

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 18, 2008

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 2008 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Paul Taylor; Vice-Chairman George Graham and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey, and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. 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 Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Larry Moolenaar, Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Council (ECC) updated the Board on ECC's activities. Mr. Moolenaar thanked Ms. Brown for her membership and service to the ECC Board. There are nine (9) ECC Member Counties consisting of Greene, Wayne, Duplin, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, Carteret and Lenoir. The mission of ECC is "To enhance the region's quality of life and prosperity by providing planning, economic development and senior services to member governments and area residents". Estimated population of Lenoir County is 58,161, which brings Lenoir County dues to \$11,168. The ECC also operates the Rural Planning Organization, which assists with transportation planning. Regional Grants were received for stormwater investigations as well as recycling. ECC is the sponsor of the senior games and assisted with hurricane kits for seniors. ECC promotes leadership throughout the region Sue Powell; Lenoir County Transit Coordinator received the 2007 Leadership Award. ECC has started initiatives supporting "Retirees as Economic Development". Mr. Harper asked how many people are employed with ECC. Mr. Moolenaar stated there are 15 employees and an annual operating budget of \$1 million. The Board thanked Mr. Moolenaar for his presentation.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Taylor asked how was the development of a wellness program going for the county. Mr. Jarman stated the department has started the research for a wellness program and should present a program this fiscal year.

Mr. Taylor stated he attend a Golden Leaf Foundation Meeting in Edgecombe County. Mr. Jarman stated the GoldenLeaf Community Assistance Initiative establishes grant programs that targets communities of need and provides direct support for projects that significantly enhance the quality of life for citizens within those communities. Proposals will be invited from targeted communities for projects that will help to stimulate economic activity or provide assistance in overcoming barriers to economic transition or community progress. The grants could go up to \$2 million; it will be a community effort to decide projects of importance. An information session will be held early in the fall, and will be open to the public for input.

cables and label printer; one year warranty) to provide hearing testing in the Child Health Clinic. The Echo-Screen DPOAE set is the screening device recommended by the N.C. Division of Public Health Services to provide hearing testing for children, and is a required component in order to bill for a Child Health Hearing Screening Service through the Medicaid Program. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 7B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8A was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Mobile Shelving System: \$35,966. Major Chris Hill of the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated the Sheriff's Office is charged with investigating crime in Lenoir County. During the course of criminal investigations specific items of evidence are collected and are eventually used for presentation for court purposes. Currently the Sheriff's Office has two rooms that warehouse evidence. It is estimated that these two rooms contain over 1000 articles of evidence such as money, knives, guns, blood soaked clothing, prying tools, bullets, electronic etc. Over the years evidence has continued to mount and as a result the rooms are packed to capacity. Currently the rooms have static shelving consisting of wood shelves attached to the walls. This type of design is not user friendly when trying to locate specific pieces of evidence nor does it properly utilize every inch of space within these rooms. Patterson-Pope is a company that designs shelving systems that move along tracks in the floor. The shelving units contain shelves that are mobile and can be easily moved from one side of the room to the other allowing the user to access items in a different shelving unit. This type of design utilizes almost all of the space in the room and allows the user to easily locate specific pieces of evidence. Patterson-Pope has installed these shelving units at the State Bureau of Investigation laboratory and at other law enforcement agencies in North Carolina. The total cost to outfit both evidence rooms is \$35,966. The Sheriff will use State Controlled Substance Tax funds to purchase the units. The Sheriff respectfully requests the Board of Commissioners to approve the purchase of the mobile shelving system from Patterson-Pope. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: State Controlled Substance Fund: Sheriff Controlled Substance: \$35,966: Increase. The Amendment appropriates Funds from the Fund Balance of the Sheriff's State Controlled Substance for the purchase of shelving units. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Approving Land Exchange between Lenoir County and the State of North Carolina. Mr. Griffin addressed the Resolution; Mr. Griffin stated on April 25, 2008 the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners approved four (4) Economic Development Grant Agreements between Lenoir County and Sanderson Farms, Inc. Sanderson Farms announced plans to invest approximately \$126.5 million in Lenoir County to construct a state-of-the-art poultry complex comprised on a new poultry plant, feed mill, hatchery and spray field that will create approximately 1,650 new jobs at full capacity. On June 30, 2008, Lenoir County purchased 94.188-acre tract owned by Perry Brothers Properties, LLC and a 35.978-acre tract owned by William T. Parrott, III and Robert J. Parrott in order to swap for land owned by the State of North Carolina. The land intended for the swap is a 96.08-acre tract in Lenoir County situated in the Hwy. 70 West Industrial Park owned by the State of North Carolina. The land is located west of Parrott Dickerson Road, and bounded by the North Carolina Rail Road on the southern border and Banks School Road on the northern border. Lenoir County will swap land formerly owned by Perry Brothers Properties LLC 94.188 acre tract, and 35.978 acre tract belonging to William T. Parrott, III and Robert J. Parrott for the 96.08 acres of property owned by NC Department of Agriculture. This trade would include \$109,000 additional compensation per the appraised value. After a public announcement to proceed

by Sanderson Farms, the sites that have been designated for the Feed Mill, Rail Loop and the Hatchery would be made available immediately. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Amendment No. 1 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General/School Capital: Finance: \$602,320: Increase. Mr. Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager addressed the Board. Mr. Hollowell stated the Amendment budgeted in the prior year (07-08) the required Hold Harmless payment from the County to the Schools. This payment is a requirement of the state Medicaid Relief Laws of 2007. As a condition of the state assuming the Non-Federal Portion of the Medicaid Burden, counties are required to hold the school harmless for their loss in ADM funding. The amount of the Hold Harmless payment for Lenoir County is \$301,159.19. The North Carolina Department of Revenue calculated this amount. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Amendment No. 1 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council 1st Appearance	Imelda Pate Joe Testino Anita Sykes Suzanne Nix Walter Jones Henry F. Street Phyllis Greene Corey Lawson Bobbie Joe Smith Christy Smith Jackie Brown Jack Jones	June 2010

CURRENT VACANCIES:

- Lenoir County Health Board – One (1) Vacancy; (1) Veterinarian**
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy**
- JCPC – One (1) Vacancy; 1-Juvenile Attorney**
- Lenoir County Planning Board – K-6 Precinct & At-Large**
- 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**

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager