

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON OCTOBER 5, 2009, AT 5:30 P.M.

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

PUBLIC HEARING\SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION\NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Chairman Washburn called to order the special meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the recommended secondary road improvement program for 2009-2010 as presented by the NC Department of Transportation.

Chairman Washburn opened the public hearing to listen to comments regarding the program and recognized Mr. Ed Greene who introduced representatives of the North Carolina Department of Transportation who were present. Mr. Ed Greene told the Commissioners funds for road construction for this year have been reduced from the previous year.

Mr. Doug McNeal, District Engineer, gave the Board information on how roads are rated and how a priority list is generated on a four-year cycle. He then presented the DOT's recommended secondary road improvements in Rutherford County for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

Mr. McNeal responded to questions about specific road projects from individual Commissioners.

Chairman Washburn declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the program proposed by NC Department of Transportation for secondary road improvement in Rutherford County. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution
 North Carolina Department of Transportation
 Secondary Roads Construction Program
 Rutherford County**

I. Construction of unpaved roads

Priority Number	SR No.	Length (Miles)	Road Name and Description	Est. Cost
2005-09 20	1146	0.86	ZION RD From SR 1145 to End of	\$400,000.00
2005-09 21	1725	0.95	SOUTH CREEK RD From SR 1723 to SR 1726	\$ 480,000.00
Subtotal				\$880,000.00

Alternate roads subject to additional funds

2005-09 23	2170	0.38	MORROW ROAD From SR 2169 to End of	\$ 160,000.00
2005-09 24	1799	0.51	QUINCE ROAD From NC 226 to End of Maintenance	\$ 225,000.00
2009-13 1	1599	0.15	SHERWOOD DRIVE From SR 1520 to End of	\$ 50,000.00
2009-13 1	1307	0.59	O. MESSERSMIT From SR 1306 to End of	\$ 250,000.00
2009-13 2	1943A	0.61	A. FERREE ROAD From SR 1981 to End of	\$ 250,000.00
2009-13 3	1156	0.75	MARTIN ROAD From SR 1155 to End of	\$ 350,000.00
2009-13 4	1910	0.87	LOW BRIDGE ROAD From SR 1911 to End of	\$ 390,000.00
2009-13 5	1189	1.31	SUGAR LOAD MTN ROAD From County line to County line	\$ 20,000.00
Subtotal				\$ 1,695,000.00

II. Paving List FY 2010

Priority Number	SR No.	Length (Miles)	Road Name and Description	Est. Cost
2005-09 22	1731	0.48	MELTON RD From SR 1732 to End of	\$ 50,000.00
Subtotal				\$50,000.00

III. Funds reserved for surveying, right of way acquisitions, road additions, contingencies, overdrafts, and paving entrances to certified fire departments, rescue squads, etc.

Subtotal \$125,000.00
FY 2010 Anticipated Funding \$ 1,055,000.00

Continue down priority list until all funds are exhausted program subject to availability of funding, right-of-way, and environmental review

Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Washburn declared the special meeting adjourned.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM ON AUGUST 3, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER\INVOCATION\PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Washburn called the meeting to order. Danny Searcy gave the invocation. Commissioner McIntosh led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Additions to the agenda were:

- Resolution closing road at Isothermal Community College
- Application for Rural Center grant
- Resolution requesting Appalachian Development highway system funding
- Project funding for Daniel Morgan Community Water District
- Closed Session – Industrial Location/G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Naskov showed a video of the march on Washington on September 12 in which conservatives participated and protested. A number of people from Rutherford County participated in the march.

Mr. Zoran Naskov commented on the September 12 gathering, which he said expressed citizens' intent to get government back to its proper place. He warned that there is danger of being led the wrong way. He cited unemployment figures and indebtedness and urged Commissioners to put a freeze on spending at the Daniel Road complex until unemployment in the county stabilizes.

Ms. Jamie Lou Padgett expressed concern over unemployment and taxes. She believes the property at Daniel Road was purchased at an inflated price and that a new animal shelter could be constructed for far less on land already owned by the county. She expressed skepticism of a public-private partnership and urged a more austere approach to spending by the county.

Mr. Udd Stillmayer said that although he supports soccer, he does not think the county needs a new soccer complex right now and that money should not be spent on something that is not needed.

Ms. Brenda Nanney said it saddens her to see the evidence of economic hard times. She said we need people to work, not play soccer. Empty buildings can be used for an animal shelter.

Mr. Thomas Carroll said his perception is that the Daniel Road property was bought for almost double its value. He cited a case in Florida where county officials were found to be taking kickbacks on inflated prices charged to the county.

Mr. David Baguskis said he has opposed the Daniel Road project from the beginning. He thinks one solution would be to make people more accountable for their pets.

Mr. Bill Eckler discussed public and private endeavors and said they should be kept separate. He said there should be a moratorium on the Daniel Road project until unemployment in the county is reduced to 5% and suggested putting the Daniel Road and animal shelter projects on the ballot.

Mr. Keven McCammon estimated that if there were no animal shelter, the cost of transporting animals out of the county could exceed \$250,000 per year and retrofitting the existing building would be more expensive than building new. He pointed to increasing demand for farmer's market produce and an interest in buying locally. The agriculture center would provide a place for youth to participate in livestock shows and other positive activities. Industry looks for features such as these in a community. Athletic tournaments held in Rutherford County could generate a great deal of revenue, and he projected a favorable return on the county's investment in only a matter of years.

Mr. Boyce Abernathy noted that there are plans to broadcast County Commissioner meetings online. He urged that the sound system be upgraded.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commission Crowe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved on unanimous vote.

Minutes

By consent, the minutes of the September 1, 2009, meeting were approved.

Tax Refunds and Releases

By consent, tax refunds of \$2,028.27 and tax releases greater than \$100 totaling \$7,651.58 as outlined by Tax Administrator Kep Kepley were accepted. Tax releases of amounts less than \$100, which totaled \$4,144.45, were submitted by the Finance Office. (A copy of these tax refunds and releases is in the Minute Book.)

RECOGNITION OF COUNTY PLANNER DANNY SEARCY

Mr. David Nicholson from the NC Association of County Commissioners presented the Edwin M. Gill Award for the outstanding student in the 2008-2009 Municipal and County Administration Course of the School of Government at UNC-Chapel Hill to Rutherford County Planner Danny Searcy. The award is given annually by the NCACC in honor of Edwin M. Gill, former State Treasurer and chairman of the NC Local Government Commission.

APPOINTMENT\CHIMNEY ROCK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to appoint Mr. Brian Gill to the Chimney Rock Volunteer Fire Department Board of Trustees for Firemen's Relief Fund to replace Bobby Smith who has moved from the district. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT\JURY COMMISSION

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to re-appoint Vice Chairman Margaret Helton to the Jury Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT\LIBRARY BOARD

Commissioner Crowe nominated Keith Price to serve on the Library Board. The appointment was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENT\WESTERN HIGHLANDS BOARD

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to appoint Susan Hendricks to the board of the Western Highlands LME. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\AIRPORT APPEALS BOARD

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to reappoint the currently constituted Airport Appeals Board. Members are Rev. Wayne Blackwood, Sammie Green, John Robert Howard, and Phillip Miller. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Vice Chairman Helton made a motion to appoint Donna Robbins and Jim Proctor to the Historic Preservation Commission to replace two members who have resigned. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\SWEEP

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to appoint Brian Deck, Milagros G. Blanco, and Robin Wiggins to SWEEP. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS\WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM

Commissioner Crowe made a motion re-appoint Mark Franklin, Tom Johnson, David Herndon and Wesley Smith to the Workforce Development Consortium. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION\ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT\COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Commissioner Crowe presented a resolution requesting that the NC General Assembly enact legislation that will prohibit the admission of illegal immigrants to North Carolina's Community Colleges. Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State Board of Community Colleges in North Carolina has voted to accept illegal immigrants into North Carolina's community colleges; and

WHEREAS, this overturned a no-admissions policy for illegal immigrants in community colleges in North Carolina that was adopted in May, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this new policy will offer enrollment to any illegal immigrants who meet admission guidelines in any of North Carolina's 58 community colleges; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has suffered tremendously in the economic downturn and has an unemployment rate of 10.8% ; and

WHEREAS, one of the missions of North Carolina's community colleges is to educate and train American citizens to enter or re-enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, because of the state of the economy, the financial resources of our community colleges are strained, thus making it important that any benefits and educations opportunities offered by our community colleges be reserved for our American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Legislature will have the opportunity to reject the policy to accept undocumented immigrants into North Carolina's community colleges or override it with its own law in May.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners does request that members of the North Carolina General Assembly pass laws that would prohibit the admission of illegal immigrants to North Carolina's community colleges.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to North Carolina's legislators, to the Governor of the State of North Carolina, and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2009.

WEBCASTING\COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS

Manager Condrey reported that discussions had been held recently regarding webcasting the County Commissioners' meetings. If the Board approved, it is anticipated that this could begin at the November meeting.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to approve the webcasting as outlined. There was a unanimous vote of approval.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Scherer explained the budget amendments.

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the budget amendments. The motion was unanimously approved.

	Expense	Revenue
GENERAL FUND		
JCPC Psychological Services to the Courts Program	\$ (494)	
JCPC Psychological Services to the Courts Revenues		\$ (412)
Fund Balance Appropriated (Local Match - Psychological Services 20%)		\$ (82)
JCPC Administration	\$ (293)	
Juvenile Crime Committee Revenues		\$ (293)
JCPC (All Receptient Agencies - Youth Empowerment/Project Challenge)	\$ (13,716)	
Juvenile Justice Program Revenues *budget reductions per revised funding allocation received from DJJDP		\$ (13,716)
HAVA Grant Supplies	\$ 8,683	
HAVA Grant - Polling Place Accessibility Grant *grant received by Board of Elections to purchase election supplies		\$ 8,683
Criminal Justice Partnership Program	\$ 4,485	
Criminal Justice Partnership Program Revenues		\$ 4,485
*additional funding received from State		
Sheriff - Equipment purchased with seizure funds	\$ 6,954	
Federal and State Forfeited Funds		\$ 6,954
*equitable sharing funds received from US Marshal and DEA		
Sheriff - Equipment purchased with seizure funds	\$ 2,774	
Drug Seizure Funds		\$ 2,774
* unauthorized substance tax distribution received		
Sheriff - Professional Services	\$ 1,400	
Domestic Violence Storage Fees		\$ 1,400
* storage fees received		
Project Lifesaver	\$ 20	
Project Lifesaver Donations		\$ 20
*donations received		

DSS Fund		
Temporary Shelter Care	\$ 5,594	
Temporary Shelter Care Revenues		\$ 5,594
*to adjust budget per revised funding allocation received from DJJDP		
BUILDING FUND		
Capital Outlay - Rutherford Center HVAC Unit	\$ 12,700	
Building Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ 12,700
* to replace 15 year old HVAC unit at Rutherford Center		
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		
Future Projects	\$ 500,000	
PARTF Grant - Daniel Road Project		\$ 500,000
* to budget PARTF grant received for Daniel Rd land purchase related to planned recreation area.		
SOLID WASTE FUND		
Maintenance to Equipment	\$ 2,145	
Insurance Claims Dividends		\$ 2,145
* to budget insurance proceeds for lightning damage to transfer station scales		

TRANSIT AUTOMATED SCHEDULING SOFTWARE

Manager Condrey reported that the Transit Department has qualified for certain state and federal funds for the purchase of scheduling software. A ten percent local match is required that would come from the department's existing funds.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to approve the application for grant funds for Automated Scheduling Software for the Transit Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

21st CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT

Finance Director Scherer reported that the Arts Council has been awarded a grant of up to \$300,000 to establish six after-school Community Learning Centers partnering with the schools and Isothermal Community College. It has been requested that Rutherford County be the fiscal agent for the grant.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to approve the request from the Rutherford County Arts Council for the county finance office to administer the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant funds. The motion was unanimously approved.

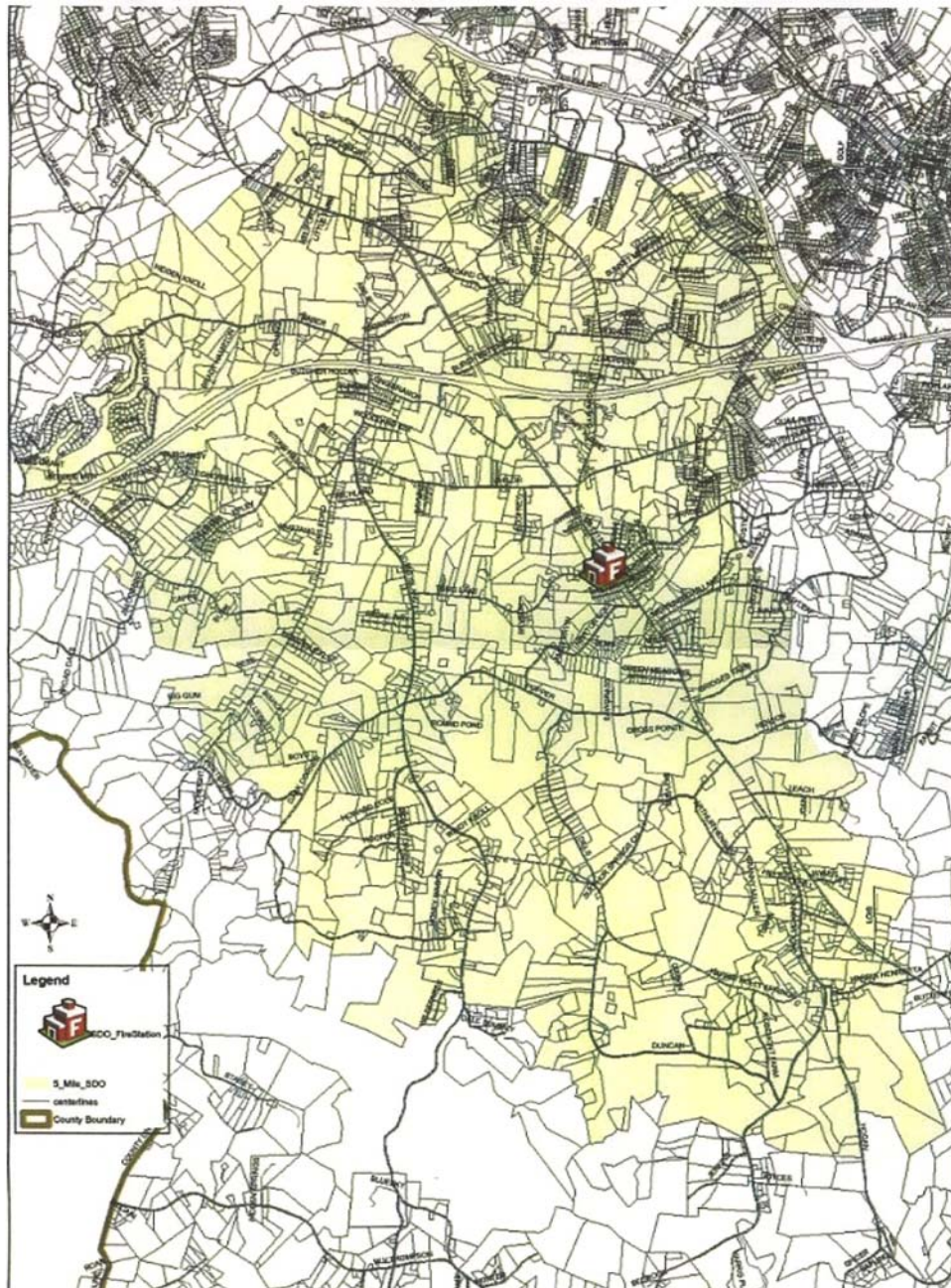
RESOLUTION\SHILOH-DANIELTOWN-OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATED MAP

Commissioner Crowed made a motion to adopt the resolution approving the new GIS map prepared for the Shiloh-Danieltown-Oakland Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Resolution
For Approval of Insurance District Boundaries**

**North Carolina
Rutherford County**

Upon motion by Commissioner Crowe, RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Rutherford approves the boundary lines of the SDO Fire Insurance District in accordance with the maps and description filed this date with the Board of County Commissioners and recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Said SDO Fire Insurance District being described as follows:



Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2009.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING\COMMUNITY PET CENTER

Manager Condrey presented a Memorandum of Understanding for a public-private partnership between the county, the Sheriff's Office, and the Community Pet Center. The Commissioners previously held discussions on such a partnership in October 2007 and at that time directed that the county should move forward. Mr. Condrey explained that details of a final contract have yet to be worked out, and he asked for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding which would be the basis for ongoing work on a completed contract. Under the partnership, the county will continue to do all pick-ups of animals and will be responsible for euthanasia. The pet center would assume total responsibility for caring for the animals.

Commissioner McIntosh asked whether there are other communities where a similar cooperative scheme is in place. Keven McCammon named Spartanburg as one example.

Commissioner McIntosh asked about the sustainability of the private funding in the future. Mr. McCammon said that in addition to fees generated through pet adoptions and contributions obtained through fundraising efforts, there are grants available.

Commissioner Crowe said she would like to personally visit the Spartanburg facility. She made a motion to delay action on the Memorandum of Understanding. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3, with Commissioner Crowe and Vice Chairman Helton voting in favor.

Chairman Washburn made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for a public-private partnership for the Animal Shelter/Community Pet Center. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-2, with Chairman Washburn and Commissioners McIntosh and Holland voting yes, and Vice Chairman Helton and Commissioner Crowe voting no.

Manager Condrey encouraged Commissioners to visit other shelters, which he said would provide input that would help strengthen the terms of the final contract.

REQUEST TO ABANDON SR 1977, B. O. JONES ROAD

Duke Energy, the only property owners on B.O. Jones Road, SR 1977, had made a request to the Department of Transportation that this road be abandoned. Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve a resolution for the abandonment of SR 1977, B. O. Jones. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF ABANDONMENT

WHEREAS, it has been requested by the Department of Transportation that B.O. Jones Road, SR 1977, in Rutherford County be abandoned from maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the only property owner on the road which has a zero traffic count and no homes has presented an abandonment petition to the North Carolina Department of Transportation requesting that the length of .10 mile on B.O. Jones Road, SR 1977, be abandoned.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners does concur and does approve the abandonment of SR 1977, B.O. Jones Road, which the Department of Transportation has proposed.

RESOLUTION\ROAD CLOSURE FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to approve the resolution calling for the closing of a portion of the entrance road to ICC for the Snuffy Jenkins Reunion Festival on November 7, 2009, in accordance with the request of the ICC Board of Trustees. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution

Whereas, the Snuffy Jenkins Reunion Festival, a regional arts and music festival organized by the Rutherford County Arts Council and Isothermal Community College, will be held on the college campus on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. and

Whereas, the planned events at the festival will require ICC Drive to be closed between Rapids Court and ICC Loop Road in the area directly in front of The Foundation Center for the Performing Arts from noon on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, to 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. and

Whereas, ICC Drive is a state road and its closure requires approval by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. and

Whereas, to grant that closure, the NCDOT requires event sponsorship by the local government in whose jurisdiction the road falls.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners hereby endorses its sponsorship of the 2009 Snuffy Jenkins Reunion Festival for the sole purpose of authorizing the road closure requested of the NCDOT by the event organizers.

Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2009.

RURAL CENTER GRANT APPLICATION

County Manager John Condrey reported on a possible grant application to the Rural Center Planning Grants Program to conduct an engineering study of the Cliffside Sanitary District. The study could possibly provide recommendations to make the operation of the system more cost effective since the county presently subsidizes the operation. The total grant is \$50,000 of which \$13,333 would be a local match. Manager Condrey recommended that this amount be from the county building fund.

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the application for a grant from the Rural Center Planning Grants Program to conduct an engineering study of the Cliffside Sanitary District. The motion was unanimously approved.

Planning Program

Authorizing Resolution By Governing Body of the Applicant

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2008, the North Carolina General Assembly included a \$50 million appropriation to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in the FY2007-2009 state budget, for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County has need for and intends to construct or rehabilitate a publicly-owned treatment works or an alternate wastewater system, for wastewater collection systems, or for water supply and distribution systems, project described as engineering study of wastewater treatment options and infiltration and inflow sources and potential remedies; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County intends to request grant assistance from the Planning Grants Program for the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY:

That Rutherford County will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant.

That Rutherford County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof

That John Condrey, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of Rutherford County with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That John Condrey, County Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That Rutherford County has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 5th day of October, 2009, at Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

RESOLUTION\HIGHWAY SYSTEM FUNDING

Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve the resolution requesting that the State of North Carolina exclude the use of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds to supplant Department of Transportation funds. The motion was unanimously approved.

**A RESOLUTION
of
Rutherford County
Board of Commissioners
Requesting the North Carolina General Assembly to Exclude the
Appalachian Development Highway System Funding
From the NCDOT Equity Formula**

Whereas In 1964, the President's Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) reported to Congress that economic growth in Appalachia would not be possible until the Region's isolation had been overcome

Whereas Congress authorized the construction of the Appalachian Development Highway System (ADHS) in the Appalachian Development Act of 1965

Whereas The cost of building highways through Appalachia's mountainous terrain is very high, so the Region has never been served by adequate roads

Whereas The nation's interstate highway system has largely bypassed the Appalachian Region, going through or around the Region's rugged terrain as cost-effectively as possible

Whereas The County of Rutherford is in the heart of the Southern Appalachian Region and has been isolated by geographical barriers

Whereas The ARC report and the Appalachian governors have placed top priority on a modern highway system as the key to economic development

Whereas The ADHS was designed to generate economic development in previously isolated areas, supplement the interstate system, connect Appalachia to the interstate system, and provide access to areas within the Region as well as to markets in the rest of the nation

Whereas The ADHS program was designed to channel additional funding into the Appalachian Region, not to supplant existing funding

Whereas In 1998 the Federal Transportation Act known as TEA21 and subsequent acts began including ADHS funding in North Carolina's minimum guarantee for transportation funding essentially supplanting existing funding

Whereas Because ADHS funding is no longer considered additional money for North Carolina, it must, by law, be included in the state's equity distribution for highway improvements

Whereas Completion of the ADHS remains a top priority for the Appalachian Regional Commission

Whereas Southwestern North Carolina, as a region, is more economically tied to its neighboring states versus the balance of North Carolina

Whereas Under current funding policies, Division 14's allocation of ADHS money counts toward our division's allotment through the equity formula and, as a result, decreases the availability of other funds to our region.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the County of Rutherford Board of Commissioners, that

- 1) Rutherford County concludes that counting the ADHS funding against North Carolina's minimum guarantee and counting the funding received by North Carolina against this region's equity "fair share" violate the spirit and intent of the ADHS legislation
- 2) Rutherford County respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to exclude the ADHS funding from the NCDOT equity formula in order to complete these remaining corridors to benefit the people of Southern Appalachia and Southwestern North Carolina.
- 3) Rutherford County respectfully requests the United States Congress to exclude the ADHS funding from the minimum return of transportation funding to the State of North Carolina.
- 4) Rutherford County requests that all funding of ADHS projects from 1992 to present not count against "equity adjustments" and adjustments be made to current equity calculations to correct the violation of the spirit of the ADHS program.

ADOPTED the 5th day of October, 2009.

PROJECT FUNDING FOR DANIEL MORGAN COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT

Manager Condrey explained a request from the Daniel Morgan Community Water District in South Carolina. DMWD provides water service to 72 locations in southern Rutherford County. This was in response to an emergency situation several years ago when private wells were found to be contaminated. DMWD must relocate water mains along US 221 in Rutherford County to make way for road widening and improvements by the NCDOT using federal stimulus money. The NC Rural Economic Development Center has been contacted for partial funding for the project contingent on Rutherford County providing base funding and serving as the applicant for Rural Center funding. Manager Condrey proposed allocating emergency funding under the revolving loan fund. He further explained that there is an immediate deadline that has to be met. He advised that Rutherford County would retain the option to withdraw at a later time.

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to authorize Manager Condrey to pursue a joint arrangement with the Daniel Morgan Community Water District for relocation of water lines and to report to the Commissioners as the process moves forward.

Chairman Washburn suggested that a water authority in Rutherford County might purchase the water lines in question.

The motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDING FUND PROJECTS PLANNING

Manager Condrey reported on plans for capital projects under the Building Fund. The current budget includes funding for initial planning such as architectural drawings and other preliminary work. He presented recommendations for the members of committees who would oversee the planning.

Mr. Condrey emphasized that there is no intention to begin building due to the current economic conditions. In addition, the county is actively pursuing grant opportunities for the complex at Daniel Road. One grant has recently been announced that will provide \$500,000 from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund to assist in the purchase of the acreage at the Daniel Road property that will become the future soccer area. He said that most grants require that the planning phase of a project be completed before consideration of funding is given.

The Commissioners were in agreement that the planning process should be pursued.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Crowe made a motion to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege under G.S. 143.318.11(a)(3) and Industrial Location under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4). The motion was unanimously approved.

7:30 P.M. – The Board went into Closed Session

8:32 P.M. – The Board returned to regular session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Washburn declared the meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners