

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 2, 2007

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 2, 2007 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 Paul Taylor and Commissioners, Claude Davis, Jackie Brown Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey, and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager; Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager; Robert Griffin, County Attorney; Lashanda Aytch, Clerk to the Board; and members of the general public and the news media.

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Griffin asked the Board to excuse him from the meeting during the information session provided by Mr. Earl Oliver. Mr. Griffin stated Mr. Oliver is his client and it would create a conflict of interest. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to excuse Mr. Griffin from the meeting during the public information provided by Mr. Earl Oliver.

Mr. Larry Moolenaar, Director of the Eastern Carolina Council (ECC), gave the Board an update regarding the council's activities. Mr. Moolenaar thanked the Board for being a member of the ECC. The council's mission is to enhance regional prosperity by providing planning, economic development and senior services to local governments and area residents. If there is a project that can be completed better as a group, it is the job of the ECC to ensure that it happens. Lenoir County has received more funding for economic development projects than any of the other nine affiliated counties. Mr. Graham asked if the ECC is following the developments of the Hwy. 70 Corridor Commission. Mr. Moolenaar stated a representative from the ECC attends the Corridor Commission meetings, but the atmosphere is very political so the ECC does not have a lot of input. The Board thanked Mr. Moolenaar for his presentation.

Mr. Earl Oliver addressed the Board regarding the evaluation of real and personal property in Lenoir County. Mr. Oliver read a prepared statement to the Board and presented documentation for the Boards review. Mr. Oliver stated he was very upset about the way he has been treated by the Tax Assessor and the Board of Equalization and Review. Mr. Graham thanked Mr. Oliver for addressing the Board and that his information would be reviewed.

Item No. 1 was Items from the Chairman and County Commissioners. No items were discussed.

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated that Sheriff Smith is having a heart catharization at Pitt Memorial Hospital. The NCACC District Meeting will be held at the Jones County Civic Center on April 4, 2007. The joint meeting with the City of Kinston will be held

on April 18, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Letter from the Pride of Kinston thanking Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation, for his hard work during the “Run for the River” festival. The Local Option Sales Tax legislation is still being discussed in the General Assembly. Legislatures are discussing grouping several tax options together for one bill.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Consent agenda.

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: March 19, 2007 | Aytch/Jarman |
| 4. | Resolution Approving Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein | Parrish/Hollowell |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Adult Health): Increase: \$280 | Huff/Hollowell |
| 6. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Child Health): Increase: \$6,630 | Huff/Hollowell |
| 7. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Adult Health): Increase: \$9,765 | Huff/Hollowell |
| 8. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Sheriff Dept: Increase: \$3,110 | Smith/Hollowell |
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PUBLIC HEARING/PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 9 was a Proclamation for Spring Litter Sweep. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Davis, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Honoring Ms. Connie Dixon. Ms. Dixon did not attend the meeting.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing the Lenoir County Health Department to Impose Fees for Colposcopy. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, stated colposcopy is a procedure for women who have abnormal pap smears. The fee is based on what the Medicaid reimbursement rate is. An initial fee of \$50.00 is due when services are provided payment arrangements are set up afterwards. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Huff if the Health Department has a relationship with the Community Health Care Center. Mr. Huff stated the Health Department has referred patients to the center. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing the payment of site prep work for the Train Track at Neuseway Park: \$8,721.76. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Installation of Security Fencing: Dudley’s Fence Company: \$6,941.62. Mr. Humphrey asked when would the new LaGrange site be open to the public. Mr. Tom Miller, Solid Waste Director, stated the site would open in mid May 2007. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. There were no current applications to present.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
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CURRENT VACANCIES:

- Lenoir County Health Board – One (1) Vacancy; (1) Veterinarian**
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy**
- JCPC – One (1) Vacancy; 1-Juvenile Attorney**
- Lenoir County Planning Board – District 1, 3, & 6**
- CJPP – Four (4) Vacancies**
- Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate**
- Lenoir County Transportation Committee – At Large Member – Business Community**

Mr. Harper would like to see financial reports from the Boards and Commissions to which the county provides funding. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Jarman to get the financial reports for the Boards review at the next Board meeting. On April 16, 2007 the Cooperative Extension Office invites the Board to attend their annual meeting. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served.

Mr. Graham stated Ms. Kathy Russell had contacted him regarding the discharge of firearms within the county. Mr. Graham formed a committee consisting of Mr. Davis, Mr. Stroud, and Mr. Harper to develop a recommendation on how to handle the discharge of firearms within the county.

CLOSED SESSION -

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 10:12 a.m. and the following cited: Number five (5). To establish or instruct the public body’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf in negotiating (i) the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other materials terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. No action was taken.

OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham Open Session re-convened at 10:34 a.m. Mr. Graham stated the Board took no action during closed session. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager