

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 1, 2010

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 1, 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, Tommy Pharo, and Linda Rouse Sutton.

Members absent:

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.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Mike Tribula and Mr. Eric Cantu addressed the Board regarding the “Tribute to America’s Veterans 10th Anniversary” Veteran’s Day Weekend. The Salute theme is Women of the Uniformed Services. Mr. Tribula extended the Board an invitation to attend the November 5-7, 2010 Veterans Day Services. Mr. Cantu expressed his appreciation in helping to honor Kinston-Lenoir County Veterans throughout the year. The Board thanked Mr. Tribula for the invitation.

Mr. Russell Rhodes, Lenoir County Transportation Chairman, addressed the Board. Mr. Rhodes asked the Board to support a Resolution in objection to the NC11 Eastern Kinston Bypass Feasibility Study (FS-0802A) proposed new traffic signal at all possible intersections of the proposed NC11 Bypass and US 70 (East New Bern Road). Mr. Rhodes stated the Board of Commissioners has endorsed a pilot project to remove a traffic signal from the current intersection of NC 11 and US 70 at an estimated cost of \$12 million. Mr. Rhodes requested the Board approve the feasibility study as presented with an objection to the proposed new traffic signal on US 70 (New Bern Rd.). Upon a motion by Mr. Pharo and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the request as presented.

Mr. Rhodes presented the Board with a Resolution in support of an additional access onto the Main campus of Lenoir Community College (LCC) on NC 58. Mr. Rhodes stated LCC’s Board of Directors have approved and support a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Municipal and School Transportation Assistance Branch Proposal for one additional access to the college on NC 58 south of the current access, retaining the current NC 58 access, closing the median opening in front of the former Adam’s Concrete facility on US 70, modifying the US 70 median opening at LCC’s US 70 entrance as the five year construction plan requires. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Pharo, the Board approved the request as presented.

The Transportation Committee has created a US 70 Access Management Priority List. The following items have the full support of the committee: 1. Construct NC 11/ NC 55 (Skinner Bypass) Square Loop Interchange – Including all access management treatments from the Neuse River to the Tabernacle Church on US70; 2. Implement East Washington to Willie Measley Road improvements, including a square loop interchange at Willie Measley Road; and 5. Implement the Lenoir Community College access management alterations between NC 58 and the College’s US70 access. The committee has trouble fully endorsing 3. Construct Eason Road Interchange and access improvements and 4. Install access management improvements (i.e., median opening alterations, intersection treatments, etc.) along US 70 from West to East, between Willie Measley Road and Eason Road without full disclosure from NCDOT on what type of improvements will be made. Mr. Rhodes asked the Board to support Items 1, 2 and 5 as presented and support Items 3 and 4 upon further disclosure to the Transportation Committee of potential improvements. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, the US 70 Access Management List was approved as presented.

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

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. No items were discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: October 18, 2010 | Hall/Jarman |
| 4. | Resolution Approving Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein | Parrish/Martin |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Finance/Sheriff’s Department: \$269: Increase | Jarman/Martin |
| 6. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$818: Increase | Jones/Martin |
| 7. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements Fund: Economic Development: \$1,196: Increase | Ellis/Martin |

