

**MINUTES**

**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 22, 2014**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 2014, 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, Reuben Davis, Eric Rouse, and Mac Daughety.

Members Absent: Linda Rouse-Sutton

A motion was made by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Davis to excuse Linda Rouse-Sutton.

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

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 4:08 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the Invocation and Mr. Daughety led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

Ms. Marie Whaley stated her concerns pertaining to the EMS Non-Emergency Transport service closing its doors effective June 30, 2014. Ms. Whaley stated it was not a good idea for Lenoir County to place Non-Emergency Services into the hands of a private carrier. Ms. Whaley stated Lenoir County has done such a wonderful job, and the citizens of Lenoir County are familiar, and comfortable with the Non-Emergency Transport staff. Ms. Whaley stated to delete transport services is a big disappointment to the citizens of Lenoir County. Ms. Whaley stated she has a son who was involved in a car accident several years ago, and Transport Services have been very good to him. Ms. Whaley stated her son has a major brain injury, and the doctors are currently doing research to help her family with his medical issues. Ms. Whaley stated she does not feel a private agency could provide better services, and Lenoir County should not do away with the Non-Emergency Transports. Mr. Jarman stated if at any time Ms. Whaley feels she is not being treated fairly by the private agency, contact Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director. Mr. Hill stated the County has considered several options, and it was very hard to come to the conclusion to shut the services down. Mr. Hill thanked Ms. Whaley for sharing her concerns with the Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting: April 07, 2014

## **PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTIONS**

Item 2A was a Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Lenoir County Transit Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Grant for FY 14-15. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown the Board opened the Public Hearing at 4:22 p.m. Mr. Chris Harper, Transit Director, stated the Transit Department is applying for a grant in the amount of \$110,446. The Grant requires a local match share of \$55,223 and those funds will be matched by the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Program. Mr. Harper stated this grant will provide dedicated routes for employers throughout Lenoir County. Mr. Harper stated in speaking with officials of Sanderson Farms and Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, one of the things they are looking at is access to reliable transportation, which is a big problem for many Lenoir County employees. Mr. Harper stated that accessing JARC Funds would help the Transit Department to fine tune the service to employers. Mr. Harper stated Transit has never done anything like this, creating an employment related route. Mr. Harper stated this will be a great asset to Lenoir County. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, the Public Hearing Closed at 4:35 p.m.

Item No. 2B was a Resolution Supporting Lenoir County's Application for a Grant for the Public Transportation Program. Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 2B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 2C was a Resolution Authorizing Persons to Execute Required Documents for the Job Access and Reverse Commute Grant: FY 14-15. Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 2C was unanimously approved.

## **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/RESOLUTIONS:**

Item No. 3 was a Proclamation Declaring May 13, 2014, as St. Baldrick's Day in Lenoir County. Mr. Rouse read the proclamation for members of the Board and viewing public. Ms. Jean Culbreth, member of the St. Baldrick's Day Committee, stated the proclamation was very special to the committee, the Kinston Fire Department and the Lenoir County Volunteer Fire Departments. Ms. Culbreth stated St. Baldrick's is recognized as the leader in private funding for research in the fight of childhood cancers. Ms. Culbreth stated the proclamation is being dedicated in honor of two-year old Molly Jean Wade, who recently had a brain tumor removed. Ms. Culbreth echoed great appreciation to the Board, for the opportunity to share and making the proclamation possible. Ms. Culbreth stated, as of today's date, the number of volunteers shaving their heads on St. Baldrick's Day was at 100. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 3 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 4 was a Resolution Authorizing the Extension of a Copier/Printer/Scanner Lease for 24 Months: Copy/Pro/J&M Leasing: \$5,700. Mr. Dail stated the Emergency Service Department requires the use of a copier, on a daily basis for the four divisions that operate within the department. Mr. Dail stated the current copier lease expired in February 2014, and he would like to extend the lease for an additional 24 months to coincide with the County's RFP for all copying equipment. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Copier/Printer Lease: Daughety Office Equipment: \$8,167.42. Ms. Amanda Conner, Administrative Assistance with Economic Development, stated the Economic Development Department's current copier is showing signs of wear when printing materials. Ms. Conner stated color printing is needed for the department and will save the department money from having to outsource the printing of marketing materials. Ms. Conner stated she would like to extend the lease for an additional 22 months, which will coincide with the County's current copier lease program. Mr. Jarman stated this is the only color copier left in the county. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and second by Mr. Best, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Daughety, the Board unanimously approved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance appointments.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
<b>Board of Equalization and Review</b>	Walter D. LaRoque, IV <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance</b>	
<b>Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library</b>	Lloyd Moody (Re-Appointment) Mary T. Williams <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance</b>	
<b>Eastern Carolina Workforce Development</b>	Dr. Brantley Briley (Re-Appointment) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</b>	
<b>Eastern Carolina Council</b>	Elaine Patterson (Re-Appointment) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</b>	

Item No. 7 was Items of Interest from the County Manager and Board of Commissioners. Mr. Jarman shared the March 2014 Lenoir County Inspection & Permit/Inspections Report and the March 2014 Financial Performance Summary of Revenues & Expenditures. Mr. Jarman stated the next meeting will include a Budget Work Session immediately following the regular scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Jarman stated Denise Bell, Administrative Assistant with the Lenoir County Health Department, was named Professional Administrative Assistant of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hill reminded the Board of the dinner, at the Cooperative Extension Office. Mr. Hill gave his condolences to the family of Mr. Coley Little. Mr. Little was a local citizen and former basketball coach of 35 years. Mr. Hill stated Mr. Little served with the Lenoir County Parks and Recreation Department for many years and will be greatly missed by the community. Mr. Little's funeral will be on Thursday, April 24, 2014. Ms. Brown asked to be excused from the TACC 9 Program on Thursday; Mr. Daughety agreed to fill in for Ms. Brown.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Ms. Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Vickie F. King  
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By

  
Michael W. Jarman  
County Manager