

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 21, 2008

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 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, Chris Humphrey, and Claude Stroud.

Members absent: None

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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Taylor led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Jackie Brown presented the Kinston High School Men's Basketball Team with Certificates of Recognition for their Championship win in the 3A State Basketball Championship. Ms. Brown read the certificate aloud for members of the Board and the viewing public. Mr. Wells Gulledge, Head Coach, thanked the Board for recognizing their accomplishments this past year. Mr. Gulledge stated the men have represented Kinston-Lenoir County and Kinston High School very well. The Board wished each team member success in their future endeavors.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Item No. 1 was Items from the Commissioners. Mr. Harper invited everyone to attend the 4th Annual Lenoir County Prayer Breakfast on May 1, 2008 at Lenoir Community College at 7:00 a.m. Ms. Brown thanked everyone who participated in County Government Week by attending area Lenoir County Schools.

Item No. 2 was Items from the County Manager. There were no items to highlight.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda:

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| 3. | Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: April 7, 2008 | Aytch/Jarman |
| 4. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements Fund: Capital Improvements: \$1,200: Increase | Jarman/Martin |
| 5. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: MSW Landfill Cell #1 Fund: MSW Landfill Cell #1: \$13,000: Increase | Jarman/Martin |
| 6. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: Vehicle Replacement Fund: Vehicle Replacement: \$13,500: Increase | Jarman/Martin |
| 7. | Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Process Funds: \$31,000: Increase | Jarman/Martin |

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS

Item No. 8 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Employee Insurance Fund: \$100,000: Increase. Mr. Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, addressed the Board. Mr. Hollowell stated the Budget Amendment adjusts budgeted revenue and expenditures to more accurately reflect actual revenues and expenditures for nine (9) months of FY 07-08. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: \$114,000: Increase. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Capital Fund: \$130,226.30: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the Budget Amendment adjusts revenues and expenditures to cover additional school capital projects started by the school system during FY 07-08. Currently there are twenty-one (21) projects in progress. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: School Construction Fund: \$160,794.06: Increase. Mr. Hollowell stated the Amendment budgets interest earned on School Bond proceeds for the period of January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008. This interest is to be used for the construction projects. A portion of interest earned must be set aside to pay for arbitrage rebates to the Federal Government. Semi-annual calculations of arbitrage liability are calculated and those amounts of interest earned will be earmarked for pay back. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Graham, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing Grounds Maintenance for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office: \$3,604. Ms. Tammy Kelly, Director of the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Office, addressed the Board. Ms. Kelly stated the Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council has been very pleased with the ground maintenance provided by Wheat Swamp Landscaping Services. Therefore, the office would like to extend the contract with Wheat Swamp Landscaping for the upcoming year. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Resolution Approving Roof Replacement of EMS Station #1: Pittman Brother's Roofing Company: \$10,200. Mr. Mike Wiggins, Maintenance Coordinator, stated due to the aging and deteriorating roof on EMS Station #1 located at 2404 N. Queen Street, roof replacement is strongly recommended to avoid further and future water damage to the interior of the building. Roof replacement encompasses not only the proper removal of the old roofing material and the installation of a new roofing system, but also flashing all roof vents and pipes, and installation of a termination bar on all walls and edges. Lenoir County Maintenance requested bids from 4 roofing contractors; Pittman Brother's Roofing of Albertson, NC provided the County with the lowest proposal to replace the existing roof. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Approving a Purchase Order Increase with Corporate Resources and a New Purchase Order with Coeco Office Systems: \$18,200. Mr. Jack Jones, Director of Social Services, addressed the Board. Mr. Jones stated more envelopes of various sizes; cartridges for printers, as well as general office supplies are needed for the remainder of FY 07-08. No additional county money is needed as unencumbered budgeted funds will be used for this increase. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown, and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 14 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15A was a Resolution Authorizing a Blanket Purchase Order for \$2,900 to Sparkle Right Cleaning for the Bimonthly Interior and Exterior Cleaning of the Transit Vans. Mr. Joey Bryan, MIS/GIS/Transit Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Bryan stated Lenoir County Transit has taken operations in house, as such the county must provide for items that had been the responsibility of the contractor. Exterior and interior cleaning of the transit vans is one of those areas. The Transit would like to keep the vans appealing and inviting to promote a better image of service. This is a budgeted item and is going to the company that already held the contract as of March 10, 2008. We will be re-bidding this item in the new fiscal year. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15B was a Resolution Authorizing a Blanket Purchase Order for \$6,000 to Jarman Tire and Automotive for Transit Van Tire Replacement. Mr. Bryan stated the tires on some of the vans are in need of replacement and Jarman Tire and Automotive holds the state contract on the tires needed. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 15C was a Resolution Authorizing the Lease of 100 Desktop Computers from Dell Computer Corp., Inc. from North Carolina State Contract for \$19,784 per Year for Four (4) Years. Mr. Bryan stated the County has been effective in keeping its desktops personal computers (PC's) operational. The MIS department has purchased PC's in the past and kept them after the warranty had expired. The department kept the PC's running by replacing parts at a substantial cost. This has become an obsolete and costly way of doing business. The average life span of a PC in a business environment is between 3-5 years based on data from both Intel and AMD. The life expectancy can be considerably shorter if the electronics are stressed. With the advent of mandatory scheduled software system upgrades along with required hardware operating requirements forced upon the department by different vendors, it has become advantageous to move forward with leasing desktop systems. This allows for full warranty coverage of the parts throughout the lifetime of the product, no disposal problems, and no fixed asset issues. In addition it allows the department to know what the recurring charges will be in regards to maintenance and capital purchases. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 15C was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16A was a Resolution Authorizing the Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order to Interacoustics, Inc.: \$4,210. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Huff stated the Board is asked to grant permission to the Health Department to execute a purchase order to Interacoustics, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing an Otoread Screener to provide hearing testing in the Child Health Clinic. The Otoread Screener is the device recommended by the NC Division of Public Health Hearing Screening Service through the Medicaid Program. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Humphrey, Item No. 16A was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16B was a Resolution Authorizing the Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order to W & W Custom Case Company: \$7,430. Mr. Huff stated the N.C. Division of Public Health has provided local health departments with funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparation. Activities supported by this funding are to continue to accomplish planning, exercising of control and response measures, communications and recovery capacities for pandemic influenza response on a local, regional, and statewide level. W & W Custom Case, Company will provide three (3) Medical Storage Carts (P.O.D. Boxes) to be used for transporting and mass dispensing of Vaccines and Medications in the Bio-terrorism Preparedness Program. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 16B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 16C was a Resolution Authorizing the Health Department to Execute Purchase Orders to Bayer Pharmaceuticals \$5,389 and Thera Com Pharmaceuticals \$2,672. Mr. Huff stated the requested utilization of funds is based on projected expenditures for contraceptives/medications required in the Family Planning Program. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 16B was unanimously approved.

Item No. 17 was a Resolution Approving the Sale of \$39,700,000 School Bonds. Mr. Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, addressed the Board. Mr. Hollowell stated on May 2, 2006 the voters of Lenoir County approved the issuance of up to \$69,700,000 of the County's general obligation bonds to pay capital costs of providing school facilities (the "School Bonds"). \$30 million was issued in February 2007, the remaining \$39.7 million is being authorized by the above-referenced resolution. After a meeting with the Local Government Commission (LGC) last week they allowed combining the last two-bond issuance into one, resulting in a savings of issuance costs. The Approval of the Official Statement is also required; this is a preliminary Official Statement. The numbers are not accurate, but the format of the statement is correct, which is what needs to be approved. The LGC Board will meet on May 6, 2008, if this resolution is approved, the sale of the bonds will take place on May 13, 2008. Closing will take place on June 2, 2008 and the County will receive the bond funds at that time. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Davis, Item No. 17, was unanimously approved.

Item No. 18 was a Resolution Allowing the Town of Pink Hill to Extend its Territorial Jurisdiction up to One Mile Beyond its Corporate Limits. Mr. Lee Padrick of the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance addressed the Board. Mr. Padrick stated the Division of Community Assistance provides planning assistance to small towns in rural counties. Pink Hill created a Land-use Plan several years ago, it was recommended upon completion of the Land-use Plan to draft a zoning ordinance, which resulted in the Pink Hill Planning Board. The Planning Board would like to consider extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from the Town's corporate limits. The North Carolina General Statute requires the Town of Pink Hill to request permission from Lenoir County to do extraterritorial jurisdiction. On April 8, 2008 the Town passed a resolution requesting permission to do so. The area is currently in the regulatory control of Lenoir County. The Statutes require that citizens living in the extraterritorial jurisdiction receive proportional representation, which means an increase in one (1) to two (2) additional planning Board members. Mr. Humphrey asked why is the request coming now for Pink Hill. Mr. Padrick stated the Lenoir County Zoning Ordinance is what makes the request necessary at this time. Mr. Padrick stated being in the ETJ does not mean citizens would be annexed into the Town of Pink and be required to pay additional taxes. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second Mr. Stroud, Item No. 18 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 19 was a Resolution Supporting North Carolina's Eastern Region. Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director addressed the Board. Mr. Pope stated the North Carolina's Eastern Region is the regional economic development agency for the following thirteen counties; Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Nash, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Wayne and Wilson. The purpose of the regional partnerships is to compete more effectively with larger cities and communities in other states by marketing the combined assets of the communities as one region. This resolution show the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners fully supports the efforts and goals presented by North Carolina's Eastern Region. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Mr. Stroud, Item No. 19 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 20 was a Resolution In Support of Continuation of Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) Funding. Mr. Carl Early, Day Reporting Center Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Early stated the Lenoir County CJPP diligently carries out its charge of establishing and delivering competent, effective and necessary program assistance to augment community supervision of adult

criminal offenders. CJPP is a viable and an exceptional service in Lenoir County. The loss of CJPP services would result in the loss in rehabilitative services for offenders and additional costs of incarceration due to higher failure rates for offenders. Mr. Harper stated the CJPP is a service that is greatly needed in Lenoir County and funding of the program should be continued. Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 20 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 21 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 County Planning Board 2nd Appearance	Charles Braxton (District 3) Michael Carter (Alternate)	April 2011 M: Brown S: Davis
Lenoir County Criminal Justice Partnership Program 2nd Appearance	Joan Kornegay	May 2010 M: Brown S: Davis
Kinston-Lenoir County Tourism Development Authority 2nd Appearance	Ken Elbertson (Appointment)	June 2008 M: Harper S: Humphrey
Kinston-Lenoir County Library Board 1st Appearance	Michael Parker (Re-appointment) Lloyd R. Moody (Appointment)	April 2014 Tabled

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

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Harper, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 5:00 p.m. and the following cited: Number four (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County. The Board discussed an economic development project. The Board took no action. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper, the Board moved out of closed session at 5:25 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Harper Open Session re-convened at 5:26 p.m. Mr. Taylor stated an economic development project was discussed, the Board took no action during closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Graham and a second by Mr. Humphrey the Board will recess until Friday, April 25, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

RECESSED

Upon a motion by Mr. Humphrey, the meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m. until Friday, April 25, 2008.

OPEN SESSION

The Board re-convened in open session on Friday, April 25, 2008 at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Taylor welcomed the Board and the viewing public. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Humphrey, the Board excused Ms. Brown from the meeting.

Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Pope read a press release aloud for the Board and viewing public from Sanderson Farms. Sanderson Farms, Inc. announced today that sites in Kinston, North Carolina have been selected for construction of a new feed mill, poultry processing plant and hatchery. These facilities will comprise a state-of-the-art poultry complex with the capacity to process 1.25 million birds per week for the retail chill pack market. At full capacity, the complex will employ approximately 1,500 people, will require 130 contract growers, and will be equipped to process and sell 6.7 million pounds per week of dressed poultry meat at full production.

Sanderson Farms expects to invest approximately \$126.5 million in the new North Carolina complex, and anticipates that associated contract growers will invest an additional \$98 million in poultry production facilities. The Company expects to begin construction of the facilities this summer, with initial operation of the new complex scheduled to begin during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2009.

Mr. Pope presented the Board with a Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant Agreement: Sanderson Farms, Inc.: \$4.2 million (cash grant); \$1,014,500 (land grant). Mr. Pope also distributed Economic Development Agreements for the feed mill, poultry processing plant and hatchery. Mr. Pope stated the feedmill site is an investment of \$17,500,000 located on 98 acres adjacent to and north of Dopaco, Inc. in the US 70 West Industrial Park. The feedmill site will employ 35 full time hourly employees and 10 full time salaried employees. The poultry processing plant is an investment of \$94,000,000 located on a 164-acre site. The plant will be housed in a 210,000 square foot facility. The processing plant will employ 1,400 full time hourly employees and 90 full time salaried employees. Finally, the hatchery site is an investment of \$15,000,000 located on a 12-acre site at the corner of Smithfield Way/Hill Farm Road in the US 70 West Industrial Park. The hatchery will employ 90 full time hourly employees and 25 full time salaried employees. The sprayfield site will sit on 500 acres with an investment of \$4 million. Mr. Taylor stated he, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Graham toured the facility in Moultrie, GA. The facilities were very impressive and would be a welcomed addition to Lenoir County.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and a second by Mr. Harper, and unanimous approval, closed session was entered at approximately 9:08 a.m. and the following cited: Number four (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County. The Board discussed economic development issues. The Board took no action. Upon a motion by Mr. Harper and a second by Mr. Taylor, the Board moved out of closed session at 9:14 a.m.

Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant Agreement: Sanderson Farms, Inc.: \$4.2 million (cash grant); \$1,014,500 (land grant). Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Stroud, the Board unanimously approved the economic development agreement. Mr. Jarman commended Mr. Pope for the hard work he has done for economic development in Lenoir County. Mr. Pope invited everyone to attend the announcement ceremony at Lenoir Community College at 10:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by Mr. Harper the Board adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed By

Lashanda Aytch
Clerk to the Board

Michael W. Jarman
County Manager