

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 4, 2007

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 4, 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, Jr., Vice-Chairman Paul Taylor and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael 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.

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. Jarman updated the Board on the Welcome Center. The county would fund a full-time position, to help operate, manage, and staff the facility. The center is a county owned facility and the county will be required to pay future maintenance costs associated with the center. If future expansion of the facility were warranted, the County would request assistance from the City. The City will pay operating cost associated with the facility, which includes utilities, printed materials, office supplies, Internet access, and janitorial supplies. This cost is estimated to be \$18,000 per year; future funding will become part of the budget process. The City will also provide part-time staff up to 1560 hours per year (or 30 hours per week) and invoice Tourism Development Authority on a quarterly basis for actual time spent at the Visitor's Center up to \$15,000 per year. Mr. Humphrey asked if the county could ever sell the building being that grant monies were used to purchase the building and land. Mr. Jarman stated he would research and return with an answer. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the "Wake Up Lenoir" Breakfast Series on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 7:15 a.m. at Vermilion's. Judge Beth Heath has invited the Board to a meeting on Domestic Violence on June 12, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the County Commissioners' meeting room.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Russell Rouse of R & R Lawn Maintenance addressed the Board. Mr. Rouse distributed a packet of information for the Boards review prior to the meeting. Mr. Rouse stated he wanted the Board to be aware of what he perceives as unfair behavior on the part of the Lenoir County School Board, during the bid process for maintenance contracts. Mr. Graham stated the Board of Education is an elected Board, they have there own procedures and policies to adhere to. All decisions pertaining to schools lie with the Board of Education. Mr. Rouse stated he just wanted the county and the citizens to be aware of the monies being spent by the school system on lawn care for the new schools.

Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director addressed the Board regarding the recent tuberculosis (TB) case in Lenoir County. Mr. Huff stated there has been an individual identified as having an active case of TB. The gentleman attends school at Lenoir Community College, so far 101 individuals have been identified as being around the individual in question; only 73 individuals have been tested to date. The individual is doing very well and is free to be around the public. Mr. Huff commended the Health Department employees for their hard work involved in combating this issue.

Item No. 3 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health: (Adult Hlth): \$3,941: Increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Humphrey, Item No. 3 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Graham requested that all department managers be given a time to update the Board on the activities of their respective departments. Mr. Jarman stated he would make the arrangements.

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 21, 2007
Closed Board Meeting: May 21, 2007 Aytch/Jarman
4. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein Parrish/Hollowell
5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$1,730.53: Increase Jones/Hollowell
7. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Vehicle Replacement Fund: Vehicle Replacement: \$20,271: Increase Hollowell/Jarman
8. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$121,600: Increase Jones/Jarman

LENOIR COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE

Item No. 9 was the introduction of the Lenoir County Budget Ordinance. Mr. Graham stated the budget ordinance becomes the Board's operational tool for the FY 2007-08. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was approved by a 6-1 vote, with Mr. Humphrey dissenting. Mr. Humphrey would like an update on how each industry is performing in the county from an economic development standpoint. Mr. Pope stated the best time to acquire this information is in September when the information is normally generated.

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Item No. 10 was a Proclamation Honoring Social Service Employees; Ms. Brown read the proclamation aloud for the Board and members of the viewing public. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11A was a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Purchase: Terex TC-400 Trashmaster Landfill Compactor: \$449,331. Mr. Hollowell addressed the Board. Mr. Hollowell stated the Board is asked to waive the bid process and approve the "piggyback" purchase of one (1) new Terex TC-400 Trashmaster from Road Machinery Services Inc. of Statesville, NC at a cost of \$449,331 plus applicable tax in accordance with formal proposals received by The United States Department of Defense, Defense Supply Center, and Marine Corps Headquarters, on January 10, 2007 and awarded by the United States Department of Defense, Defense Supply Center, on March 7, 2007 in a purchase order contract.

The “piggyback” bid methodology is less expensive to utilize than the formal bid process because inflation has not set into the price structure and will allow a much faster turn-around than the formal bid process to replace much needed equipment. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 11A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Solid Waste Management: Landfill: \$449,331: Increase. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 11A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property by Auction. Mr. Hollowell stated the County has a small inventory of various vehicles that have outlived their useful life. These vehicles are no longer of use to any County department and there are no plans to put them back into service. In accordance with procedures set forth in G.S. 153A-176, the County Manager’s Office is requesting the approval of the Board to sell the vehicles by auction on GovDeals.com within the next 90 days. Proceeds resulting from the sale, less expenses, will be appropriated to the Vehicle Replacement Fund. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Approving the Naming of a Crossroad in Lenoir County. Mr. Jarman stated the Planning Department has been consulted and there are no other crossroads in the county named Stroud’s Crossroads. In the future the Lenoir County Planning Department will handle any type of road or bridge naming request. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Graham the Board approved having a formal presentation made to Leo Harper’s family when the bridge request is approved by NCDOT.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. Mr. Harry T. Williams has resigned from the Lenoir Community College as an appointee – Mr. Graham stated he has an applicant for the position vacated by Mr. Williams.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County ABC Board 1st Appearance	James “Bill” Taylor. (Re-appointment)	June 2010
Home and Community Block Grant Advisory Board 1st Appearance	Tammy Dawson Susan T. Hill Mary T. Williams (Re-appointment)	June 2010
Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board 1st Appearance	Debbie Beech Burrell Bruce Parson (Re-appointments)	June 2009
Lenoir County Board of Social Services 1st Appearance	Dorethea Branch John “Keith” Sylvester (Choose One Applicant)	June 2010

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Taylor, the public hearing relative to application by Lenoir County for funding under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended opened at 9:57 a.m. Mr. Larry Moolenaar of the Eastern Carolina Council addressed the Board. Mr. Moolenaar stated the Department of Community Assistance (DCA) has made \$1 million available for a small business development grant. Counties that are eligible to apply for this grant are Tier 1 and 21st Century Counties; Lenoir County is one of those eligible counties. The requirements for the grant are as follows: Tier 1 or 21st Century County, the focus has to be on existing businesses and jobs for low to moderately income individuals, the business has to be in existence for at least two (2) years with less than 100 employees, project timeframe is 24-30 months, one job must be created for every \$25,000 granted to the industry. Lenoir County has to be the applicant for the grant on behalf of the industries. The Eastern Carolina Council will apply for the grant on behalf of the county and represent the industries chosen to receive the grant at a cost of 15% of the monies funded. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Eastern Carolina Council to write the grant to DCA. With no further comments the public hearing closed at 10:09 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 10:10 a.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. Several economic development projects were discussed. No action was taken during closed session.

OPEN SESSION AND RECESS

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown Open Session re-convened at 10:52 a.m. The Board will recess until 4:00 p.m. to discuss an economic development project. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis the Board recessed until 4:00 p.m. Meeting recessed at 10:55 a.m.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioner re-convened in open session at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director addressed the Board. Mr. Pope presented a Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant Agreement: Goldsboro Milling Company: \$27,000. Mr. Pope stated Goldsboro Milling would create 10 new jobs over the next 3 years; the county will pay \$9,000 per year based on job performance. Goldsboro Milling Company has been in operation in Wayne County since the early 1900’s. It began as a family operation in downtown Goldsboro; the company will expand its operation to Lenoir County with plans to construct two (2) 60,000 square foot buildings on NC 11 North to be used for storage warehouses. The total investment will be \$2.3 million. As with previous grants, this grant will be performance-based. In the event that the owner is unable to meet the total investment goals, the grant will be prorated based upon the actual investment. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the performance-based agreement with Goldsboro Milling: \$27,000. Mr. Ricky Hart of Goldsboro Milling thanked the Board for the performance grant. Mr. Hart stated he hopes this sparks further growth for the company and looks forward to working with Lenoir County. The plant should be operational by September 1, 2007. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham the Board adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager