

**MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 20, 2006**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2006 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 Paul Taylor and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Chris Humphrey Earl Harper and Wayne Pittman.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager; Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager; Robert W. Griffin, County Attorney; Lashanda Aytch, Clerk to the Board; and members of the general public and the news media.

Mr. Graham along with fellow members of the Board thanked Mr. Pittman for his four (4) years of service as County Commissioner. Mr. Pittman thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve them and wished the best for Lenoir County.

Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Mr. Pittman offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Willie Ray Starling addressed the Board regarding the Election Process in Lenoir County. Mr. Starling read a prepared statement in regards to the recent Election. Mr. Starling will be filing an official report to the Lenoir County Board of Election that states concerns regarding the Board of Elections. Mr. Jarman read General Statutes regarding the Responsibility of the Board of Commissioners in regard to the Board of Elections. Mr. Graham stated that the Board has no managerial direction over the Board of Elections.

Mr. David Harris of RSM Harris Associates presented an update on the Arnold Family Road Project and the Grainger Revitalization Project. Mr. Harris presented photographs of housing improvements funded by the CDBG Grant. There were 11 houses on Arnold Family Road and all have been destroyed and replaced with new housing. Arnold Family road now exceeds NCDOT standards and is served by North Lenoir Water Corporation. The Grainger Road project was approached the same way, but with less funding than with Arnold Family Road. The same improvements will be taking place on Willie White Road in LaGrange, similar to the Arnold Family Road project.

Mr. Jim Ward of the North Carolina Sons of Confederate Veterans presented a Proclamation Declaring 2007 "The Year of Lee." Mr. Ward read the proclamation aloud for the Board and the viewing public. The Board thanked Mr. Ward for his presence. M: Brown S: Davis

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: November 6, 2006
Closed Session Meeting: November 6, 2006 Aytch/Jarman
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health: Health Promotions: \$50.00 Huff/Hollowell
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements/General: Community Development: \$-40,830 Jarman/Hollowell
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$4,182: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health: Adult Health: \$14,275: Increase Huff/Hollowell
6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: EMS Division: \$133,329: Transfer Dail/Hollowell

RESOLUTIONS/BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute. Mr. Jarman stated this resolution was needed by the Local Government Commission for them to approve Lenoir County borrowing funds for a shell building. Mr. Humphrey asked would the building be given away. Mr. Jarman stated the incentives for the building will be performance based. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Authorizing Repair and Painting of Ceiling in the Lenoir County Superior Courtroom: Brinson Home Repair: \$10,200. Mr. Jarman stated in 1998 a plumbing leak in the upstairs jail caused extensive damage to the ceiling and walls of the Lenoir County Superior Courtroom. Brinson Home Repair repaired the damage caused by the leak. In 2005 another leak from the upstairs jail damaged ceiling tiles and plaster. These areas were temporarily patched in an effort to keep the courtroom in use. A large area of plaster in the ceiling was also damaged and the paint blistered and peeled. This area of plaster has not been sanded and repainted. In October 2006 another leak from the upstairs jail damaged plaster and ceiling tiles. Plaster and ceiling tiles fell from the weight of the moisture. Brinson Home Repair performed an emergency repair of this damaged area during a one (1) week period, while Superior Court was not in session. The entire ceiling area needs to be repaired and painted. The missing tiles, access holes, and area of blistered paint do not present a favorable image for the Court and County. The County Maintenance Department received three (3) bids to repair and paint the entire ceiling of the Lenoir County Superior Courtroom. All bids include wrapping the Courtroom in plastic to minimize dust from sanding, repair and replacement of damaged tiles, sanding and priming ornate plaster, painting entire ceiling area, and clean-up. Brinson Home Repair provided the County with the lowest bid to perform the work as specified. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Approving Contract with Vanguard Professional Staffing: \$75,000. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, stated in an effort to assist with continual recruitment, retention and quality assurance, the DSS Board is seeking to temporarily contract with Vanguard Professional Staffing for Social Workers to staff vacancies in the Child Welfare Program. Vanguard offers temporary employees to cover vacancies as well as temp-to-perm opportunities for full-time or

part-time schedules. DSS will contract with Vanguard to recruit, train and place temporary employees at the agency for possible appointment to a permanent position in one of DSS Income Maintenance programs. These employees will meet the minimum qualifications as established by the Office of State Personnel for the beginning classification of the Income Maintenance Series. Vanguard will train and test each contract employee to ensure competencies prior to placement. The continuation of the contract does not require a new appropriation as funds are currently budgeted will be used for this purpose. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of (5) Ford Crown Victoria's and (3) Dodge Chargers: \$164,788. Sheriff Billy Smith, stated between eight to ten cars are ordered annually to keep the fleet's replacement system intact. Currently the Sheriff's Office has over (8) vehicles that have reached the appropriate mileage and condition for replacement. The Sheriff's Office has traditionally purchased vehicles through the North Carolina State Contract system, which offers competitive pricing for law enforcement vehicles. There are five (5) standard patrol vehicles and three (3) detective vehicles that need replacement. As in years past, Capital Ford of Raleigh was selected to provide the Ford Crown Victoria. The Ford Crown Victoria Interceptor model is priced at \$20,600 per vehicle. Ilderton D-C-J is providing the Dodge Charger through the same contract at a cost of \$20,596. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

AMENDMENTS:

Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Marketing Matters, Inc. a Kinston/Lenoir County Retirement Guide: \$5,391.67. Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, addressed the Board regarding the guides. Mr. Pope stated the guides were to attract retired persons to invest in our community. The cost of the guides is being equally divided between Lenoir County, the City of Kinston, and Lenoir Memorial Hospital. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. Amendment 1 was approved.

Resolution Approving Construction/Cabling/Relocating Personnel to the Hannibal Building: \$20,000. Mr. Jarman stated that light construction along with painting and data cabling are needed to accommodate State Personnel in the Hannibal building. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item Amendment 2 was unanimously approved. Inmates will assist in painting the Hannibal Building.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. There were no appointments for this meeting.

John McNairy needs to be re-appointed to the GTP Authority Board M: Brown S: Harper

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Planning Board 1st Appearance	Eric Rouse (Falling Creek District)	November 2009 M: Brown

		S: Harper
Nursing Home & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee 1st Appearance	Nell H. Smith Julia Price Chester Stocks Jean King Anne Gaddis Jane Phillips Della Rouse (Re-Appointments)	November 2009
Grifton Planning Board 1st Appearance	Michael Houston (Re-Appointment)	August 2009

CURRENT VACANCIES:

Lenoir County Health Board – One (1) Vacancy; (1) Veterinarian

Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy; Expired Term; Does Not Desire Re-Appointment

JCPC – One (1) Vacancy; 1-Juvenile Attorney;

Lenoir County Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy; Resignation: District Six

CJPP – Four (4) Vacancies

Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY ATTORNEY

Item No. 20 regarded Items of Interest.

Chairman George Graham shared a letter from Sheriff Smith suggesting a committee be formed to discuss the Jail situation in depth and look at alternatives to putting inmates in jail. The Board agreed to discuss the committee at the next meeting on 12/04/06.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham the Board adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager