

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON JUNE 1, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN BRENT WASHBURN
VICE CHAIRMAN MARGARET HELTON
SUSAN GREEN CROWE
EDDIE HOLLAND
PAUL MCINTOSH**

CALL TO ORDER\INVOCATION\PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order. HR Director Judy Toney gave the invocation. Commissioner McIntosh led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Washburn read the items on the printed agenda and the supplemental agenda. Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Additions to the agenda were:

- Additional appointment
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- Resolution from Pasquotank County
- Resolution from Macon County

PUBLIC HEARING\APPLICATION\NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE\COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT\SCATTERED SITE HOUSING

Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing open to listen to comments regarding the submission by the county of a 2009 Community Development Block Grant Scattered Site Housing application. Ms. Beth Pollard described the proposed application to the NC Department of Commerce for a \$400,000 grant that will provide funding for needed home repairs to homeowners who apply and qualify for assistance.

No one else wished to speak. Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the 2009 application request for \$400,000 in grant funding from the NC Department of Commerce. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING\CDBG GRANT\CLOSE OUT

Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing open to hear comments on closing out a CDBG grant designed to develop individual development accounts (IDAs) for prospective homeowners. The program, as explained by Scott Carpenter, executive director of the Rutherford Housing Initiative, began in 2005 and required local dollars from banking. The County expended \$6,829.60 of the \$74,000 grant and the remaining funds will be de-obligated.

No one else wished to speak. Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to close out the CDBG Individual Development Account grant. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING\FY 2009-2010 BUDGET

Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing open for comments on the budget for 2009-2010.

Julie Scherer, Finance Director, stated that the proposed budget is \$57,071,064, which is a 8.23% decrease compared to the current budget. The contraction of the budget was made necessary because of declining revenues. County departments have made reductions of approximately \$1 million. No tax increase is being proposed. Finance Director Scherer said it will be important to monitor finances closely during the year.

No one else wished to speak.

Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Washburn opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. David Reno said it is clear that he will not be reappointed to the Airport Authority, which he said was the result of his not keeping quiet about activities at the airport that he believes are improper. He urged citizens to watch the actions of elected officials carefully. He cited grievances that he believes Commissioners Washburn, McIntosh and Holland may have against him. He thanked Commissioners Helton and Greene for their support.

Mr. Zoran Naskov described how he has worked extra jobs recently to acquire \$1,700 to pay for a medical need for his child. He noted that there are 18,000 households in the county and that the cost of the Daniel Road project amounts to \$1,700 per household. He thinks the Daniel Road property should be sold and said he would work to have the Commissioners replaced if they continue to pursue the project there.

Mr. Bill Eckler said he recognizes that the county needs a more adequate animal shelter but said his research shows that one can be built much cheaper than the proposed facility at the Daniel Road property. He asked that a business plan for use of the Daniel Road project be presented to the voters for a referendum.

Mr. Boyce Abernathy went to each of the microphones to check the sound on each one. He suggested that there should be a sound check of the microphones before each meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes

By consent, the minutes of the May 4, 2009, meeting were approved.

Tax Refunds and Releases

By consent, tax refunds of \$634.50 and tax releases greater than \$100 totaling \$1,103.32 as outlined by Tax Administrator Kep Kepley were accepted. Tax releases of amounts less than \$100, which totaled \$1,939.35, were submitted by the Finance Office. (A copy of these tax refunds and releases is in the Minute Book.)

APPOINTMENT BROAD RIVER WATER AUTHORITY

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion that Commissioner Susan Crowe be appointed to the Broad River Water Authority for a three year term.

Vice Chairman Helton moved that the nominations be closed. The vote of approval was 4-0 with Commissioner Crowe abstaining.

The motion to approve the appointment was approved on a vote of 4-0, with Commissioner Crowe abstaining.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Washburn read the names of nominees for several committees:

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to approve the appointments. The motion to approve the appointments was unanimously approved.

Appointments:

Domiciliary Home Advisory Committee Barbara Shuford
Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee... John Condrey
Faye Hassell
Ruth Hodge
Sybil Walker
Juvenile Crime Protection Committee Helen White
Karen Lawing
Rose Stouder
Shawna Hensley
Mark Madden
Theresa M. Calhoun
Janet Mason
Phillip Cole
Charlotte Fish
Jay Jackson
Barbara Leddy
Faye Hassell
Gail Parton
Pat Keeter
Gina Tipton
SWEEP Barbara Meliski

APPOINTMENTS\ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Chairman Washburn stated that Commissioners appoint members to the Economic Development Commission from their respective districts. The appointments do not require a vote by the full board.

Vice Chairman Helton appointed Wilbur Wright.

Commissioner McIntosh appointed Keven McCammon.

APPOINTMENTS\PLANNING COMMISSION

Commissioner Holland nominated Dwayne Harris and Phillip Miller to the Rutherford County Planning Commission from his district. Commissioner McIntosh nominated Jim Still and left the other seat in his district vacant for the present. Chairman Washburn nominated Marshall Atchley and Steven Wright.

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the nominations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chairman Helton nominated Jimmy Huffstickler and Ronnie Holland. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the nominations. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Crowe nominated Leonard Hollifield to serve on the ICC Board of Trustees. The nomination was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to table Airport Authority appointments until the July meeting. The motion was defeated on a vote of 3 to 2, with Vice Chairman Helton and Commissioner Crowe voting in the affirmative.

The Board made nominations to serve on the Rutherford County Airport Authority.

Commissioner Holland nominated Robert Ralph.

Commissioner Crowe nominated David Reno.

Chairman Washburn nominated Mike Price.

Commissioner McIntosh nominated Rob Bole.

Vice Chairman Helton nominated Julius Owens.

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was unanimously approved.

The vote on the nominees was as follows:

Robert Ralph, 3-2 with Commissioners Helton and Crowe opposed.

David Reno, 2-3 with Commissioners Holland, Washburn, and McIntosh opposed.

Mike Price, 3-2 with Commissioners Helton and Crowe opposed.

Rob Bole, 5-0

Julius Owens, 2-3 with Commissioners Washburn, Holland, and McIntosh opposed.

Chairman Washburn declared that based on the vote of the Commissioners, Robert Ralph, Mike Price and Rob Bole were appointed to the Airport Authority.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Scherer presented and explained the budget amendments.

Commission Crowe made a motion to approve the budget amendments. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Budget Amendments
June 1, 2009**

	Expense	Revenue
GENERAL FUND		
Governing Body	\$ (8,785)	
County Manager	\$ (3,231)	
Human Resources	\$ (42,889)	
Finance	\$ (15,605)	
Tax Supervisor	\$ (14,229)	
Tax Collector	\$ (6,700)	
Legal	\$ 60,500	
Board of Elections	\$ (8,829)	
Register of Deeds	\$ (15,200)	
Information Technology	\$ (72,111)	
Garage	\$ (3,189)	
Maintenance Administration	\$ (23,001)	
Maintenance Buildings	\$ (11,928)	
Sheriff	\$ (114,362)	
Detention Center	\$ (43,760)	
Communications	\$ (21,575)	
Building Inspector	\$ (24,623)	
Medical Examiner Fees	\$ 10,000	
Emergency Services	\$ (77,547)	
Animal Control	\$ (6,105)	
Airport	\$ (14,779)	
Watershed	\$ (431)	
Economic Development	\$ (193,550)	
Cooperative Extension	\$ (4,376)	
Farmers Market	\$ (115)	
Soil & Water	\$ (3,202)	
Senior Center	\$ (10,585)	
Home Delivered Meals	\$ (2,674)	
Congregate Meals	\$ (2,950)	
Health Screening	\$ (1,114)	
Veterans	\$ (3,956)	
Library	\$ (27,225)	
Arts Parks and Recreation	\$ (32,782)	
Contribution to DSS	\$ (528,239)	
Transfer to ROD Automation Enhancement Fund	\$ (39,000)	
Fuel Contingency	\$ (160,000)	

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Merit Pay Contingency	\$ (68,160)	
Current Year Property Tax Revenues		\$ (724,007)
Detention Center Out of County Inmates		\$ (230,000)
Building Inspection Permits		\$ (208,000)
Register of Deeds Excise Stamps		\$ (260,000)
Register of Deeds Other Revenue		\$ (130,000)
Insurance Claims* Record General Fund Budget Reductions and adjust legal and medical examiner fees.		\$ 15,700
JCPC All Agencies	\$ (5,591)	
JCPC Psychological Services	\$ (1,219)	
JCPC Administration	\$ (1,359)	
CBA Juvenile Justice Revenues		\$ (5,591)
Psychological Services Revenues		\$ (1,016)
Juvenile Crime Committee Revenues		\$ (1,359)
Fund Balance Appropriated - Local Match Psychological Services (20%)		\$ (203)
* Reduce JCPC budgets for State reductions (7%)		
Youth Detention	\$ 30,000	
Court Facilities Fund Balance Appropriated *additional funds needed for youth detention		\$ 30,000
Sheriff - Narcotic Officers Supplies	\$ 47	
Misc Revenues judgments received from Clerk of Courts Office		\$ 47
Sheriff - Equipment Purchased with Seizure Money	\$ 5,025	
Drug Seizure Funds *unauthorized substance tax distribution		\$ 5,025
Project Lifesaver Expenses	\$ 40	
Project Lifesaver Donations *donations received		\$ 40
Airport Obstruction Clearing	\$ 1,340	
Airport - Sale of Trees revenues received from trees removed during obstruction clearing		\$ 1,340
Senior Center - Home Delivered Part Time Salaries	\$ 4,050	
Senior Center - Congregate Meals Part Time Salaries	\$ 2,289	
Senior Center - Health Screening Part Time Salaries	\$ (1,577)	
Senior Center - Part Time Salariesrealign part-time salary budgets to employee assignments	\$ (4,761)	

Transfer from County Capital Projects Fund	\$ 72,899	
Fund Balance Appropriated Close out Corporate 74 financing project. Transfer remaining funds from capital projects fund to go toward debt payment.	\$ (72,899)	
DSS FUND		
Temporary Shelter Care	\$ 1,713	
Temporary Shelter Care Revenues adjust budget to revised FY08-09 allocations		\$ 1,713
DSS Administration/Operations/Capital	\$ (147,302)	
State Foster Care	\$ (35,588)	
Aid to the Blind	\$ (4,000)	
Contribution from the General Fund		\$ (113,239)
Federal/State Revenues Budget reductions		\$ (73,651)
REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND		
Reserve for Future Projects	\$ (39,000)	
Transfer from General Fund		\$ (39,000)
* Budget reductions		
E911 FUND		
Salaries	\$ (27,000)	
Benefits	\$ (15,000)	
Transfer to General Fund-IT services	\$ 10,060	
Fund Balance Appropriated* Re-align salary and benefits from 911 to Mapping due to new 911 eligibility requirements		\$ (31,940)
MAPPING FUND		
Salaries	\$ 27,000	
Benefits	\$ 15,000	
Professional Services	\$ (7,000)	
Telephone	\$ (750)	
Maintenance Equipment/Software	\$ (5,659)	
Training	\$ (2,000)	
Capital	\$ (4,000)	
Fund Balance Appropriated* Re-align salary and benefits from 911 to Mapping due to new 911 eligibility requirements		\$ 22,591

Operating Costs	\$ (3,150)	
Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ (3,150)
* Budget Reductions		
REAPPRAISAL FUND		
Operating Costs	\$ (4,600)	
Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ (4,600)
* Budget Reductions		
GRANT FUND		
Scattered Site - Administration	\$ 40,000	
CDBG - Scattered Site 06 Revenues *additional funding received for Wease Project		\$ 40,000
COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 72,899	
Corporate 74 Project	\$ (72,899)	
* Close out Corporate 74 financing project. Transfer remaining funds to general fund to go toward debt payment.		
SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		
Contribution to Debt Service Fund - School COP Trustee Fees	\$ 888	
Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ 888
*Appropriate funds for Trustee Fees on COPS		
DEBT SERVICE FUND		
School Trustee Fees	\$ 888	
Contribution from School Capital Reserve Fund		\$ 888
*Appropriate funds for Trustee Fees on COPS		

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/TOWN OF BOSTIC

Manager Condrey presented a request from the Town of Bostic that the county administer the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance on five parcels in the town limits. He said this will not entail any additional work on the county's part.

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Bostic which would allow the county to administer the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in the Town of Bostic. The motion was unanimously approved.

EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT\PUBLIC HEARING\SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to schedule a public hearing at the July 6 meeting of the Commissioners to hear comments on the application by the Sheriffs Office for \$17,865 in grant funding for equipment purchases. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLIFFSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Manager Condrey called attention to information provided to the Commissioners on the public hearing held by the Cliffside Fire Department regarding a request for a tax increase in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Crowe made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners