appointment)	March 2014
<b>Board of Equalization and Review</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance	Forrest Dawson (Re-Appointment)	March 2014
<b>Board of Equalization and Review</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance	William W. Whittington (Re-Appointment)	March 2014
<b>Parks and Recreation Board</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance	Kendall W. Huffman (Appointment)	March 2014

**CURRENT VACANCIES:**

**Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (1) Pharmacist**  
**Lenoir County Planning Board – Districts One (1), Four (4) and Alternate**  
**Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy**  
**CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies**  
**Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate**

Mr. Griffin stated it is redistricting time and, this is a requirement for the County Commissioners' districts. Every ten (10) years we get a new count and have to compare the population in each of the five (5) districts. The largest cannot have more than 10% of the people the smallest has, and some balancing has to be done. It is the Boards job to decide what the districts will look like. Mr. Griffin stated it is his job to look at the legal aspects and they are complex. It is the Board's job to pick a plan for the next ten years. Mr. Griffin stated in the past the Board employed him to develop a plan and stated he does not play favorites. The process is open and he will make it available to everyone. Ms. Griffin stated once everything is complete, the board approves a plan and then it cannot be implemented until it is submitted to the U.S. Justice Department for clearance. They take about sixty (60) days. They may request additional information that may take another sixty (60) days. Mr. Griffin stated some counties hire independent firms, but he can give quicker and cheaper service and he has done the last four (4). He stated he will have a proposal at the next meeting and would like to shop for redistricting software that will make the process easier. Mr. Rouse asked if this was under his current contract and the projected cost. Mr. Griffin stated he is looking at the cost and that consulting firms charge \$20,000 and up. Mr. Davis asked if there has been a lot of shifting and Mr. Griffin stated that is something that will be looked at, especially with the flood buy out that took place from 1999-2003. The current plan did not take that into account. Mr. Jarman stated that the statistics will show the various changes and there will be some differences.

Mr. Pope notified the Board of the C-100 celebration and West Company tour on April 19, 2011.

Mr. Graham asked Mr. Daughety to chair the Transportation Committee through June 30, 2011 to get us out of this fiscal year. Mr. Garham stated that in next month we will like to look at procedure policy and content. Mr. Graham stated he will send Mr. Laroque an apology for the comment that he made at today's meeting. Mr. Rouse stated it was nice to hear public comments first. Ms. Sutton stated that the people were not aware and Mr. Rouse stated it was not handled perfectly. Mr. Daughety stated he filled in at the last Transportation Committee meeting and everyone was given the opportunity to speak including Mr. Smith, Mr. Rhodes and, Ms. Jenkins. They knew it would be sent to the Commissioners and they were given the opportunity to speak. Ms. Brown stated one of the business owners called here and stated she was told certain things were going to happen. Mr. Jarman stated not to cloud these issues. Mr. Rouse stated he will do a different resolution and Mr. Griffin stated to put the recommendation into a new form. Ms. Sutton stated it does not matter what is about, this puts us in a bad position and we are trying to

do the right thing. Ms Brown stated we need to act like adults. Mr. Daughety stated we are against not following procedure, and at the end of the day, this will be voted on by the state board. We have someone who represents the county and we do not need to lose out.

Upon a Motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Latanya Green (Interim)  
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman  
County Manager