

**MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 15, 2010**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15, 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: None

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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Roger Smith and Mr. Herman McLawhorn addressed the Board regarding the selection of Veterans to be honored at the Veterans Memorial Park in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Mr. McLawhorn stated the memorial park will cost \$14 million and construction will begin in February 2011; the park will be 3,500 square feet. A granite wall, with a bronzed hand prints, will be the focal point of the park with one (1) Veteran from each 100 counties in North Carolina represented. Lenoir County's honoree is Mr. Ralph Smith. Four (4) additional Veterans will have their hand prints added to the memorial columns in the park; those representatives are Mr. Mickey K. Peacock, Mr. Mac Wood, Mr. Willie Smith, and Ms. Georgia Harris. The Board congratulated each recipient and thanked them for the service.

Mr. Brantley Uzzell, ABC Manager, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Uzzell stated he is a Mt. Olive College graduate with a degree in business management. Mr. Uzzell has been employed with the ABC System for seven (7) years. Mr. Uzzell stated stores are being rearranged and computer systems are being updated. Mr. Uzzell stated he has a goal to locate an ABC Store in the Lowe's/Wal-Mart shopping centers due to the tremendous growth in the area. The goal of Lenoir County's ABC Division is to provide good customer service and generate more money for the county. The Board wished Mr. Uzzell well in his new position in Lenoir County.

Ms. Lucy Marston, Tourism Director, addressed the Board regarding North Carolina Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. Ms. Marston presented Mr. A.J. Austin, Jr. (Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Community Council for the Arts, and the Salvation Army), Mr. Eddie Cox (Lenoir County Council on Aging) and Mr. Larry Landry (1st Presbyterian Church) with the distinguished volunteer awards. Ms. Marston thanked each recipient for the hard work and time they freely give to help the citizens of Lenoir County.

Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director, presented Mr. Randall Boehme of Sanderson Farms with a gift basket to commemorate the birth of 26,304 baby chicks at the Sanderson Farms

Hatchery. Mr. Boehme thanked Mr. Ellis and the Board for the gift and also thanked the community for welcoming his family to Lenoir County.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Graham stated there are several agencies throughout Kinston-Lenoir County that are in dire need of financial assistance. Mr. Graham stated the county is in an extremely positive situation which will enable the county to help take care of certain projects within these agencies. The Community Council for the Arts, Lenoir Community College (LCC), SPCA, and the Neuse Regional Library are the agencies that are in need and have made their request known for the last three (3) years. Mr. Graham made a motion to contribute \$100,000 to the needs of these agencies so they may stay vital and productive for the citizens of Kinston-Lenoir County; the motion was followed by a second from Mr. Stroud. The Arts Council would receive \$50,000 and LCC would receive \$15,000 towards the paving of a parking lot. The remaining \$35,000 would be split between the SPCA and the Library with matching funds of \$50,000 each coming from Spirit and the Committee of 100 for the Community Council for the Arts.

Mr. Humphrey stated he agreed that the agencies described are in need of funding, but he could only support monies going back to the citizens of Lenoir County. Mr. Humphrey stated tax payers are in need as well and this money should go back to them or be placed in county savings. Mr. Pharo asked where the \$100,000 was coming from. Mr. Jarman stated the Chairman asked if the end of the year figures had been reviewed from the audit. From audit information, funds will be available to add to the General Fund Fund Balance. Also, monies for an extra payment for Debt Service on the jail could be designated according to audit information. Mr. Jarman stated LCC requested \$150-175,000 three (3) years ago for a parking lot on its campus, the library also requested funding for a new roof three (3) years ago. A Request for Proposals was sent to obtain estimates on roof replacements-estimates from past years have been at least \$50,000 for a shingled roof to \$250-300,000 for a metal roof. The county does not know at this point the cost or type of roof recommended for the roof replacement.

Mr. Pharo stated the library is a big investment for the county and a leaking roof would ruin that investment. The parking lot at LCC is probably necessary as well, but he too could not support this type of funding at this time. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board that when the resolution was approved for the financing of the jail as required by the Local Government Commission (LGC) the potential for a \$0.04 cent property tax increase to make future debt service payments was included in the Resolution. County Administration will be earmarking extra funds for debt service whenever feasible to prevent future tax increases. The Board approved the motion by a 5 to 2 vote with Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Pharo dissenting.

Mr. Graham presented Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Stroud with plaques recognizing the men for their service to the citizens of Lenoir County. Both Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Stroud stated they were both happy to serve the citizens of Lenoir County and it had been an honor and privilege to serve.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman recommended the Board decline the \$600 and \$900 bids on the following respective properties: 311 E. Caswell Street and Hickory Nut Dr., Kinston, NC. Mr. Jarman recommended the Board approve a \$900 bid on 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. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the Kinston Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 11, 2010; if any Board member wishes to ride in the parade they must let Martha Bishop know by November 24th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: November 1, 2010 Hall/Jarman
- 4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Immunization Program Huff/Martin
State): Increase: \$2,457

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 5 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Sheriff Dept.: \$9,123: Increase. Major Chris Hill of the Sheriff's Department addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated the amendment budgets additional funds received from the US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). These funds are awarded to the county to help offset expenses incurred by the county in housing undocumented criminal aliens or aliens of unknown legal status, who have been convicted of at least one felony or two misdemeanors and have been incarcerated during the reporting period of the award. Upon a motion by Mr. Pharo and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of (10) Portable Motorola Radio's: \$3,613.30. Mr. Hill stated Gately Communications is a Motorola equipment sales and repair business located in Kinston. These radios are relatively inexpensive but are a vital part of the jail's communication system. Over time some of these radios have become inoperative from daily usage. The total cost of each radio (which includes an extra rechargeable battery, programming, and carrying case) is \$361.33 or a combined total of \$3613.30. The Sheriff's Office intends to purchase these radios utilizing SCAAP funding. SCAAP funds (federal reimbursement) must be used exclusively for various jail related items. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of (6) Lenovo Thinkpad Laptop Computers: \$7,502.70. Mr. Hill stated the Sheriff's Office currently utilizes both Gateway and Lenovo computers in patrol cars. Vibration, dust, moisture, heat and cold makes for a hostile environment for computers. As such several of the Sheriff's Office computers are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced. The Lenovo computers have been found to be more durable than the Gateway computers. The Sheriff's Office has been purchasing laptop computers through Gately Communications for the past several years. The cost of each Lenovo laptop computer is \$1250.45, which includes programming & configuration, USB connectors, power adapters for vehicles, and installation. The Sheriff will utilize civil process funding to facilitate the purchase of these computers. Civil process funds are derived from the fees collected for the service of civil papers. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Support and Maintenance Agreement for Neverfail for SQL Server: \$3,000. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Dail stated Contract is for the support and maintenance of the Neverfail SQL server software. The Neverfail SQL server provides a critical service in the day-to-day operations of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software for the Communications Division. This software allows the dual CAD servers to run in mirror mode, thereby ensuring that in the event of the primary CAD server having a critical

failure, the backup server would assume running CAD with no interruption in service to the telecommunicators. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Humphrey, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing Agreement to Host the Save-A-Life Tour. Ms. Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, introduced Mr. Steve Roman, Parenting Matters Coordinator who informed the Board about the Save-A-Life Tour Van that will be going to North Lenoir High School. The van is a drinking and driving simulator that gives student participants a completely realistic, sober perspective on the effects of driving while intoxicated. Instructors engage student participates with massive tour posters along with high intensity videos rolling on huge monitors. It has been said that "No one who experiences the Save-A-Life Tour will leave unaffected." Lenoir County has announced its commitment to saving and educating teens through the implementation of a zero tolerance policy. This activity will supplement current prevention and character education for our teens. Research states that youth participating in 4-H Educational programs are over 50% less likely to experiment with drugs and alcohol. The tour will be expanded to another high school once grant applications can be accepted in January 2011. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10A was a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of 21st Century Grant: \$10,610. Ms. Kelly stated 4-H currently provides after-school educational programming in the areas of Health and Nutrition, Character Education and Substance Abuse Prevention. The 21st Century Learning Center Grant requested like services from our 4-H All-Stars Staff. 4-H All-Stars Staff will provide programming three (3) afternoons per week as well as curriculum and supplies for the amount of \$10,610. Upon a motion by Mr. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10B was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Finance/COOP Ext.: 21st Century Grant: \$10,610: Increase. Upon a motion by Mr. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing: Lenoir County to Enter into a Lease Agreement between Johnnie Sheppard and Lenoir County for the use of the Pink Hill Gymnasium and Athletic Fields: \$7,500. Mr. Ellis stated the county will enter a one (1) year lease with the Sheppard's for the amount of \$7,500. After the completion of the year the county may lease the property indefinitely under a \$1 per year lease. Mr. Ellis reminded the Board that the county will be responsible for the up-keep of the facility including utilities and repairs. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing County Administration to Enter into a Lease Agreement with N.C. Department of Correction. Mr. Jarman stated in 2007 the County entered into a lease/purchase agreement with the City of Kinston for property located at 301 E. King Street (Hannibal Building) to provide suitable office space for NCDOC employees that were located in the sub-standard County facilities on Gordon Street. Office space on the first floor of the Hannibal Building accomplished this task. On April 1, 2008 Lenoir County entered into a lease agreement with NCDOC in the amount of \$31,900 for office space on the second floor of the Hannibal Building. Senate Bill 202 passed in 2009 contained G.S. 15-209 "Accommodations for Probation Offices" which reads: "The County Commissioners in each county in which a probation office exists shall provide, in or near the courthouse, suitable office space for those probation officers assigned to the county who have probationary caseloads and their administrative support." Since the county is now required to provide office space at no charge for probation offices, NCDOC, by letter dated

September 11, 2009, terminated the lease for the office space on the second floor of the Hannibal Building.

NCDOC continues to occupy this space at no charge and without a lease agreement. NCDOC is requesting a no cost lease in order that the state may properly insure their personal property located at this location. County Administration recommends entering into a no cost lease with NCDOC. Failure to enter into the attached lease agreement could result in NCDOC securing other office space elsewhere, with the county being required to reimburse NCDOC for the cost. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pharo, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pharo, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 2 ND Appearance	Oscar "Skip" Greene (Primary) Leslie Reynolds (Primary) Re-Appointments Loren Edwards (Alternate) Laddie Crisp (Alternate) Appointments	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

ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Stroud the Board adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By



Lashanda A. Hall
Clerk to the Board



Michael W. Jarman
County Manager