

Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 3, 2012

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 3, 2012 at the county commissioner's meeting room, 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, NC, at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Tim Smith, Frances Parks, Harold Raynor, Zettie Williams, and Jessie Ladson.

Absent: Commissioner Kenn Thompson

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

Mr. Randall Tyndall gave the invocation.

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

Duplin Soil & Water Conservation – November 2011
Manager's Report – December 2011
NC Capital Management Trust Balances – November 2011
Vehicle Tax Billings – 2011 - 2012

Mr. Mike Aldridge, County Manager, did not have any items to add to the agenda.

Commissioner Smith asked for Ms. Donna Rouse to come over and answer a question which he had from looking at her Duplin Soil & Water Conservation Report.

Motion was made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Parks, carried unanimously, to approve the consent agenda which included the following: December 19, 2011 minutes; Tax & Solid Waste Releases #8841 - #8869, Budget Amendments #0126 - #0127.

Mr. Mike Aldridge presented Administrative Budget Amendments #F173 – #F188.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Ms. Jerri Parker, NCDOT Engineer, appeared before the board to discuss road issues in Duplin County.

No one had any road issues for Ms. Parker.

Mr. Dean Horne, CPA, with Pittard, Perry & Crone appeared before the board to discuss the annual audit report for FY 2010-2011.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Parks, carried unanimously, to approve the audit report for FY 2010-2011 as presented by Mr. Dean Horne.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Ladson, carried unanimously, to authorize Mr. Mike Aldridge to obtain a quote from Pittard, Perry, & Crone for conducting the FY 2012 audit.

Ms. Donna Rouse, Soil & Water Conservation, appeared before the board per Commissioner Smith's request. Ms. Rouse discussed the federal and state funding received by citizens, based on an application and ranking system established by the funding agency. Ms. Rouse stated that these funds go directly to the land owner and these funds would not be available to the land owner if the soil and water office did not exist.

Mr. George Futrelle, Airport Director, appeared before the board to request permission from the board to accept the 2011 Vision 100 Grant for \$150,000.00 to be used for the proposed new terminal building project and approve the related budget amendment establishing the capital project budget ordinance. Bid opening for this project will be January 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Parks, carried unanimously, to accept the 2011 Vision 100 Grant for \$150,000.00 to be used for the proposed new terminal building project, thus approving budget amendment #128 which establishes the capital project budget ordinance.

Mr. Mike Barnett, McDavid Associates, appeared before the board to request the board to set the first public hearing for the 2011 CDBG funding cycle on January 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Commissioner's meeting at the Albertson Fire Department (see handout in minutes)

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Ladson, carried unanimously, to hold the first public hearing for the 2011 CDBG funding cycle on January 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the commissioner's meeting at the Albertson Fire Department.

Mr. Bill Wagner, Muscadine Naturals, President, appeared before the board and gave a brief history about Muscadine Naturals. Muscadine has not been successful up to this point and is behind in payments to Duplin County. He requests support from Duplin County to allow him another year to promote sells and get more investors involved in his products. This would allow the company to catch up on the outstanding revolving loan payment, rental payment, and utility payments they are behind in paying.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Ladson, carried unanimously, to go out of Regular Session and into Closed Session for Legal pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3), Muscadine Naturals, and Duplin County versus NC Department of Agriculture/Veterinary Division, and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6), Personnel.

The Board returned to Regular Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Ladson, carried unanimously, to recess until January 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. for a strategic planning meeting in the commissioner's room at 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, North Carolina 28349.

Clerk