MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 16, 2009

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 16, 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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Stroud introduced Boy Scout Troop 322 to the meeting. Ms. Tammy Gray stated the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints sponsors the troop. Ms. Gray stated the troop is learning about how government is run for their merit badges. The Board thanked the troop for attending and observing the session.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Mr. Graham stated "Leadership Lenoir" was held today in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Leadership members met with Lenoir County Department Manager's and discussed issues pertaining to their respective departments and how their departments effect the county as a whole. Mr. Graham also addressed the group and discussed the need for county governments and the role county government plays with State and Federal matters. Mr. Graham stated the county has great, up and coming leadership.

ITEMS FROM CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Item No. 1 was Items from the Chairman and Members of the Board. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Jarman to send a letter of congratulations to Mayor-Elect BJ Murphy and Councilman Bobby Merritt. Mr. Graham stated the Board is looking forward to a great working relationship.

Mr. Graham showed the rendering of the Veterans Skilled Nursing Facility, which will be built on Hull Road. The facility is 118,000-sq. ft. and will employ 170 people. Construction is set to begin March 2010.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman updated the Board on the status of county surplus property. Mr. Jarman reviewed a slide presentation of each property as follows with a recommendation for approval: 901 William Vause Lane Kinston, NC ($1,000 Bid); 422 E. Bright St. Kinston, NC ($1,200 Bid); Ed Herring Rd. – Vacant Lot-Kinston, NC ($3,000 Bid); 304 N. Adkin St. Kinston, NC ($500 Bid); 522 Tobacco Lane Kinston, NC ($500 Bid). Mr. Jarman recommended the Board decline the following bids: 4776 Mays Store Rd. LaGrange, NC ($3,000); 1018 Liberty Hill Rd. Kinston, NC ($105). Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, the recommendations were approved.

Ms. Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, addressed the Board. Ms. Kelly stated the Farmers Market would be closed until Monday, November 23rd. At the end of the year the market will close and will reopen in the Spring of 2010. Improvements will be made to the facility during this time to make the facility more inviting to all types of vendors. More regulations will be drafted and enforced at the facility to make it fair to all vendors.

Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the upcoming 2010 Census in April 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

3.	Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: November 2, 2009	Aytch/Jarman
4.	Budget Ordinance Amendment: Sheriff's Department: $5,030: Increase	Smith/Martin
5.	Budget Ordinance Amendment: Federally Seized Property: Sheriff Federally Seized Property: $6,800: Increase	Smith/Martin

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 6 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund Non-Departmental: $25,000: Increase. The Amendment brings forward and budgets in unexpended JCPC and ROAP Funds from the prior fiscal year. These funds were received in FY 08-09 and were unexpended on June 30, 2009. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund/Emergency Telephone Fund Transfer to Other Funds/Emergency Telephone: $34,795.37: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment appropriates funds from General Fund Fund Balance to cover telephone expenditures from FY 08-09 that are ineligible for expenditure from E911 Funds. These Funds were budgeted in the E911 Fund in Fiscal Year 08-09 and expended in Fiscal Year 08-09. However, due to many changes in the guidelines for E911 eligibility, these are not allowable. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund/Emergency Telephone Fund Emergency Management/Emergency Telephone: $34,934.25: Increase/Decrease. Mr. Hollowell stated the amendment appropriates funds from General Fund Fund Balance to cover telephone expenditures in FY 09-10 that are ineligible for expenditure from E911 Funds. These funds were budgeted in the E911 Fund for FY 09-10 and have been expended in FY 09-10. However, due to many changes in the guidelines for E911 eligibility, these are no longer allowed to be charged 100% to E911. Mr. Graham stated a joint meeting should be scheduled with legislators to discuss the restrictions of using E-911 funds. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund/State Controlled Substance: Sheriff-State Controlled Substance: $43,134. Ms. Martin stated the amendment re-appropriates funds for the Sheriff's Department and the State Controlled Substance Fund. On June 15, 2009, the Board approved the purchase of night vision goggles and universal night sights for the Special Response Team (SRT). This equipment was not received until this fiscal year, so therefore the funds need to be re-appropriated in this fiscal year to allow for the receiving and payment of the equipment. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Trust and Agency Fund: Extension-Family Caregiver: $54,050: Increase. Ms. Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, addressed the Board. Ms. Kelly stated the amendment increases previously budgeted amounts. On August 17, 2009, the Smart Start Program was cut by 60% due to the decreases by the State – this will put back 85% of the previous budget cut. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order in the Amount of $7,000 to Research Casting International for a Life Size Dinosaur Dig Pit for Neuseway Park. Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director addressed the Board. Mr. Ellis stated the dig pit will be 31' by 8' and will allow for school groups and visitors to explore a dinosaur skeleton. This exhibit is a floor sample from the National Parks and Recreation tradeshow and is approximately 40% off of the retail price. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12A was a Resolution: Request for Abandonment for State Maintained Secondary Road System: SR 1581 John Mewborne Road. Mr. Jarman stated NCDOT is requesting approval to abandon .91 mile of SR 1581 (John Mewborne Rd.) from the intersection of John Mewborne and Aerosystems Blvd. to SR 1541 (Institute Rd.). Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12B was a Resolution: Request for Abandonment for State Maintained Secondary Road System: SR 1541 Institute Road. Mr. Jarman stated NCDOT is requesting approval to abandon .54 mile of SR 1541 (Institute Rd.) on the NC 58 end. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12C was a Resolution: Request for Addition for State Maintained Secondary Road System: Spirit Way-length 1.85 miles. Mr. Jarman stated NCDOT is requesting approval for the addition of 1.85 miles of Spirit Way to the state road system. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12D was a Resolution: Request for Addition for State Maintained Secondary Road System: Aerosystems Boulevard-length .53 mile. Mr. Jarman stated NCDOT is requesting approval for the addition of .53 mile of Aerosystems Boulevard to the state road system. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12D was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER	TERM EXPIRATION
Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) 2nd Appearance	Anthony D. Hall (Alternate)	November 2012 M: Brown S: Pharo **Tabled**
Kinston-Lenoir County Tourism Development Authority 1st Appearance	Mr. Guy Smith (Appointment)	November 2012 M: Brown S: Pharo **Tabled**

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

Mr. Pope stated the Feed Mill site of Sanderson Farms will be constructed by December 14, 2009. The company is moving very quickly and is on schedule.

Mr. Davis voiced concerns regarding transportation issues in the county concerning Hwy. 70. Mr. Pope stated roads and infrastructure has to grow with the economy and the growth of the county. Mr. Jarman stated the county is fortunate to have a very active Transportation Committee; the Transportation Committee is very informed with transportation issues in the county and is keeping the Board informed about all issues.

Ms. Sutton stated the Golden Leaf Foundation has reviewed 32 projects; all projects will be ranked and recommendations will be heard in April 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager