

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 17, 2007

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman, Paul H. Taylor, Jr., Vice-Chairman, George Graham, Jr., and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: None

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

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

None Scheduled

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Item No. 1 was Items from the Chairman and County Commissioners. Mr. Taylor would like for every Board member to remain on their current Boards and give an update of the activities for each Board/Committee at each meeting.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the Commissioner Christmas Luncheon tonight at the Baron and the Beef starting at 6:00 p.m. The Eastern Carolina Council has awarded Ms. Sue Powell the Area Transit Award which covers 9 counties. Ms. Powell thanked Mr. Bryan for nominating her; and thanked the Board for their support of the Transit System.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent agenda items.

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: December 3, 2007 | Aytch/Jarman |
| 4. | A. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Adult Health) Increase: \$833 | Huff/Hollowell |
| | B. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Bioterrorism Program): \$17,500: Increase | |
| | C. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (General Program) \$18,600; (Animal Control Program) \$16,400: Total Increase \$35,000 | |

5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Finance/Non-Departmental: \$8,011: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Vehicle Replacement: Vehicle Replacement: \$56,700: Increase Dail/Hollowell

RESOLUTION

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Honoring Elyria June Koonce. Ms. Brown read the resolution aloud for members of the Board and viewing public. Ms. Koonce stated she has enjoyed her time working with the citizens of Lenoir County. The Board wished Ms. Koonce well in her future endeavors.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Authorizing Heath Electric Company to make Changes Necessary to Accommodate a New Phone System for the Administrative Offices of the Courts (AOC): \$6,500. Mr. Jarman stated Lenoir County is required to provide adequate space and infrastructure to accommodate the needs of the AOC. Per a special provision in the state's 2007 budget bill (H1473), counties, as of July 1, 2008, will be responsible to fully fund all AOC telephone system upgrades. The AOC's current phone system is out dated and does not provide the technology necessary for proper functionality of their office. Lenoir County wishes to provide the infrastructure necessary to allow the AOC to purchase a new VoIP Phone System prior to July 1, 2008. By installing the phone system prior to July 1, 2008 the state is responsible for purchasing the phone system leaving the county responsible for updating the infrastructure. Effective July 1, 2008, all counties will be responsible for providing the infrastructure and the phone system. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Three 2008 Ford Expeditions for the Emergency Services Department: Vic Bailey Ford: \$76,808. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director addressed the Board. Mr. Dail stated Lenoir County Emergency Services has three vehicles with mileage in excess of 130,000. Two vehicles are 2001 Dodge Durango's with 134,387 miles and 143,380 miles, one 1999 Crown Victoria with 137,800 miles. These vehicles are used as quick response vehicles and are first responders to incidents. Staff has researched vehicles best suited for this type of work. With miles driven and equipment that the vehicles carry, it has been determined that a full-size SUV is best suited for this line of work. Staff recommends the purchase of the Ford Expeditions; which will be purchased through state contract. The three vehicles the Expeditions are replacing, can be transferred to other county departments to be used for non-emergency duties, or sold if no departments can use them. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

AMENDMENT

Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a 400-Pound Flaker Ice Machine with Bin: \$2,818.20. Ms. Kelly stated the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension building is used for staff programming efforts for the citizens of Lenoir County. It is also available for use by other departments for meetings and programs. Currently the building is reserved or in use approximately 75% of the time. There are three meeting rooms available. The ice machine is requested for use at these events, as well as for any other county department's use. This will eliminate the purchase and pick up of ice from other sources. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, the ice machine was approved for purchase.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 4:15 p.m. and the following cited Number 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. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board moved out of closed session at 5:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioner re-convened in open session at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Jarman stated Item No. 10A was a Resolution Authorizing Renovation of the Resource Development Building: \$75,000. The county is looking to relocate employees to the building and locate another entity in the future. The lease fee per year will pay for the renovations of the site within two years. Repairs and renovations need to be completed as soon as possible so that the building can be occupied by March 31, 2008. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 10A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10B was Budget Ordinance Amendment: General – Capital Improvements: Bldg. Grounds: \$75,000: Increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 10A was unanimously approved.

Mr. Graham stated Mr. Hulon Whitehead, who represents the county on the Eastpointe Board, passed away last week. The Board must appointment a new member to take his place.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Economic Development Board 2 nd Appearance	William B. Taylor, II (Re-appointment) Carol Sykes (Appointment)	December 2010 M: Brown S: Stroud

CURRENT VACANCIES:

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

Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy; ETJ Position

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

Lenoir County Planning Board – District 1, 3, & 6

CJPP – Four (4) Vacancies

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

Mr. Jarman stated the county has received several bid requests for property owned by the county through foreclosure. Mr. Jarman requested the Board accept the bids as follows:

Property	Bid
3755 Stocks Circle	\$4,000.00
2845 Hodges Farm Road (House Only)	\$1,000.00
Arnold Family Road (Record No.-34106)	\$500.00
Arnold Family Road (Record No.-36991)	\$200.00
Rouse Road (Record No.-27928)	\$2,900.00
Rouse Road (Record No.-30594)	\$2,400.00
704 Parrott Avenue	\$29,500

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the bid request.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager