

Regular Meeting  
June 5, 2006

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 2006 at 6:00pm in the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse.

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

Absent: Wayne Goodwin, due to illness.

Vice Chairman Ralph Cole called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Wayne Goodwin who is hospitalized and being treated at Duke Hospital. Vice Chairman Cole expressed best wishes to Chairman Goodwin for a speedy recovery. Commissioner Alligood presented the invocation.

Consent Agenda

By motion of Commissioner Alligood, the Consent Agenda, including the following tax releases, budget amendments, May meeting minutes, the April and May Board of Equalization and Review minutes, the audit contract, and Albemarle Mental Health Center's Quarterly Fiscal Monitoring Report, was approved.

Ayes 6

No 0

Tax Releases

K Corley	\$174.28	military-listed in MS
DH Harris	\$101.21	vehicle traded
DS Jernigan	\$138.85	incorrect billing
JE Kennedy	\$167.00	camper sold
JF Kennedy	\$125.28	vehicle sold
WR Tedrow	\$243.67	listed in Arizona
BHT Inc	\$714.17	prorate commercial tag
SH Ellis	\$106.85	vehicle sold
TP Co	\$340.70	purchased personalized tag
Budget Amendments		
4180 Register of Deeds	inc. \$5181	Reserve Fund for automation and preservation of documents
4710 Sanitation	inc \$10608	grant for disposal of white goods
7120 Water	inc \$50000	establish capital reserve fund for Water System expansion.
6132	inc \$ 5000	Trails Grant for Bennetts Millpond

Audit Contract – JP Timberlake for 2005-06 fiscal year

April and May Board of Equalization and Review meeting minutes

Quarterly Fiscal Monitoring Report for Albemarle Mental Health Center

Public Hearing – Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan

Vice Chairman Cole recessed the regular meeting and declared a Public Hearing to receive comment on the proposed Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan. Ann Blindt, speaking for the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Solid Waste Committee, presented the plan, as prepared by the staff of the Albemarle Regional Health Services, manager of the Landfill. The proposal includes detailed plans to continue source reduction; address collection practices; address recycling and reuse practices; determine composting and mulching efforts; address methods of waste transfer; address handling of special wastes such as household hazardous waste, used motor oil and tires; improve education and information programs to address waste reduction and recycling, litter control and enforcement programs for illegal disposal; and address methods of response to natural disasters.

No public comment was offered.

The public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion that the following resolution to approve the proposed 2006-2016 plan be passed.

Ayes 6

No 0

Resolution

WHEREAS, better planning for solid waste management will help protect health and the environment, provide for an improved solid waste management system, better use our natural resources, and control the cost of solid waste management; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to develop a ten-year comprehensive solid waste management plan; and,

WHEREAS, Chowan County was actively involved in the planning process for the Perquimans, Chowan and Gates Solid Waste Management Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chowan County approves the Perquimans, Chowan and Gates Solid Waste Management Plan for 2006-2016.

Adopted today, June 5, 2006.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk

Planning and Inspections Report

Planner Elizabeth Bryant presented a request that the Board of Commissioners approve a final order of demolition for property at 1002 Old Ferry Road. The property owner has failed to comply with the Building Inspector's order to abate the public nuisance existing at the property.

By motion of Commissioner Gardner, a final order of demolition was authorized for the 1002 Old Ferry Road building.

Ayes 6

No 0

Ms. Bryant announced that the Planning Board will consider a Welch Ridge subdivision proposal at its June meeting.

#### Land Use Plan Update Phase II

Ms. Bryant presented a resolution for the Board's consideration to accept a grant from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for Phase II of the Land Use Plan. Phase II will include additional detailed mapping, GIS information and additional consultant services to provide the final draft of the Land Use Plan for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Belfield made a motion that the Resolution be approved accepting the grant and approving the County's cash and in-kind matches totaling \$16,423, to be shared with the Town of Edenton.

Ayes 6

No 0

#### Resolution

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners was advised that Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have been awarded a grant through the Local Planning and Management Grant Program for the Joint Land Use Plan Update Phase II project. A proposed contract between Chowan County and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the provision of Planning and Management Services for this project was presented and discussed; that, under the terms of the said contract, Chowan County and the Town of Edenton will expend a total of \$10,209 in cash and \$6,125 in-kind services as its local share of the planning project costs.

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY:

1. that the contract between Chowan County and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources is hereby approved.
2. that the Board's Chairman and the Board's Clerk be hereby authorized to sign and execute the said contract for and on behalf of Chowan County and forward the same to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
3. that upon final execution, a copy of said contract be filed with the minutes.

Upon motion duly made and enacted, said resolution was unanimously passed.

Adopted June 5, 2006.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk

#### Request for Addition to the State Road System – Windsor Woods Subdivision

A letter from the Department of Transportation was presented saying that the base and asphalt requirements to have the subdivision roads added to the State Road System have been met by Windsor Woods landowners. Petitions from the landowners have been received requesting addition to the State Road System.

By motion of Commissioner Downum, the petitions were accepted by the Board and approved to be forwarded to the Department of Transportation for consideration by the following resolution.

Ayes 6

No 0

## Resolution

WHEREAS, the enclosed petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioner of Chowan County, requesting that the Windsor Woods Road be added to the Secondary Road System; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that Windsor Woods Road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the Windsor Woods Road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

Adopted today, June 5, 2006, by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners  
Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk

### Board Appointments

#### Workforce Development Board

Carol Ricketts' term on the Northeastern Workforce Development Board has expired. She currently serves as its Chairperson. She is eligible for reappointment.

#### Chowan Hospital Directors' Council

Charlie Creighton and Pete Dail currently serve as members of the Hospital Directors' Council and are eligible for reappointment.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion that Ms. Ricketts, Mr. Creighton and Mr. Dail be re-appointed.

Ayes 6

No 0

### Sale of Old White Oak School Property

County Attorney Peter Rascoe presented a proposal to sell the 9.5 acres and the school building. Advertisements were published requesting bids and twelve prospective bidders viewed the property. The only bid meeting the requirements of the proposed sale was presented by Rick White, a business owner in Pasquotank and Dare Counties and he owns rental properties.. He plans to remove all the boiler equipment and extensive wiring and renovation will be required to renovate the building for an apartment complex. Mr. White's bid is \$68,560, as is.

Commissioner Winslow moved that the County authorize the sale of the Old White Oak School property to Rick White for \$68,560, as is.

Ayes 6

No 0

#### Hwy 32 Road Closure

County Manager Cliff Copeland presented a notice from the Department of Transportation announcing that a section of Highway 32 from SR 1222 at Valhalla to SR 1002 at Small's Crossroads will be closed June 12-16 so that concrete cross pipes can be replaced. Notice is being given to drivers and detours will be marked.

#### 2006-2007 Budget Presentation

Mr. Copeland presented the proposed 2006-2007 budget. He expressed his appreciation to the Finance Committee for its work to prepare the proposed budget.

Highlights include:

Total County Budget \$21,379,999

Major increases in expenses: \$47,000 increase in health insurance  
\$234,000 increase in schools current expense for a total of  
\$3,574,350; technology \$200,000; capital outlay \$200,000  
\$94,000 increase in worker compensation insurance  
\$45,000 increase in utilities expense  
\$16,000 increase in gasoline expense  
\$40,000 increase in 1980 Courthouse maintenance

Contribution to EMS Fund \$231,000

Contribution to Solid Waste Fund \$117,000

Grant Match for Red Banks Farm Athletic Complex \$300,000

2% cost of living adjustment for employees \$86,000

Tax Base growth increase of \$30,000,000 to \$1,313,836.121 or an increase of 53.57%, resulting from the 2006 Revaluation.

Proposed tax rate of \$.545/\$100 value

Water Fund – no projected increases

Fire Fund – increase fire pay, utilities expense, replacement of turn-out gear

Proposed Fire District tax rate of \$.05/\$100 value

New positions: 2 for the EMS Department for night-time coverage

Commissioner Alligood made a motion that the Commissioners hold a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed budget Monday, June 26 at 6:00pm.

Ayes 6

No 0

#### Reschedule July Meeting

Commissioner Gardner moved that the July meeting be rescheduled to July 10 at 9:00am.

Ayes 6

No 0

#### Schedule Secondary Roads Program Meeting

Commissioner Gardner made a motion that a meeting with DOT representatives be scheduled for the regular meeting, Monday, July 10 at 9:00am.

Ayes 6

No 0

Public Comment

None offered.

Manager's Report

Mr. Copeland presented a copy of Sunday's News & Observer article "Coastal Boom Moves Inland" which discussed residential development moving into the "inner banks" of North Carolina. The article specifically talked about Wharf Landing and the new golf course community in Bertie County. The reporter called Edenton a "hub of speculated growth".

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk