

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 2, 2008

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 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; and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: Vice-Chairman George Graham

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 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Taylor led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Harper, Mr. Graham, who was away on a FEMA Mission, was excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Roger Dail Emergency Services Director addressed the Board regarding the status of Tropical Storm Hanna. Mr. Dail stated Hanna was downgraded from a Hurricane to a tropical storm earlier today. The storm is unpredictable and could take several different paths. The Neuse River currently stands at 3 ft. with localized flooding being the main concern. If it becomes necessary, the Chairman may have to sign an Emergency Declaration and Lenoir County may need to activate the Emergency Operations Center. Mr. Dail stated everyone should have his or her hurricane kits ready during the entire year, not just hurricane season. Mr. Dail stated he would keep County Administration up-to-date on the progress of the storm that may hit Friday. The Board thanked Mr. Dail for the update.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Item No. 1 was Items from the Chairman and Commissioners. Ms. Brown recognized the Child Support Division of the Department of Social Services for their statewide recognition in child support collections. Last year, Lenoir County placed 78th in the entire state for child support collections; this year Lenoir County was 2nd in the amount of improvement achieved. The Board thanked the department for their hard work in bringing up the collection rate.

During the weekend of August 21-24, 2008, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Brown and Mr. Graham attended the 101st Annual NCACC Conference in New Bern, North Carolina. Ms. Brown stated the weekend was full of information and educational activities for all Commissioners. Ms. Brown stated the conference was very successful.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the Manager. Mr. Jarman stated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) would hold a citizen's information workshop for the proposed North Carolina Transpark Rail Access. The workshop will be held on September 11, 2008 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the North Carolina Global TransPark Center, Room 148 located on 3800 Hwy. 58 North Kinston, 28504.

County Administration is in the process of completing environmental testing on the proposed jail property, on which the County has a 90-Day option agreement.

Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, addressed the Board regarding Reliance Industries. It has been reported that Reliance may be pulling out of Lenoir County. Mr. Pope stated his office is in contact with Reliance and DuPont, to see what can be done to keep the company in Lenoir County.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: August 18, 2008 Aytch/Jarman
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$4,922: Increase Jarman/Martin

RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 5 was Proclamation: Fall Litter Sweep 2008. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6A was a Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Blanket Purchase Order for CDS: \$4,900. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director addressed the Board. Mr. Dail stated the Emergency Services Department is responsible for public safety during times of emergencies/disasters. For large events, this requires Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation. This type of activation requires a multitude of personnel to perform many different tasks during the operational periods, until the county has returned to a state of normalcy. Grant funds were received by the State in the form of a supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant this past fiscal year and are to be used for such purposes as upgrading Emergency Operations Centers. Staff has determined that CDS can provide the electronic equipment, at a comparable cost, with local technical support, to manage an effective emergency operations center. This would ensure the grant funds are being expended effectively. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6B was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order: Garris Body Shop for Lenoir County Emergency Services Department Ambulance Repair: \$8,206.71. The Emergency Services Department had an ambulance damaged from an accident on August 8, 2008, in Lenoir County. The total cost to repair the vehicle is \$8,206.71. Lenoir County's insurance deductible is \$1,000 and is included in the cost above. The department requests the Board approved the resolution in order to execute a purchase order with Garris Body Shop to handle the necessary repairs on said damaged ambulance. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6C was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Finance/Emergency Medical Services: \$7,207: Increase. The Amendment Budgets insurance proceeds received from the County's insurance carrier, VFIS to repair a 2007 Ford Ambulance that was wrecked on August 8, 2008. A check in the amount of \$7,206.71 was received on August 21, 2008. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 6C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7A was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Transportation/General Fund: Administration-Departmental: \$18,000: Increase. The Amendment is to budget the corrected amount for vehicle insurance for the transportation fund FY 08-09. At the time the budget was adopted, the actual cost was not known. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 6C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Transportation/General Fund: Administration: \$21,731: Increase. The Amendment budgets indirect costs for FY 08-09 from the Transportation Fund to the General Fund. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 6C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements Fund: Economic Development: \$200,000: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment is to budget the reimbursement from the North Carolina Eastern Region Flex Grant, which was to be used to assist the County with the purchase of land for the Sanderson Farm Project. On June 27, 2008, the County paid out \$1,956,648.13 for two parcels of land to be used in trade with the State of North Carolina for Sanderson Farms. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9A was a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. Mr. Mark Pope Economic Development Director addressed the Board. Lenoir County desires to borrow up to \$1.6 million for the purpose of constructing Lenoir County Shell Building No. 3. On Thursday, August 21, 2008 bids were opened for the construction of the Shell Building. Seventeen bids were received, with Heaton Construction, being the lowest responsible bidder. Dunn and Dalton Architects out of Kinston are in the process of completing due diligence. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9B was a Resolution of the County Commissioners of Lenoir County. Lenoir County has applied to the North Carolina's Easter Region Development Commission for a loan up to \$1,600,000 for an economic development project. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6C 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 2nd 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 – Four (4) Vacancies; (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (2) Public Members
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

OTHER ITEMS:

Ms. Tammy Kelly, Director of Cooperative Extension, presented the Board with tokens from the E-Conservation Program.

Mr. Harry Edwards, Chairman of the Republican Party of Lenoir County, addressed the Board. Mr. Edwards read a prepared statement regarding the work session held that discussed the construction of a new jail facility. Mr. Edwards stated in his research he did not find any notification to the public regarding the work session to discuss jail issues. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stroud informed Mr. Edwards that the reasons for the work session were discussed openly and all commissioners were present. Mr. Edwards stated minutes from the July 21st meeting in closed session were not available on the County web-site.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager