

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 2014

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 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, Mac Daughety, Reuben Davis, Eric Rouse, and Linda Sutton.

Members Absent: None

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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the Invocation and Mr. Best led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: June 02, 2014.
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund \$610: Increase: To appropriate additional property tax revenue received by the county as a result of a business personal property tax audit conducted by County Tax Services, Inc.
3. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein.

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

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 4 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment for Adult Health-Family Planning: General Fund: Health Department: \$2,678: Increase. Mr. Huff, Health Director, stated funds will be used for support of clinical services during the period of June 1-29, 2014. Mr. Huff stated local health departments receiving additional performance based funds shall use those funds to purchase birth control supplies. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution requesting the approval of a purchase order to Miracle Recreation Company in the amount of \$5,375.41. Mr. Ellis, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the playground equipment at Bill Faye Park and Neuseway Nature Park is in need of repair. Mr. Ellis stated the equipment was built approximately 12 years ago, and is now out of warranty. Mr. Ellis stated two slides and three decks need to be replaced. Mr. Ellis stated Miracle Playground Equipment Company is the only vendor that can replace the needed parts. Mr. Ellis stated the equipment has served thousands of youth and needs to be repaired as soon as possible. Mr. Ellis stated the County Recreation division will replace the equipment, and this purchase order is for materials only. Upon a motion made by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution authorizing the emergency repair of a D6R Dozer in the amount of \$5,774. Mr. Miller, Landfill Director, stated during a routine check of equipment, he found diesel fluid in the antifreeze. Mr. Miller stated he immediately took the equipment out of service, and contacted Joyner's Repair. Mr. Miller stated to prevent further damage, the dozer was parked until the problem could be evaluated. Mr. Miller stated Joyner's Repairs diagnosed the problem to be cracked injection cups. Mr. Miller stated Joyner's recommended replacing the injectors because they were severely worn. Mr. Miller stated the dozer is an essential piece of equipment at the landfill, so the emergency repair is necessary. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution approving a maintenance contract with Charles Hughes Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$3,296. Ms. Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, stated Cooperative Extension wishes to enter into a 1 year contract to provide grounds maintenance. Ms. Kelly stated Charles Hughes Construction has provided quality lawn care and landscape maintenance for the past eight years, and the price has not changed. Ms. Kelly stated Cooperative Extension have been very pleased with their service and wishes to continue the contract for another year. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution to approve a computer lease agreement with NC State University in the amount of \$4,293. Ms. Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, stated Cooperative Extension converted to the Mac Computer lease System in 2007. Ms. Kelly stated the lease program is the best way to keep their agency aligned with the University in the most cost effective manner. Ms. Kelly stated the agency will install 14 new Mac Minis and one Mac Laptop. Ms. Kelly stated the agreement will include installation, training, University technical support, and any potential repair. Ms. Kelly invited everyone to attend the Business After Hours Event at the Farmers Market tomorrow, June 17th from 5:30-7:00. Ms. Kelly stated they will have entertainment and will recognize contributors at that time. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution approving the appointment of Tax Collector and Tax Assessor for a term of 4 years. Mr. Parrish, Tax Administrator, stated each county is charged to appoint a Tax Collector on or before July 1st. Mr. Parrish stated the term previously approved by the Board was four years. Mr. Parrish stated he has served as Lenoir County Tax Collector and Tax Assessor for the past 10 ½ years. Mr. Parrish stated this was a requirement by General Statute that a Tax Collector serve a term not less than two and not more than 4 years. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution approving the FY14-15 Pay and Position Classification Plan. Mr. Jones, Human Resources Director, stated the Pay and Position Classification Plan shows current positions, salary grades and minimum/maximum salaries of current positions. Mr. Jones stated the plan complies with the State Human Resources Act, and the County Personnel Policy requirements. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution approving the execution of a contract with NEOGOV in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Jones, Human Resources Director, stated NEOGOV will provide the county with an online application management system. Mr. Jones, stated the system is designed to automate and streamline the recruitment, applicant evaluation, and the selection process. Mr. Jones stated NEOGOV will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the hiring processes. Mr. Jones stated they are very excited about the software, as it will improve the Human Resources operation. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution approving the lease of copiers and a wide format scanner from COECO in the amount of \$9,500. Ms. Rich, Register of Deeds, stated NC General Statutes require the Registry to be able to furnish copies to the general public. Ms. Rich stated the copier will allow the public, attorneys, and office staff to make the necessary copies needed for everyday work requirements. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution approving an indexing services contract with COTT Systems in the amount of \$26,500. Ms. Rich, Register of Deeds, stated COTT Systems has provided the Register of Deeds with the highest level of support and services for many years. Ms. Rich stated the indexing of real estate documents, marriages, births, and deaths has allowed the Registry to place many records on a computer for easy accessibility. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: for the purchase of 4 new vehicles and 12 tablets: \$112,000: Increase. Ms. Moore, DSS Director, stated the Department of Social Services has some Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) money available.

Ms. Moore stated the Board approved the purchase of the vehicles and tablets on June 2, 2014, Item #8. This Budget Amendment is to appropriate the funds for the purchase into the appropriate expenditure lines. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Fire District Funds: \$72,380: Increase. Ms. Martin, Finance Officer, stated this amendment is to adjust budgeted revenue and expenditures to more accurately reflect actual revenues and expenditures for the Fire Districts for the end of FY 13-14. Ms. Martin stated this is the first year for the State collecting vehicle tax and tags together, and there was no history for budgeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Fire Protection: \$126,184: Increase. Ms. Martin, Finance Officer, stated this request is to appropriate funds to cover estimated revenues and expenditures for all fire districts for the remainder of FY 13-14. Ms. Martin stated the amendment is a revenue adjustment for both property and sales tax in those districts. Ms. Martin stated this will bring budget to actual figures close to where we are so that we're not overspent at the end of the year. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 17 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General/Employee Insurance/Vehicle Replacement/Federal Seized Property Controlled Substance/ Tire Disposal/Solid Waste: Finance: \$1,102,369: Increase. Ms. Martin, Finance Officer, stated this amendment is to adjust budgeted revenue and expenditures to more accurately reflect actual revenues and expenditures for eleven months of FY 13-14. Ms. Martin stated this amendment will bring the revenue and expenditure lines more in line with what they actually are at this point in the fiscal year. Ms. Martin stated we are getting closer to the end of the year and we do not want to be over budget on any of the lines. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 17 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Resolution declaring property as surplus and authorizing the sale of the surplus property by auction. Ms. Martin, Finance Officer, stated the county acquires various properties over a period of time through tax foreclosures. Ms. Martin stated some of the properties have structures on them and some are vacant lots. Ms. Martin stated these two lots have been foreclosed on by the Tax office and we are putting them on the website hoping someone will purchase them. The County can then place the property back on the tax records. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution authorizing the issuance of blanket purchase orders for the Board of Elections for FY 14-15 in the amount of \$54,700. Ms. King, Board of Elections Director, stated the purchase orders will allow the Board of Elections to purchase the supplies and services needed to operate the department. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 20 was a Resolution authorizing the issuance of blanket purchase orders for Lenoir County Transit for FY 14-15 in the amount of \$126,200. Mr. Harper, Transit Director, stated the purchase orders will allow Transit to operate more efficiently by having vendors in place when the need for the service arises. Mr. Harper stated the Transit Department is still utilizing the dual vendor model for repairs to vehicles. Transit contracts with Squires Automotive/Generators and Moody's Garage. Mr. Harper stated the purchase orders will cover items, such as CTS Software, that ties in with the tablets and the new computer system. Mr. Harper stated the software is used for the auto scheduling of trips. Ms. Sutton asked how the new system was going? Mr. Harper stated they had to go through some growing pains, because the new system uses GPS coordinates, and if you did not have the address entered 100% correctly, it threw the scheduling process off. Mr. Harper stated now it's working much better, they are getting better rider data than before, paper cost has gone down, and passengers have gotten use to it. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 20 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 21 was a Resolution authorizing Lenoir County to withdraw from the North Carolina's Eastern Alliance. Mr. Jarman, County Manager, stated that in 2013, the NC General Assembly stipulated in the Budget Bill that the rural economic development partnerships across the state be dissolved by June 30, 2014. Mr. Jarman stated he had a lot of discussion regarding the Eastern Region with others. Mr. Jarman said the State was looking at forming a public/private partnership for economic development. Mr. Jarman stated they were also talking about dividing the State into 8 prosperity zones. Mr. Jarman stated, at this time we do not know the locations for the prosperity zones and the effect of operating under a non-profit arrangement. Mr. Jarman stated the Eastern Region has created and put in place the Eastern Alliance, and the Alliance will be the non-profit for economic development in the region. Mr. Jarman stated, as we move forward, we have to look at economic development from a regional prospective. Mr. Jarman stated we have to look at a lot of things from that prospective, but at the same time he feels strongly about his decision. Mr. Jarman stated most of the other counties seem to be staying in the Eastern Alliance. Mr. Jarman stated his recommendation to the Board is we get out, because there are not any statistics or success stories as of yet. Mr. Jarman stated if we get out, there is a percentage of money that would come back to the county, and that equates to what we would pay for dues for the next five years, \$27,200. Mr. Jarman stated, if we get out, we would get \$136,000, and if we stay in our dues are paid for five years. Mr. Jarman stated the value of \$27,200 is the same rather we're taking it from property taxes or money they already have in their hands, it is still \$27,200.

Mr. Jarman stated he did not think the Board wanted to spend \$27,200 just to be a member; therefore, it is his recommendation to withdraw. Mr. Jarman recommended we get the money back and see what the State is doing with the new Department of Commerce, and see the locations of the new prosperity zones. Mr. Jarman stated we may find ourselves wanting to pay the membership dues, and get back in. Mr. Jarman, stated at this time, he did not have enough information to look at the Board and say he is 100% behind the fact the Board needs to spend our money that way. Mr. Hill stated he has been bringing the Board in on this for quite some time. Mr. Hill stated if the Board decided to get back in, it is his understanding, based on their current by-laws, it would be possibly at 40 cents per capita rather than 30 cents. Mr. Hill stated it might cost additional money if the Board made that decision. Mr. Hill stated the fundamental question he has for the Board is from the early 90's until 2014, what have we spent and what have we received from the Eastern Region. Mr. Hill stated we already know we don't have State funding in the Eastern Alliance and we would have to rely on the private sector to join. Mr. Hill stated with an expanded Board that will move from County Reps to as high as 25 people, a private citizen can buy a seat on that Board, so we need to understand the dynamics. Mr. Hill stated that puts the county in some competing issues. Mr. Hill stated there are a lot of issues out there. Mr. Hill stated that he would recommend the Board go along with the County Manager's recommendation in adopting the Resolution to withdraw at this time from the Eastern Alliance. Mr. Davis asked which counties have committed and which counties are out? Mr. Hill stated the only County that he knows that has pulled out is Duplin and they made a decision to go to the South Region. Mr. Hill stated Pitt has not committed and Onslow has not committed. Mr. Hill stated we are committed to working with all of our partners in the Region and this is very similar to what the County went through with ECC. Mr. Hill stated if we added a marketing person just for our County, could we get more out of that than this. Mr. Jarman stated he thinks some people view it as we get membership for free for five years, but the cost is still the same. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 21 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 22 was a Resolution authorizing FY14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Court Facility/Public Buildings Department in the amount of \$183,119. Mr. Wiggins, Maintenance Director, stated the resolution will allow the encumbrance of funds approved in the FY14-15 budget, and the eventual payment for services billed. Mr. Wiggins stated maintenance did not incur any increases with the contractors this year. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 22 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 23 was a Resolution authorizing the issuance of blanket purchase orders for yearly software/hardware maintenance for the MIS Department in the amount of \$221,093. Mr. Bryan, MIS Director, stated Lenoir County has many software maintenance obligations that allow the County's services to continue. Mr. Bryan stated the contracts allow for MIS to receive upgrades, place service calls, and allow use of the software. Mr. Bryan stated without these service contracts, any software/hardware malfunction or failure, would cause that service to no longer be available to anyone in the County.

Mr. Bryan stated this would place us in the position of not having anyone to call to repair the application. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 23 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 24 was a Resolution authorizing FY14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Emergency Services/Emergency Management Department in the amount of \$47,700. Mr. Dail, Emergency Services Director, stated maintenance contracts and service contracts allow EMS to receive upgrades and place calls for service at no additional cost to the county. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 24 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 25 was a Resolution authorizing FY 14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Emergency Services/Communications Division in the amount of \$93,376. Mr. Dail, Emergency Services Director, stated maintenance contracts and service contracts allow EMS to receive upgrades and place calls for service at no additional cost to the county. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 25 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 26 was a Resolution authorizing FY 14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Emergency Services/Communications Division/Emergency Telephone Fund in the amount of \$194,412. Mr. Dail, Emergency Services Director, stated maintenance contracts and service contracts allow EMS to receive upgrades and place calls for service at no additional cost to the county. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 26 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 27 was a Resolution authorizing FY 14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Emergency Services/EMS Division in the amount of \$567,967. Mr. Dail Emergency Services Director, stated maintenance contracts and service contracts allow EMS to receive upgrades and place calls for service at no additional cost to the County. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 27 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 28 was a Resolution approving tower remediation work at tower sites with Gately Communications at a cost of \$19,182. Mr. Dail Emergency Services Director, stated for the past two years, Lenoir and Jones County officials have been discussing and implementing a merger of the Jones County E-911 Center with the Lenoir County E-911 Center. Mr. Dail stated radio towers are required to meet certain specifications in order to pass inspection. Mr. Dail stated in order to meet the minimum specifications of Rev G Classification II, remediation work is required at the two tower sites. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 27 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 29 was a Resolution approving provider agreements for subsidized day care for the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$2,538,945. Ms. Moore, DSS Director, stated in order to receive payments from DSS, providers must abide by state and federal regulations. Ms. Moore stated this will be a one year agreement, renewable with modifications annually, subject to acceptable performance of the individual providers.

Ms. Moore stated this is one of the programs the Legislature is looking at very closely, trying to decide how to disperse the funds, and whether or not to increase the parent fee by 10%. Ms. Moore stated parents currently pay 9% of their gross income as their part of the cost. Ms. Moore stated this program supports low income working families. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 29 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 30 was a Resolution approving the Lenoir County Home and Community Care Block Grant funding plan with the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$545,766. Ms. Moore, DSS Director, stated Home and Community Care Block Grant funds provide essential services such as meals, in-home aide care, operation of local senior centers, adult day care services, and transportation for the elderly population of Lenoir County. Ms. Moore stated HCCBG funds are 90% Federal and State funds and require a 10% County match. Ms. Moore stated the bulk of this money goes to the Council on Aging for some of their services and level 1 in-home services. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 30 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 31 was a Resolution authorizing FY14-15 service contracts and purchase orders for the Department of Social Services in the amount of \$1,438,138. Ms. Moore, DSS Director, stated the purchase orders will allow encumbrance of funds approved in the FY14-15 budget and the eventual payment of services as billed. Ms. Moore stated the only one that had a significant increase was for temporary staffing to help with NC FAST implementation. Upon a motion made by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 31 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 32 was a Resolution approving the purchase of equipment, services and supplies for the Lenoir County Detention Center in the amount of \$897,134. Sheriff Hill, stated the Detention Center has been very pleased with the equipment, services and supplies offered by these vendors in the past years. Mr. Hill stated he wished to continue with their service during this fiscal year. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 32 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 33 was a Resolution approving the purchase of equipment, services and supplies for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$225,701. Sheriff Hill, stated the Sheriff's Department has been very pleased with the equipment, services and supplies offered by these vendors in the past years. Mr. Hill stated he wished to continue with their service during this fiscal year. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 33 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 34 was a Resolution approving FY14-15 blanket purchase orders for the Health Department for clinics and services. Mr. Huff, Health Director, stated the Health Department utilizes various vendor and suppliers for medical supplies, office supplies, and contracted services. Mr. Huff stated the purchase orders will allow the health department to simplify purchasing during the fiscal year. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 34 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 35 was a Resolution approving citizens to boards, commissions, etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Davis, Mr. Edward Mills was appointed to the Lenoir County ABC Board, Ms. Jackie Brown was re-appointed to the Kinston Lenoir County Tourism Board, and Mr. Grady Bethel was re-appointed to Lenoir Community College Board of Trustees for another term.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County ABC	Mr. Edward Mills 2nd Appearance	2017
Kinston Lenoir County Tourism	Ms. Jackie Brown _(Re-Appointment) 2nd Appearance	2016
Lenoir Community College	Mr. Grady Bethel _(Re-Appointment) 2nd Appearance	2018
Lenoir County Planning	Ms. Donna Hardy _(Re-Appointment) 1st Appearance	2015

Since this was the 1st appearance for Ms. Donna Hardy, no action needed at this time. Mr. Hill stated when the Board first made the changes to advertise for vacancies on Boards, we started getting some input and had quite a number of people applying for Boards. Mr. Hill stated he hopes that all of this will continue to work, as we move forward. Mr. Hill stated it was important that we get a cross section of the community on the Boards. Mr. Hill stated he would like to encourage the Board to continue to advertise and look for citizens in the community to be involved as much as possible. Mr. Hill stated that was one of the things the Board set out to do, and he would like to see this continue. Mr. Rouse stated Chris Humphrey was just appointed to the Lenoir Community College Foundation Board. Mr. Hill stated the Board will continue to work with the Clerk and the County Manager to get a list of all of the Boards. Mr. Hill stated he realized this is a moving target and generating the list won't happen overnight. Mr. Hill stated they were looking for the terms starting point and stopping point, because some of the Boards by-laws are different and it's a complicated issue. Mr. Hill stated, over the course of a couple months, the Board should have a spreadsheet containing the information to view. Mr. Hill stated this information is a high priority for him

Mr. Jarman, County Manager, stated Ms. King has placed the spreadsheet on his desk and she is waiting for him to review it. He will try and get to it; however, there has been a lot of effort put into it and it will take some time to complete.

Mr. Jarman stated the meeting has gone fast and if someone from the public was watching this meeting, they may look at it and think how do you spend that much money that quick? Mr. Jarman stated he would like the public to understand that these are the purchase orders to put in place for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Jarman stated Department Heads have met with County Administration and discussed all of these things prior to this meeting. Mr. Jarman stated County Administration presented the Agenda to the Board and the Board members asked questions in advance. So although this meeting has gone quickly, there was a lot of thought that went into what happened. Mr. Jarman told the Board, if at any time during the year they have line item questions, do not hesitate to contact Administration. Ms. Sutton stated the Board members receive copies prior to the meeting, and if they do their homework and have any questions, they call Mr. Jarman or Mr. Hill. It's not like the Board is approving something they haven't looked at and studied.

Item No. 36 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated the other items from the County Manager are the Inspections Report and the Financial Summary. Mr. Jarman stated nothing is out of line, so unless the Board has any questions, he had nothing to discuss regarding the two reports. Mr. Jarman stated he would like for the Board to address the letter in their packet from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Jarman stated Ms. Brown had voiced some comments on this issue once before. Mr. Jarman stated Steve Keen, who served as the District Representative has moved on to take a position with the Governor's office, so that has created a vacancy. The NCACC will be calling to discuss who is going to be the District Director for district three. Mr. Jarman stated the Board needs to decide who will be the person to call in and represent us on the call to take a vote to appoint the replacement for Mr. Keen. Mr. Hill asked based on historical view, when somebody hasn't finished a term, isn't the replacement from the same County? Ms. Brown stated they come from the same district because they go in a rotation. Mr. Hill stated he has heard from a William Pate, who expressed interest in filling the vacancy from Wayne County. Mr. Daughety stated he make a motion to let Wayne County fill out the remainder of the term and Mr. Rouse stated according to records Lenoir County will be next. Ms. Brown stated in conversation with Todd McGee and David Thompson last year, neither one could tell her how the rotation went. Mr. Hill stated we received a motion by Mr. Daughety to allow Wayne County continue and finish out this year and a second by Mr. Davis. Mr. Hill stated he does understand that we need to be diligent in making sure we are represented in this group and we will seek dialog to see how we can expedite this to make it happen next year or within the next couple of years.

Mr. Jarman asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for the conference call? Mr. Jarman stated he would recommend a commissioner be on the call so they could hear the dialog. Mr. Hill stated he would be glad to take the conference call.

Mr. Rouse stated he received a phone call regarding the transfer station. Mr. Rouse stated the caller had a couple of concerns about the hours and shutting down promptly at 5:00pm. Mr. Rouse asked was it possible to have staggered hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or every other day, or maybe open later to accommodate some people. Mr. Jarman stated he did receive a call from the same gentlemen and he was very nice in the way he presented his concerns.

Mr. Jarman stated he had not had any discussion with the Landfill staff at this time. Mr. Jarman stated when we were looking at reducing hours to make sure we did not violate the 1,000 hour rule, we considered staggered hours, but we never pursued it. Mr. Jarman stated he thinks this is a valid request and if the Board will allow him to sit down with Landfill staff and Administrative staff, they will discuss. Mr. Jarman stated staggered hours might be possible so the people who like to go early can get there early, but instead of shutting down at five, maybe there could be a late day. Mr. Jarman stated let him discuss the ramification of what it could mean and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Mr. Davis stated this is a big concern with a lot of small business owners. If you are a contractor working during the day and your crew gets off at five, they are stuck holding whatever until the next day. Mr. Jarman asked the Board to let him look into it. Mr. Jarman stated the problem with the landfill is when you start trying to vary the hours to work with business you need to extend the hours. Mr. Jarman stated at this time we have no one getting overtime, nor are we adding staff. Mr. Jarman stated staggering at the recycle sites would be easier than at the landfill. Mr. Hill stated he trusts Mr. Jarman's judgment and will await a response from him. Mr. Hill stated he was glad that citizens take the initiative to call the Board, talk to them, and tell us their concerns. Mr. Best stated he received another call regarding other counties using our landfill. Mr. Jarman stated that was universal.

Mr. Davis stated Attorney Bob Griffin was honored with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Mr. Griffin stated he was very surprised and honored.

Mr. Hill stated there will be a public hearing at the library regarding the possible sale of Lenoir Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 24 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Hill stated there are currently three proposals to review. Mr. Hill encouraged each member to attend the hearing if possible. The City of Kinston is having a meeting on June 24 at 5:30 p.m. on Land Use Planning at the Library.

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, the Board went into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County.

A motion was made to return to open session at 5:10 p.m. by Ms. Sutton with a second by Ms. Brown.

Mr. Pope Economic Development Director, stated it was his pleasure to bring a Resolution and a Performance Based Agreement for a corporation that has served Lenoir County for a number of years. Mr. Pope stated Barnhill Contracting Company was founded in 1949 and has been a big part of North Carolina. Mr. Pope stated he was pleased to announce that Barnhill Contracting Company wishes to purchase 12.6 acres of land in the Hwy 70 W. Industrial Park. Mr. Pope stated with this performance agreement Barnhill will invest 4.6 million dollars in capital investments and create 26 jobs in Lenoir County. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, the Barnhill Construction Company Agreement was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jarman stated the next Commissioners meeting will be July 21, 2014 at 4:00pm.

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie F. King
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager