

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 7, 2008

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2008 in the Board of Commissioners Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Paul Taylor; Vice-Chairman George Graham and Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Claude Davis, Earl Harper, and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: Chris Humphrey

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 Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Taylor led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, Mr. Humphrey was excused from the meeting.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Jan Barwick, Assistant Executive Director of Kinston-Lenoir County Convention and Visitors Bureau, extended an invitation to the world premiere of "Sunset", a full-length motion picture written and produced by two young filmmakers with roots in Lenoir County. The general public is invited to attend this free premiere on Friday April 11, 2008, with the show starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Council for the Arts. The public can obtain more information by visiting www.visitkinston.com. The 2008 Festival on the Neuse will be held April 23-26 and everyone is invited to attend. The Board thanked Ms. Barwick for the invitation and encouraged everyone to attend these upcoming events.

Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Pope stated DuPont celebrated their 55th Anniversary last week, which was a great success. It means a lot to Lenoir County that DuPont has stayed in the community. The biotech industry is really gaining ground and DuPont is the cutting edge industry for such products. The County is still assisting Smithfield with the closure of their K-1 Facility. The facility will close its doors on May 9, 2008. Lenoir Community College has celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Lenoir Community College is a tremendous asset to Lenoir County and we thank them for their service. Sanderson Farms is still involved with due diligence in the County.

Ms. Brown stated April 6-12, 2008 is National County Government Week with the theme "Protecting Our Children." Ms. Brown will be talking with Dr. Terry Cline, Superintendent of Lenoir County Schools, regarding visiting schools throughout the county-addressing children regarding county government.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. Mr. Jarman asked who would be attending the District Meeting sponsored by the NCACC. Mr. Harper, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Graham stated they would attend the April 25th meeting in Sampson County. Mr. Jarman reminded the Board of the April 21st Budget Retreat Meeting at 1:00 p.m. along with the 4:00 p.m. Board of Commissioners meeting. There will be a joint meeting between Lenoir Community College and the Board of Commissioners at 6:00 p.m. on April 21st as well. Mr. Jarman thanked Mr. Danny Rice with Woodmen of the World, for donating the county a United States Flag and a North Carolina Flag. Mr. Taylor asked would it be possible to obtain a larger County Flag. Mr. Jarman stated a larger County flag would be ordered. Mr. Hollowell introduced Mrs. Martha Martin who has accepted the Finance Officer position effective April 1, 2008.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Harper pulled Item No. 6 for further discussion. Mr. Jarman stated the item covers unanticipated workers compensation claims and partial disability claims. This budget amendment will cover the county for the remaining of the year. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda:

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: March 17, 2008
Budget Retreat Meeting: February 18, 2008
Budget Retreat Meeting: March 17, 2008 Aytch/Jarman
4. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein Parrish/Hollowell
5. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health (General, Adult Hlth., WIC, Environmental Health, Animal Control): Increase: \$15,046 Huff/Hollowell
6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Non-Departmental: \$100,000: Increase Hollowell/Jarman

RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 7 Resolution of Concern Regarding Falls Lake Dam. Mr. Taylor read the resolution aloud for the Board and the viewing public. Mr. Griffin stated he was in full support of the resolution, but added Lenoir County was re-mapped in 2003. During this process it was realized during Hurricane Floyd the County was between 50 and a 100-year flood (75-year flood) plain. Mr. Griffin encouraged all citizens to review their property on the flood plain maps utilizing the county mapping system on-line. Mr. Griffin stated he would like to see the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers monitor the river basin August 15-October 15 when it is more likely for Hurricanes to affect our area, and ensure the river maintains a safe level for Lenoir County and other counties downstream. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8A. Resolution Approving Purchase Order with Motorola: \$2,745. Major Chris Hill, Lenoir County Sheriff's Department, addressed the Board. Mr. Hill stated the North Carolina General Assembly recently funded the replace of AFIS fingerprinting machines throughout the State. The Sheriff's Office will receive its AFIS machine, valued at \$23,780, during the later part of March 2008. The machine will need to utilize a Lexmark T640 Network Laser Printer. The State has informed the Sheriff's Office that the Motorola LSS R Live Scan fingerprinting machine works in conjunction with a Lexmark T640 3-tray laser printer. Motorola provided the price of \$2,745, which includes installation and a maintenance agreement. The Sheriff will use Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to pay for the printer. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8A. was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8B. Resolution Authorizing the Sheriff to withdraw Funds from Special Investigate Funds without Limitation to Amount or Board Approval. Mr. Hill stated the Sheriff has a budgeted line for special investigative expenses which are primarily used to pay informants for information related to drug activity or for other criminal activity or to purchase narcotics in undercover operations. Currently, county policy regulates the withdrawal of funds to \$2,500 without Board consent. On a number of occasions investigators have requested funds from the special investigation expense line which exceeds the \$2,500 cap. This limitation hinders the investigation because the funds are not available until the Board has approved the expenditure. Narcotics investigations typically involve the purchase of illicit narcotics that exceed \$2,500, depending upon the nature at any given time. The Sheriff is requesting the funds in the Special Investigations Expense line be fully available for use, without Board consent. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 8B. was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8C. Resolution Approving Purchase of (14) Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) \$26,060.38. Mr. Hill stated Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) are laptop in-car computer terminals that are seated in a mount and are connected to a modem. The MDT allows the officer to enter and receive live data from various state and national databases such as the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Having this ability the officer can access vehicle registration information and determine the owner of the vehicle, his or her address, insurance information, lien holder data, registration status, etc. The MDT (after accessing a state or national database) can inform the officer if the vehicle or person is wanted as well as other important information. Currently the Sheriff's Office has several MDT's which have been in operation for over 10 years. These MDT's are becoming non-functional and the expense of repairing these older MDT's is not financially feasible. The minimum service cost for an older MDT is \$500. A number of companies provide computers for law enforcement purposes. Gateway laptops have been sold to a number of law enforcement agencies in North Carolina. These agencies were contacted and it was found that they were very satisfied with this computer. Gately Communications, Co. is currently being used by the Sheriff's Office for its communications needs. Gately Communications, Co. provided a price of \$1330.79 per laptop as well as \$527.38 for the associated equipment and services for a total of \$1,858.17, plus shipping. The Sheriff intends to purchase the MDT's from civil process service fees, which may be used to enhance the service of civil process. The Sheriff respectfully recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the request to purchase (14) Gateway computers, model S-7220M, and the associated equipment and services from Gately Communications, Co. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 8C was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 9 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>
Lenoir Memorial Hospital Board of Directors 2nd Appearance	J. Clark Johnson, Jr. (Primary) W. Loren Edwards (Alternate)	January 2012 M: Davis S: Brown
Lenoir County Planning Board 1st Appearance	Charles Braxton (District 3)	April 2011
Lenoir County Criminal Justice Partnership Program 1st Appearance	Joan Kornegay	May 2010

CURRENT VACANCIES:

- Lenoir County Health Board – Four (4) Vacancies; (1) Veterinarian, (1) Optometrist, (2) Public Members**
- Grifton Planning Board – One (1) Vacancy**
- JCPC – One (1) Vacancy; 1-Juvenile Attorney**
- Lenoir County Planning Board – K-6 Precinct & At-Large**
- CJPP – Four (4) Vacancies**
- Kinston Board of Adjustment – Two (2) ETJ Members; (1) Primary – (1) Alternate**
- Lenoir County Transportation Committee – At Large Member – Business Community**

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager