

Regular Meeting  
September 11, 2006

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 9:00 am 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 Wayne Goodwin called the meeting to order and presented an invitational tribute to pay respects to the victims and survivors of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

By motion of Commissioner Alligood, the Consent Agenda, including the minutes of the August meetings and the following tax releases and budget amendments, was approved.

Ayes 7

No 0

Tax Releases

CL Carroll	\$208.40	listed in Virginia
NT Harris	\$146.91	listed in Tennessee
JL Ogle	\$131.29	incorrect information From DMV
FL Parsons	\$144.48	vehicle sold
JD Pogue	\$123.67	military-listed in Missouri
BL Richardson	\$131.97	incorrect information From DMV
Yeopim Farms	\$219.21	listed in Perquimans Co.
MJ Tynch	\$209.58	vehicle sold

Budget Amendments

4310 Sheriff	increase	\$948	Bullet Proof Vest Program
4710 SolidWaste	increase	\$38191	Scrap Tire Grant
4380 AnimalShelter	increase	\$682	SPCA donation
4950 Ag Ext	increase	\$3100	Dept of Insurance grant
4370 EMS	increase	\$6992	Sr Health Ins Program
4330 EMS	increase	\$9058	state grant-bioterrorism training/equipment Homeland Security Grant for training and equipment for Community Emergency Response Teams (including first aid supplies, work supplies, radios, blankets)

#### Inspections/Planning Report

Planner Elizabeth Bryant thanked the Board members for their participation in the three public meetings held in August to discuss the zoning proposals and the recommended revisions to the Subdivision Ordinance. The Planning Board will meet September 19 to formulate its recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in respect to the zoning plan and the subdivision ordinance revisions, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the October meeting.

Commissioner Downum made a motion that the Board of Commissioners schedule a public hearing to receive comment on the proposed zoning plan and the proposed subdivision ordinance revisions at the October 2 meeting at 6:00pm.

Ayes 7

No 0

#### Finance Report

Finance Officer Lisa Jones presented the August revenue and expenditure report, with all funds at budgeted amounts. Mrs. Jones also presented a pie chart showing 2005/06 expenditures with 26% of the budget spent on public safety, 22% on education, 20% on human services, and 32% spent on general government and all other expenses.

#### Request for Transfer of Transportation Funds

Chowan County's transportation funds are utilized in the Inter-County Transportation Program. Chowan County has a balance of \$154.83 left in its 2005-06 allocation. Chowan County has two options: 1. return the unspent portion to NCDOT; or 2. transfer the unspent portion to a county which has a deficit in its transportation program. By motion of Commissioner Downum, the Board approved the transfer of \$154.83 to the Pasquotank transportation program.

Ayes 7

No 0

#### Committee Appointment – Recreation Advisory Committee

By motion of Commissioner Alligood, Marcia Reinhold was appointed to serve as a member of the Chowan County Recreation Advisory Committee.

Ayes 7

No 0

#### Report from the NC Association of County Commissioners Annual Meeting

Vice-Chairman Cole represented the County at the Association Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem last week. He noted conversations with commissioners from other counties and expressed his appreciation to the County Manager, the County Clerk and other staff members for the good job done to keep the County operating smoothly. He commented on several topics covered at the meeting, including a new alcohol test available to law enforcement, discussion about the transfer tax, and discussions about affordable housing.

#### Geographic Information System Demonstration

Data Processing Manager Phyllis Cranford presented a demonstration on the County's recently installed GIS Program. She demonstrated the public access site, how the overlays for various applications work, and illustrated the functions of the system. She also noted the information placed on the County's website to explain preparedness recommendations for hurricanes.

#### Public Comment

None offered.

#### Manager's Report

##### Library Renovations

Bids for the library renovations are due next week. Mr. Copeland described correspondence to the USDA (loan agency) from Steve Lane, Chairman of the Cupola House Association, in which he expressed concern about the possibility of damage to the Cupola House from the renovation work at the Library. The Library architect and three different engineers have examined the question and have agreed that since there is no demolition work and no pile driving in the project, seismic testing is not necessary.

#### REVISED by the Chowan County Board of Commissioners on May 5, 2008

The Board approved an amendment to the minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting. At that meeting Attorney Peter Rascoe presented a grant for a drainage study that was unanimously adopted by the Board of Commissioners. The minutes did not reflect the adoption as required by North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant. The original and amended minutes are attached for your consideration.

The minute revision will read as follows:

#### **Grant for Drainage Study**

Mr. Rascoe announced that Chowan County has received a grant of \$97,000 (\$85,000 State and \$12,000 County) from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a study of drainage issues in the County and to develop a drainage plan. The Board did resolve to accept the terms and conditions of a grant awarded by the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a study of drainage issues in the County and to develop a drainage plan to enhance water quality. The Board also resolved to perform the functions and obligations of a Grant recipient in any forthcoming Grant Agreement, and that the project would be in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances, including without limitation, land use health and environmental protection laws and zoning laws.

#### Red Banks Farm Complex

Bids have been received and are being reviewed for the construction of a recreational complex at Red Banks Farm. A recommendation will be presented to the Human Services Committee and presented to the Board next month.

#### Verizon Cell Phone Service

Verizon has applied to construct a cell tower in the Crossroads area.

#### Sandy Point Development

A mitigation plan to address the SAV issue (submerged aquatic vegetation) is being formulated by the developers. Progress continues slowly.

#### Economic Development

Richard Bunch stated that industrial activity continues to be strong, even though the layoffs at George C Moore are causing fluctuations in employment rates in the County. Work continues with several prospective industrial clients.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk