

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2006

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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 4:00 p.m. Mr. Pittman offered the invocation and Mr. Graham led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Agnes Ho, Kinston-Lenoir County Library Director, addressed the Board regarding the library construction and renovation contract. On April 20, 2006 the library opened the construction bids for the library project; seven (7) construction companies submitted bids for the project. The lowest bid received came from Group III Management of Kinston, North Carolina. Mr. Patrick Deton from J. Hyatt Hammond (library's architectural firm) stated the lowest base bid was \$2,653,000. In working with Group III Management the new proposed total is \$2,609,308 to stay within budgetary guidelines.

Item No 10 was a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Group III Management, Inc. for Construction and Renovation of the Kinston-Lenoir County Public Library. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved. Ms. Ho thanked the Board for the approval of the resolution and invited them to the groundbreaking ceremony at the library on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: May 1, 2006 Aytch/Jarman
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$11,928: Increase Jones/Hollowell

Item No. 3 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Finance: \$290,050: Increase. Mr. Jarman stated this is Medicaid reimbursement monies. Mr. Jarman stated the county is receiving its federal Medicaid enhancement in the amount of \$290,050 for emergency medical services provided to Medicaid clients in Fiscal Year 2005 through the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). Upon a motion Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 3 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 4 was a Proclamation Regarding Emergency Medical Services for Children Day. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Proclamation Regarding Emergency Medical Services Week: May 14-20, 2006. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Authorizing the Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order Contract to Ed Phillips Heating and Air Conditioning for Replacement of Existing Heat Pump Unit: \$3,903. Mr. Jarman stated the existing heat pump is twenty (20) years old and is currently non-operational. It has been determined that repairing the unit would cost as least two-thirds of the replacement cost. After considering all factors, it has been recommended by the Finance Director and the Maintenance Coordinator that the unit be replaced. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal for the Management, Marketing Operation, and Maintenance of the Advertisement Program for the Lenoir County Transportation Department and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract. Mr. Jarman stated that the LCT is doing quite well. LCT has also done a great job marketing the transit system. The billboards on the transit vans have been a very good source of revenue as well. A request for proposal was advertised on April 2, 2006. HighetKracker Design was the only company that submitted a proposal by the closing date for the county's consideration in awarding a contract for the management of an advertisement program. HighetKracker has been providing this service to the county for the past three (3) years. Mr. Humphrey asked how were the profits were divided in the previous contract with the company. Ms. Sue Powell, Transit Coordinator, stated the previous contract was split 60/40, the new contract has the split at 50/50. Mr. Humphrey asked could the contract be renewed with the 60/40 instead of 50/50. Mr. Jarman stated the contract could be re-negotiated, but HighetKracker was the only bidder who responded to the RFP. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the contract as written by a 6 to 1 vote with Mr. Humphrey dissenting.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving DSS Stucco Repair: \$26,040. Mr. Graham stated the Lenoir County Health Department is in need of stucco repair to its building as well. Mr. Graham asked could both projects be combined to get a better price for the work. Mr. Jarman stated the Health Department has not presented a request for any stucco repair for the building. Mr. Jarman stated that DSS has the extra funds available to complete the stucco repair; the Health Department has not stated they have funding available to make any repairs. The Board will have to find money to complete the Health Department stucco repairs. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis, and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing Roof Replacement of the Original Portion of the Lenoir County Courthouse: Frizzell Construction Company, Inc. (Summit BSR Roofing Division): \$173,162. Mr. Hollowell addressed the Board along with Mr. Tommy Hunter, roof engineer with RTD Associates. Mr. Hollowell stated RTD Associates completed a survey of the courthouse roof last year. Substantial damage was reported; a bid opening was held and the lowest bidder was selected. Mr. Taylor asked why didn't a local company Curtis and Curtis bid on this project. Mr. Hunter stated Curtis and Curtis knew about the project and the bid process and chose not to bid on the project. Mr. Hunter stated he does not know why a bid was not received from the company. The roof will have a 20-year full system warranty. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 11 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>
Criminal Justice Partnership Program 2nd Appearance	Evelin Linton	May 2008 M: Brown S: Davis
Lenoir County Transit Advisory Board 1st Appearance	Carolyn Gray	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. 12 was a memo from Mr. Jarman regarding Items of Interest. Mr. Jarman submitted the FY 06-07 Lenoir County Budget. The Public Hearing regarding the Lenoir County Budget will be held June 5, 2006. The Utility Advisory Commission needs 2 appointments from the Board; bring names to the next meeting. Letter from Sheriff Smith regarding jail concerns. Cox Communications has been sold to Cebridge Acquisition L.P. and the name will be changed to Suddenlink Communications. NCACC Assembly Day will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2006 to visit with representatives at the General Assembly. \$2.4 billion surplus is going to be spent without any Medicaid Relief for counties.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper, a second by Ms. Brown and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 4:40 p.m. Chairman Graham cited Item No. Four (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area by the (public body). No action was taken during closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper, a second by Ms. Brown and unanimous approval, closed session was adjourned and open session reconvened at approximately 5:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Graham the Board adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager