

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2010
6:00pm
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street

MINUTES

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00pm in the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 305 West Freemason Street Edenton NC. Present Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Vice Chairman Emmett Winborne, Commissioners Keith Nixon, Kenny Goodwin, Ralph Cole, Jimmy Alligood and Louis Belfield. Staff Present Finance Officer Lisa Jones; Interim Manager Paul Parker; Board Clerk Susanne Stallings and County Attorney John Morrison.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin called the meeting to order and then led the group in the pledge.

Commissioner Alligood provided the invocation.

Public Comment

Chairman Eddy Goodwin opened the floor to public comment, there was none. He noted that volunteers are being requested for the Peanut Festival, Fair and Recreational functions. He stated that anyone interested please let him know.

Consent Agenda

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for any questions or comments on the consent agenda.

Tax Release and Collector's Report (attached)

Adessy Inc	\$ 119.87	Not within city limits
Dail, C.	120.32	SITUS – Perquimans Co.
Dunn, C.	138.18	Vehicle Sold
Goodwin, V.	297.21	Sr. Exemption not given
Holland, J.	146.41	SITUS – Tennessee
Jennings, G.	139.06	SITUS – Perquimans Co.
Mann, V.	299.78	Senior Exemption Granted
Mccuiston, D.	118.94	SITUS – Florida
Warner, M.	321.67	Sr. Exemption should be 50%
Warwick Church	1,881.21	Exempt property
Hicks, L.	688.96	Corrected sq. footage of dwelling

There were no questions from the Board.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 2, 2010 Regular Meeting.

There were no questions from the Board.

Recommended Budget Amendments

BA-1011-011

3523	DJJDP	\$50,187	Increase revenue from Dept of Juvenile Justice grant (10% in kind match required and provided by Edenton-Chowan Schools for professional services, supplies & materials, and property rental)
5230	DJJDP	\$50,187	Increase expense to Edenton-Chowan Schools to administer the intensive supervision and counseling program for interpersonal skill building and teen court expenses

BA-1011-012

3612	DJJDP	\$25,319	Increase revenue from Dept of Juvenile Justice grant (10% in kind match required and provided by Chowan County Recreation Dept for salary, food & provisions, supplies & materials, travel & transportation, rent of property)
6131	After School Plus	\$25,319	Increase expense for the After-School Plus Program for after school program teaching tutoring, academic enhancement, life skills, parental involvement and victim compensation/restitution; psychological evaluations; strengthening families program for parent/family skill building

BA-1011-013

3436	COPS	\$13,021	Increase revenue from COPS Technology Grant Program (100% grant – no match required)
4270	Central Communic	\$13,021	Increase expenditure for COPS Technology equipment and software Grant carryover correction – originally approved 8/2009

BA-1011-014

3495	Ag Ext	\$ 336	Increase revenue from NC Dept of Insurance (100% grant – no match required)
4950	Ag Ext	\$ 336	Increase expenditure for supplies & materials needed to educate senior citizens on Medicare Part D options Grant carryover - originally approved 7/2009

BA-1011-015

3495	4H Council	\$ 140	Increase 4H Council income from volunteer leadership registration fees
4953	4H Council	\$ 140	Increase 4H Council expenditures volunteer leadership conferences & trainings

BA-1011-016

3495	4H United Way	\$ 1,800	Increase revenue 4H United Way donations
4953	4H United Way	\$ 1,800	Increase 4H United Way expenditures including supplies for camps/workshops and camp/workshop scholarships

BA-1011-017

3495	4H Discret	\$ 2,400	Increase revenue from 4H Discretionary fund camp workshop fees
4953	4H Discret	\$ 2,400	Increase 4H Discretionary expenditures for 4H camp registration and 4H workshop program supplies; Summer Fun 4H Camp & supplies

BA-1011-018

3438	Shelter	\$10,000	Decrease revenue from SPCA Donations
4381	Shelter	\$10,000	Decrease expenditure to SPCA for donations accepted at Tri County Animal Shelter (operations change – donations being accepted at shelter and forwarded directly to SPCA)

BA-1011-019

3612	Recreation	\$ 150	Increase revenue from Wendy's Restaurant for football team sponsorship
6130	Recreation	\$ 150	Increase expenditure for football uniform and equipment

There were no questions from the Board.

ROAP EMPL and Supplemental EMPL transfer

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked for further explanation on this item.

Ms. Jones stated that Chowan County Department of Social Services did not receive enough eligible requests for transportation to expend 100% of the County's EMPL and Supplemental EMPL allocation. The Board would need to approve the transfer of the monies to ARHS – ICPTA program.

Surplus Items

A list of items compiled by staff that has been determined to be surplus property is attached. In order for the items to be liquidated, the Board must declare it surplus by a unanimous vote pursuant to NCGS 160 A – 266 (c). It is recommended that the Board declare the property as surplus and authorize the County Manager to arrange the sale or disposition of the property, to be sold “as is” in accordance with the General Statutes.

Commissioner Alligood stated his concern about the painting on the list.

Commissioner Nixon clarified that all County Departments were able to review the furniture.

Ms. Stallings stated yes.

There were no further questions.

2010-11 County Cooperative Agreement w/ Div of Forest Resources

Attached is a County Cooperative Agreement with the Division of Forest Resources for FY 2010-11.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked for clarification that the item was budgeted.

Mr. Parker said yes.

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board approve the consent agenda as presented.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the consent agenda, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Resolution – Ban on Sectarian Prayer

Chairman Goodwin stated that Transylvania County has requested that the 100 Counties consider a resolution requesting a reversal on the ban on Sectarian Prayer for the NC House of Representatives.

Resolution

Request to House Speaker Joe Hackney to Reverse the Ban on Sectarian Prayers

WHEREAS, North Carolina State House Speaker Joe Hackney banned the use of sectarian prayers by volunteer pastors during the opening prayers for the North Carolina House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer minister presenting the opening prayer in the 2010 North Carolina House of Representatives was relieved of his duties due to praying, “In Jesus Name”, and

WHEREAS, ministers speaking before the North Carolina House of Representatives should be allowed to offer sectarian prayers according to his/her conscience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners calls on House Speaker Joe Hackney to reverse the ban on sectarian prayers in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners challenges the other 99 counties in North Carolina to join in this request to Speaker Hackney.

This the 13th day of September, 2010.

Commissioner Cole moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Water Shortage Response Plan – Resolution

Water Supervisor Nick Lolie presented the Water Shortage Response Plan for Chowan County. He stated that to comply with NCGS 143-355 (1) Chowan County shall submit a Water Shortage Response Plan. He stated that he and the County Engineer have prepared a response plan for Chowan County. (a copy of the plan is in the meeting file labeled September 13, 2010). The resolution states that the Board of Commissioners does approve and submit Chowan County's plan to North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources. Chowan County's draft plan has been available for public inspection and NCDENR has submitted a letter (attached) that the plan meets the minimum criteria as established in the North Carolina General Statutes.

Mr. Parker stated the plan has been accepted by the State which requires a plan for surface water and the plan outlines the stages of response.

Mr. Lolie noted that there has not been a plan in place and now the County will be in compliance.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked about the impact on irrigation of rivers, creeks and ponds.

Mr. Parker stated this would only impact drinking water.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin moved that the Board approve the plan and resolution as presented. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Resolution for Approving Water Shortage Response Plan

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (1) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water services or plans to provide such services shall, either individually or together with other such units of local government, prepare and submit a Water Shortage Response Plan; and,

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Water Shortage Response Plan for Chowan County, has been developed and submitted to the Chowan County Board of Commissioners for approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners finds that the Water Shortage Response Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143-355 (1) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for Chowan County, as well as useful information to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners of Chowan County that the Water Shortage Response Plan entitled, Water Shortage Response Plan Chowan County, North Carolina dated June 25, 2010 is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 13th day of September, 2010.

Internal Committee Reports

Commissioner Nixon stated that the Planning/Enterprise Committee met on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. He stated that the following items were recommended for approval by the committee:

Jail/Jailers House/Courthouse Green

The Planning/Enterprise Committee unanimously moved that the Jail/Jailers House resolution to declare the property surplus for the future transfer of property to be discussed by the full Board at a later date. He stated that he would want to discuss the ownership of the courthouse green in more detail.

Mr. Parker recommended that the Board remove the language for parcel 2 (the green from the description and the resolution and only declare the Jail and Jailers House surplus.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the recommendation from the committee, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Resolution declaring the property known as the
“Old Jailers House” (c. 1905)
and
“Old Jail” (c. 1825)
Surplus

WHEREAS, Chowan County owns the said property known as the Old Jailers House and Old Jail; and,

WHEREAS, said property has been subdivided from the County owned property and is now described as per attached description; and,

WHEREAS, Chowan County wants to preserve the historical value of the Old Jailers House and Old Jail with the intention of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources maintaining said premises; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners declare said property as Old Jailers House and Old Jail described per attached description as surplus, effective October 1, 2010.

Adopted this 13th day of September, 2010

PARCEL ONE – Alley Way, Jailor’s House & Jail

Beginning at an existing iron rod located in the northern margin of East King Street (50 R/W) at the southwestern corner of the property of the State of North Carolina as described in deed recorded in Book 226, Page 889, Chowan County Public Registry, and running thence from said point of beginning N 68.42.30 W, along the northern margin of East King Street 21.16 feet to a point, cornering; thence N 21.49.05 E, along the building line of the old Hewes Hotel and along a white fence, 189.8 feet to a point; cornering thence S 68.42.30 E, 21.8 feet to a point, cornering; thence N 22.34.00 E, 30.01 feet to a point; cornering; thence S 68.42.30 E 73.38 feet to a point ;located in the western margin of Court Street (30’ R/W); cornering; thence S 21.59.30 W along the western margin of Court Street, 122.15 feet to an existing iron rod (a control point on the hereinafter mention plat of survey) located in the northeastern corn of the State of North Carolina property, cornering; thence N 70.15.00 W, 72.80 feet to a point, cornering; thence S 22.34.00 W, 95.24 feet to an existing iron rod located at the point and place of beginning and containing 0.30 Acre and being a portion of the plat entitled in part “Survey For Chowan County-Courthouse Property & Green” dated September 24 & 25, 1997, made by Mark Pruden, Registered Surveyor L-3065, which is recorded in PC 2, Slide 152-A. This description includes the Alley way, Jailors’ House, and Old Jail, of which a survey is attached.

There included in this conveyance is the **temporary use** of the “Alley site “ for possible construction purposes by the adjacent land owner if needed.

214 E Hicks. St.

Commissioner Nixon stated the Committee unanimously moved to approve the Declaration of surplus property, 214 E Hicks Street, Edenton to begin the 10 day upset bid advertisement.

Mr. Parker noted the property was obtained through foreclosure and the minimum bid was recommended at \$3,000.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the committee recommendation, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Mental Health Building

Commissioner Nixon stated that the Committee unanimously recommended that the Full Board reject the offer of \$250,000 from UHS for the Mental Health Building Property, 202 West Hicks Street.

Commissioner Nixon stated that the Committee is also working with Jerry Parks to see if the building could be used for the Health Department.

The Board discussed the possible value of the property.

Mr. Parker stated he met with Mr. Sackrison that morning and told him that the committee was recommending rejection of the offer. He stated that Mr. Sackrison asked if the Board would provide a counter offer.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated that the County could not build that building for the amount of the offer and he stated he personally felt a counter offer would need to be high.

Commissioner Nixon stated he would suggest that the Hospital make another offer but the Board could not counter the offer without figures in front of them.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Finance Sub-Committee

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated that the Finance Sub Committee met on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. The following items were recommended for approval by the committee:

Landfill Accounts

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated the committee reviewed a list of Delinquent Landfill accounts; the committee recommended that the full Board discuss the accounts and the creation of a policy for collection of Landfill monies. County Attorney John Morrison recommended that the Board discuss the delinquent accounts in closed session with legal counsel or he would review the information and report it at a future meeting.

Lawn Maintenance

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated that the Committee reviewed bids received for the mowing of county owned properties and award of lawn care contract. The Committee unanimously recommended that the contract with Four Seasons Lawn Care and supplemental information be sent to the full board for approval.

Mr. Parker gave the details of the contract and the process of pre-bid conference and bid specs required in the contract.

Commissioner Winborne asked if the contract included snow/ice removal.

Mr. Parker stated, it did not.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the committee recommendation, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Human Services Committee

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated the Human Services Committee met on Tuesday, August 21, 2010. The following items were recommended for approval by the committee:

Department Head residency policy

Policy Regarding Residency of County Employees

Purpose: To establish a policy governing residency for Department Heads and Management of employees of Chowan County.

Scope: This policy applies to the County Manager and all Department Head positions. For purposes of this policy, Department Head positions shall include the following county departments; Animal Shelter, Elections, EMS, Finance, Information Technology, Inspections, Land Records, Maintenance, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Register of Deeds, Senior Center, Sheriff, Social Services, Tax Administration, Veterans, and Water.

Policy: All new employees who fall within the scope of this policy who accept employment with Chowan County shall establish permanent legal residency within Chowan County within twelve (12) months from the date of initial employment. Every employee who falls within the scope of this policy shall provide proof of residency (driver's license, voter registration, etc.) to the satisfaction of the County. Exceptions can be granted only by the Board of Commissioners or as a condition of employment. Employees who fall within the scope of this policy, but who are not a resident of Chowan County as of its effective adoption date shall be exempt from this residency requirement except at such time as they may transfer to an equivalent or higher level management position. In such case, the employee shall establish residency within Chowan County within twelve (12) months from the date of such transfer.

Effective Date: This policy shall supersede all previous policies which relate to residency of County Employees.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the committee recommendation. The motion passed (6-1 K Goodwin).

Vehicle Policy

Chowan County Vehicle Policy

Purpose: This policy establishes uniform vehicle use practices for all County employees and Departments and to ensure safe and efficient use of public property.

Scope: Certain employees in various departments may be required to use/operate County vehicles during working hours. County vehicles are assigned to the Department or to the person for their primary use during the workday. At the end of the workday, all County vehicles are to be parked in a County parking area unless specifically exempt by the County Manager.

Policy

Usage

County vehicles shall be used for official County business only. County vehicles are not personal vehicles and are not for personal use. County vehicles should be viewed as belonging to the citizens of Chowan County and are assigned solely for purposes consistent with providing services to those citizens. This policy and procedure shall be followed for the use of all County owned vehicles.

Assignment of County Vehicles

The assignment of County vehicles to employees is based upon job description. Department Heads who have County vehicles for this purpose may assign such vehicles in a manner consistent with departmental workload and employee function.

The assignment of vehicles for 24 hour use will be made in writing by the Department Head subject to the County Manager's approval, and will only be considered for employees who require a vehicle for the ordinary and necessary discharge of their job functions. Criteria that will be used in the determination of eligibility for 24 hour vehicle use include:

1. Officially designated on-call status.
2. Requirement for frequent emergency availability.
3. Emergency or other equipment contained in the vehicle.
4. Best economic interest of the County justifies assignment to the employee.

The County Manager or the Department Head may rescind the assignment of vehicles at any time.

Mr. Parker stated that he felt the Sheriff would work with the County on the policy although he is elected.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed (5-2 K. Goodwin, E. Winborne).

Employee/Retiree Recognition Policy

Policy Regarding County Employee Recognition

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners shall from time to time recognize the achievements, accomplishments, and contributions of its employees and commend their activities to the community and organization through its official action.

Scope: This policy applies to all Chowan County employees, permanent full-time and part-time.

Policy: It is policy of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners during their regular December Board meeting to recognize employees who for the past 12 months have reached the following lengths of service milestones with the County; 5 year, 10 year, 15 year, 20 year, 25 year, and 30 year. At a minimum each employee who reaches a milestone shall receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Chairman. Also any employee who has a career enhancing goal shall be recognized and also included with a certificate of achievement. The following recognition gifts are included; 5 year – shirt with county seal, 10 year – mug with county seal, 15 year – pen set with name engraved, 20 year – folio with initials and county seal, 25 year – tote with county seal, and 30 year – retirement plaque.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor of the Committee recommendation, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Schedule Special Meeting

He stated the Committee also recommended that the full Board meet in executive session on Monday September 20, 2010 at 6:00pm to begin the process of reviewing applications for the Permanent County Manager and Planner position.

Public Safety Committee

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated that the Public Safety Committee met Thursday, August 19, 2010. The following item was recommended for approval by the committee:

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Chowan and Perquimans Counties have joined together a Local Emergency Planning Committee as required by the Emergency Management Performance Grant for 2010. A membership list as well as additional information on the grant is attached. The Board is asked to consider approval of the membership of the committee.

Emergency Management Supervisor Cord Palmer, Chris Wynn and David Weldon with NC Emergency Management were present to answer any Board questions.

Mr. Weldon assured the Board that only persons already reporting Tier I and Tier II will be reviewed by this committee to determine response capability.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated that this is an old law/regulation in place and the County is now coming into compliance.

He asked for all in favor of the committee recommendation, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

External Board/Committee Reports

Chairman Eddy Goodwin stated the Board members are asked to report on the activities of the external boards to which they have been appointed.

Mr. Cole stated that on August 28th COA inaugurated Dr. Kandi Deitemeyer.

Mr. Belfield stated that the ARHS Board met and discussed the finances of the organization and Medicaid cost settlement. He stated that rabies cases were also discussed.

Board Appointments

Chairman Goodwin stated that the Board members have received applications to review for appointments to the following Boards:

County Planning Board (two vacancies)

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin moved that the Board appoint Allen Nixon.

Commissioner Nixon moved that the Board appoint Mary Margaret McKinney.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for any further nominations, there were none. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

County Board of Adjustment (one vacancy and re-appointment of one member)

Commissioner Nixon moved that the Board re-appoint Harry Rosenblatt as the alternate member and Ron Andronowitz as the regular member to the Board of Adjustment.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for any further nominations, there were none. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Town of Edenton Planning Board (two vacancies, appointee must live within ETJ)

Commissioner Nixon recommended that the Board consider additional applications at the October meeting.

There were no further nominations.

Hospital Directors Council

Chairman Goodwin stated that the Council has recommended that the Board of Commissioners nominate Dr. Eric Takahashi, D.O. to the East Carolina Health – Chowan Board.

Commissioner Cole moved that the Board approve the appointment. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Shepard Pruden Memorial Library

Chairman Goodwin stated the Board of Trustees has recommended that the Board of Commissioners appoint Jamie Gillespie to their Board.

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board approve the appointment. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Edenton- Chowan Schools

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated The Finance Sub Committee reviewed a request to allow the transfer of funds from the School system's current expense fund balance to the 2010-11 capital outlay budget. The committee recommended that this item be considered by the full Board. He asked for further clarification on the request.

Dr. Allen Smith, Superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools stated that the request is for furniture replacement (approx \$17,000), Natural Gas conversion for John A. Holmes and Chowan Middle School (approx \$28,000), walkway repair (approx \$27,500), classroom renovation (approx \$27,500).

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated that his concern was that during FY 2010-11 budget planning when the Finance Sub Committee met with the School Board liaison committee, the Board members stated that current expense was the priority for the school, to reinstate teacher pay.

Dr. Smith stated that 1% was put back into the budget, he stated that the capital needs are important and while they could be put off, they are important.

Commissioner Nixon asked if any of the items qualified for lottery money. He stated his concern was the media covered the reductions of teacher salaries by the reduced funding from the County. He stated that if capital needs are necessary, he is willing to look at using lottery money instead of current expense.

Dr. Smith stated that the increase in current expense was to put back in the salary reductions. He stated that stimulus monies will be reduced in the future. He stated that he could look into lottery monies.

Ms. Jones said she would check into it.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked when the work would be done.

Dr. Smith state most of it would be done over the Christmas break.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin asked if the transfer would affect the County budget.

Ms. Jones said no, that it only authorizes the school to transfer the money within their own budget.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin stated he wanted the teachers to understand that the County only contributes to their salary supplement.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin moved that the Board approve the request to transfer \$100,000 from current expense to capital expense. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (6-1 E. Goodwin).

Transfer of equipment

Mr. Parker noted that additionally the following fixed assets will be transferred from the EMS assets list to the school:

Zoll AED Plus with strobe / Alarm storage cabinet

D.F Walker School			Zoll AED Plus- Adult / Child
X06L102798	5190	\$1,695	

White Oak School			Zoll AED Plus- Adult / Child
X06L102793	5192	\$1,695	

John A Holmes High Scholl			Zoll AED Plus- Adult
X06L102628	5191	\$1,695	

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Board approve the transfer of the property. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Finance Officer Report

Finance Officer Lisa Jones provided the Board with the July 2010 Cash and Investment Balance Report with a total of \$7,141,290 (a copy of the report is in the meeting file labeled September 13, 2010). She discussed the collection of past due EMS accounts by Southern Credit. Commissioner Nixon suggested that the Finance Sub-Committee discuss this at their next meeting.

Manager's Items

Mr. Parker provided an update on the following:

- Cut over date for phones & computers for Planning/Inspections is October 11, 2010
- Tax and Water final layout to be submitted to Planning/Enterprise Committee at the September 21, 2010 meeting
- \$38,021.44 – Office consolidation budget as of August 31, 2010

- Text Amendment
The Planning Board will meet in September to discuss a text amendment to allow auction houses in the A1 zone as a conditional use permit. If the Planning Board approves the recommendation, this item would be considered by the full Board at the October 4, 2010 meeting. It is recommended that the Board set a tentative date for a public hearing on this matter for the October 4, 2010 meeting.

Preliminary 2009 Unincorporated Area Population Estimate

Attached is preliminary information from the NC Office of State Budget Management as FYI for the Board (a copy is in the meeting file labeled September 13, 2010).

Request from Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR for a letter recognizing Constitution Week. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked the Manager to write a letter on his behalf.

Timely and Important Matters

Dillard's Mill Pond

Scott Alons stated that the Mill Pond is washing out at the dam. He stated that there is a solution to remedy the problem that could potentially not cost the county. He stated currently the Water Department fills in the washed out area after heavy rains. He stated the engineers have developed a plan to fix the problem that could cost approximately \$7,617. The cost share will pay for the materials and the landowner performs the installation. He stated the Water Dept has a back hoe and could provide some labor. He stated the Soil/Water Board would have to approve the monies and the state would also have to approve the plan.

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin moved to approve the request.

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Proposed Rate Increase from Dominion Power

Commissioner Kenny Goodwin presented a resolution that opposes the proposed rate increase request by Dominion Power to the Utilities Commission.

Clerk to the Board Susanne Stallings read the resolution into the record:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY OPPOSING RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER

WHEREAS, Chowan County, as well as other counties in Northeastern North Carolina served by Dominion Power, are experiencing the hard economic times that are gripping our nation; and

WHEREAS, unemployment rates are the highest they have been in years and many of the residents of Chowan County and other northeastern North Carolina counties are having difficulties making ends meet and maintaining basic necessities of life; and,

WHEREAS, in this day and time electric service is a basic necessity required by all, regardless of their economic condition, in order to live a safe and healthy life; and,

WHEREAS, any increase in the cost of electric service will exacerbate the already difficult economic burden on many in Chowan County and in northeastern North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, given these difficult economic times and the severe negative impact on an increase in the cost of electricity will have on our citizens, coupled with the recent drops in the price of oil which add to the bottom line of utility providers, Dominion Power's request for a rate increase should be denied; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chowan County Board of Commissioners oppose the rate increase requested by Dominion Power for its customers in Chowan County and Northeastern North Carolina and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission deny Dominion Power’s request.

ADOPTED the 13th day of September, 2010.

Commission Kenny Goodwin moved that the Board approve the resolution. Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked for all in favor, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Sales Tax Referendum

Chairman Eddy Goodwin asked the Board members to begin thinking about this item and what it would do with the increase revenues. He stated he felt it would be a better idea to designate the monies.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman
Eddy Goodwin

Clerk