

Regular Meeting
August 4, 2003

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 4, 2003 at 6:00pm in the Commissioners Room, Courthouse.

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

Chairman Belfield called the meeting to order and Commissioner Downum presented the invocation.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Jones moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, including the minutes of the July meeting and the following budget amendments and tax releases.

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Budget Amendments

5232	Sentencing Services Grant	inc	\$54,104	Chowan County serving as fiscal agent for regional program
5372	DSS	dec	9,511	decrease in crisis funding
4953	Ag Ext	inc	1,500	contr.NCState - crop market ing program
5372	DSS	inc	12,673	inc in crisis funding
5321	DSS	dec	393	dec in Links funding

Tax Releases

CH Brown	\$124.53	vehicle sold
TL Bulls	\$119.29	vehicle wrecked
WF Edmundson	\$197.10	vehicle wrecked
RJ Murphy	\$143.88	listed in Florida
JA Odell	\$170.24	listed in Virginia
M Trueblood	\$303.29	double listing

Public Hearing - 2004 Scattered Site Housing Grant Proposal

The regular meeting was recessed and a public hearing convened to receive comment on a proposed Scattered Site Housing project for 2004. Carolyn Morris, representing Albemarle Commission, presented a brief update on the 2001 Grant, which will be completed this fall. She suggested that the Commissioners use the 2004 grant to continue assistance to applicants already on a list. Homes to be rehabilitated or replaced will be determined by a selection committee appointed by the County. Mobile homes on brick foundations will be purchased for the replacement homes.

No public comment was offered.

The public hearing was adjourned and the regular meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Cole made a motion that the Commissioners conduct a second public hearing at the September meeting and he agreed to serve as the Commissioner member of the Selection Committee. Chairman Belfield will appoint the remaining members prior to the September

meeting.

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Cemetery Survey

Deputy Clerk Carrie Byrum and Summer Intern Beth Elliott presented a report on a cemetery survey in progress in Chowan County. They have visited 55 cemeteries and recorded approximately 3000 graves since initiating this survey four weeks ago. An index will be developed and housed in the Land Records Office.

Mrs. Byrum and Ms. Elliott requested that churches and families assist by providing any information that might be available about cemeteries in the County as well as provide information concerning the locations of cemeteries on farms and private property not already available.

Reschedule September Meeting

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Commissioner Cole made a motion that the September meeting be changed to September 8, 2003 at 9:00am.

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Voting Delegate to Association of County Commissioners

By motion of Commissioner Alligood, Chairman Belfield was elected to be the voting delegate for Chowan County at the annual meeting of the Association of County Commissioners.

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Planning and Enterprise Committee Meeting Report

County Manager Cliff Copeland reported that the Planning and Enterprise Committee met last week and reviewed a proposed Water Shortage Response Ordinance, which will be based on drought conditions. The proposed ordinance has been submitted for review by the State and will then be presented to the Commissioners for their consideration.

A feasibility study is being conducted by Diehl and Phillips to determine the need and cost for sewer services in southern Chowan County, specifically the Cape Colony/Country Club area. The report should be ready for presentation at the September meeting. Information meetings will be scheduled for the residents.

Revaluation Specifications

Tax Administrator Lynda Hendricks presented proposed specifications to advertise for bidders to perform the 2006 revaluation of properties for the Board's review. She talked briefly on the procedures that will be used in the eight-year revaluation process.

Manager's Report

Mr. Copeland reported that there was a good turnout for the Navy briefing held in Chowan County last Thursday and for the demonstration fly-over of the F18-C aircraft. While Chowan County is concerned for the impact on its Washington County neighbors, it is believed that Chowan County will be minimally exposed to the noise, and will not suffer any adverse economic impacts from the location of the OLF in Washington County.

New Sheriff Vehicles

Sheriff Fred Spruill invited the Commissioners to view the two new Sheriff vehicles following the meeting.

Public Comment

Charlie Weaver asked about the billing cycles for water bills. Mr. Copeland agreed to investigate his question and report to him.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk