

**MINUTES**  
**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 18, 2006**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 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 W. 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. Joey Huff, Health Director, addressed the mosquito condition in Lenoir County. The sudden blossom of mosquitoes is attributed to Hurricane Ernesto and subsequent rainfall totals. Areas that were dry containing mosquito eggs were flooded and the eggs hatched causing the mass increase in the mosquito population in the county. This situation has occurred in multiple counties across the state. Lenoir County does not have money appropriated for mosquito spraying at this time. Citizens can reduce the mosquito population by eliminating standing water around the home, cleaning gutters, emptying water in flowerpots, etc. There are some products that can be purchased off the shelf to apply to shrubs and vegetation around the yard to decrease the mosquito population. Consumers should use products containing Deet to protect the skin; wear long sleeves and pants when going outside. Pets must be protected as well and local veterinarians can recommend good products for pets. The Board thanked Mr. Huff for his comments. Mr. Mark Keene of the Cooperative Extension Office stated that Duplin County had been declared a disaster area for crop damage. The disaster declaration entitles Duplin County access to mosquito spraying. Lenoir County will also be declared a disaster for crop damage and will receive federal funds that could go towards mosquito spraying in the county.

Mr. Taylor presented a Certificate of Recognition for the Twenty-six (26) Years of Service provided by Mr. Kenneth Hollowell. Mr. Hollowell stated he has enjoyed his years of service with Lenoir County.

Ms. Jackie Brown gave the Board an update regarding the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Ms. Brown stated that the event was well organized and enjoyable. The NCACC Conference will be held in Fayetteville, NC next year.

Mr. Graham announced Ms. Linda Sutton (a Lenoir County citizen) had been appointed NC State Employees Association President. She will reside over that seat for 1 year.

**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: September 5, 2006 Aytch/Jarman
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements: Buildings and Grounds: \$4,000: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$4,914: Increase Jones/Hollowell
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (Adult Health): Increase: \$5,945 Jarman/Hollowell
5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: State Controlled Substance Fund: Sheriff Controlled Substance: \$23,000: Decrease Smith/Hollowell
6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: DSS: \$40,526: Increase Jones/Hollowell
7. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: School Capital: School Debt Service: Finance: \$1,500,000: Increase Jarman/Hollowell
8. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Deep Run Water & Sewer: Project Budget - \$4,600,000: Decrease in Appropriation Jarman/Hollowell

**PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS/BUDGET ORDINANCE:**

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Authorizing Beaver Management Assistance Program Participation. Lenoir County Government, via Lenoir County Cooperative Extension in 1994 originally contracted the Beaver Management Assistance Program. The BMAP Program was established to address and control the expanding levels of beaver population (over 500,000 est. in North Carolina). The large population of beavers conflicts with the health, safety and livelihood of the citizens of Lenoir County. In 1997 landholders in Eastern NC reported that beaver damage to roads, agriculture, timber, drainage systems, landscape plantings, and other property exceeded \$5 million. Wildlife Specialists are alleviating the damage beavers cause by removing offending animals and their dams. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11A. was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds – Cooperative Extension: \$4,250: Increase. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11B. was a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Pesticide Environmental Trust Fund (PETF) Grant: \$4,250. Mr. Mark Keene of Cooperative Extension, stated the resolution authorizes acceptance of a 1-year grant in the amount of \$4,250 from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA) and Consumer Services. The grant will fund the purchase of two movable cubicle containers; training materials and marketing materials for pesticide container recycling program. This will reduce the number of pesticide containers improperly disposed of or deposited in the Lenoir County landfill. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 11B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Chips, Wood Matting and Freight for \$2,889 to Jerry Williams & Sons, Inc. to be used at the Neuseway Nature Center Playground. Mr. Bill Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the playground equipment at the Nature Center was funded by Lenoir Memorial Hospital Safe Kids program at \$10,000, for the City of Kinston at \$6,800, and the Kinston Exchange Club at \$3,000. The wood chips and wood matting are needed for safety to prevent injury to participants using the equipment. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Authorizing the Payment for work by RFG Construction Company NTE: \$3,000 for the Installation of Septic Tanks, Sewer Lines and Campsite Prep at the Neuseway Nature Park Campground. Mr. Ellis stated the campground at the Neuseway Nature Park is constantly full and in need of additional full-service campsites for campers to utilize. A septic tank and additional sewer lines are needed in order to add the six (6) additional full-service campsites at the park. Also included in the price is the cost of the prep work that is needed at the campsite. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Youth Football Equipment. Mr. Ellis stated the Board is requested to authorize a purchase order for \$3,9587.70 to J.P. Sports, Inc. for the purchase of youth football equipment (helmets, shoulder pads, pants, footballs) in the county. Funds are budgeted for this project. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Playground Timbers and a Swing NTE: \$5,998.42 for the Nature Center Playground Equipment at the Neuseway Nature Center. The playground equipment was funded by Lenoir Memorial Hospital Safe Kids Program at \$10,000; City of Kinston at \$6,800 and the Kinston Exchange Club at \$3,000. A total of 20 playground timbers and a 5' arch swing are being purchased to add to the existing playground equipment located at the Neuseway Nature Center. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15 was unanimously approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Item No. 16 was a Resolution Appointing Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. There were no appointments for this meeting.

**ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Item No. 17 was a memo from Mr. Jarman regarding Items of Interest.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 4:56 p.m. and the following cited: Number five (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 material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. No action was taken during closed session. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, closed session was adjourned and open session reconvened at approximately 5:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Graham the Board adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch  
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman  
County Manager