

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON NOVEMBER 14, 2008 AT 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN CHIVOUS BRADLEY
VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL MCINTOSH
MARGARET HELTON
CHARLES HILL
BRENT WASHBURN**

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order and led in prayer. Commissioner Hill led in the pledge of allegiance.

CONTRACT/FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING/ONUG

County Manager John Condrey reminded the Board that Information Technology Director Rhonda Owens had presented an update at the last meeting on the fiber expansion project in Rutherford County that is being funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation. It was announced at that time that a recommendation would be forthcoming on the design/construction of the buildout. After receiving proposals and interviewing prospective engineering firms, the committee recommended that ONUG be approved. The proposed contract was presented for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to approve ONUG as the engineering firm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McIntosh and unanimously approved.

MASTER PLANNING/DANIEL ROAD PROPERTY

At the November 3 meeting the Board had requested that the sub-committee of the Master Planning Committee of the Daniel Road property re-interview Odom and Associates who had submitted a proposal to serve as the consultant for the master planning phase.

The committee did conduct the re-interview and the recommendation of the subcommittee was to contract with ColeJenest & Stone to serve as the consultant for the master planning phase of the Daniel Road Project.

Commissioner Helton asked that the matter be tabled until the newly elected Commissioners are seated in December. She made a motion to this effect. There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Washburn moved to accept the recommendation of the committee and approve the contract. Vice Chairman McIntosh seconded the motion.

Stating that changes might possibly have to be made before the buildings are actually built, Commissioner Helton did not believe it was wise to spend the money for the planning.

Commissioner Washburn stated that the county would be spending \$46,000 for the planning phase of the project. There will be two additional building sites at the major intersection which will be put in place. Since business pay high prices for visible lots, it is possible that a significant amount of the county's investment could be recouped.

Commissioner Hill expressed his disappointment that the committee had not selected Odom and Associates; however, he believed the sitting Board should make a decision since the project had moved forward during their terms.

The vote on the motion was:

Ayes - Commissioners Bradley, McIntosh, Hill, and Washburn.
Noes - Commissioner Helton

ADDENDUM/AGREEMENT/REULEEN WEASE

Mr. Condrey presented a second addendum to an agreement with Reuleen Wease which would lengthen the ending term of the agreement. Mountain Housing is working with Mrs. Wease to resolve the situation.

Commissioner Washburn moved to approve the addendum. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT/AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Hill stated that he had received questions that had been included on a questionnaire for a possible Airport Authority appointment that the Board had discussed at the November 3 meeting. An applicant for the Authority presented at the November 3 meeting had been Mr. Robert McCutcheon. Commissioner Hill nominated Mr. McCutcheon to serve on the Airport Authority to replace Mr. Don Greene who had recently resigned.

Commissioner Helton asked again that this matter be tabled until the newly-elected Board takes office in December.

Chairman Bradley stated that had not been successful in developing a questionnaire for possible members as he had indicated he would do at the November 3 meeting. Neither had he been successful in finding a person who could represent the Southern end of the county.

Commissioner Helton nominated Mr. Bill Eckler.

Chairman Bradley called for a vote on Mr. Robert McCutcheon. The vote was:

Ayes: Commissioners McIntosh, Hill, and Washburn.
Noes: Commissioners Bradley and Helton.

CHAIRMAN BRADLEY/COMMISSIONER HILL/PRESENTATION

Chairman Bradley expressed his appreciation to the Board for the cooperation that had taken place as they served together. He listed a few of the accomplishments that had taken place during his terms of office.

- Broadband buildout
- Establishment of Rutherford 74 Corporate Center to attract industry
- State Data Center selection of Rutherford County for its location
- School building program that has only been equaled in Rutherford County in the 1920's
- Sales tax money set aside for water and sewer fund that has put more miles of pipe underground that at any time in the county's history.
- Open budget session that is the envy of other counties because there is such an opportunity for consensus.

Chairman Bradley then presented a plaque to Commissioner Hill for his years of service on the Board.

Commissioner Hill also expressed his appreciation to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bradley declared the meeting to be adjourned.

8:18 Adjourned.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners

