

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 2, 2006**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, N.C.

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

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager; Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager; Robert W. Griffin, County Attorney; and members of the general public and the news media.

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pittman offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Ms. Agnes Ho gave an update on the construction/renovation of the library. Ms. Ho also asked the board to approve a change order on the construction in the amount of \$393,885. Of this amount \$10,820.00 would cover the addition of a folding partition in the auditorium, which would utilize more space in the auditorium. A covered walkway had originally been deleted from the construction plans, but the Library Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library have created the "Public Library Enhancement Campaign Fund to raise funds to add this back into the plans. This would cost \$263,065.00, but it was felt that it would enhance the architecture of the building and also would protect citizens entering and leaving the library in inclement weather. Another \$120,000.00 is needed for contingency and other miscellaneous costs. Ms. Ho explained that the library would be in a position to forward these funds to the County on June 1, 2007. There has been a fund raising campaign for the \$10,820 and \$263,065. The \$10,820 has been donated by a private source and \$188,000 of the \$263,065 has been either pledged or donated to date. Ms. Ho was confident that the remainder of the \$263,065 would be received by June 2007. The \$120,000 is coming from donations received for Library Expansion back in 2003 and 2004. Mr. Harper asked Ms. Ho if the \$120,000 that has already been received could be transferred to the County now? Ms. Ho said that they would like to hold the funds a little longer to accumulate as much interest as possible. A motion was made by Jackie Brown to approve the change order of \$393,885 for the auditorium partition and covered walkway contingent upon the Resolution presented at the next meeting.. Chris Humphrey seconded the motion and the call to vote was issued – it was approved unanimously.

Mr. Graham asked Mr. Huff if Lenoir County had enough damage from Ernesto to be a declared County? Mr. Huff stated there was not enough crop damage to pay for mosquito spraying and Mr. Jarman said he had spoken with Roger Dail and we did not have the magnitude of damage to justify paying for mosquito spraying.

Mr. Huff also discussed the Community Health Assessment Survey that is required by the state every four years. There will be 14,500 inserts going out in the Kinston Free Press and 10,000 copies available in other areas. The questionnaires will be filled out and mailed back with the postage being paid by the hospital. Mr. Huff wanted to thank the hospital for all of the work/financial support on this project. This information will be used to compile a report for Raleigh. Mr. Huff wanted to thank the hospital for its work on this project.

Mr. Huff was asked about the flu vaccine for the coming flu season. He stated that some counties have already received their allocation and there are positive words on the availability and quantity of vaccine this year. They will be scheduling Saturday clinics in different areas to give the flu and pneumonia vaccines..

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: September 18, 2006 Aytch/Jarma
2. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein Jarman/Hollo
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements: Economic Development: \$25,000: Increase Jarman/Hollo
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: Increase: \$597.40 Jones/Hollo
5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Capital Fund: School Building: \$140,184: Increase Jarman/Hollo

Mr. Humphrey asked for a report card of the industries that have received money from the County – the goals that they have accomplished to justify receiving the funds. Mr. Jarman stated that the Economic Development agreements close in September, and Mr. Pope will bring to the Commissioners all of the active agreements, their capital investment and jobs created at a meeting in November.

beginning of project to the end. Because of inflation, there is a 1% increase per month in materials until costs are locked in by contract. The County is looking at different financing options, including USDA. If USDA funds were used they could finance for up to 40 years, but right now there are no funds available. USDA received only \$10 million statewide this year and if USDA funds are used, the jail could not be located in the City of Kinston. Mr. Jarman and Mr. Hollowell will try to bring comparisons and recommendations to the next meeting.

Mr. Jarman also stated that the County is working to get all junkyards registered and he is asking Gary O'Neal and Wayland Humphrey to attend the next meeting. Mr. Jarman also stated that the director of Board of Elections, Dana King will be asked to attend the next meeting to answer some questions.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 9:51 a.m. and the following cited: Number five (5). To establish, or instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) The price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. No action was taken during closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, closed session was adjourned and open session reconvened at approximately 10:19 a.m.

Mr. Davis asked to be excused for a doctor's appointment.

### **OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Ellis introduced a new project at the Nature Center – it will be a 1/3 scale miniature train that will run on a track around the Nature Center and will be housed in a depot modeled after the old train depot on McLewean Street. The funds for the train are coming from a private donation that will be made after January 1, 2007, and the depot will be funded by the Kinston/Lenoir Homebuilders' Association. The depot will be made so that it and the train can be loaded and taken out in case of a flood, and the track will not be harmed by water. Mr. Ellis asked permission from the Commissioners to go ahead and place the orders for the train and the track. A motion was made by Mr. Harper and a second from Mr. Taylor to allow Mr. Ellis to place the orders contingent on receiving the donation funds by February 2007. The call to vote was given and the vote carried unanimously. A formal Resolution and Budget Amendment will be presented at the next Commissioners' meeting on October 16.

Mr. Jarman asked the Commissioners' permission to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Kinston for the Hannibal Building for \$3500 per month for a ten-year period. This is a ten-year lease/purchase agreement, with the County having the option to purchase the building for \$1 at the end of the ten years. This building will be used to house Probation and Parole, now located on Gordon Street and possibly Eastpointe Mental Health employees. A motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown to allow

