

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 21, 2014

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 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. Daughety led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Mr. Hill introduced Mr. Jerry Kanter Board, member of the Global Transpark Board of Directors. Mr. Kanter stated he has been assigned to the aviation committee for quite some time. Mr. Kanter stated it was his pleasure to be able to introduce to the Board, Rick Barkes and Rudy Lupton. Mr. Kanter introduced Rudy Lupton, who is a retired captain with the US Navy. Mr. Lupton stated he would like to thank the County Commissioners and Mr. Kanter, who is a valued member of the GTP Board and has a great passion for aviation. Mr. Lupton stated he had the opportunity to work with a couple of commissioners since he has been in his current position. Mr. Lupton stated he appreciates Mac Daughety being one of the first people that approached him and he appreciates the insight and feedback that was given. It has been a very valuable experience. Mr. Lupton offered a standing invitation to the Board to visit the GTP anytime. Mr. Lupton stated if anyone had any questions, feel free to contact him, because he is very interested in working closely with Lenoir County. Mr. Lupton stated the GTP is here and he understands the sensitivity and the concerns associated with it. Mr. Lupton stated Rick Barkes and himself are committed to do what they can to help grow the economy and create jobs in this part of the State. Mr. Lupton thanked Mr. Hill and the Board for their time. Mr. Kanter stated Mr. Rick Barkes comes to the GTP through the Division of NC Aviation. Mr. Barkes stated it was very nice meeting everyone and he will echo Mr. Lupton's sentiments, the Board is welcome to get a tour anytime and thanks for the opportunity to speak with each one. Mr. Barkes stated he is looking forward to moving ahead and getting some positive economic development growth at the airport.

Mr. Hill thanked Mr. Lupton and Mr. Barks for coming and he stated he appreciates the work they are doing. Mr. Hill stated he looked forward to seeing the County and GTP working closely together.

Mr. Jarman, County Manager, stated Dr. Mazingo and the senior staff from the schools were currently in a planning meeting which caused a scheduling conflict. Mr. Jarman stated he mentioned to Dr. Mazingo that he would share their information with the Board. Mr. Jarman stated during the budget preparation this year and last year, there was some conversation about the change in the process of meeting the capital needs of Lenoir County Public Schools. Mr. Jarman stated the corporate ADM Funds were in a separate account that funded the schools projects. The ADM Funds would pay 75% of the project cost, and the County would pay 25% of the project cost out of our Sales Tax money. Mr. Jarman stated the General assembly did away with the ADM Funds. Mr. Jarman stated we have about \$84,000.00 left, which will be depleted soon. Mr. Jarman stated that was money the schools controlled and now they will be coming to this Board for their capital needs. Mr. Jarman stated we have our Fund 21, which is sales tax money that is set aside for school capital projects. Mr. Jarman stated these are County funds earmarked for school capital needs. Mr. Jarman stated when the ADM Funds are gone, the County must deal with school capital projects just like we do all the other funding requests that come before the Board. Mr. Jarman stated the School Board will be presenting their capital needs and justifying their request, and this is the reason for the change in the process. Mr. Jarman stated there were some issues with the roofs and chillers that they would like to accomplish prior to getting the students back in school. Mr. Jarman stated he has spoken with Brent Williams, who is in charge of the facilities, and they agreed for the Board to feel better about their responsibilities for the money in this account, there is a need for joint meetings with the Board of Commissioners and the School Board. Mr. Jarman stated Mr. Williams will be scheduling joint meetings and setting up times to tour the facilities so the Commissioners will see the projects you are actually spending money on; however, by the time the tours are set up, the repairs will be complete. Mr. Jarman stated the Board can look at the list, and if there are any questions, let him know. Mr. Jarman stated from the summary there are issues with the roof structures at Rochelle and South Lenoir and heating and air conditioners at several different schools. Mr. Jarman stated they are replacing existing chillers at most of the schools, but at Moss Hill the fix will be replacing with window units. Mr. Jarman stated this seems to be the most economical way to fix this issue. Mr. Jarman stated, with the window units, people might notice and the Board might be receiving phone calls in regards to seeing something new. Mr. Jarman stated the school board has approved and is asking the Commissioners to fund the items. Mr. Jarman stated the other thing he wished to point out is the parking lot resurfacing at \$44,600.00 and the street beside Rochelle that is not a city maintained street. Mr. Jarman stated they received a quote for \$86,000.00 for the project. Mr. Jarman stated the schools decided to accept that quote; however, they are only requesting \$44,600.00 from the County and will spend their fund balance for the balance. Mr. Jarman stated the other request is for vehicles, which they have a multi-year plan to take care of their ageing fleet.

Mr. Jarman stated the schools needed to understand the information needed by the Commissioners so the Board will feel comfortable with the request, and managing the available funds.

Mr. Daughety stated he has been in the upstairs at Moss Hill School. Mr. Daughety stated it is truly amazing that the kids can stay awake in the heated classrooms during the summer months. Mr. Daughety stated he has been in the South Lenoir facility and when it rains, staff run around placing buckets throughout the lobby to catch the water. Mr. Daughety stated he attended the Spring Concert. Mr. Daughety stated he asked why the air was not on and they replied the unit was doing all it can do, so those two are probably justified.

Mr. Hill stated he has been in all of the facilities at different times and he doesn't see anything that is not justified; however, his biggest concern is looking at Frink Middle School. Mr. Hill stated that spending \$129,000 on a chiller in a building that's so old is difficult to justify. Mr. Hill stated he realizes we have to keep the school open, but it is a very very old structure with a lot of other issues. Mr. Hill stated he did not want to micromanage what the school board is doing, but at the same time, we need to be cautious and careful when we start spending money to replace large ticket items. Mr. Hill stated we hope there is a long span of time that the children will be there, because we cannot afford to be in a place where we are spending money and then close schools down. Mr. Hill stated this has happened, so let's keep that in mind moving forward. Mr. Hill stated all of the items are important. Mr. Hill stated he has seen Rochelle's parking lot and a lot of the other areas. Mr. Hill stated the fix at Moss Hill would be much more expensive if you were to look at something other than the window units.

Ms. Brown asked if the street behind the parking lot at Rochelle Middle School belongs to the City or the State? Mr. Jarman stated he has asked Brent Williams and Stephen Mazingo and it was understood that it was neither City or the State. They didn't seem to think anybody else had taken any interest in it, so if it was going to be improved, the schools would have to take the responsibility.

Mr. Best stated the street has been in bad condition for a very long time. Mr. Jarman stated the school had even considered closing the street down, but because of the buses and traffic, they felt it was beneficial to repave the entire street.

Mr. Jarman stated this list of current projects totals \$864,000. Mr. Jarman stated when we entered into the school bonds we agreed to commit \$1.5 million a year from sales taxes in Fund 21. Mr. Jarman stated due to the recession and the changes in the way the sales taxes are administered, we received about \$1.8 million, so it met the \$1.5 commitment, and it will meet the \$300,000 for vehicles. Mr. Jarman stated the extra \$560,000 is coming from fund balance in Fund 21. Mr. Jarman stated we are currently at \$5.3 million and we will receive additional sales tax during the year, but we also committed additional funds out of the fund balance for several years.

Mr. Jarman stated over the past couple of years, the Board talked about committing additional funds maybe one more year. Mr. Jarman stated we budgeted \$2.7 million this year for debt service on the school bonds to help us get through the critical years. Mr. Jarman stated he wanted the Board to be aware of the \$1.5 already committed to debt service on the school bonds and there is not a lot left over to take care of future capital needs. Mr. Jarman stated the Board has to be mindful of the amount of funds that are available to meet these needs. Mr. Jarman stated if we use \$600,000 of fund balance a year, we don't have long before we will be out of those funds, so we must be responsible.

Mr. Hill stated the Board is on notice and we have to put everyone else on notice. Mr. Hill stated we may get to a point when we will have to say no to some requests. Mr. Hill stated, because of the change in the way schools are funded statewide, it is imperative we stay connected to our school system at a higher level than we have in the past. Mr. Hill stated this was part of the initiative for getting together and continuing to moving forward. Mr. Hill stated he thinks the schools are aware of this, but we need to make it very clear, because we might have to say yes to one part of a project and no the other part at some time. Mr. Jarman stated Mr. Hill is right and the relationship the Board will be building is very critical. Ms. Sutton stated she would like to see the Board meet with them really soon and set something up quarterly. Ms. Sutton stated when she was on the School Board, part of the problem was there was no schedule for routine maintenance, and by the time something had to be done it had to be replaced because there was not room for patching. Ms. Sutton stated she would like to see their plans for long range planning. Mr. Daughety stated he agreed with Mr. Hill's comment about Frink School and with Ms. Sutton regarding long range planning. Mr. Hill stated when the Board met with the School Board last, they talked about meeting again somewhere in October to give them a chance to get the schools open.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety projects for the Lenoir County School System were unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: June 16, 2014.
2. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein.
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$2,240.: Decrease.

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 Resolution declaring property as surplus and authorizing the sale of surplus property by auction.

Mr. Harper, Transit Director, stated the Transit Department has three vans which have outlived their useful life. Mr. Harper stated the vehicles are no longer of use to any County Department, and there are no plans to put them back into service. Mr. Harper stated proceeds resulting from the sale of the vehicles, less any expenses, will be appropriated to the Transportation Fund. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution approving the purchase of five (5) 20 ft. Light-Transit, Lift Equipped Vehicles for \$228,730 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding). Mr. Harper, Transit Director, stated the N.C. Department of Transportation initiated the Community Transportation Program known as (CTP). Mr. Harper stated the program's purpose was to enhance the provision of rural human service and general public transportation in counties to meet the community transportation needs. Mr. Harper stated on October 21, 2013 the Board approved Transit to apply for CTP funds in the amount of \$285,500.00. Mr. Harper stated on July 2, 2014, he received an email from the Public Transportation Division of the Department of Transportation stating Transit needed to resubmit their application under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds within three days. Mr. Harper stated in order to continue service to the residents of Lenoir County, LCT must be diligent in maintaining its equipment and be versatile to acquire grant funding. Mr. Harper stated Transit needed authorization to purchase the five vehicles and no County funds would be used as a match. Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution approving acceptance of a Lenoir County Community Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ms. Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, introduced Jordan Lopez, summer intern, from North Carolina State University. Ms. Kelly stated the Lenoir County Farmer's Market along with the Rick Holder Annex provides community access to local foods and produce. Ms. Kelly stated to further enhance the front of the annex to the Farmers Market they have placed four benches and are putting up the material for solar panels. Ms. Kelly stated her future goal is to have a kitchen in the Annex. Ms. Kelly stated plans are for the Market Annex to be solar powered by establishing a solar garden with panels to create a gathering place as well as an educational resource. Upon a motion by Ms Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution approving acceptance of a Kinston Rotary Grant in the amount of \$2,476.00. Ms. Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, stated Cooperative Extension has been the recipient of an Eastpointe Grant, which funds the 4-H All Stars and 4-H Character Education and Prevention Programs. Ms. Kelly stated the grant will allow assistants to attend Parenting Matters, Substance Abuse Prevention training sessions, and Substance Abuse Professional Board Certification. Ms. Kelly stated their prevention program is currently requiring the prevention educators to get another level of certification, which takes training, and the Noon Rotary has agreed to sponsor two of the employees to participate in some of the trainings and certifications. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$4,432.35 Increase. Ms. Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, stated this is an increase in the General Fund for community transformation grant funds. Ms. Kelly stated this grant will allow them to do some different things at the market. Ms. Kelly stated they are trying to install some additional lighting, which would enhance participation in evening events at the market. Ms. Kelly stated work will be done between the buildings and additional work on other parts of the annex. Ms. Kelly stated these funds are to be used to support access to healthy local foods, by providing marketing and supplies to the Lenoir County Farmer's Market. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution approving the emergency repair of the fire alarm system located at the Lenoir County Mental Health Building. Mr. Wiggins, Maintenance Director, stated there were problems with the smoke alarm system and the City of Kinston Fire Inspectors required them to be corrected. Mr. Wiggins stated proper operation of the system is a serious life-safety concern; therefore, he advised Williams Fire Sprinkler Company to proceed with the work. 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 purchase of parts from the James M. Pleasants Company for the Cooling Tower at the Lenoir County Tax Department. Mr. Wiggins, Maintenance Director, stated two of the fans in the cooling tower are inoperative because the center sections have broken out. Mr. Wiggins stated all three fans, the center shaft, and four bearings needed to be replaced. Mr. Wiggins stated if the third fan broke the system would completely shut down. Mr. Wiggins stated he had to order the parts from the factory because they had to make the fans to fit inside the covering with the cooling towers already in place. Mr. Wiggins stated they could not go out and purchase the fans because it had to fit inside the infrastructure that already existed. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution approving the repair of the roof on the Lenoir County Department of Social Services Building. Mr. Wiggins, Maintenance Director, stated they had a problem with one of the walls leaking for quite some time, and they had replaced different parts of the roof in two different stages. Mr. Wiggins stated the wall was in really bad shape and needed to be repaired. Mr. Wiggins stated Curtis Construction has agreed to repair the roof for \$10,360.00. Mr. Wiggins stated by combining the two projects and doing them at the same time Curtis Construction Company will waive \$800 in set-up fees, which will reduce the total amount to \$9,560. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution requesting to continue Electing Status for the Work First Program during State Fiscal Years 2016-2019. Ms. Moore, DSS Director, stated the paperwork must be received in the Raleigh office by August 2, 2014.

Ms. Moore stated although several counties have decided not to be an electing status county, she feels it is in the best interest of Lenoir County to remain as an electing County. Ms. Moore stated the Board must decide if we want to remain as an electing County. Ms. Moore stated it was time again to develop a work first plan for the County. Ms. Moore stated since 2001 Lenoir County has been an electing county and that means our County can choose to write some of the eligibility criteria for the Work First Program that differs from the rest of the State. Ms. Moore stated her recommendation is to remain an electing county because it saves the county about \$110,000.00 maintenance of effort money off the top, and it gives the county extra federal funds. Ms. Moore stated she uses the extra federal funds to pay for Child Protection Services Social Workers. Ms. Moore stated if we lose eligibility status the county will have about a \$700,000.00 hole in our budget to fill.

Mr. Hill asked how many counties had the status of electing county? Ms. Moore stated about 5 or 6. Mr. Hill asked why so many other counties were choosing to go the other way? Is it because of the demographics of the county? Ms. Moore stated there is some liability with being an electing county, and so far it has not affected Lenoir County.

Ms. Moore stated if DSS overspends the allocation we receive for cash benefits that goes to recipients, Lenoir County is 100% responsible for the overrun. Ms. Moore stated the difference between what the State gives for cash and what we spend is the \$700,000.00. Ms. Moore stated she has been spending the extra money in other areas of her department. Ms. Moore stated DSS has never come close to overspending their appropriation. Ms. Moore stated another reason may be that DSS would be responsible for all of their court hearings responses. Ms. Moore stated for example, once clients go to a hearing in the DSS office, they go straight to court. Ms. Moore stated if we were not an electing county, it would go to a hearing, then to the State office and the State defends it. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General fund: Health: WIC/PCM/CC4C/BT: \$10,157. Decrease. Mr. Huff stated this decrease was to stay within the budget amounts. Mr. Huff stated they did not include the 2% across the board salary increase and he had to make some adjustments. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved. Mr. Huff shared information regarding the Community Health survey in the Kinston Free Press. Mr. Huff stated he will be collecting the survey until October 2014. Mr. Huff stated the survey will be available on line and on Lenoir Memorial Hospital's website. Mr. Huff passed out copies of the survey to the Commissioners and to Mr. Jarman to complete. Mr. Hill stated the survey was very important and encouraged everyone to support the efforts in this area.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution approving/authorizing execution of a purchase order for Computers, Monitors, Cash Drawers and Software for the Register of Deeds. Ms. Rich stated her department was notified by MIS that Windows XP would no longer be supported.

Ms. Rich stated all of the computers in the Register of Deeds Department were currently a Windows XP platform. Ms. Rich stated the MIS department researched the cost of replacing the equipment and determined Dell Marketing was the most cost effective source. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution requesting approval of a Purchase Order for PLM Equipment Services. Mr. Dail stated the purchase order was for maintenance contracts for upgrades and service calls for EMS stretchers. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a correcting Resolution to approve a lease agreement for cardiac monitors for the EMS Division. Mr. Dail stated the ZOLL "E" series monitors currently utilized by the EMS Division have exceeded their life cycle. Mr. Dail stated ZOLL has designed a newer model which provides more advanced technology. Mr. Dail stated the information was listed on the Resolution last month with the payee name being P&L Capital and it should have been Kansas State Bank. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dail stated he received questions in regards to the new non-emergency ambulance services operating in the County. Mr. Dail stated the names of the new service providers are, Johnston Ambulance Service (JAS), Elite, and MedEx. Mr. Dail stated none of the providers have offices within Lenoir County.

Item No. 17 was a Resolution authorizing the award of a contract for additional installation services for the 2012 CDBG Scattered Site Project. Ms. Martin stated bids were taken for the provision and installation of two structures in LaGrange. Ms. Martin stated the Health Department inspected the site and required the installation of a new septic system and the abandonment of the existing well in order to accommodate the new septic system. Ms. Martin stated the change included the cost of hauling gravel and spreading it for the driveway and parking area, and the installation of a concrete sidewalk and front porch steps. Ms. Martin stated the cost also included the installation of a water shut off valve behind the water meter as required by the water department. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 17 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Non-Departmental: \$16,773.: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment was necessary to appropriate additional property tax revenue received by the County as a result of a business personal property tax audit being conducted by County Tax Services, Inc. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$120,000. The increase was for a grant with the 8th Judicial District Community Intervention Program.

Ms. Martin stated the grant is being awarded based on the County's Fiscal Year rather than in November as it had been done in the past. Ms. Martin stated the funds are to cover the three County Region of the 8th Judicial District; Wayne, Greene, and Lenoir Counties. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 20 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Non-Departmental: \$120,560. Increase. Ms. Martin stated this refund was because the Board requested the withdrawal of Lenoir County from the NC Eastern Alliance effective July 1, 2014. Ms. Martin stated this is the balance of the County's funds from the \$5.00 license plate fee. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 20 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 21 was a Resolution approving/authorizing execution of FY 14-15 Insurance Policies. Ms. Martin stated the County awarded insurance contracts for auto, property, crime, general and professional liability to WA Moore Company and Discovery Insurance Company. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 21 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 22 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund/Employee Insurance Fund: \$135,910.: Increase. Ms. Martin stated due to several high volume claims, the fund balance of employee insurance fund is low; therefore, the amount not originally budgeted for the EMS Medicaid reimbursement is being transferred to that fund. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 22 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 23 was a Resolution approving a service agreement with Brady Services, Inc. Sheriff Hill stated the Detention Center is in need of a service maintenance contract for the heating and cooling systems. Sheriff Hill stated this will include routine maintenance of the air handling units and chillers for the building. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 23 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 24 was a Resolution approving an agreement and contract for the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C. Mr. Jarman, County Manager, stated Lenoir County is currently a member of the Commission; therefore, continued membership on the Commission will allow the County to appoint 5 individuals to serve as Directors on the Board, and represent Lenoir County by providing input on major road projects impacting the County. Mr. Jarman stated each year being a part of the Commission allows five members to be able to vote. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 24 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hill stated he hoped all have seen and taken time to look at the study. Mr. Hill stated it is very important the commissioners look at the study from a very critical standpoint, and not just assume it is all true. Mr. Hill mentioned some parts of the study are not very flattering towards Lenoir County. Mr. Hill stated some of the projections put Lenoir County at no growth over the next 20-30 years, while it shows the counties around us growing. Mr. Hill stated the Board should continue to stay current, active, knowledgeable, and continue to sell this community.

Mr. Hill stated it is not very exciting when you think of the projections for 30 years from now showing that Lenoir County will be at 0% growth. Mr. Hill stated it is important that the commissioners keep an eye on the entire process and stay focused.

Item No. 25 was a Resolution approving citizens to boards, commissions, etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Daughety, Ms. Donna Hardy was re-appointed to the Lenoir County Planning Board. Since this was the 1st appearance for Mr. Ken Albertson, no action needed at this time.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Planning	Ms. Donna Hardy (Re-Appointment) 2nd Appearance	2015
Kinston Lenoir County Tourism	Mr. Ken Elbertson (Re-Appointment) 1st Appearance	2017

Item No. 26 was information from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated the first item was for bids received on the 1201 Syamore Road house. Mr. Jarman stated the property has been available and a portion of the roof has caved in. Mr. Jarman requested that the Board accept the bid of \$1,100.00, start the upset bid process, and get the property back on the tax books. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 26 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jarman stated the NCACC Conference will be August 14-17, 2014. Mr. Jarman stated the Board must select a voting delegate. Mr. Jarman stated Mr. Best had mentioned a desire to attend the conference. Ms. Brown stated she would be attending the conference as well. Chairman Hill, with approval of the other members of the Board, appointed Ms. Brown as the voting delegate for Lenoir County.

Mr. Jarman asked Mark Pope to share an economic development report card. Mr. Pope stated investments are prorated. Mr. Pope stated miscommunication goes out frequently and this report shows that all agreements are performance based. Mr. Pope stated the report is based on capital investments and jobs created, and incentives are not given out until companies pay their taxes. Mr. Pope stated \$7.6 million dollars in revenue has been brought in by the companies listed on the report card. Mr. Pope stated \$2.4 million dollars was paid by the City and County in incentives. Mr. Pope stated the County received \$5.7 million dollars in revenue and Paid out \$1.9 million dollars. Mr. Pope stated he felt those numbers represent a good return on the County's investments. Mr. Pope stated this has brought a tremendous amount of success to our community and the eastern part of the state.

Mr. Ellis, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the Quintin Copes Community Event went well. Mr. Ellis stated proceeds from the event will go towards re-modeling the gym floor at Teachers Memorial Gym. Mr. Ellis stated there were six pro football players that participated in the event. Mr. Ellis stated 162 softball and baseball teams were in town, 685 games played within three weeks, and Grainger Stadium is being used. Mr. Ellis stated the WRNS concert sold 4,985 tickets. Mr. Ellis stated the State tournament will finish tomorrow, July 22, 2014.

Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Vickie F. King
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager