

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 21, 2007

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Vice-Chairman Paul Taylor and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: Chairman, George Graham, Jr., Commissioner Chris Humphrey, and Michael Jarman, County Manager

Also present were: 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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Taylor led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown the Board unanimously agreed to excuse Mr. Graham from the meeting, who was deployed on a FEMA Mission in Kansas. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown the Board excused Mr. Humphrey who was away on business.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Lillie Sanders, President of Sanders' Service Center addressed the Board. Ms. Sanders thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to address them. Ms. Sanders read a prepared statement for the Board and the viewing public. Ms. Sanders asked for a \$1 donation from every citizen in and around Duplin County to assist with the construction and development of a four-unit apartment complex for emergency housing in Rose Hill, NC. The property will be made available to anyone in the counties surrounding Duplin County. The Board thanked Ms. Sanders for her presentation.

Dr. Lynn Turner, Chairman of the Kinston Waterfront Task Force, addressed the Board. In June 2005 Pride discussed renovations to Kinston's downtown area and Kinston's Waterfront. The taskforce has met with several people in around Lenoir County to discuss the development of the waterfront. There are 34 members of the Water Task Force, which has yielded the Kinston 8000 (The Run for the River). A partnership was developed with the North Carolina State University College of Design, which designed the concepts of the waterfront. There have been several meetings in the community to obtain input on the waterfront design. Mr. Adrian King, Director of Pride, presented a PowerPoint presentation showing areas along the waterfront and areas throughout the town that the taskforce wants to be re-designed. The task force would like a pedestrian bridge constructed as well. The bridge will cross over the Neuse River and into the Neuseway Nature Center. The bridge will serve as a major tourist attraction for the area. The taskforce is looking for an artist to design a pedestrian bridge.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

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

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Hollowell reviewed the letter from the Chamber of Commerce for the Wake up Lenoir County Breakfast Series on June 5, 2007. Mr. Jarman has solicited Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, Roger Dail, Director of Emergency Services and Joey Huff, Health Director, to address the public at the meeting.

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: May 7, 2007 Aytch/Jarman
 Closed Board Meeting: May 7, 2007 Aytch/Jarman
 Budget Retreat Meeting: May 7, 2007 Aytch/Jarman
- 4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$451: Increase Jones/Jarman
- 5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Deep Run Water Sewer: District Operating: \$3,500: Increase Hollowell/Jarman
- 6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Transportation: Transportation Administration: \$7,420.28: Increase Bryan/Hollowell
- 7. Budget Ordinance Amendment: State Controlled Substance: Sheriff Controlled Substance: \$8,500: Increase Hollowell/Jarman
- 8. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General: Process Funds: \$9,000: Increase Hollowell/Jarman
- 9. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Scrap Tire Disposal: Tire Disposal: \$16,900: Increase Hollowell/Jarman
- 10. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Insurance Fund: Employee Insurance: \$240,000: Increase Hollowell/Jarman

PUBLIC HEARING/LENOIR COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

Item No. 11 was a Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2007-08 Lenoir County Submitted Budget & Introduction of Fiscal Year 2007-08 Lenoir County Budget Ordinance. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown the Board opened the public hearing at 4:29 p.m. Dr. Terry Cline, Superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, addressed the Board. Dr. Cline stated the Schools budget has been cut by 18%; and is requesting additional funding to help Lenoir County Public Schools. The Schools have been unable to hire the additional teachers. The School Board has presented written justification requesting additional capital outlay and school technology funds above the funds previously requested. In FY 00-01 the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners budgeted \$625,000

for capital outlay and \$250,000 for school technology. The schools have not received any capital outlay monies since FY 01-02, and have not received any technology funds since FY 02-03. Dr. Cline stated the funds are needed to better educate the children of Lenoir County. Mr. Taylor asked how 18% of the schools revenues were lost. Dr. Cline stated 300 students were lost with the opening of the charter schools in the county. Student-teacher ratio has been low as well and schools are still excelling. It has been very hard on the school system for several years. There were no other comments made by the public. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown the public hearing closed at 4:36 p.m.

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Item No. 12 was a Proclamation to Designate the Week of May 20-26, 2007 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Dail stated the proclamation recognizes the hard work of all EMS workers throughout the state. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Proclamation: Emergency Medical Services for Children Day. Mr. Dail stated children have to be educated on fire safety and all other health issues. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Approving Contracting with PBS&J to Write a Debris Management Plan: \$7,000. Mr. Dail stated Lenoir County is subject to disasters, both manmade and natural. With the occurrence of these disasters, debris is a major issue that has to be dealt with by the county. To better position Lenoir County for reimbursement from the federal government, the county needs to have a debris management plan in place. Past history has show that the county has taken up needed landfill space during disasters. PBS&J have staff on board that have worked with state and federal governments with debris management and can write a plan that covers the county's cost. The county has to have pre-event plans in place in times of disasters. Ms. Stacy Roberson of PBS&J addressed the Board. Ms. Roberson stated a debris management contract will identify the contractors that will be hauling, monitoring, etc., to keep as much debris out of the landfill as possible. Everything will be in place; this plan will offer the county piece of mind during any disaster. Contractors will not have to be contacted during the disaster, one contact person will be established and will alert the others of what needs to be done though out the county. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of EMS Protective Pants: \$8,000. Mr. Dail stated the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) mandated a Blood Born Pathogen Standard in 1999. The standard mandated all EMS employees to be compliant to the standard while extricating patients from vehicles. The EMS department purchased compliant jackets earlier in the budget year. According to the standard, an EMS responder must also wear compliant pants while treating patients during rescue operations. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper, and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Approving the Naming of a Crossroad in Lenoir County. Mr. Hollowell stated on April 16, 2007, Ms. Audrey Stroud Powell of 4095 Bob Stroud Road, Pink Hill, NC addressed the Board concerning the naming of a crossroad. On May 7, 2007 a public hearing was held during the Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting to hear comments on renaming the crossroads. There were no comments against the renaming and one comment for. After approval by the Board of Commissioners the request will be given to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for approval as well. The final decision to rename any bridges, roads or crossroads in Lenoir County rest with NCDOT. Mr. Dail recommended the request go before the

Lenoir County Planning Board for research in locating any Crossroads by the same name. The Item was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Item No. 17 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Superior Plastering for the Exterior Finish of the Lenoir County Visitor's Center: \$15,665. This resolution authorizes the installation of EIFS System (stucco) at the Lenoir County Visitor's Center. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 17 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Finance: \$90,875: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated this is a clean-up amendment projecting out were the county will be with revenues at June 30, 2007. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Automated Data Processing (ADP) Equipment and Vehicles from the Work First (TANF) Block Grant: \$121,600. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services (DSS), addressed the Board. Mr. Jones stated Lenoir County would under-spend the Cash Assistance Allocation from the Work First (TANF) Block Grant by more than \$125,000 this year. These are 100% Federal dollars that, if left unspent, the monies will be reverted back to the State. The Department of Social Services (DSS) has requested and received approval from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Controller, to direct charge to the TANF program, four (4) vehicles with an estimated cost of less than \$25,000 each and twelve (12) laptop computers with an estimated cost of \$1,800 each. Child Protective Services Investigators or Work First Social Workers will use these vehicles and computers. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 20 was a Resolution Approving Grant Funding from the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: \$212,712 for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Mr. Jones stated The North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention partners with Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPC's) in each county to galvanize community leaders, locally and statewide, to reduce and prevent juvenile crime. The JCPC board members are appointed by the county Board of Commissioners and meet monthly in each county. DJJDP allocates approximately \$23 million to JCPC's across the State. Funding is used to subsidize local programs and services. Funding for Lenoir County in FY 07/08 is estimated at \$212,712. The Lenoir County JCPC has the responsibility to review the needs of juveniles in the county who are at risk of delinquency or who have been adjudicated undisciplined or delinquent; to review the resources available to address those needs; to prioritize community risk factors; and to determine the services needed to address those problem areas. The Lenoir County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council met in regular session on May 1, 2007 and unanimously approved recommending to the Board that available DJJDP's grant funds be approved to fund the 8th Judicial District Structured Day Program, Teen Court, Psychological Services, Family Preservation Lenoir County & Parent Training, and JCPC Administration Expense. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 20 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 21 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. There were no current applications to present. Mr. Harper requested the term expiration dates of committee members for the next Board meeting.

<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; ETJ Position**
- 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**

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 5:02 p.m. and the following cited: Number four (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County. No action was taken during closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown Open Session re-convened at 5:19 p.m. Mr. Taylor stated an economic development project was discussed, the Board took no action during closed session. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager