

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 6, 2006

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 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, Earl Harper, Chris Humphrey, and Wayne Pittman.

Members absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. 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 Graham called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mr. Pittman offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Basic Industrial Buildings." Mr. Pope stated that there are four (4) available shell buildings in North Carolina's Eastern Region as follows: NC Global TransPark (GTP Two), Farmville and Mt. Olive. GTP Two has 20,000 square feet, Mt Olive's Shell Building has 55,000 square feet, and Farmville has 28,000 square feet. The North Carolina Department of Commerce Statewide Statistics state for December 2005 – 23 Projects were assigned: 19 new, 4 expansions and 5 new international projects. The new shell building should be between 30,000-40,000 square feet and should be expandable. The ceiling heights of the new building should be between 21 to 24 feet high. From January 2005 to January 2006, Lenoir County made seven (7) announcements, which created 547 new jobs, with \$48.1 million invested in the county. Mr. Pope stated that he would like to see the proposed Shell No. 3 located in US 70 West Industrial Park. The building will encompass a 10.6-acre site. Utilities are in place as well as electric, water, natural gas and sewer. The proposed Shell No. 3 should feature 30,000 to 40,000 square feet expandable to 80,000 square feet, 24'-30' minimum ceiling heights, loading dock levelers and windows to allow natural light. The benefits that a new shell building will create are client activity, 85% of all projects historically are seeking available buildings, and it saves time and money for each potential client. Mr. Pope stated that his plan is to pursue involvement of the Committee of 100 and the City of Kinston to develop a building team that will ask for bids, pursue sites and pursue funding options. If given approval now construction of the new shell building could begin in early spring; construction would take 6 to 9 months and conclude by the end of 2006. Mr. Pope stated that the Eastern Region has \$1.6 million the county could use for this construction at an interest rate of 3.5% or 3.5% of prime. Mr. Humphrey asked what is the average length of time that a shell building remains on the market. Ms. Donna Phillips, NC Department of Commerce; stated that a shell building can stay on the market for 6 to 8 years. Ms. Phillips stated that ceiling heights are the major problem with the empty buildings in Lenoir County now. Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Mr. Harper the Board unanimously approved moving forward with the construction of Shell Building No. 3.

Mr. Russell Rhodes, Lenoir County Transportation Chairman, addressed the Board regarding the U.S. 70 Corridor Report. The ad hoc committee that was created by the Board of Commissioners, consisting of Paula Walls, Joey Bryan, Earl Harper, and Mr. Rhodes are ready to report. The committee has posed two (2) questions to the Corridor Commission which are: (1) Should Lenoir County spend \$25,000 per year to help fund the US Corridor study; and (2) Should Lenoir County continue to send representatives to attend the US 70 Corridor Commission Meetings. The committee has recommended that the county should not contribute \$25,000 per year at this time. Committee members will still attend the Commission meetings to gain further information. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the Committee's recommendations. Mr. Rhodes then discussed the Bridge Replacement Project 42 & 43: 2008. The Lenoir County Transportation Committee has recommended to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), to have an on-site detour during the bridge replacement project.

Ms. Jodie Glosson, Executive Director, Mr. Walter LaRoque, Chairman, Lenoir County Council on Aging (LCCOA) addressed the Board regarding a building renovation request. Mr. LaRoque stated that the mission of the Council on Aging is to "Enrich the lives of Lenoir County seniors through services and activities. All citizens 55 years of age or older, regardless of income, are eligible for our programs. The main benefit of our services is that we keep seniors in their own homes as long as possible. The council also offers home delivered meals, senior companions, legal aid, tax assistance, exercise class, recreation etc. The instructors for these programs are on a voluntary basis. The FY 05-06 budget is \$464,000 of which \$333,000 comes from the Federal Community Care Block Grant, \$13,900 USDA, \$8,000 consumer cost sharing, \$37,000 from the County with a 10% match from federal funds, \$12,400 from the state match, United Way etc. North Carolina ranks #3 in the Southeastern Region of the United States in Senior Population. Recent statistics reveal that the senior population is the fastest growing segment of all populations. Therefore, the county must prepare for this influx of senior citizens that need services and a place that specializes in senior needs and desires. LCCOA purchased the Demain Building in the summer of 2004. The building has 12,000 square feet of space to be renovated and a basement for storage. With the immediate need for more space, the renovation of this building will allow us to offer more services and activities and to be able to better serve the senior population. The approximate cost of the renovation of the Demain Building into the new Senior Life Enrichment Center will be between \$1 to 1.25 million. This will include complete renovation of the Demain Building and the Skinner Senior Center, which is connected. This will not only provide the much needed additional space that the agency needs; but will help to enhance our county's downtown area and make LCCOA an organization that will attract not only our local seniors, but those searching for an area to retire. In Eastern Carolina's Region P, there are only 9 counties with 9 senior centers. Only one (1) is not a county department – that is Lenoir County. As a private non-profit organization, LCCOA absorbs all of the expenditures of the agency such as our employee compensation packages, utilities, maintenance, supplies, upkeep for all three centers, etc. The Board of Directors, Executive Director and other concerned and interested senior citizens come to request from the County of Lenoir a one-time amount of \$300,000. Mr. Graham asked where would the remaining funds come from to renovate the building. Mr. LaRoque stated the LCCOA has completed several fundraisers, the local legislature has been lobbied, and grants are being looked at. Ms. Glosson stated that there are many services that could be provided if the space was available. LCCOA would like to offer nice facilities for the seniors of Lenoir County. Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Ms. Brown the Board approved discussing the issue further at the Budget Retreat.

Dr. Brantly Briley, President of Lenoir Community College (LCC): Thank You for Your Support. On behalf of the Board of Trustees LCC thanks the Board for all of their support. LCC has experienced at 3% growth rate in enrollment. The campus has expanded rapidly and is in a very good position with land for the next 3 decades. There are two (2) new buildings being constructed, which are the Science and Culinary Arts Buildings. LCC has received a \$1.9 million Golden Leaf Grant. The Board thanked Dr. Briley for his comments, and was encouraged to keep up the good work.

Ms. Ginny Mohrbutter, Regional Manager of the Mental Health Association of Lenoir County, addressed the Board. Ms. Mohrbutter stated that her office is a statewide education advocacy community support agency. They work to provide educational training and overall support to mental health patients. The committee has been organized for 2 years. Ms. Mohrbutter is requesting the Board help her committee to fund a resource office with funding support in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Graham asked where the organizations current office is located. Ms. Mohrbutter stated that her committee meets monthly at 3612 Vernon Avenue at Abilities Inc. Ms. Brown asked how many people were serviced in FY 2005. Ms. Mohrbutter stated 500 clients were serviced. Mr. Jarman asked if Eastpointe had been contacted to utilize space in the current Mental Health Building. Ms. Mohrbutter stated that she had not been in contact with Eastpointe. The Board directed Ms. Mohrbutter to contact Mr. Jarman for further discussion in regards to space utilization in the Mental Health building.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda by a 6 to 1 vote with Mr. Humphrey dissenting.

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| 1. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: January 17, 2006 | Aytch/Jarman |
| 2. | Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein | Parrish |
| 3. | Order for Tax Collector to Advertise 2005 Taxes which are a Lien on Real Property | Parrish |
| 4. | Budget Ordinance General Fund: Health: Immunization Program: Increase: \$1,585 | Huff/Hollowell |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Economic Development: \$19,849: Increase | Jarman/Hollowell |
| 6. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$55,861: Increase | Jones/Hollowell |
| 7. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: D. S. S.: \$75,000: Increase | Jones/Hollowell |
| 8. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Vehicle Replacement Fund: Capital Improvements Fund: \$465,721: Increase | Jarman/Hollowell |

PUBLIC HEARING/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 9 was a Public Hearing regarding the FY 2006-07 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG): \$24,649. Mr. Graham opened the public hearing at approximately 9:53. Major Chill Hill with the Sheriff’s Department addressed the Board. Major Hill stated that during the past several years the Lenoir County Sheriff’s Office has applied for and received funds from the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program (LLEBG).

