

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 5, 2009**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009 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, Tommy Pharo and Linda Rouse Sutton

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney; Lashanda Aytch, Clerk to the Board 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.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

Mr. Humphrey introduced Mr. Bonar and the senior class of Bethel Christian Academy's Worldviews curriculum. Mr. Bonar stated the class was studying governmental operations and wanted the class to experience county government at work. Mr. Graham along with the Board welcomed the students to the meeting and welcomed any questions. The Board thanked the class for visiting.

Mr. Larry Moolenaar, Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Council addressed the Board. Mr. Moolenaar stated "Regionalism" is becoming more important throughout the County. The concept of regionalism has been around for more than 50 years. The term regionalism is most often used to describe an environment where local government officials work together across jurisdictional boundaries. These efforts typically focus on community and infrastructure projects, economic development, housing, energy, transportation, water resources and workforce development. The current recession and a general decline in local resources are dictating that local jurisdictions look for cost cutting measures, many of which are found in regional cooperation. With no questions from the Board or the public, the Board thanked Mr. Moolenaar for his presentation.

**ITEMS FROM CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS**

Item No. 1 was Items from the Chairman and Members of the Board. There were no items discussed.

**ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated the North Carolina Fisheries Society wants the Board and the public to know that freshwater fishing in North Carolina is not only an enjoyable family recreational activity, but also a major economic engine, with a total statewide economic effect estimated at \$1.04 billion in 2006. North Carolina Fisheries wants the help of all citizens by maintaining water quality and healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Mr. Jarman stated to date in the current fiscal year, the county has spent \$180,000 in the housing of inmates in Pamlico, Sampson, and New Hanover counties. The average cost per day is \$55, with New Hanover charging \$80 per day. The \$180,000 does not include transportation costs, or the loss of personnel in other assigned areas. Major Chris Hill of the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated the Sheriff's Department has been assisted by the Transit Department to transport inmates to the aforementioned jail facilities. The county cannot continue to rely on other counties holding inmates, due to capacity issues in their own facilities. Counties with bed space are further away, and require more money in transportation costs. Mr. Jarman stated the jail is currently in the design phase, with a possible bid process starting in January. After the bid process is initiated, it will take a year and a half before construction is complete. Ms. Sutton stated the Sheriff's department should be commended for keeping the population down as much as they have. Mr. Hollowell updated the Board on the 2010 Census and the Complete Count Committee. Mr. Hollowell stated the Census Bureau has asked the county to form a Complete Count Committee to ensure every citizen is accounted for. Letters will be sent out to select agencies to form the committee; the committee will then meet on November 10, 2009. It is very important for every Kinston-Lenoir County resident to be counted due to the potential increase in federal dollars.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: September 21, 2009  | Aytch/Jarman   |
| 4. | Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein                                  | Parrish/Martin |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Environmental Health/Child Health Programs) Decrease: \$5,000 | Huff/Martin    |
| 6. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$9,393: Decrease  | Jones/Martin   |
| 7. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: CJPP: \$2.00: Increase  | Early/Martin   |
| 8. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Finance/Emergency Medical Services: \$1,348: Increase                               | Martin/Jarman  |

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS**

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$10,873: Decrease. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment decreases the appropriation amounts for the various Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Programs due to a 5% reduction by the state. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Capital Fund: School Building: \$4,266,667: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment adjust revenues and expenditures in the Public School Building Capital Fund to cover capital projects that have been approved by the state. This includes \$3,100,000 in ADM funds and a local match of \$1,033,334 to cover the increased cost of renovating Moss Hill Elementary School. This \$4,133,334 will be used in conjunction with the School Bond money. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund; DSS: \$106,493: Decrease. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, stated the amendment decreases funding amounts for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) through DSS. A public hearing was held during the July 20, 2009 Commissioners' meeting and a resolution was approved to allow transit to apply for ROAP funding. In previous years, DSS was the agency through which EDTAP and EDTAP-Supplemental were funded. Since Lenoir County Transit is now handling the ROAP funding, DSS will no longer receive the above-mentioned funds – funds are now budgeted in Transit. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pharo, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12A was a Resolution Appropriating \$44,188 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds. Mr. Jones stated The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by the President on February 17, 2009. The Act contained provisions that increased the Food and Nutrition Services benefits by 13.6%. North Carolina allocated 90% of the ARRA funds to County Departments of Social Services. The ARRA allocated a second issuance of administrative funds to states available from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010. The amount of administrative funds allocated to Lenoir County is \$44,188. These funds are 100% Federal funds with no County matching requirement. ARRA Funds may be used to pay overtime, hire new staff or contract staff to assist states and local governments with the increased demand for food assistance. The funds must be used to provide Food and Nutrition Services benefits to the residents of Lenoir County. The ARRA funds must be used by September 30, 2010. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund; DSS: \$44,188: Increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution/Request for an Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System: Nautica Place in Hyde Park Subdivision. Mr. Jarman asked the Board to tentatively approve the resolution even though the actual signatures of the residents are not on the request. NCDOT will be contacted for the actual signature page of the document as proof that residents are aware of the proposed changes/addition to the secondary road system. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property. Mr. Jarman stated the County owns various properties that are of no useful value to the County. In accordance with procedures set forth in N.C. General Statute 160A-269, County Administration is requesting the approval of the Board to sell the properties through the negotiated offer and upset bid process. The sale of these properties will return them to private owners and add them once again to the tax scrolls. The properties are as follows:

<u>Tax Department Record Number</u>	<u>Property Description</u>
26606	Bagby Alley, Kinston
14584	405 W. Washington Ave., Kinston
12725	911 Chestnut St.
13363	1024 Macon St.
11371	307 E. Blount St.
5599	912 Macon St.
11324	510 Thompson St.
9283	506 Quinerly Lane
4810	304 N. Adkin St.
11041	1008 E. Gordon St.
12924	522 Tobacco Lane
33344	901 William Vause Lane

<u>Tax Department Record Number</u>	<u>Property Description</u>
17295	209 W. King St.
14608	308 E. Washington St.
16872	106 Hill St.
16873	108 Hill St.
13775	706 Chestnut St.
17341	4751 Willie White Rd.
601	Randolph Farrow Rd.
9760	Bagby Alley
9302	311 E. Caswell St.
15707	E. Washington St., LaGrange
8638	702 Quinerly St.
8045	422 E. Bright St.
4860	David Avenue
23848	1313 Railfence Dr.
17097	Ed Herring Rd., LaGrange
17413	County Line Rd., LaGrange
9225	915 E. Gordon St.
9103	403 Mitchell St.
9114	407 Mitchell St.
13362	507 S. Trianon St.
11858	1018 Liberty Hill Rd.

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Fingerprint Verifying Software & Equipment: \$4,500. Mr. Hill stated Approximately one month ago the Sheriff was authorized by the Board of Commissions to purchase fingerprint equipment from AFIX technologies. This equipment would allow jail staff to begin fingerprinting inmates, which would then be forwarded to a database. Latent fingerprints recovered from crime scenes could then be scanned and searched against the database for possible matches. A third benefit of this system is the ability of jail staff to have the fingerprint of an inmate cross-checked in the AFIX system to determine the identity of the inmate during the booking and release process. This system will work in conjunction with the other AFIX equipment that has already been purchased. These systems are utilized in various jails and prisons in North Carolina and across the nation. The Sheriff respectfully requests the Board of Commissioners to permit the Sheriff to execute a purchase order with AFIX technologies, Inc. for the purchase of the Verifier fingerprint software and reader equipment. The funds for this purchase will come from the SCAAP reimbursement funds, which must be utilized for the purchase of jail-related equipment or services. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments. Item was tabled.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Appearance	Ella M. Clark Joey Huff Luberta Parker Chris Rogerson (Re-Appointment)  Glenn Elmore Wanda H. Jordan Bobby R. Lambert Tara Taylor (Appointments)	June 2011 M: Brown S: Sutton

**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), Four (4) and Alternate
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy
- CJPP – Three (3) Vacancies
- Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

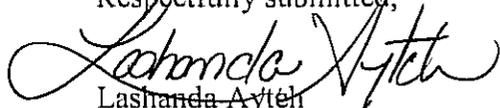
**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 10:05 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 materials terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. The Board took no action during closed session. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, the Board moved out of closed session at 10:31 a.m.

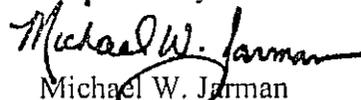
**OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud Open Session re-convened at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Graham stated a possible contract was discussed, no action was taken. Mr. Graham stated within the next 18 months all County Commissioners would be required to go through ethics training. The NCACC will be sending out a template resolution to be adopted by each Board in regards to ethics procedures. Mr. Graham informed the Board of the Commissioners dinner that will be held on December 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baron and the Beef. Mr. Jarman informed the Board of the Employee Christmas Luncheon that will be held on December 18, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Stroud, the Board adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lashanda Aytel  
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By

  
Michael W. Jarman  
County Manager