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 8 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Board of Elections: \$14,030: Increase. Ms. Dana King, Board of Elections Director, addressed the Board. Ms. King stated the amendment appropriates funds from the 2010 HAVA Grant that were accepted by the Board on October 4th - \$11,456 and October 18th - \$2,574. These funds will be used to upgrade each precinct for voter accessibility, to assist in paying workers at the One Stop sites and to assist in paying rent and utilities on the building used for the One Stop voting. These funds will be on a reimbursement basis. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for the Board of Elections: Print Elect: \$2,574. Ms. King stated the resolution authorizes the expenditure of the HAVA Grant funds received from the State Board of Elections that was requested and accepted at the October 18th Board Meeting. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for the Board of Elections: Print Elect: \$2,971.50. Ms. King stated the resolution authorizing the purchase of iVotronic voting machine paper and printer pack paper for the Board of Elections. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved. Mr. Graham asked Ms. King if the Board of Elections (BOE) was ready for voter turn-out on November 2nd. Ms. King stated BOE is ready for elections. Several local voters recently spoke out about issues with the electronic voting machines in which they pushed a button for one candidate, and when they checked their ballot, saw the name of the opposing candidate. Ms. King stated she has personally checked 144 electronic voting machines and was unable to duplicate the concerns voiced by recent early voters. Ms. King stated she will be making a #2 pencil available at each voting machine so citizens may use the rubber end of the pencil to cast their ballots. Ms. King urged voters to check all of their choices before casting their votes — the machines allow users to go back and change any choice if they desire. Also, every machine requires each voter to review their ballots before the ballot is cast. The Board thanked Ms. King for the hard work her department has provided this election season.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Power BackUPS and Solutions, Inc. for Purchase and Installation of UPS Batteries. Mr. Joey Bryan, MIS/Transit Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Bryan stated Lenoir County has the majority of its servers and phone systems located in the Computer room on the basement floor of the courthouse. These systems are mission critical and are protected by a UPS system as well as a backup generator system. The batteries have failed on the UPS and need to be replaced. We had a recent outage that took down the counties computer system for over 5 hours due to UPS failure. These batteries have not been replaced in over 9 years and are currently unable to hold the equipment up even for a minor blip in voltage requirements. Upon a motion by Mr. Pharo and a second by Mr. Humphrey, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Emergency Telephone Fund: Emergency Medical Services: \$123,116: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment appropriates a portion of the E-911 Fund Balance to cover the cost of equipment that was budgeted and ordered in FY 09-2010, but was not received until FY 10-11. Headsets were ordered from Gately Communications for \$1,062.75, but were not received until September 2010. The E-911 Viper Positron Upgrade was ordered from Century Link in the amount of \$122,052.71, and was approved by the Board on February 15, 2010. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Employee Insurance Fund: Employee Insurance: \$230,000: Increase. Ms. Martin stated the amendment appropriates an insurance refund check received on October 27, 2010 for \$228,844.79; this is the result of the County's Stop Loss Insurance being activated. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Eight (8) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria's: \$165,168. Major Chris Hill of the Lenoir County Sheriff's Department addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated each year the Sheriff's Office purchases (8) Ford Crown Victoria's to replace patrol vehicles that are approaching or have exceeded 125,000 miles. The Ford Crown Victoria is

essentially the all-around workhorse vehicle for law enforcement. These vehicles provide good storage capabilities, safety, and superior handling during high speed situations. Most of the Sheriff's motor fleet is Ford Crown Victoria's. The North Carolina contract for automobiles was finalized in October. Capital Ford in Raleigh, N.C. was awarded the contract for the distribution of these vehicles. The negotiated contract base price for each vehicle is \$20,646. The Sheriff's Office has solicited bids from local car dealers in the past but none have ever offered a more competitive bid than the negotiated state contract price. The Sheriff respectfully requests the Board of Commissioners to permit the Sheriff to execute a purchase order with Capital Ford for the purchase of eight (8) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria's. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Approving the Purchase and Installation of Six Radios with Option for Two (2) Additional Radios for Lenoir County Transit (LCT) Vehicles Utilizing Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009: \$5,570. Mr. Bryan stated On May 4, 2009, a resolution was approved by the Board approving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 Application for FY 2009-2011. The ARRA provided funds to allow Transit Systems to apply for grants for mobile radios for vehicles. On August 31, 2010, Request for Bids was sent to vendors in Lenoir and other counties. The Request for Bids was advertised in the local paper, a minority owned paper and the State of NC Purchase and Contract Interactive Purchasing System. Twenty-two solicitations for bid packages were sent to vendors; bids were returned by September 17, 2010. Approval for the radio purchase and installation by Radio One Communications Service Company was approved by NCDOT Public Transportation Division on October 20, 2010. Lenoir County Transit will be able to utilize these ARRA funds for purchase of these six radios with the option for two additional radios for the LCT vehicles in the amount of \$5,570. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Items were tabled due to first appearance.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 1 st Appearance	Oscar "Skip" Greene (Primary) Leslie Reynolds (Primary) Re-Appointments Loren Edwards (Alternate) Laddie Crisp (Alternate)	November 2014

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

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 9:30 a.m. and the following cited: Number four (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County. Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director addressed the Board regarding an economic development project. The Board took no action during closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Stroud, the Board moved out of closed session at 9:40 a.m.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton Open Session re-convened at 9:40 a.m. Mr. Pope presented the Board with a Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant Agreement: (E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Company): \$50,000. Mr. Pope stated DuPont has maintained a presence in Lenoir County since 1950. In 2005 the company selected the Kinston Plant to expand its \$55 million Sorona® Polymer project. It is important the County accommodate this project's expansion needs to insure they remain in Lenoir County. DuPont current employs 70 full time employees and contract employees will a full work force of 200 employees. As with previous grants, this grant will be performance-based. In the event that the owner is unable to meet the total investment goals, the grant will be prorated based upon the actual investment. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, the Board approved the Economic Development Agreement with DuPont: \$50,000. With no further comments the Board adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda A. Hall
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager