

Regular Meeting
February 6, 2006

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 6:00pm in the Panel Room of the 1767 Courthouse.

Present: Jimmy Alligood, Louis Belfield, Ralph Cole, Jerry Downum, Bill Gardner, Wayne Goodwin, Harry Lee Winslow.

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order and presented the invocation.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Alligood moved that the Consent Agenda, including the January minutes and the following tax releases and budget amendments, be approved.

Commissioner Winslow asked for clarification on the item concerning the discount for full payment of the Water Development fee approved at the January meeting.

The statement will be corrected to read "The motion also included approval of a \$250 discount for full payment."

Ayes 7

No 0

Tax Releases

W Black	\$100.89	billing error
LE Bunch	\$203.18	duplicate tags
MS Busby	\$138.78	values reported late
DS Felton	\$132.80	listed in Perquimans Co
RA Goetz	\$151.31	listed in Perquimans Co
HH Hawkins	\$136.09	vehicle sold
AP Hayes	\$159.56	duplicate listing
DS Jernigan	\$286.15	incorrect info provided
DL Joyce	\$165.09	military
M Kostiak	\$102.18	value not reported correctly
RH Martine	\$156.82	vehicle traded
DB Smith	\$100.43	billing error
Timmco Holdings	\$504.59	billing error
HH Hawkins	\$203.24	vehicle transferred

Budget Amendments

DSS 5333	increase	\$1,000	Smart Start funding
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DSS 5321	increase	\$6,326	Adult DayCare funding
Planning 4350	increase	\$34,000	CAMA grant-land use plan
DSS 5372	increase	\$3,314	Crisis funding
DSS 5372	increase	\$10,585	Crisis funding

Planning and Inspections Report

Planner Elizabeth Bryant presented a proposed Citizen Participation Plan to be included in the Land Use Plan Update. The Land Use Plan is required by CAMA for all coastal counties, and must be updated every five years. Part of CAMA's requirements is that the governing bodies adopt a Citizen Participation Plan, which outlines the steps to be taken to provide opportunity for public meetings and comments on the Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Downum made a motion that the Citizen Participation Plan be approved and included in the Land Use Plan Update.

Ayes 7

No 0

Mrs. Bryant also presented a request that the Commissioners schedule a joint meeting with the County Planning Board to receive information from the consultants working on the proposed County zoning study.

Commissioner Allgood made a motion that the Board of Commissioners meet with the Planning Board on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00pm in the 1767 Courthouse Panel Room.

Ayes 7

No 0

NC House Representative Tim Spear

Representative Tim Spear met with the Board of Commissioners to officially introduce himself to the members and to offer himself as "your voice in Raleigh". Mr. Spear was nominated by the District Democratic Party Committee, and appointed by Governor Easley, by proclamation on January 27. Representative Spear said he will be working in the coming weeks with local officials and the public to identify issues and concerns prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the spring, and requested that the Commissioners communicate with him.

Chowan Boys and Girls Club

John Goodwin, Director of the Chowan Boys and Girls Club, updated the Board on the activities of the Club as it celebrates its one-year anniversary in Chowan County.

He, along with five staff members, has about 120 students daily. The goal of the Boys and Girls Club is to serve 150 students daily. He announced that the Food Bank is supplying snack supplies and that COA has offered its cafeteria at the Walker Campus for meals for the summer programs. He also announced that a grant for a learning center has been funded by the Department of Public Instruction for after school tutoring. Another goal for this year is to work to reach more of the Latino population. He noted that half of the daily membership is 10-15 year-olds.

Chairman Goodwin commented that he has visited the Club and seen that the children view Mr. John Goodwin as a role model to them and that he believes Mr. Goodwin and the Club are saving a lot of children.

Commissioner Belfield also spoke and noted that in his visits, he has seen a very well organized and enthusiastic group.

Hugh Williamson Memorial Project

County Attorney Peter Rascoe reported that he and the County Manager met with the Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Cultural Resources in December to discuss the

Hugh Williamson Memorial Project. Since the project was approved and the allocation of State funds was appropriated through Cultural Resources, the Secretary requested that the County assign the drawings and other preliminary work completed by the County to Cultural Resources. This assignment will enable the County Committee's ideas to be considered by Cultural Resources and the North Carolina Historical Commission. Commissioner Belfield made a motion that the assignment of the drawings and other preliminary work to Cultural Resources be approved.

Ayes 7

No 0

Coastal Resources Advisory Council Report

Commissioner Gardner, presently serving on the Council as appointed by the Coastal Resources Commission, reported on the recent Council meeting. This Council is a 45-member group representing the North Carolina coastal counties. Commissioner Gardner noted his personal interest in the Coastal Resources Commission work since his father, Bill Gardner, Sr., was instrumental in the establishment of the organization and served as its first Chairman.

Commissioner Gardner reported that topics concerning quality of life along the coast versus the pressures of development were discussed, and also water quality and farmland preservation.

He stated that Chowan County has an appointment to the Council which has been previously filled by Kermit Layton, who has asked to be replaced. Commissioner Gardner nominated Burch Perry to fill the Council vacancy.

Ayes 7

No 0

Public Comment

None

Manager's Report

County Manager Cliff Copeland announced that the County has a meeting scheduled with the Clean Water Management Trust Fund at the end of the month to discuss the County's grant application for the proposed sewer system.

The County met the January 20 deadline to submit its order for voting machines to the State Board of Elections.

The audit is complete and has been reviewed by Mr. Copeland and the Finance Officer.

Mr. Copeland requested permission to submit the audit to the State.

Commissioner Downum moved that the audit be submitted to the State.

Ayes 7

No 0

Mr. Copeland said that the audit would be submitted to the Finance Committee and presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The Public Safety Committee will meet Wednesday at 10:00am to review the sketch plan for the proposed Law Enforcement Center.

The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grant application has been submitted for the ballfield complex planned for the Red Banks Farm property.

The Old White Oak School building is vacant now and the staff will prepare a recommendation for disposal of the property at a future meeting.

The Sandy Point development land transaction closed last week. The property sold for \$5.8 million.

Abandonment of a Portion of Bell Drive SR 1135

The Department of Transportation has abandoned .04 mile of Bell Drive, the dead-end. Surrounding property is being used as a dump and efforts to curtail the dumping have not been successful. The surrounding property is owned by Paul Waff. Mr. Waff and DOT believe that if the road is closed, the dumping may be able to be better controlled.

It is now in order for the County to proceed by first adopting a resolution declaring its intent to close the road and schedule a public hearing on the question.

By motion of Commissioner Cole the following resolution was approved, authorizing the abandonment and closing of a 0.04 mile portion of Bell Drive, SR 1135.

Ayes 7

No 0

Resolution

WHEREAS, Chowan County was notified on December 6, 2005 by the North Carolina Department of Transportation that a 0.04 mile segment of NC State Road 135 (the western end of Bell Drive), Riverton Subdivision has now been abandoned from NCDOT's control and supervision; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners does now desire to have the road closed to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners does declare its intent to have the public road closed pursuant to NCGS 153A-241. A public hearing is scheduled on the matter for Monday, March 6, 2006 at 9:00 am in the Panel Room of the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse, 117 East King Street, Edenton, North Carolina.

Adopted today, February 6, 2006.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk

Water Development Fees

County Attorney Peter Rascoe reported that he is working on an agreement to insure payment if the owner decides to sell the property before the water development fee is paid. The agreement states that before service can change ownership, the debt must be paid. Options being investigated to insure collection include a debt setoff procedure, attachment to tax certification and a consent judgement.

Mr. Rascoe will present a recommended agreement to the March meeting.

Highway 32 Improvements

Mr. Copeland announced that money has been released by the State for the Highway 32 improvements and that a mid-summer construction has been projected by the State.

Resolution to Honor C.A. Perry & Son Fiftieth Anniversary

Commissioner Winslow made a motion that the following resolution be approved honoring the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of C.A. Perry & Son.

Ayes 7

No 0

Resolution

WHEREAS, C.A. Perry & Son was established in 1956 by Conroy A. Perry; and,

WHEREAS, C.A. Perry & Son was operated out of Conroy Perry's home and the total equipment owned by C.A. Perry & Son, at that time consisted of one Dodge truck; and,

WHEREAS, the son of C.A. Perry, Bud Perry, graduated from Chowan High School and immediately went to work with his father's business at C.A. Perry & Son; and,

WHEREAS, the first building constructed by C.A. Perry & Son still serves as the main office for C.A. Perry & Son; and,

WHEREAS, during the next fifty years C.A. Perry & Son continued to expand and grow its fertilizer, commodity and trucking businesses; and,

WHEREAS, 1958 is considered a watershed year because Catherine Perry, Bud Perry's mother, instructed Bud to buy two new International tractor trucks, because they were spending all day and untold expense trying to keep their existing two trucks running; and,

WHEREAS, C.A. Perry & Son now has four locations serving all of northeastern North Carolina, forty trucks and eighty employees; and,

WHEREAS, C.A. Perry & Son is to be commended for contributing to strong economic growth in Chowan County; and,

WHEREAS, C.A. Perry & Son is to be commended for its many donations to community causes and charities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners officially recognizes C.A. Perry & Son on its fiftieth anniversary and acknowledges its tradition of excellence in business development, customer service and community involvement; and,

FURTHER, DIRECTS that this resolution be presented to C.A. Perry & Son on March 17 at the annual C.A. Perry & Son customer appreciation dinner; and,

FINALLY, ORDERS that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session on the 6th day of February, 2006.

R. Wayne Goodwin, Chairman

Attest: Nancy B. Morgan, Clerk

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk