

Item No. 3.

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 16, 2012

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 P.M. on Monday, April 16, 2012 in the Board of Commissioner 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, Tommy Pharo, Eric Rouse, and Linda Rouse Sutton.

Also present were: Michael Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, and members of the general public.

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 INFORMATION

Ms. Lucy Marston, Tourism Director presented two 2012 Governor Volunteer Service Awards. The first recipient was Ms. Belinda Huggins, who volunteers countless hours at the Cooperative Extension office as a SHIP advisor. The second recipient was Ms. Debbie Chused, a volunteer on the Caswell Center Foundation Board, Lenoir Memorial Hospital Relay for Life, Boys and Girls Clubs and various other community organizations. Each recipient was presented with a letter from the Governor, a certificate and lapel pin.

Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director introduced Mr. Joel Smith, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Smith discussed the possibility of using the flood buyout property off of Hwy 70, behind the old Sports Lanes, as a disc golf location. Currently the Disc Golf Association is using Barnett Park for their activities. Because of the success of disc golf and the probability of holding tournaments, they are seeking another location. The use of the flood buyout property would allow the expansion of disc golf, and would also serve to keep the area clean, since it has been used as a dumping ground since its purchase. The Board agreed to the use of the property as described by Mr. Smith.

Ms. Sandy Landis, Arts Center Director, addressed the Board and thanked them for their support. She confirmed the value of the support they have received in the past by addressing four key areas of benefit and asked for their continued support.

Mr. Jerry Henderson with the SPCA addressed the Board and thanked them for the maintenance work that was completed at their site. Mr. Henderson gave statistics as to the

number of animals serviced at the current site, and the alternatives the animals face. Mr. Henderson stated the shelter is running out of space, the SPCA and the County were going to have to work together to find other means of housing the animals. Mr. Daughety asked if the facility that has been donated to the SPCA in the old Massey Motor Company building would be available for use as a shelter. Mr. Henderson stated due to State requirements about disinfecting the facility daily, the renovations that would be required to bring the building to code would be more than building a new building.

Ms. Susan Moore, DSS Director, addressed the Board and recognized two individuals in her department that were heading up a Community Carnival; the goal of the carnival is to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Monica Williams and Ms. Barbara Williams gave details of the Community Carnival that will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This event will be free to the public and will provide food, and information pertinent to Child Abuse Prevention. Many sponsors, both public and private are involved with the project.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Graham reminded everyone of the grand opening of the Farmers' Market for this season. This will take place on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, beginning at 11:00 A.M. There will be a brief ceremony followed by a complimentary lunch and homemade strawberry ice cream.

Mr. Rouse mentioned that other counties were preparing resolutions in support of the Marriage Amendment Act. After much discussion, it was decided to just urge everyone to vote, since the voters will determine the outcome. Mr. Pharo stated he wanted the viewing public to know he is in favor of the Marriage Amendment Act.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Jarman reminded the Board on behalf of Mr. Pope, of the C100's celebration to be held on April 26th. The Board was asked to contact Mr. Pope's office to register. Mr. Jarman informed the Board of a DOT citizen workshop to be held April 24, 2012 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the LaGrange Town Hall to discuss the possible closing of a crossing and a roadway improvement project. NCACC is holding district meetings in the month of April. Mr. Jarman asked the Board to notify him they were interested in attending. The next Budget Work Session will be held on May 7, 2012 immediately following the Commissioners' meeting. Mr. Jarman informed the Board of an invitation to attend a tea at the City of Kinston on April, 19, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. This tea is to commemorate the 250th anniversary of Kinston losing the "g" from Kingston.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: April 2, 2012
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$3,500.: Increase

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item No. 5 was a Public Hearing on the Exchange of Real Property between Lenoir County and C.S.S. Neuse Foundation. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, the public hearing opened at 4:59 P.M.

Item No. 5-A, was a Resolution Approving the Exchange of Property between Lenoir County and C.S.S. Neuse Foundation. Mr. Griffin, County Attorney, stated that whenever the County was deeded the land adjacent to the Farmer's Market, by the Harvey family, it was discovered that the building encroaches on the C.S.S. Neuse Foundation's property. In researching those boundary lines where the CSS Neuse replica was built, it encroaches on property owned by Lenoir County. Mr. John Nix, a local surveyor, and member of the C.S.S. Neuse Foundation, volunteered to look at all parcels involved and come up with a fair way trading of property to straighten property lines. Mr. Anthony Hall from the audience addressed the Board and stated he felt it was inappropriate to display the Confederate flag on property owned by the County. Mr. Griffin showed Mr. Hall a map defining the new property lines and assured him the CSS Neuse, which displays the Confederate flag, is not on County owned property. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 5-A was unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Daughety, the Public Hearing closed at 5:02 P.M.

Item No. 6 was a Public Hearing regarding the 2011 North Carolina Community Development Block Grant: Catalyst Category. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and second by Ms. Sutton, the Public Hearing opened at 5:03 P.M.

Item No. 6-A was a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds: Catalyst Category. Mr. David Harris, RSM Harris Associates, addressed the Board regarding the application. Mr. Harris stated that the funding available for this grant is money left over from a prior year, and would be a highly competitive process. The project area is located just outside the city limits of LaGrange and encompasses a portion of Spring Drive. The Town of LaGrange has agreed to supply water and sewer to the area involved if the grant is approved. The project would consist of renovating or replacing current owner occupied dwellings and the demolition of other unoccupied dwellings. This is currently a slum and blight area, and the renovations would greatly enhance the area. The grant would also provide funding to allow DOT to pave the street, which is currently no more than a path. Mr. Harris is suggesting a \$30,000 contribution from the County. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, to approve the resolution, much discussion followed. Mr. Daughety questioned whether or not the County would need to obligate \$30,000 toward the project considering the current economic outlook of the County. Mr. Jarman told the Board that the

money would have to come from General Fund Fund Balance, but had not been incorporated into the upcoming budget for FY 12-13. Mr. Davis asked what had been done in the past; Mr. Jarman stated 5% had been the County's contribution in past transactions. Mr. Graham told the Board that in the past the projects have been in predominantly African American neighborhoods, and that the County's contribution of \$30,000 might actually increase the tax base by as much as \$500,000 considering the improvements. After much discussion, it was decided that the majority of the Board would agree to a contribution of \$25,000 toward the grant. Mr. Graham made a motion to amend the Resolution to state a \$25,000 County contribution, followed by a second from Mr. Daughety with unanimous approval from the Board. Ms. Sutton then made a motion to amend her original motion to approve \$25,000 request, upon a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 6-A was unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second from Ms. Sutton, the Public Hearing closed at 5:20 P.M.

BUDGET ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Approving a Purchase Order with Brinson Home Repairs for Remodeling of the Front Lobby at DSS: \$17,050. Ms. Moore stated the money was in her budget to renovate the front lobby of DSS to allow more privacy for clients completing application for services. The project had been postponed due to the Hurricane Irene event and the OSHA visit. Mr. Rouse asked how the contractors were selected, and asked if this needed to be tabled until this job was posted on the County's website. Mr. Joey Bryan, MIS Director, stated project had been posted on the website. Mr. Daughety wanted to confirm that there was enough money in the current DSS budget to cover the cost; Ms. Moore assured the Board there was enough funding to cover the renovation. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving a Purchase Order with COECO Office Systems for Purchase of Alchemy Software: \$22,655. Ms. Moore asked permission to purchase two extra modules and 15 additional licenses, making this the final step before the entire agency goes paperless. Ms. Moore stated it would take approximately two (2) years in order to transfer every department over to the paperless system. She was asked if that would include everything, and she stated that back files would not be included in that two year time frame – that was a separate issue. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health Dept.: \$7,982.: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated funds that were placed in the Health Department's budget for the maintenance and repairs at the Animal Shelter were not completely expended in FY 10-11. The balance of unexpended funds is being rolled forward to be used as necessary for the upkeep of the Animal Shelter. Any funds unspent at the end of this fiscal year will roll forward into FY 12-13 as well. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Approving the Eastpointe Local Management Entity Personnel System being made Equivalent to that of the State of North Carolina. Mr. Ken Jones, Eastpointe Director addressed the Board and explained that new State regulations required the merging of several LME's, including Eastpointe, creating a twelve county region. The resolution will allow Eastpointe to petition the State Personnel Commission to allow Eastpointe to establish an internal system that will be substantially equivalent to the system used by the Office of State Personnel. Ms. Sutton asked if all of the employees would be able to keep their jobs. Mr. Jones explained that there would actually be more jobs available, than currently filled, but that all employees would have to go through the process of applying for their position. He said he was hopeful that all of the employees would be able to obtain employment with Eastpointe. He was also asked if the benefits would remain the same, and he said that the benefits should be equivalent to what they currently had. Mr. Graham asked if Lenoir County would still have someone in the County from Eastpointe, to which Mr. Jones said there would be one dedicated employee in Lenoir County. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second from Mr. Rouse, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Plan of Merger and Agreement Between and Among the Beacon Center, Eastpointe Human Services, and Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Navigator Software from Geospatial Technologies: \$4,140. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director addressed the Board and explained that this is the last phase in the process of implementing software that is customized to fit the needs of the County in providing specific and direct route information to EMS units. Mr. Dail stated that funding had been included in this year's budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Emergency Telephone System Fund: \$35,210.: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated when Lenoir County and Jones County hired a consultant to study the consolidation of both communication systems each county was responsible for one half of the cost. Jones County's total portion of the bill will be \$35,210, and this will allow Lenoir County to receive Jones County's portion of the expense, and reimburse the consultant. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Authorizing the Lease of 150 Desktop Computers from Dell Computer Corp., Inc. from the North Carolina State Contract NTE \$32,000. Mr. Bryan addressed the Board and explained that in April of 2008, the Commissioners approved the four year Technology Refresh Program. This program allows the County's computers to be changed out every four years, thereby allowing the operating costs to be covered under warranty for the entire four year period. This also allows the County's computers to keep up with the ever

changing technological environment. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Approving Acceptance of a Camera System Provided by the North Carolina Department of Transportation with both State and American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Funds. Mr. Bryan, Transportation Director addressed the Board and explained that NCDOT has offered to install a camera system on all of the Lenoir County Transit (LCT) vehicles, at no cost to the County. This action will provide additional safety and security to both the drivers and passengers of LCT vans. The County will need to sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to maintain and protect these assets for a seven year period. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Approving the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (DJJDP) FY2012-13 Grant Funding for Lenoir County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC): \$206,571. Mr. Hollowell stated each year the County is required to approve the application for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding. The Lenoir County JCPC met in regular session on April 9, 2012, and approved recommending to the Lenoir County Commissioners that available DJJDP funds in the amount of \$206,571 be approved for the JCPC and be allocated in FY 12-13 for the following: Structured Day Reporting Center and Restitution Program \$133,348, Parenting Matters \$35,194, Teen Court \$33,029, and Administrative \$5,000. Mr. Hollowell also explained that these are just pass through funds. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 17 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Daughety, the following second appearances were approved.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir Community College Trustee 2 nd Appearance	Jim Hardison (re-appointment)	June 30, 2012
Lenoir County ABC Board 2 nd Appearance	Emmette Taylor (re-appointment)	June 2012

CURRENT VACANCIES:

Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (1) Pharmacist
Lenoir County Planning Board – Districts One (1), Four (4)

CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies

Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

Mr. Graham adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:59 P.M.