

February 18, 2008

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, County Administration Building (224 Seminary Street), Kenansville, North Carolina.

Present: Chairman Harold Raynor and Commissioners David Fussell, L. S. Guy, Jr., Cary Turner, Reginald Wells, and Zettie Williams

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Mike Aldridge, County Manager; Ms. Julia Herring, Administrative Officer; Ms. Teresa Lanier, Finance Officer; and Ms. Wendy Sivori, County Attorney

The Reverend Doctor Reginald Ponder of Rose Hill Methodist Church gave the invocation.

The following reports were received by the board and are on file with the clerk:

Affidavits of Publication
Airport – January 2008
Animal Control – January 2008
Building Inspections – January 2008
Communications – January 2008
Elections – January 2008
Emergency Management – January 2008
Register of Deeds – January 2008
Services for the Aged – January 2008
Social Services – January 2008
Soil & Water Conservation – January 2008
Solid Waste & Recycling – January 2008

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Turner, carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Minutes – January 30, 2008, February 4, 2008, & February 7, 2008; Budget Amendments #0158 - #0162; Solid Waste Releases #4905 - #4920; Tax Releases #4868 - #4904; to add a contract for security services between the Duplin County Sheriff's Department and Social Services; to add a discussion on the acoustical treatment for the windows at the Events Center; and to add a Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented Administrative Budget Amendments # G091 - # H028 and Motor Vehicle Releases – January 2008 - \$12,791.89

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Turner, carried unanimously, to have an officer from the Duplin County Sheriff's Department present at all commissioner board meetings.

Public Comments:

None.

Mr. Mike Barnette with McDavid Associates, appeared before the board to seek relocation benefits for two units in the 2005 CDBG Concentrated Needs Program at Tin City. He stated that each unit is a dilapidated singlewide mobile home that will be demolished and the occupants need relocation assistance in order to purchase a refurbished mobile home, pay for delivery, setup, and utility connections. Mr. Barnette requested relocation benefits of up to \$25,000 each for the occupants of 05-07 and 05-10. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Williams, carried unanimously, to approve the relocation benefits for 05-07 and 05-10 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 each.

Mr. Randall Tyndall, Planning Director, appeared before the board to discuss the expected population growth due to the increase of Marine forces at Camp Lejeune, New River, & Cherry Point. He stated that seven counties would be affected [Onslow, Jones, Pamlico, Carteret, Craven, Pender, and Duplin] with Duplin County expecting growth of 8,000 – 10,000 people within the next five years. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to adopt the resolution supporting the mission of the Military Growth Task Force and authorize the chairman to sign same.

Sheriff Blake Wallace appeared before the board to discuss a contract with Sampson County to continue to house Duplin County inmates at a cost of \$50/day per inmate. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to approve the contract with Sampson County to house inmates at a cost of \$50/day per inmate and authorize the chairman to sign same.

Sheriff Wallace discussed an agreement between the Sheriff's Department and Social Services to provide one full time security officer. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Turner, carried unanimously, to approve the contract with the Department of Social Services to provide one full time security officer and authorize the chairman to sign same.

Mr. Davis Brinson, Register of Deeds, gave a presentation on the services available on the Register of Deeds website and how to search and display documents online. Mr. Brinson stated that documents as far back as 1784 are now available to view online. (See handout in minutes.)

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented a resolution in support of promoting the ¼-cent sales tax referendum on the May 6, 2008 ballot. Several commissioners suggested deleting the references to exact dollar amounts regarding capital needs for the school system and James Sprunt Community College. Commissioner Williams asked that "replace aging school buildings" be added to the resolution. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Raynor, to adopt the resolution of support for the ¼ cent sales tax with the recommended amendments to the resolution. Commissioners Guy and Wells voted for; Commissioners Turner and Fussell voted against.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Turner, carried unanimously, to recommend that the Duplin County Board of Education and the James Sprunt Community College Board of Trustees meet to discuss the facility needs of the school system and the community college.

Mr. Aldridge presented the NC Department of Revenue Distribution Data Verification form for approval. He stated that in order to distribute the annual beer and wine excise taxes, the form would need the chairman's signature. (See handout in minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Raynor, carried unanimously, to authorize the chairman to sign the North Carolina Department of Revenue Distribution Verification Form.

Mr. Aldridge stated that Ms. Sheila Lewis, Eastern Carolina Council Regional Ombudsman, is recommending that Rev. JB Helms be appointed to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for a one-year appointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to appoint Rev. JB Helms to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee for a one year appointment effective March 1, 2008.

Mr. Aldridge stated that the Duplin Soil & Water Conservation District is recommending that Ms. Ann Herring be reappointed to the Duplin County Watershed Improvement Commission for a six-year term.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to reappoint Ms. Ann Herring to the Duplin County Watershed Improvement Commission for a six-year term to expire December 31, 2013.

Mr. Aldridge presented a proposal to install acoustical panels on the windows at the events center.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Guy, to approve the installation of the acoustical panels on the windows at the Events Center at a cost not to exceed \$18,200 thereby approving Budget Amendment #0163. Commissioners Raynor, Turner, and Wells voted for; Commissioner Fussell voted against.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4). Commissioners Fussell, Raynor, and Wells voted for; Commissioner Turner voted against.

Commissioner Turner left at this time.

The board returned to Regular Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, to authorize the administrative staff to negotiate an option on an industrial site up to a maximum of \$75,000 with funds coming from the Economic Development Community Revolving Loan Fund, thereby approving Budget Amendment #0164.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fussell to table this matter until Commissioner Turner is able to participate in the vote and the board knows if the option would be refundable. Motion died for lack of a second.

The vote on the original motion was: Commissioners Guy, Wells, and Williams voted for; Commissioners Fussell and Raynor voted against.

The board adjourned to meet again on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 9:00a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, County Administration Building (224 Seminary Street), Kenansville, North Carolina.

Clerk