

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 3, 2006**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 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. Jimmy Ward, Sons of the Confederate Association, addressed the Board regarding Confederate History and Heritage Month: May 2006. Mr. Ward read Item No. 7.: Proclamation: Confederate History and Heritage Month: May 2006 aloud for the members in the audience and the viewing public. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bill Ellis, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on county/city recreation programs. Mock Gymnasium averages 350 people per day, 60% of them being senior citizens. Mock Gymnasiums revenues total \$40,000 per year. All five (5) high schools pay to utilize the facility for baseball practice; there will be a kid's fitness center in Mock Gymnasium soon. All county baseball fields have been laser-graded. Through the Duke Endowment Grant a full-time employee was hired at the Planetarium. The campgrounds at the Neuseway Nature Camp are being fully utilized; and there are plans to create 10 more RV Spaces. The Nature Center and the Planetarium average 70,000 visitors per year; new playground equipment totaling \$48,000 will be placed at the Planetarium as well. The old Harper's Junkyard will be renovated and turned into the Lenoir County Soccer Complex. A new Tourism Director has been hired to work at the new Visitor's Center on Hwy. 70. The Kinston Splash Pad at Fairfield Park will be complete by 2007. Georgia K. Battlefield Center is developing a Children's Garden Center. There are 800 acres of land to develop a beautiful park behind the Georgia K. Battle property. The Board thanked the Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

Ms. Colleen Kosinski, Guardian Ad Litem Program Supervisor, addressed the Board. Ms. Kosinski introduced Judge Beth Heath who made comments to the Board regarding child abuse in Lenoir County. Judge Heath stated she was honored to participate in this event. Judge Heath stated the issue of child abuse is a very troubling issue. There are "everyday" cases where children live in neglected and dependent environments, which lead to some type of abuse. These environments consist of families where poverty, un-employment, lack of education and substance abuse is the norm.

Judge Heath stated she has great concerns of the services available to families in Lenoir County. Judge Heath stated it is necessary that the community recognize the issue of child abuse. Judge Heath stated we as a community all have to work together to eliminate child abuse in Lenoir County. Ms. Kosinski distributed blue ribbons to the Board in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ms. Cynthia Coley, Program Supervisor, read a poem aloud for the Board and the viewing public. Ms. Kosinski stated every 5 minutes a child is abused or neglected in North Carolina. Ms. Kosinski stated it is the community's responsibility to help the children who can not protect themselves. Mr. Shawn Howard of Woodmen of the World presented a flag honoring Child Abuse Prevention to the Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown Item 4 Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention Month: April 2006 was unanimously approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: March 20, 2006 Aytch/Jarman
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$56,716: Increase Jones/Hollowell
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Mental Health: \$119,649: Increase Jarman/Hollowell

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Item No. 5 was a Proclamation: National Professional Social Work Month: March 2006. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Proclamation: Lenoir County, North Carolina, Tourism Week. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Request for Abandonment from State Maintained Secondary Road System. Mr. Jarman stated the Board is asked to abandon the last 0.4-mile section of SR 1607 near C.F. Harvey Parkway. Half of the road has already been abandoned by the state to stop traffic use near the NC Global TransPark. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of a Contract Group Term Life/ A D & D: Metlife Administered by Mark III Brokerage, Inc. Mr. Jarman stated that one county employee benefit is life insurance coverage. The county has solicited bids for life insurance at a more affordable price to the county, which gives the employees the option to purchase more insurance if desired. The total savings to the county will be \$5,500 annually, with the same benefit amount of \$20,000 to the employee. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of 4 Dell Laptops Computers: 2 General Staff Use (\$1,880.92) 1 Livestock Program Area (\$1,035.69): 1 Field Crops Program Area (\$1,035.69). Mr. Jarman stated Cooperative Extension currently has three (3) laptops, two of which are not functioning. Ms. Tammy Kelly, Cooperative Extension Director, planned for this expense in her FY 05-06 Budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Approving a Purchase of Computer Equipment: \$5,221. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, addressed the Board. Mr. Jones stated the computer equipment would come for state and federal funds. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Approving Purchase of Vehicles for DSS: \$20,000. Mr. Jones stated the county purchased two (2) vehicles last year from a state surplus sale. DSS wishes to purchase 2 to 3 more vehicles for the DSS Department. The county would receive 59%-60% of the monies back from the purchase of the vehicles. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown second by Mr. Harper, the Board approved the Resolution to be modified to purchase 2 to 4 vehicles.

Item No. 12A. Resolution Approving the New Secondary Road Name: Smithfield Way. Mr. Jarman stated in the expansion agreement done with Electrolux, it was agreed that a road connects the entire industrial park. By extending the road from Hill Farm Road to the US 70 Industrial Park property it creates another road that needs a separate name. The Lenoir County Planning Board approved the naming of Smithfield Way on March 16, 2006. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. 12 A was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Ms. Brown the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Jones as the new Chief Executive Officer of Eastpointe Human Services.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

<b><u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u></b>	<b><u>APPLICANT/ CURRENT MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRATION</u></b>
<b>Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</b>	Allen Mewborn	April 2012 <b>M: Brown S: Humprey</b>
<b>Criminal Justice Partnership Program 1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</b>	Beth Heath	May 2008

**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. 14 was a memo from Mr. Jarman regarding Items of Interest. April 4, 2006 Meeting with Lenoir Community College; April 6, 2006: 2006 District Meeting: Beaufort County Community College in Washington, NC; April 11, 2006 SmartStart Partnership for Children Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Pittman the Board adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman  
County Manager