The LLEBG has been eliminated and has been replaced with the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). These funds in the past were used to purchase equipment for the Sheriff's Office. Because the Lenoir County Sheriff's Office is a disparate agency the Sheriff's Office and the Kinston Department of Public Safety must jointly apply for the grant. It is expected that the Sheriff's Office will receive 50% of the total award amount of \$24,649. No matching funds are required for this grant. On January 16, 2006 the Lenoir County Commissioners gave approval to the Sheriff to jointly apply for the JAG grant. The Sheriff's Office is expected to receive \$12,324.50 from the JAG. With these funds the Sheriff intends to purchase and have installed a fabricated metal shelter to cover the newly remodeled mobile command center. Currently the mobile command center is parked in an area that does not provide any protection from sunlight, rain, hail or other harmful weather conditions. The Sheriff also intends to purchase the following: more hard drives for the Vision Hawk in-car camera server, 20 sets of tire deflation devices (stop sticks) to help stop vehicle pursuits, and purchase a small utility trailer to haul all terrain vehicles to areas of the county where they are needed for rescue and recovery. There were no comments made by the public. The Public Hearing closed at approximately 9:56 a.m.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Approving the FY 2006-07 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG): \$24,649. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Humphrey, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Public Hearing regarding the Lenoir County 2003 CDBG-SS Project Amendment for Street Construction. Mr. Graham opened the Public Hearing at approximately 9:57 a.m. Mr. David Harris of RSM Harris and Associates addressed the Board. Mr. Harris stated that bids were taken on the CDBG Concentrated Needs project to pave a portion of the Arnold Family Road as street improvements. At the time the bids came in, they were over the amount that had been budgeted for that activity. Several letters have been sent to the N C Division of Community Assistance (DCA) asking them to allow the CDBG Scattered Site funds to augment the Concentrated Need Funds in order to complete the project. DCA has finally allowed the County to use Scattered Site funds to complete this activity. There were no comments made by the public. The Public Hearing closed at approximately 9:58.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing a Program Amendment to the CDBG Scatter Site Project – Add Local Option – Street Improvements: \$47,128.88. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Item No. 13A. was a Resolution Authorizing Funding for HVAC Replacement: Neuse Regional Library: \$240,000. Mr. Jarman stated Mr. Bill Rhodes of Commercial AC, has inspected the system and has agreed with the \$240,000 recommendation. The Little Bank of Kinston, N.C. has contacted the management of the library and has stated that the bank will help defray a portion of the additional expense to replace the HVAC system. The Little Bank will submit three (3) equal donations of \$40,000 each to the management of the library. The first donation will be made on April 11, 2006. The second on April 1, 2007, and the third on April 1, 2008. The library will repay the \$40,000 each year to the County to reimburse the County for the expenditure. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. 13A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13B. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund – Capital Improvements: Library Expansion: \$240,000: Increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. 13B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14A. was a Resolution Stating Intent to Proceed with a Referendum for Lenoir County General Obligation School Bonds. Mr. Jarman stated that the Notice of Intent to Apply to the North Carolina Local Government Commission for Approval of General Obligation School Bonds. The maximum amount of the bonds to be issued is \$69,700,000. The Local Government Commission (LGC) has stated that the county can not use lottery funds to help service this debt. If the whole amount of the bonds (\$69.7 million) were approved at one time, it will cost the taxpayers an additional \$0.13. If we approved a \$0.05 increase now, and issue the bonds over a three-year period, it would lower the cost significantly. Mr. Jarman stated that he is recommending the Board to approve the \$69.7 million, the cost to the voters will begin at \$0.05; lottery funds will take care of the remainder of the debt. Mr. Humphrey asked if this recommendation would commit future boards to any other tax increase for future school bond request. Mr. Jarman stated that it does not, but it is not a simple question due to the different variables involved. Mr. Harper asked would a not to exceed figure be included in the resolution. Mr. Jarman stated that it could be added. Mr. Pittman stated the School Board initially requested \$211 million, then they scaled it down to \$38 million, now they are back up to \$69.7 million. Mr. Pittman stated he is concerned that the voting public will not know what they are receiving from an additional \$0.05 tax increase. Mr. Pittman would like the public to know how, where and in what manner these additional funds will be used. Mr. Graham stated that it is the responsibility of the School Board to market what these funds will be used for. Mr. Jarman stated that this is the best wording available that will protect everyone involved. But, if the Board is not comfortable with this decision they can reduce the tax rate. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 14A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14B. was a Resolution Approving Acceptance and Execution of Proposal for Bond Counsel Services. The proposal from Sanford Holshouser for service as Bond Counsel of Lenoir County in connection with the issuance of general obligation school bonds consists of two components. First, a fee of \$1,500 for all work through the referendum (payable promptly after the referendum, whether or not the referendum passes). For all subsequent work leading to the County's issuance of the general obligation school bonds, a fee equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of bonds offered, with a minimum charge of \$10,000. These fees include all expenses including attendance at a County Board meeting, it desired, for the execution of closing documents. If for any reason the county decides not to proceed with the referendum, Sanford Holshouser will be compensated at their normal hourly rate (plus expenses), but not exceeding \$1,500. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 14B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2005 Yamaha Bruin 4-Wheel ATV: \$3,690. Major Hill stated the Sheriff's Office is charged with investigating various criminal offenses as well as responding to calls for assistance in matters concerning missing persons. Sheriff's officers patrol and answer these calls in rural parts of Lenoir County. Typically sheriff's deputies would have to abandon their patrol vehicles and walk to search for persons or illicit plants in vast areas that do not allow for vehicular traffic. Recently the sheriff's office had to assist in locating a missing person who was last known to be operating an ATV in a field in a rural section of Lenoir County. Sheriff's deputies had to use their personal ATV's to look for the missing person who was eventually located in a ditch. The Sheriff's Office contacted CMSK Powersports, Inc., located at 2410 W. New Bern Ave., Kinston concerning the acquisition of a four wheel ATV. CMSK presented the Sheriff's Office with various models based upon the stated needs of the office. Based upon the information supplied by CMSK, the Sheriff's Office selected a Yamaha Bruin 250 4 wheel ATV. CMSK provided a total price for the ATV in the amount of \$3690, which included tax and other fees. The Sheriff will use funds from the Controlled Substance Tax line item to purchase the ATV. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Additional Repairs Needed During the Replacement of a roof at the Neuseway Nature Center and the Neuseway Planetarium Observation Deck: \$4,551.95. Mr. Jarman stated the Neuseway Planetarium Observation Deck had numerous water damaged trusses that had to be replaced that was not discovered until the roof was taken off. The metal flashing around the top caps of the building walls at the Neuseway Nature Center were also beyond repair. This additional work was \$4,551.95. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 17 was a Resolution Authorizing Replacement and Repairs of Damaged Sheetrock and Plaster in the Sheriff's Department, Pubic Break Room and the North and South Stairwells: \$8,000. Mr. Jarman stated the original section of the Courthouse has just undergone a major window replacement project. As a result of removing the old window frames, areas of damaged plaster and sheetrock need to be repaired. This damage was due to many years of moisture intrusion within the walls caused by the leaking old windows. Most of the wall area being repaired and replaced has been damaged over the years by the moisture within the walls and not as a direct result of removing the old window frames. These repairs were not budgeted for in the window replacement contract. Brinson Home Repair will replace areas of damage with new sheetrock and plaster. They will finish and paint the repaired areas. In the Sheriff's Department, where wallpaper is present, the window units will be cased and finished with new wood framing. The County requested bids from three (3) contractors to perform the plaster and sheetrock repairs. Brinson Home Repair presented the County with the lowest bid for the job. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 17 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Resolution Authorizing Replacement of Aluminum Blinds in the Lenoir County Courthouse Superior Courtroom: The Blind Spot: \$9,036. Mr. Jarman stated the replacement of the original window units in the old portion of the Lenoir County Courthouse has been completed. The 2' aluminum blinds in the Superior Courtroom had to be taken down in order to replace the window units. These blinds were installed many years ago and are in poor condition. The webbing holding the slats together is brittle and fragile. The old blinds were temporarily nailed back up after the windows were replaced. They are not operable and are at risk of falling. Management knew that these blinds would most likely have to be replaced when the window replacement project was completed. Replacement of these blinds was not included in the window replacement contract. Aluminum blinds of this massive size have to be manufactured and installed by a contractor. The County received quotes from three (3) companies. The Blind Spot of Kinston, N.C was the only company to provide the County with a quote as per our instructions for 2" horizontal aluminum blinds. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Approving the North Carolina Health & Wellness Trust Fund Commission – College Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Initiative Grant - \$20,000 (Total Grant Award - \$40,000 Two Year Period) Funding Distribution: FY 05-06: \$20,000 – FY 06-07: \$20,000. The College Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Initiative Grant was awarded to the Lenoir County Health Department to be used in cooperation with Lenoir Community College to reduce tobacco use among college students ages 18-24. The objective is to adopt a Tobacco Free Policy on the campus, create peer educators/advocates, provide training and technical assistance and build collaborative relationships within the surrounding communities. This action is necessary to provide sufficient accounting of expenditures/revenues to comply with applicable laws. This action is requested to use the N.C. Health and Wellness Trust Fund grant to support College Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 20 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Mapping Software/Hardware for Communications: \$34,805. Mr. Roger Dail, Emergency Services Director, stated that the GEOLynx mapping software is a required upgrade to the current GEO Locator software being used in the 911 center now, as VisionAir will no longer be supporting the current software. The mapping software will continue to support and improve Wireless Phase II capabilities in the 911 center. This mapping software was budgeted in the 2005-06 E-911 Wireless Budget as being 100% fundable out of the Wireless fund. In addition, the hardware purchase is necessary to operate the new mapping software and the current version of CAD and DCI. This hardware purchase is also 100% fundable by the E911 Wireless Fund. The purchase of the mapping software is necessary for the Communications Center, as VisionAir will no longer be supporting the current version of GEO Locator. The purchase of the hardware will allow the mapping software to communicate with the CAD in automatically populating wireless cell phone 911 callers, as well as assisting in the dispatching of all emergency calls. The total cost of this purchase is an allowable expense out of the Wireless Fund balance. Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 20 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 21 was an Ordinance Regulating Pre-Hospital and Emergency Medical Services. Item was tabled until a Public Hearing could be scheduled.

Item No. 22 was a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Direct Record (Touch Screen) Voting Equipment: Elections Systems & Software: \$530,509. Ms. Dana King, Board of Elections Director, stated the State Board of Elections has mandated that all counties in North Carolina must comply with its new voting requirements. These requirements include provisions that all local Boards of Elections must be able to produce a paper trail to account for all votes. All voting equipment in the state must comply with the new regulations. All counties are being forced to purchase new voting equipment to be in compliance with the new regulations. The only state approved vendor providing voting equipment that is in compliance with the new mandated regulations is Elections Systems & Software. Election Systems & Software manufactures **two** types of voting equipment that are compliant (1) **Direct Record** – utilizes a touch screen: and (2) **Optical Scan** – utilizes paper ballots with a scan reader). Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds in the amount of \$333, 661 and additional grant funding from the State Board of Elections in the amount of \$30,000 will be awarded to Lenoir County to help purchase the voting equipment. The Lenoir County Board of Elections met and chose **Direct Record** as the desired voting equipment for Lenoir County. A climate controlled storage area will be needed for this equipment. The additional county funding needed to purchase the equipment will not have to be budgeted until next fiscal year (FY06-07). There is a potential cost of \$74,000 for software equipment. Mr. Harper asked what is the warranty on the new equipment. Ms. King responded that the warranty is only for one (1) year. Mr. Jarman asked what are the other counties in North Carolina going with. Ms. King stated that 59 counties are going with optical scan, 24 counties are going with direct record, 11 counties are splitting their decision between the two choices, and 5 counties are going with paper ballots. Mr. Bobby Waller, Board of Elections Chairman, stated the direct record machines are very similar to the machines the county currently has. The voters are already familiar with the direct record machines, if a major change is made it will be difficult to retrain the voters. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the Direct Record equipment for the Board of Elections. The motion was approved by a 4 to 3 vote with Mr. Harper, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Pittman dissenting.

Item No. 23 was a Resolution of the Lenoir County, NC Approving the Assignment of the Cable Television Franchise. Mr. Sammy Roberson, Director of Public Relations & Government Affairs for Cox Communications addressed the Board. Mr. Roberson stated that Cox Communications would be transferring ownership to CeBridge Communications effective May 1, 2006. Mr. Humphrey asked would CeBridge offer the same service as Cox Communications. Mr. Roberson stated that the business will remain the same, just the name is changing.

The company is not anticipating in loss of service, but may gain some different service areas. Jerry Kent is the CEO of Cebridge and Howard Wood is the Chairman, www.cebridge.com is the website if the Board has any questions regarding the company. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 23 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 24 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) 2nd Appearance	Kenneth Jones (Appointment)	June 2006 M: Brown S: Harper
Lenoir County Board of Health 2nd Appearance	Annette Greer (Re-Appointment)	January 2009 M: Brown S: Harper
Lenoir County Equalization and Review Board 2nd Appearance	Stanley Roberson (Re-Appointment)	January 2009 M: Brown S: Harper
Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 2nd Appearance	Richard Poteat (Primary) (Re-Appointment) Clifton Harrison (Alt.)	January 2010 M: Brown S: Harper
Neuse River Development Authority 1st Appearance	Frank J. Cobia (Re-Appointment)	January 2009
Lenoir County Equalization & Review Board 1st Appearance	William (Bill) Howard (Re-Appointment)	January 2009
Lenoir County Board of Health 1st Appearance	Dale Hardy (Re-Appointment)	January 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. 25 was a memo from Mr. Jarman regarding Items of Interest. Budget Retreat February 15-16, 2006. Joint Meeting with the City of Kinston February 21, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m. Check Calendars for a joint meeting with the Town of LaGrange on March 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 11:14 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 the (public body). No action was taken in closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham, a second by Mr. Harper and unanimous approval, closed session was adjourned and open session reconvened at approximately 11:24 a.m.

OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pope introduced a new economic development project to the Board for consideration. Mr. Pope introduced Ferguson Enterprise, Inc.; Ferguson Enterprises will be a distribution site for ten (10) stores in North Carolina, employing 30 people, with a salary of \$35,000-\$40,000 per year. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pittman the Board unanimously approved a Resolution Approving Industrial Development Grant Agreement: Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.: \$13,600.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pittman the Board adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager