

MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2010

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010. Members present: George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Kenneth D. Travis, Vice-Chairman, Erik D. Battle, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Jeremiah Jefferies, and Gordon G. Satterfield. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Michael R. Ferrell, County Attorney, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Ward opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Ward stated that he would like to remove Item No. 13, Request from Town of Yanceyville for Animal Control Services and Item No. 15, Commissioners' Travel Budget from the agenda.

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the agenda as presented, with the deletion of Item No. 13, Request from Town of Yanceyville for Animal Control Services and Item No.15, Commissioners' Travel Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

1) Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2009 Meeting

2) Tax Director's Monthly Report for November, 2009

Total Amount of Taxes Collected for November, 2009	\$1,974,560.84
Tax Maps/Cards	\$ 561.00
County Maps	\$ 34.65
Beer License	\$ 5.00
Wine License	\$ 25.00
NSF Charge	\$ 25.00
EMS Collections	\$ 72.05

3) Financial Report – July 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Ward opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments made.

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING BONDS

Commissioner Carter introduced the following Bond Order the title of which was read:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
REFUNDING BONDS OF CASWELL COUNTY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,850,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING PREVIOUSLY
ISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2000

WHEREAS: The Board of County Commissioners (**the “Board”**) of Caswell County, North Carolina (**the “County”**) has previously issued general obligation bonds for capital improvements under the Local Government Bond Act (**the “Act”**), specifically the County’s \$4,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (**the “2000 Bonds”**), to finance improvements to school facilities in Caswell County; and

WHEREAS: The Board is considering final authorization of the issuance of refunding bonds of the County (**the “Refunding Bonds”**) to refund the 2000 Bonds to achieve debt service savings for the benefit of the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS: The Board has previously approved preliminary actions necessary for issuance of the Refunding Bonds, County staff has filed an application with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (**the “LGC”**) for approval of such Refunding Bonds as required by the Act and the LGC has notified the County of its acceptance of such application.

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CASWELL COUNTY:

1. It is hereby determined necessary and expedient for Caswell County to borrow money, and there are hereby ordered and authorized to be issued general obligation Refunding Bonds of Caswell County for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for refunding the 2000 Bonds, including paying expenses related thereto.
2. The Refunding Bonds shall be in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$2,850,000.
3. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of Caswell County for the payment of principal of and interest on which its full faith and credit shall be irrevocably pledged and taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds

to the extent other funds are not otherwise available and appropriated for such purpose. No such utility or enterprise revenues are pledged to payment of the Refunding Bonds.

4. A sworn statement of debt has been filed with the Clerk to the Board pursuant to G.S. 159-55 and is open to public inspection.
5. The actions of the officers and representatives of the County in filing an application with the LGC for its approval of the issuance of such Refunding Bonds are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.
6. This Bond Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Commissioner Carter then introduced the following resolution the title of which was read:

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF BOND ORDER FOR UP TO \$2,850,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS AND AUTHORIZING
PUBLICATION OF BOND ORDER AND RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS: There has been introduced to the Board of County Commissioners of Caswell County a Bond Order entitled, "BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF CASWELL COUNTY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,850,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING PREVIOUSLY ISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2000 (**the "Bond Order"**)", and

WHEREAS: G.S. 159-58 provides for publication of the Bond Order as adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Caswell County, meeting in regular session at Yanceyville, North Carolina, on January 11, 2010, does the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CASWELL COUNTY:

1. The Bond Order is hereby adopted and approved. The Refunding Bonds shall not extend the final maturity of the 2000 Bonds (as defined in the Bond Order) and the aggregate debt service over the life of the Refunding Bonds shall be less than the aggregate debt service on the 2000 Bonds.
2. The Clerk to this Board of Commissioners shall cause the Bond Order, with a statement appended in form described by G.S. 159-58, to be published in The Caswell Messenger one time.

3. The actions of the Finance Officer in filing an application with the Local Government Commission with respect to the Refunding Bonds and filing the statement of debt required by G.S. 159-55 are hereby approved and ratified.

4. All County officers and employees are authorized and directed to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable in connection with the furtherance of the purposes of this resolution and debt service savings to the County, including preparation of an official statement in relation to issuance of the Refunding Bonds, working with bond rating agencies and arranging for services of a verification agent in relation to the advance refunding of the 2000 Bonds. All such prior actions of County officers and employees are ratified, approved and confirmed. The Board of Commissioners appoints First Tryon Securities, LLC as financial advisor and Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, a Professional Corporation, as bond counsel, with respect to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds.

5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Commissioner Carter moved the passage of the foregoing resolution and Commissioner Hall seconded the motion, and the resolution was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Battle, Carter, Hall, Jefferies, Satterfield, Travis, and Ward

Nays: None

Not Voting: None

MATKINS MEAT PROCESSORS

Mr. Joey Knight, Cooperative Extension Service Director, came before the Board to give an update on the Matkins Meat Processors Grant Project and informed them that the project is nearing completion. Mr. Knight noted that the North Carolina Cooperative Extension – Caswell County Center was awarded \$435,700 in grant funds from the Golden Leaf Foundation to place value-added equipment in Matkins Meat Processing Facility. Mr. Knight reported that value-added equipment has been purchased for Matkins Meat Processors with Golden Leaf funds in the amount of \$385,740.09. Mr. Knight stated that \$49,959.91 is remaining to purchase the last piece of equipment (Koch Model SUPRA 70SL MSM 765SL Floor Model Stainless Steel Bowl Cutter). Mr. Knight informed the Board that the total cost of the bowl cutter is \$95,800 and Mr. Matkins deposited \$32,500 last year, which leaves a balance of \$63,300, of which Mr. Matkins will pay \$13,340.09 and Golden Leaf grant funds will pay \$49,959.91.

Mr. Knight informed the Board that Mr. Matkins has already spent over \$150,000 of his own monies for proper placement and hook-up of equipment which include wiring, internal building changes, training, additional boiler/steamer, etc. Mr. Knight added that Mr. Matkins will have to purchase some additional equipment with his monies, such as a roller wrapping machine (\$65,000), to be placed in the smokehouse area of the facility.

Mr. Knight requested approval of the Board to bill Golden Leaf for \$49,959.91 as partial payment for the bowl cutter, which will complete the spending of Golden Leaf funds for this project.

After further discussion, Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to approve the request to bill Golden Leaf Foundation in the amount of \$49,959.92 for the completion of the Matkins Meats Processors Grant Project.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall, Mr. Knight answered that Matkins Meat Processors should be in full operation with all equipment by the end of February.

Commissioner Satterfield questioned how many of the 150 producers utilizing the facilities of Matkins Meat Processors are Caswell County producers. Mr. Knight answered that 25 to 30 producers in Caswell County use the Matkins Meat Processors facility.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

CASWELL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Mr. Jim Gusler, Emergency Services Director, came before the Board to request the use of excess revenue for the purchase of ambulances. Mr. Gusler stated that he continues to look for possible ways to purchase replacement ambulances for EMS Operations, and added that he is very concerned about rising maintenance costs on their high mileage vehicles and increasing mileages on the newest vehicles. Mr. Gusler informed the Board that there is also a potential shortage of chassis or lack of chassis options with the new 2010 chassis, and has been told by the local Ford vendor that they do not expect the new chassis to be revealed until after March and initial production will be slow, with backlogs for specialty chassis like ambulances into the fall.

Mr. Gusler stated that he has attempted to schedule the rotation of ambulance purchases to provide the least impact as possible on any one budget year. Mr. Gusler added that when the rotation is not followed, the cost of purchasing units is pushed to later years, which ultimately results in the need for multiple unit replacements due in a single budget cycle.

Mr. Gusler informed the Board that currently there are approximately 166,000 miles on vehicle #203 (2003 Ford Ambulance) and nearly 140,000 miles on vehicle #206, and if current mileage trends hold, he expects both of these units to be at or over 200,000 miles by January, 2011. Mr. Gusler stated that he is further concerned by the fact that he expects both 2008 models to be approaching 100,000 miles by the same time period, and he wants to make sure that he fully explains to the Board the potential financial impacts to future budgets.

Mr. Gusler stated that his current expectation (assuming that current chassis projections hold true and the County does not purchase a 2009 model year chassis) is:

FY 2010-11: 1 new chassis and ambulance module - \$140,000 to \$150,000, depending on chassis make.
1 new chassis and re-mount ambulance module - \$90,000

1 replacement response vehicle - \$25,000

FY 2011-12: 1 new chassis and ambulance module - \$150,000
Replace Cardiac Monitoring Equipment - \$120,000

FY 2012-13: 1 new chassis and ambulance module - \$150,000

Mr. Gusler noted that these are current estimates and may not hold true for future budgets. Mr. Gusler stated that if the County purchased one complete unit and one chassis for remount now, he felt that possibly the 2011-12 and 2012-13 purchases could be pushed back one year depending on how well the current chassis hold up and maintenance costs.

Mr. Gusler informed the Board that Emergency Services exceeded last year's revenue expectation by \$150,000, and is currently ahead of this year's revenue projection by \$90,000 as of December 31, 2009. Mr. Gusler stated that this is approximately \$240,000 of revenue that was not expected and was collected through EMS usage, and requested that the Board consider using excess revenue generated by their service for the purchase of ambulance replacements.

Mr. Howard, County Manager, noted that if an ambulance purchase was made now and it was financed, payments would not begin until the next fiscal year. Mr. Howard added that another option would be to borrow the funds from the EMS Enterprise Fund and then repay it.

Chairman Ward directed Mr. Gusler to bring financing options back to the Board for discussion at its next meeting.

Commissioner Battle questioned whether Mr. Gusler has located any 2009 models, and Mr. Gusler answered that when he spoke to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, they had four new 2009 models on the lot. Mr. Gusler noted that with the new emission standards, there will be a change in the way the units are serviced.

Chairman Ward requested that Mr. Gusler find out how many 2009 models are available.

Mr. Gusler provided a copy of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol Lease Agreement for the placement of a tower at the Pelham Industrial Park site that would better serve Caswell County with the Statewide VIPER radio project. Mr. Gusler informed the Board that there will be no fall zone requirements because it is an engineered tower and is self-supporting. Mr. Gusler announced that there would be a VIPER Kick-off meeting for this tower site on Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at the Caswell County Senior Center.

Mr. Gusler requested that the Board approve the release of a full-time Paramedic position from the hiring freeze and noted that the position is currently funded in the 2009-2010 budget. Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to release a full-time Paramedic position in Emergency Medical Services from the hiring freeze. The motion carried unanimously.

TAX OFFICE

Mr. Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, came before the Board to request that it approve the release of the part-time Emergency Medical Services Billing Clerk position from the hiring freeze. Mr. Bernard informed the Board that this position also assists the Tax Office in garnishments, bank attachments, and sending accounts to the Finance Office for debt set-off.

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the release of the part-time Emergency Medical Services Billing Clerk position from the hiring freeze. The motion carried unanimously.

CASWELL COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Mr. Jerome Wilson came before the Board and stated that he is Principal of Oakwood Elementary School and is a member of the Caswell County Partnership for Children. Mr. Wilson stated that the Partnership for Children adopted a Resolution in support of an outdoor basketball court. Mr. Wilson added that Oakwood Elementary School has the only outdoor basketball court which is for the students at Oakwood according to school rules and regulations. Mr. Wilson noted that whenever someone else wants to use the courts on the weekends, someone from the school has to be there to supervise them.

Mr. Wilson informed the Board that in talking with the County Recreation Director, he learned that basketball is in the top three sports for the children in Caswell County. Mr. Wilson noted that the only basketball court in the County is at the County Recreation Department and there is only one full court there which requires those wanting to play to have to continually rotate in order to play basketball, and there is a problem with the younger children, older children, and adults playing.

Mr. Wilson stated that he has learned that the County is in the process of creating some soccer fields beyond the Senior Center property and noted that soccer was not one of the top three sports in which children in Caswell County participate. Mr. Wilson added that if the County is in the process of doing this, he felt that a small area of that property could be designated to create an outdoor basketball court.

Mr. Wilson requested that the Board of Commissioners take into consideration that basketball is one of the top three sports in which children participate in Caswell County and there is a need for an outdoor basketball court.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Caswell County Partnership for Children adopted a Resolution in hopes that in the future the Board of Commissioners would consider creating an outdoor basketball court for the children in Caswell County.

Upon questioning from Chairman Ward, Mr. Howard answered that the Recreation Foundation is the group that is creating soccer fields near the Senior Center. Mr. Howard added that there is currently no funding for the soccer fields, but the Recreation Foundation obtained \$5,000 in grant funds from the State for land preparation. Chairman Ward noted that possibly there could

be funds appropriated from the Danville Regional Foundation through the Recreation Department to pay for an outdoor basketball court. Mr. Howard stated that he would work with the Recreation Director in pursuing funding for an outdoor basketball court.

Commissioner Satterfield stated that the current recreation facility at one time had basketball goals, but they were taken down, and possibly they could be put back.

After further discussion, Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to support the following *Resolution in Support for an Outdoor Basketball Court* which was adopted by the Caswell County Partnership for Children Board of Directors.

**Resolution
Caswell County Partnership for Children
Board of Directors
Support for an Outdoor Basketball Court
September 16, 2009**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Caswell County Partnership for Children is to bring together families, educators, churches, businesses, government and other community resources to provide children and their families the services and support to assure that all children will be healthy and able to reach their fullest potential, and

WHEREAS, community volunteers have worked diligently for over 11 years to assess the needs of the community and to plan and implement a comprehensive system of services for children and families, and

WHEREAS, the Caswell County Partnership for Children has established a strong presence in our community and has gained the trust and confidence of our community as demonstrated through their private contributions and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the Caswell County Partnership for Children has had a far-reaching impact on strengthening families and promoting the well-being of children as evidenced by significant gains in child related outcomes and clean audit reports from the North Carolina Office of the State Auditor, and

WHEREAS, the Caswell County Partnership for Children has identified the need for an outdoor basketball court that can be used by all Caswell County children; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we respectfully request the Caswell County Board of Commissioners take immediate and decisive action to provide an Outdoor Basketball Court that is accessible to all children in Caswell County.

Commissioner Battle questioned whether there is a way in the future that they could collaborate with different agencies such as the Recreation Foundation and Chairman Ward confirmed that this would be possible.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 9

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, presented and discussed Budget Amendment No. 9 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Chairman Ward questioned the amount of \$2,000 for computers in the Finance Department. Mr. Howard answered that one computer in the Finance Department needs to be replaced now and he is anticipating the replacement of another one sometime this year.

After further discussion, Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to approve Budget Amendment No. 5 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as presented.

Commissioner Travis questioned why the County Manager is asking them to approve money for a computer when it is not needed yet. Mr. Howard answered that the money would not be spent until the other computer went out.

Upon questioning from Chairman Ward as to whether the \$2,000 would be earmarked for computers, Mr. Howard answered that the \$2,000 appropriation is earmarked for computers.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Travis voting no.

BUDGET TRANSFER NO. 3

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, presented and discussed Budget Transfer No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Commissioner Satterfield questioned the amount of \$500 in the Farmer Lake budget that is being transferred from Vehicle Parts and Supplies to Supplies, and why it costs so much to print decals. Commissioner Satterfield also questioned why this would not already be a part of the on-going budget.

Mr. Howard answered that he thought the decals were changed and had to be reprinted.

After discussion, Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve Budget Transfer No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as presented. The motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Satterfield voting no.

OFFICE SPACE ALLOCATION – FORMER SENIOR CENTER BUILDING

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, reported that at the last Board meeting he was asked to bring a recommendation back to them concerning allocation of space at the former Senior Center building. Mr. Howard provided to the Board a layout of the building that included both the Inspections half of the space and allocation of the empty offices. Mr. Howard informed the Board that this layout allows for space for Animal Control, Board of Elections, Chamber of Commerce, and Piedmont Community College. Mr. Howard noted that there is one office that remains empty for use at a later date.

Commissioner Travis questioned why the Board of Elections needs two offices for storage. Mr. Howard answered that one of the offices may not be needed, but if the voting machines need to be locked up without access by another department, the room in the back is too large for that. Mr. Howard stated that if everything can be stored in one office, the other one would not be needed, but he is not sure if this is possible. Commissioner Travis stated that he did not feel that the Board of Elections needs three offices, and the Board needs to utilize this building and space for the best of Caswell County.

Commissioner Battle questioned the use of the kitchen and the need for the large appliances in there, and Mr. Howard answered that the room serves as a break room for the employees in the building and also has a table that could be used for a small conference room, if needed.

After further discussion, Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to accept the County Manager's recommendation for allocation of space at the former Senior Center building, with the Board of Elections Office using the space that they need, and that the Board of Elections be moved as soon as possible.

Commissioner Hall stated that he did not see the need to allocate three offices to the Board of Elections.

Chairman Ward stated that he personally felt that everything needed to be taken out of the kitchen and it be made into two offices.

Commissioner Carter stated that he felt that the employees needed a kitchen and a break room.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of four to three with Commissioners Battle, Hall, and Travis voting no.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM FBI TO CASWELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chairman Ward read the following letter of commendation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Caswell County Sheriff's Office.

Dear Sheriff Welch:

On behalf of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), I want to thank you and your staff for their outstanding contribution in support of a significant international terrorism investigation led by our Raleigh Resident Agency's Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Their efforts, in part, ensured the safe apprehension of multiple subjects wanted for various criminal violations, the most significant of which were conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists; and conspiracy to murder, kidnap, maim, and injure persons in a foreign country. The professionalism that they displayed in supporting the FBI's mission to protect and defend the United States against terrorist threats enabled the successful execution of this national security operation.

Thank you again for your continuing partnership, support, and dedication.

Sincerely yours,

S/Owen D. Harris
Owen D. Harris
Special Agent in Charge

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, presented two leases for the former Guilford Mills building. Mr. Howard reported that Youth Haven will no longer be using the facility, but their space has been requested by a current tenant, Life Enhancement Services, and a new tenant, Charles Key with Therapeutic Community Resources, Inc. After discussion, Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the Lease Agreements with Life Enhancement Services and Charles Key with Therapeutic Community Resources, Inc. for office space at the former Guilford Mills building. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Howard reported that the Broadband Study is complete and Excelsio Communications is ready to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Howard questioned the Board as to whether they would like to schedule a special meeting for this presentation or meet prior to its regular meeting of February 1, 2010. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010 prior to its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. to hear the Broadband Study presentation by Excelsio Communications.

Mr. Howard reported that a grant was awarded from the Golden Leaf Foundation to pay for the Broadband Study, and at that time the County was unaware of any stimulus dollars. Mr. Howard added that Excelsio Communications has informed him that they are willing to write a stimulus grant for the County for an additional fee of \$10,000. Mr. Howard informed the Board that he spoke with Ms. Pat Cabe at the Golden Leaf Foundation about using the remaining grant funds and was told that the County could not use any of the funds to pay someone to prepare a grant application. Mr. Howard noted that the County can use the funds to pay for some engineering

drawings that will need to be done for the stimulus grant that they were unaware of when the RFP was sent out for the study.

Mr. Howard informed the Board that he met with representatives of Rockingham and Stokes Counties about the possibility of preparing a regional grant application for the three counties. Mr. Howard stated that Rockingham and Stokes Counties hired The Howell Group to conduct their study and they will be using them to write their grants. Mr. Howard added that if the County wishes to join them, the cost for each county will be between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Satterfield as to what happened to the monies set aside for Embarq prior to its purchase by Century Link to expand broadband. Mr. Howard answered that the e-NC Authority gave \$1.2 million to Embarq, now Century Link to increase high speed internet within their coverage area in Caswell County. Mr. Howard stated that the problem is it is hard to get them to tell where they have service and all of the large companies claim that this information is proprietary and will not release it. Mr. Howard added that Excelsio has a meeting scheduled with Century Link to discuss this further and that information will be brought before the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Howard updated the Board on the Detention Center and reported that eight Requests for Proposals were sent out to architects and they are due next Tuesday. Mr. Howard questioned the process by which the Board wanted to review the RFP's. The Board agreed that the County Manager would narrow the Proposals down to three firms and bring them before the Board for further consideration.

Mr. Howard reported that Mr. Brian Collie informed him that the Planning Board met concerning the recent conflicts between the Hyco Lake Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance. Mr. Howard stated that the Planning Board has voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they repeal the Hyco Lake Zoning Ordinance and questioned whether the Board of Commissioners would like to schedule a public hearing on February 1, 2010.

Commissioner Hall stated that he would like to see the Planning Board submit a report to this Board with their recommendation, the County Attorney can explain the recommendation, and the Board of Commissioners can hold a public hearing at that same meeting, followed with a decision being made by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Satterfield suggested that this public hearing be held in March in order for the Board to have sufficient time to review the information.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Battle, the County Attorney confirmed that the County Planner is utilizing the Hyco Lake Zoning Ordinance rules on Hyco Lake property if there is a conflict between it and the Subdivision Ordinance. After some discussion as to which Ordinance is currently being enforced for Hyco Lake property, Chairman Ward requested that the Clerk to the Board research this issue and contact each Commissioner with this information.

After further discussion, Chairman Ward directed the County Manager to schedule a public hearing on the Hyco Lake Zoning Ordinance on Monday, February 1, 2010, and to provide the

minutes of the Planning Board and other documentation that justified their decision to vote to repeal the Hyco Lake Zoning Ordinance prior to this meeting.

Mr. Howard reported that he will be meeting with a consultant this week to complete an Energy Efficiency grant application for the County.

Commissioner Hall questioned the delay in completing the Ed Carter Waterline Request and stated that if there are issues that are keeping this project from being completed as noted by the County Manager in his report, the Board needs to know specifically about it. Mr. Howard noted that other County business has hindered him from completing the project, but it is complete now and he will have the information for the Board at its February 1st meeting.

Commissioner Carter reported that he has been contacted by Mr. Jeff Bryan with the NC Department of Environmental Health concerning health issues with the water at the trailer park across from North Elementary School. Commissioner Carter stated that Mr. Bryan will be contacting the County Manager to discuss this issue further.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Battle announced that the UNC Community Campus Partnership has scheduled a meeting on January 27, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Brian Center to discuss how they can assist Caswell County with more programs.

Commissioner Battle questioned whether Mr. Vincent Marchisotto has been served a civil summons yet and the County Manager answered that Mr. Marchisotto was served before Christmas.

Commissioner Satterfield questioned whether the letters were sent to the NCDOT Division Engineer and Legislative Representatives concerning replacement of the bridges on Yarboroughs Mill Road and Egypt Road. Mr. Howard answered that the Clerk to the Board has sent these letters.

Commissioner Jefferies informed the Board that something needs to be done about the heat at the Senior Center because it is too cold.

Commissioner Jefferies stated that he felt that the Board needed to schedule a meeting with Senator Foriest and Representative Faison to determine how Caswell County can receive some of the stimulus monies that is available. Chairman Ward directed the County Manager to contact Senator Foriest and Representative Faison to see if they could come to Caswell County and meet with the Board of Commissioners sometime around the first of March.

Chairman Ward questioned whether there was any member of the 21st Century Committee present at the special meeting on January 7, 2010. Mr. Howard answered that he would inform the 21st Century Committee of the meeting and the discussion that was held.

Commissioner Carter stated that one of Caswell County's dignitaries, Ms. Helen Little, recently passed away. Commissioner Carter added that Ms. Little dedicated her life to government, served several terms on the Yanceyville Town Council and ABC Board, and at the State level, served several years on the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
