

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 17, 2006

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 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

Mr. Pittman introduced Mr. Joshua Lovick who won the Pepsi Pitch, Hit and Run tournament in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on July 10, 2006. This is Mr. Lovick's second time winning this award, this first being in 2004. Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director stated winning this award twice is a great accomplishment and the Lovick family should be very proud of Joshua's achievements. The Commissioners thanked the Lovick family for attending and wished Joshua much success in his future endeavors.

Mr. Graham announced that Lenoir County has been awarded a \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the 2006 Concentrated Needs funds. The funds will be used to support community revitalization efforts in the Willie White Road Revitalization Project area.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Pittman and a second by Mr. Taylor the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: June 19, 2006
Closed Session Meeting: June 19, 2006 Aytch/Jarman
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$22,000: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Solid Waste Mgt.: Landfill: \$61,500: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health Department: \$125,198.20: Increase Huff/Hollowell

- 5. A. Resolution Approving Blanket Purchase Order for Equipment Rental: N.C. Department of Justice: \$5,400 Smith/Hollowell
- B. Resolution Approving the Purchase of Ammunition: \$6,775.05
- 6. A. Resolution Approving Service Contract for Physio-Control Defibrillators for \$10,000 Dail/Hollowell
- B. Resolution Authorizing FY 06-07 PO for the use of Electronic Data Submission Services from EMS Charts: \$10,000
- C. Resolution Authorizing Payment for Medical Director's Contract for \$18,000
- D. Resolution Authorizing FY 06-07 PO for the Emergency Medical Division Uniform Purchases: \$30,000
- E. Resolution Authorizing FY 06-07 PO for the Emergency Medical Divisions Vehicle Maintenance: \$46,000
- F. Resolution Authorizing FY 06-07 Purchase Orders for the Emergency Medical Division Medical Inventory: \$100,000

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Authorizing Grounds Maintenance Contract: \$3,296. Mr. Jarman stated this resolution is an acceptance of a 1-year contract with Wheat Swamp Landscaping for ground maintenance. The Extension office has been very pleased with the service and wishes to continue and extend the contract for the upcoming fiscal year. Contract fees will remain the same as in the pervious year. 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 the Purchase of Equipment for Mandatory SQL Software Upgrades in for Sheriff's Office RMS Server in the Amount of \$4,942. Major Chris Hill stated the Lenoir Sheriff's Office is required by their maintenance contract to occasionally upgrade to the latest version of the SQL server software in order to be able to run the latest version of the Visioinaire RMS software. This purchase is mandatory since failure to do so would violate the Sheriff's office current maintenance contract with Visionaire by failing to let them keep our RMS software current on the latest version. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order Contract: Beasley Broadcast Group – WIKS-KISS 102 Radio: \$5,000. Mr. Jarman stated the Board is asked to grant permission to Health Department to secure the services of the Beasley Broadcast Group to provide 156 promotional announcements from July 26 – August 26 and a radio remote on August 26 at the Holloway Center as part of the Community Health and Educational Fair Tobacco Free Family Festival. The Community and Schools Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Initiative Grant (Phase III Teen) was awarded to the Lenoir County Health Department to be used to promote prevention and cessation of tobacco use within the community and schools. The Community Health and Educational Fair Tobacco Free Family Festival and radio announcements/remote campaign will assist in promoting the festival and the awareness of the dangers of tobacco use. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved. The Board requested the Health Department utilize local media as well to promote this event for the county.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Approving Lease Contract for DCI/SBI for Ominixx Equipment Rental for 2006-2007: \$5,100. Major Hill stated the lease contract is for the DCI equipment/usage through the SBI. This equipment allows the Lenoir County Central Communications Center to perform computerized criminal investigations for law enforcement agencies. The lease contract is necessary for the Lenoir County Central Communications Center to continue to provide critical information for the law enforcement agencies we service. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order: Snowden Co. for Professional and Medical Malpractice Insurance: \$5,215. The Board is asked to grant permission to the Health Department to secure services of the Snowden Company to provide professional and medical malpractice insurance coverage for clinical physicians, nursing and other staff members. This action is necessary to provide sufficient accounting of expenditures and to satisfy the requirement for professional and medical malpractice insurance coverage for all staff members. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Harper, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Approving Contract Extension with Southern Health Partners: Inmate Health Care Services: \$172,184. Major Hill stated Lenoir County currently operates two jails, which have a total capacity of 121 inmates. For the past several years Southern Health Partners has been providing health care services to the Lenoir County Jail. In the past year the Sheriff's Office was notified that the costs of providing health care would increase by 3% for the 2006-2007 fiscal year and would increase 6%-8% in the years to follow. Under the current system, health care is provided on a (7) day-per-week basis. Southern Health Partners purchase all pharmaceutical needs. A physician is also contracted by Southern Health Partners to make weekly visits to the jails. Dental services are also provided by Southern Health. The Sheriff respectfully recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the request to continue the contract with Southern Health Partners to provide health care for Lenoir County jail inmates. Last year \$218,000 was spent on health care for inmates in Lenoir County. Upon a motion by Mr. Taylor and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Requesting to Continue Electing Status for the Work First Program During the State FY 2007-2009 and Appointment of the Planning Committee. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services addressed the Board. Mr. Jones stated as State law mandates, all counties must submit a county Work First Block Grant Plan to the Department of Health and Human Services for Work First biennial planning. This is an opportunity for counties to take full advantage of the local flexibility structure in the Work First Program. Each county must notify the Department of Health and Human Services by August 31, 2006, as to whether they want Standard or Electing County status. Lenoir County has chosen Electing County Status since 2001. By choosing Electing Status, the county may reduce the county funding for the Work First Program by 10%, saving \$102,373 per year for Lenoir County. Electing County Status also allows the county to use federal TANF funds to provide Children's Protective Services. The number of families who receive public assistance has reduced from 573 families in July 2001 to 326 families on June 1, 2006. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Continuing Participation in the Lenoir County Solid Waste Plan. A public meeting was held on June 20, 2006 to discuss the three-year update of the Lenoir County Solid Waste Management Plan. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Taylor, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Approving the Appointment of Tax Collector and Tax Assessor. Mr. Jarman stated NCGS 105-349 charges the governing body of each county to appoint a tax collector on or before July 1, to serve a term to be determined by the Board. NCGS 105-294 charges the Board of County Commissioners to appoint at its first meeting in July a County Assessor to serve a term of not less than two no more than four years. Mr. Darrell Parrish has served as Lenoir County Tax Assessor and Tax Collector for the past 2-½ years. Mr. Parrish is recommended to serve a four (4) year term in a dual capacity. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Pittman, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Approving the sale of Surplus Vehicles by Public Auction. Mr. Jarman stated the County has an inventory of surplus vehicles. A few of the vehicles replaced by the Sheriff’s department have been reassigned to various other County departments as needed. These vehicles are not presently assigned to any County department. There are no future plans to place these vehicles in service. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 16 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 17 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>
EastPointe Human Services Board of Directors 3rd Appearance	Rita Hodges Hulon G. Whitehead (Re-Appointment)	June 2010 M: Brown S: Humphrey
Lenoir Memorial Hospital 1st Appearance	Mary M. Cauley (Primary) Alonza Gray (Alternate) ONCE CHOICE	June 2010 Tabled
Utility Advisory Commission	Billy Waller	Appointed by Common Consent
Neuse River Development Authority	Paul Taylor	Appointed by Common Consent

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. 18 was a memo from Mr. Jarman regarding Items of Interest. NCACC Annual Conference: Mr. Harper, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Taylor stated they would be attending the conference. A voting delegate must be selected as well.

Mr. Henry Street and Mr. Moses Jones have been offering a mentor program this summer at Rochelle Middle School. The mentor program holds its summer camp at Rochelle on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There are 25-35 children attending the camp this summer and the number is expected to grow next year. The children are learning to play chess and golf; local ministers come in and teach bible classes and black history. Mr. Street extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend Parent Involvement Day on July 28, 2006. The luncheon will be held at Rochelle Middle School from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Harper, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 4:56 p.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 5:40 p.m.

OPEN SESSION and ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Graham the Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager