

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 4, 2010

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4, 2010 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman George Graham, Vice-Chairman Claude Stroud and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Reuben Davis, Chris Humphrey, and Tommy Pharo

Members absent: Linda Rouse Sutton

Also present were: Michael Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert 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. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Ms. Sutton was excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - None Scheduled

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS - No comments were made.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman informed the Board of a letter sent by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regarding Felix Harvey Parkway (NC 148). NCDOT is in the process of designating NC 148 between NC 58 and US 70 in Lenoir County for use by trucks with twin trailers. NCDOT will hold public hearings to inform the effected public. If the Board has any problems with this highway designation, they may contact NCDOT officials.

One of NCACC initiatives for all 100 counties this year is to acknowledge the service of military veterans. The North Carolina Veterans Park, which opens next year in Fayetteville in Cumberland County, will be a beautiful facility, a place of inspiration and support. A wall is being constructed that will bear a bronze cast mold of a veteran from each of North Carolina's 100 counties. Mr. Jarman informed the Board they may choose a veteran themselves or contact local veterans associations and have them select a veteran to be represented on the memorial wall. The Board instructed Mr. Jarman to contact Mr. Roger Smith, Mr. Herman McLawhorn, and Mr. Jim McClain to form a committee to select a veteran to honor.

Mr. Jarman stated the City Council members have agreed to some type of joint merger involving inspections for the City of Kinston. The Board of Commissioners agreed approximately two (2) years ago to merge services between the City and County Inspections Department, but the City did not agree at that time. The City is considering options to merge the departments together: City could eliminate its' current inspections department and give all duties to the county except for code enforcement or send one inspector from the City to increase the number of inspectors for the county and continue with code enforcement. Mr. Gary O'Neal, Chief Building Inspector has stated the county may be able to carry out any additional City inspection duties with its current staff. More discussion on this topic will occur in the future.

Mr. Jarman recommended the Board approve a bid on 4751 Willie White Road, LaGrange, NC (\$800 Bid) and decline the \$300 bids for the following properties: 911 and 706 Chestnut St, Kinston, 1024 and 912 Macon St., Kinston, and 1637 Old Ridgeway Dr., Kinston, NC. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown the Board approved the recommendations as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: September 20, 2010 Hall/Jarman
- 4. Resolution Approving Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein Parrish/Martin
- 5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Automation Preservation Fund: Register of Deeds: Seymour/Martin
\$5,000: Increase

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 6 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Community Development Block Grants: NCHFA SFR 10: \$200,000: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment establishes the appropriate revenue and expenditure accounts for the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency’s Single Family Rehabilitation Project for 2010. The county received notification on September 1, 2010, that it had been awarded \$200,000 in NCHFA SFR Funds. These funds will be used to assist homeowners who are below 80% of the area median income, are elderly or disabled and meet certain other criteria. This program will assist approximately four (4) households. The Wooten Company will administer this project for the county. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Stroud, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund/Emergency Telephone Fund: Emergency Medical Services: \$70,000: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment moves a portion of the Fund Balance of the E911 Fund into the General Fund. The NC 911 Board sent out a memo on August 9, 2010 stating that new legislation required the E-911 Board to develop a new funding distribution model by December 31, 2010. That same legislation allows for use of up to 50% of a local government’s Emergency Telephone System Fund Fund Balance for public safety needs outside of normal eligible use guidelines over the next two fiscal years. Upon a motion by Mr. Pharo and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving the Construction of a new fire Station for Sandy Bottom Fire Department and Award the Project to Daniels & Daniels of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Dail stated on April 5, 2010, a letter of support for the Sandy Bottom Fire Department to borrow \$1.3 million from the USDA was presented to the Board of Commissioners. In the letter, it was stated that Sandy Bottom planned to use \$100,000 of their own money and obtain a grant of \$200,000 thus making the total amount borrowed \$1 million. Sandy Bottom will use \$130,000 of the department’s money for contingencies and the \$200,000 grant to help pay down the loan-making the total loan amount \$1,140,000. Staff has discussed the bid with the USDA and received a letter from Meridian Engineering stating the low bid was from Daniels & Daniels Construction in the amount of 1,370,000. Both USDA and Meridian Engineering stated that Daniels & Daniels have met the bid requirements; based on this information staff recommends approval of Daniels & Daniels Construction. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Pharo, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant: \$11,456. Ms. Dana King, Board of Election Director, addressed the Board. Ms. King stated The State Board of Elections encourages all counties to apply for HAVA grant funds annually. Lenoir County has been approved to receive HAVA funds for the past four (4) years. These funds have been very beneficial in keeping each county precinct ready for Election Day and have allowed for necessary upgrades to equipment and to make all precincts accessible to all citizens. The source of this Grant is Title 1 Section 101 HAVA Funds. The Lenoir County Board of Elections requested \$40,000 in the grant at the beginning of the budget year. Portions of the grant have already been awarded, accepted and spent. The amount awarded for this grant is \$11,456. All monies received from HAVA are to make all polling places accessible to all voters. This grant will be used for privacy booths for each precinct, to purchase supplies for the precincts and to pay "One Stop" employees' salaries during the One Stop period. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Maintenance Agreement: \$4,910. Major Chris Hill of the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated over the past three years the sliding jail doors were converted to swinging doors that use electronic locks. These doors and locking systems were converted by Grayco Detention Equipment. The door locking systems must be serviced from time to time to keep them lubricated and adjusted. Grayco Detention Equipment has offered to service all of the locking mechanisms in the jail twice per year for \$9,820. The jail has over 56 doors with these electronic locks installed. Because the fiscal year has already commenced Grayco will perform the service once for \$4,910. It is essential that the locks be serviced to keep them in good working order and to prolong the life of the locks. The funding for the agreement will come from the jail maintenance line. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Tactical Bullet Resistant Vests: \$23,738. Mr. Hill stated each Lenoir County deputy is provided with a bullet resistant vest. In addition, the Sheriff's Office provides tactical bullet resistant vests to deputies who are assigned to the Special Response Team (SRT). These vests are much thicker and heavier and are only worn during training and dangerous incidents. The current SRT vests are over 5 years old and have exceeded their warranty. The Bullet Proof Vest Program (BVP) provides partial reimbursement funding to law enforcement agencies that purchase these vests provided that the vests comply with the applicable federal standards. Two different vests produced by two different manufactures were examined by the staff of the Sheriff's Office. These manufacturers were Point Blank and ProTech. Each produces vests that comply with the applicable federal standards. The SRT staff chose the Pro Tech titan assault vest with ballistic panels. These vests are priced at \$2,158 each and are sold through Lawmen's, which is located in Raleigh, NC. Lawmen's is the current emergency equipment & gear provider for the Sheriff's Office. The total cost of 11 tactical vests is \$23,738. The purchase of vests was funded in the Sheriff's Office 2010-2011 fiscal budget. Because the cost of the vests exceeded the budgeted amount, \$7,560 will be taken from Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to complete the purchase. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Bullet Resistant Vests: \$37,822. Mr. Hill stated two different vests produced by two different manufactures were examined by the staff of the Sheriff’s Office. These manufacturers were Point Blank and ProTech. Each produces vests that comply with the applicable federal standards. The staff chose the Point Blank vest which is priced at \$584 each and is sold through American Uniform Sales. In addition some of the vests will be contained in “carriers” which are designed for investigators and other staff that do not wear the vests on a daily routine. These carriers were priced at \$99.95 each. American Uniform Sales is the current uniform provider for the Sheriff’s Office. The total cost of 61 vests and 22 carriers totals \$37,822. The purchase of vests was funded in the Sheriff’s Office 2010-2011 fiscal budget. The Sheriff respectfully requests that the Sheriff be permitted to execute a purchase order with American Uniform Sales for the purchase of sixty-one (61) Point Blank bullet resistant vests. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Items were tabled due to first appearance. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Pharo, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Giles Stroud, all other applicants were tabled.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Board of Health 2 nd Appearance	Giles Stroud (Re-appointment)	September 2013
Lenoir County Board of Health 1 st Appearance	Dr. J. E. Agsten (Re-appointment)	September 2013
Lenoir County Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) 1 st Appearance	George Keller Stone (Re-Appointment) Ben Bazemore, Jr Lesa A. Burges (Appointment)	September 2012

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Lenoir County Economic Development Board – At-Large Member
- Lenoir County Health Board – (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (2) Public Members
- Lenoir County Planning Board – Districts One (1) and Four (4)
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy
- CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies
- Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Stroud the Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda A. Hall
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager