

OCTOBER 16, 2006

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, County Administration Building (224 Seminary Street), Kenansville, North Carolina.

Present: Vice Chairman Arliss Albertson and Commissioners David Fussell, L. S. Guy, Jr., and Reginald Wells.

Absent: Chairman Zettie B. Williams and Commissioner Larry Howard.

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

Randall Tyndall gave the invocation.

The following reports were received by the Board and are on file with the Clerk:

Affidavits of Publication
Animal Control – September 2006
Building Inspections – September 2006
Communications – September 2006
Emergency Management – September 2006
Finance – August 2006
Manager's Office – September 2006
Register of Deeds – September 2006
Personnel – September 2006
Services to the Aged – September 2006
Social Services – September 2006
Solid Waste – September 2006

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, carried unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Minutes – October 2, 2006; Minutes – October 9, 2006; Budget Amendments #82 - #85, Solid Waste Releases #3305 - #3312, and Tax Releases #3294 - #3304; and to add a letter of congratulations from Services to the Aged to Ms. Alethia Carr for the occasion of her 100th birthday; revised commissioner's calendar; GovDeals report; personnel report; a presentation by Dr. Wiley Doby, Duplin County School Superintendent; and Ms. Lynn Hardy, Executive Director of Carolina East Home Care & Hospice.

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented Administrative Budget Amendments #C023 - #C025 and #D026 - #D038; and to void Budget Amendments #D001 - #D025.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Frances Parks, Calypso resident, spoke on the fund balance and asked about borrowing from the fund balance to meet the budget requirements. (See attached handout in Minutes.)

Mr. Gary Rose, Tax Administrator, appeared before the Board to seek approval for a contract with Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc. to provide property revaluation services effective January 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to approve a contract with Pearson's Appraisal Service and authorize the Chairman to sign same, thus approving Budget Amendment #91.

Dr. Wiley Doby, Duplin County School Superintendent, gave a presentation on Critical Needs Funding Requests for the Duplin County School System. Dr. Doby stated that this funding was needed to update security for school safety, for repair and maintenance of school buildings, and to increase supplements for school personnel. (See handout in Minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Wells, to approve a one-time allocation of \$1,000,000 to the school system, \$250,000 for the Duplin County Sheriff's Department, and \$83,000 to James Sprunt Community College.

Commissioner Wells offered an amendment to the main motion to approve a one-time allocation of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to Duplin County Schools. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fussell. Commissioner Guy voted for and Commissioner Albertson voted against. Motion carried, thus approving Budget Amendment #0086.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to arrange a meeting between the County Manager, County Finance Officer, School Superintendent, and the School Finance Officer; to outline the critical needs of the school system beyond the \$1,000,000 approved and to see how much funding can be done out of the Capital Reserve Fund that is ear-marked for that purpose and to give a report at the next Commissioner's meeting.

Mr. Mike Aldridge appeared before the Board to present a petition from the residents on Cameron Stroud Lane in Warsaw to have that road become part of the N.C. Department of Transportation System. (See attached handouts in Minutes.)

Motion made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to adopt a resolution asking the N. C. Department of Transportation to investigate this road to determine if it meets the state's standards and to authorize the Chairman to sign same.

Mr. Craig Forlines, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board to discuss several matters. Mr. Forlines gave an update on the VIPER grant and to seek the Board's approval to sign the Memorandum of Agreement giving the State Highway Patrol permission to purchase portable radios on behalf of Duplin County. Mr. Forlines also discussed the two year trustee appointments for the Local Fireman's Relief Fund for each fire district. Mr. Forlines introduced Christopher Brian Pearce, who was recently hired as the Emergency Management Services Director.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to authorize Mr. Craig Forlines to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the VIPER grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to authorize the Clerk to the Board to sign the Local Fireman's Relief Fund Report.

Ms. Lynn Hardy, Executive Director of Carolina East Home Care & Hospice, discussed the need of a letter from the county verifying that public water lines would be provided to the Milford & Reba Quinn Hospice Care Center Project. Ms. Hardy stated that in order to receive financing from the USDA for the project, she would need a letter by October 20, 2006.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, for the county to do whatever is necessary to provide water for the Hospice Center and for the county to write a letter to the USDA stating same.

Mr. Woody Brinson, Economic Development Director, discussed possible grants that may be available from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to create an industrial park at the site of the hospice project. He stated that applying for the grants would delay the construction of the hospice project till February 2007.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to authorize the Chairman and County Manager to submit any necessary paperwork for grant applications.

Mr. Davis Brinson, Register of Deeds, appeared before the Board to present and request approval of an On Site Agreement with Duncan-Parnell, Inc. for a new map copier/printer. At the last meeting, the Board approved a contract with Terek for an On Site Service Agreement for the existing map copier/printer. Since that time, Mr. Brinson learned that map copier/printer was unable to be repaired by Terek.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to approve the On Site Service Agreement between Duncan-Parnell, Inc. and to authorize the Chairman to sign same, thereby approving Budget Amendment #87 and voiding the Tyrek Agreement.

Mrs. Millie Brown, Social Services Director, appeared before the Board to discuss several matters.

Mrs. Brown presented the 2008 - 2009 Work First Plan for the Board's approval. Mrs. Brown also discussed the need for an additional social worker position at DSS to help facilitate the newly implemented School Based Child and Family Support Team Initiative Program in Duplin County Schools. This would be a two-year federal and state funded Social Worker IV position [Grade 70, Step 1A]. (See handout in Minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to approve the 2008 – 2009 Work First Plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to approve a Social Worker IV position at Social Services.

Mr. Joe McKemey, Engineer with McDavid Associates, appeared before the Board to discuss several matters. Mr. McKemey discussed the completion of the Events Center floor. Mr. McKemey also presented The Owner's Checklist and Affidavit of the Good Faith Efforts Checklist. (See attached handout in Minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to adopt a resolution amending the Capital Project Budget Ordinance, to approve Change Order #1 and to authorize the Chairman to sign same, thereby approving Budget Amendment #0088.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, to approve The Owner's Checklist and Affidavit of the Good Faith Efforts Checklist and to authorize the Chairman to sign same.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, carried unanimously, to recess Regular Session and to go into Session as County Water District G.

The Board returned to Regular Session.

Mr. Bee Barnett, Solid Waste Director, appeared before the Board to give an update on the Transfer Station and to present a proposal from Sun Construction for the construction of concrete ramps for the new scales at the landfill. (See attached handout in Minutes.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to accept the proposal and to award contract to Sun Construction and for funds to come from the Enterprise Fund, thus approving Budget Amendment #0089.

Mr. Robert Hunter, resident of Northeast Road, appeared before the Board to present a petition concerning a drainage problem that he feels was created because of the 1982 Mosquito Control Program. (See attached handout in Minutes.)

Mr. Mike Aldridge informed the Board that Commissioner Wells has submitted his third nominee for the Fiscal Advisory Committee, Ms. Lounell Mainor. Mr. Aldridge advised that a replacement was need from Commissioner Guy's district due to the resignation of Mr. Jimmy Newkirk.

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented letters from the Office of the Governor stating that financial assistance has been approved for the Maxwell Creek Water Management Project and the Cabin Lake Park Water Management Project. (See attached handout in Minutes.)

Mr. Mike Aldridge asked the Board if they would be interested in attending a luncheon hosted by the Duplin General Hospital Board during the December 18, 2006 Commissioner's Meeting. The consensus of the Board was to schedule the luncheon with Duplin General Hospital.

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented the Cooperative Service Agreement for the Beaver Management Agreement Program (BMAP) between Duplin County and the USDA. This agreement should have been executed in August 2006 so that services could begin September 1, 2006. The agreement will expire August 31, 2007. Due to the personnel transition in the County Manager's Office, the original contract was not received until last week.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to approve the Cooperative Service Agreement and to authorize the Chairman to sign same.

Mr. Mike Aldridge discussed the NC Senior Tar Heel Legislative Meeting in Raleigh attended by Mr. Carl Pate, Sr.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wells, seconded by Commissioner Guy, carried unanimously, to accept the Senior Tarheel Legislative Agenda to approve related travel expenses for Mr. Carl Pate, Sr.

Motion was made by Commissioner Guy, seconded by Commissioner Wells, carried unanimously, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N. C. G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

The Board returned to Regular Session.

The Board adjourned to meet again on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room, County Administration Building (224 Seminary Street), Kenansville, North Carolina.

Clerk