

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 15, 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, November 15, 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 and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, 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

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

(At 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Battle entered the meeting).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following item was included on the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2010 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Ward opened the floor for public comments.

John Claggett came before the Board and made the following statement:

“Good evening, my name is John Claggett and I reside at 108 Jaye Lane, Providence, N.C. and I once again thank the Board for hearing my comments.

According to this evening’s agenda the County Planner is coming before the Board to discuss the possibility of amending the Subdivision Ordinance as to require “foundation surveys” before the issuance of building permits in cases where structures are proposed to be built close to property lines.

As I’m sure you know the Subdivision Ordinance outlines the setback requirements for structures from property lines, road frontage, etc. Having spoken with our Buildings Inspector in

the past, I feel confident he possesses the skills required to find a property line and measure distances from that line. If a parcel of property is properly surveyed, and the Caswell County Subdivision Regulations are adhered to, **TO INCLUDE THE PLANNING BOARD'S FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PLAT**, then a foundation survey is nothing more than an unnecessary costly redundancy to the property owner. Proper oversight by the county is all that is required.

Having reviewed the aerial photographs provided to you this evening, it's very plain to see that someone in a position of higher responsibility should be questioning the Surveyor, the Inspector and the Planning Board, not amending but enforcing the ordinance. Who is responsible for this? Shouldn't a court of law decide? Thank you."

Chairman Ward asked if there were any others who would like to speak at this time. Chairman Ward closed Public Comments.

CASWELL HORTICULTURE CLUB

Mrs. Pat Rowland, Chairperson of the Square and Mrs. Yancey Smith, President of the Caswell Horticulture Club came before the Board to present plans to improve the Court Square Garden. Also present were Cliff and Stacey Matkins.

Kevin Howard, County Manager, informed the Board that what is being presented is a proposal to take up three trees and replace them with eight trees. The Caswell Horticulture Club will be pursuing grant money through the USDA to pay for this work to be done.

Mrs. Yancey Smith stated "We have four crape myrtles that were planted out there and we lost one during a storm. We have one that has never matched the others in size. It is not the same size and it does not belong there. So we just thought take them all out and put matching ones in. Do white ones rather than colored ones. The reason to do crape myrtles is they bloom all summer. We would move them away from the square because they drop litter on the sidewalks. They need to come away from the statute just a little bit to balance the whole square. We feel like it would be more symmetrical if we do the whole square. The other component with the plan is to try and do something with the sidewalks which are deteriorating. The steps, Pat has some pictures, the steps are in bad shape. It would be nicer if they were wider. We were thinking if we could widen the sidewalk and put pavers in hoping it would tie into an overall, when I say square it is sort of confusing because it is a rectangle. We would use concrete because brick will not take the traffic. Another reason not to use brick on the square is we feel like the courthouse is the focal point. The sidewalk in front of the courthouse could use some repairs. We were hoping to use inmate labor to take up the concrete on the sidewalks but at this stage this does not look like a possibility. The quote you have does not include taking up the sidewalk. Our suggestion is that we work towards coming up with an overall plan that would tie in the whole square. The other thing, around the statute, the curbing is in terrible shape. There is a whole section that is broken off. Mark Moyer, owner of Roots & Shoots, suggested that we might want to consider making a bench around the statute and do it in an octagon shape. It would raise it somewhat but that is not a problem for us we can add more soil and still have annuals there. Six inches on either side of the sidewalk for a four foot sidewalk. The estimate with Roots & Shoots did include repairs to the irrigation system which would have to be moved back. The town said

they would raise their meter box so we can level out all the soil out there. What we would like to see is just an adoption of an improvement plan. It is not set in stone we would just like to get something to work towards.” Mrs. Rowland added “We would re-sew the grass.”

Chairman Ward thanked the Caswell Horticulture Club for everything that they do.

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to accept the proposal as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR HAW RIVER WATERSHED

Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner, came before the Board to have a resolution of support for the Haw River Watershed approved.

Mr. Collie stated “Good evening gentlemen. What this is, the DWQ of Water Quality is looking for Caswell County to give them a resolution of support for the Haw River Watershed. Basically, this is in response to the drought of 2002. The City of Greensboro requested permission from the Division of Environmental Health to put an emergency water supply intake on the Haw River. This emergency intake is located in the northeast corner of Guilford County. The establishment of a drinking water supply intake initiates this watershed reclassification process. In 2007, the Division of Environmental Resources began the reclassification process of the Haw River Watershed to a WS-III. With assistance and input from PTCOG, five counties including Alamance, Rockingham and Guilford Counties along with four cities potentially affected by the reclassification, the Department decided to postpone consideration of WS-III regulations until after the Jordan Lake rules were put into effect because of a lot of that is in the same area. Jordan Lake rules were enacted in June and August of 2009. After four months of discussions with the Division of Water Quality staff regarding current watershed management strategies in this some area, the Division decided to pursue a WS-IV designation instead of the WS-III, which is not as strict. In terms of real world application of the proposed reclassification, a new watershed area would be established in the south eastern part of the county encompassing the area of Cherry Grove Road over to Browns Chapel Road to the southernmost point of the county line. There should be a map of this in our packet showing the area that this will be affected by. A WS-IV classification is what this would be. It requires a minimum lot size of ½ acre or a built-upon restriction of twenty-four percent (24%) of the total acreage of the lot. The current minimum lot size for the County is one acre in the Subdivision Ordinance. So that acreage would not affect us. That area of Caswell County is currently a WS-III classified watershed under the Stoney Creek Watershed. So basically this classification would not affect us but it does have to be adopted and put into our rules. The Division of Water Quality is just looking for a resolution of support at this time.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Mr. Collie does this have any changes at all on the farming operations, this re-classification?” Mr. Collie responded “No, the WS-III is stricter than what the WS-IV would be. It is not placing any more restrictions on us than what we already currently have.” Commissioner Satterfield asked “So the only difference between a WS-III and a WS-IV is the lot size?” Mr. Collie responded “Pretty much. If you will look there is a Division of Water Quality supply basically stating what is pretty much affected by this and you see on there

what the differences are between the WS-III and the WS-IV. It is not stating anything about agricultural being changed.”

Commissioner Hall stated “Just for clarification, you said, in Caswell County, this area is already classified as a WS-III.” Mr. Collie responded “No, I am sorry; right next to it is classified as a WS-III. That portion is not, I am sorry I messed that up, this portion is currently not in the watershed but under the Jordan Lake rules the built-upon area and the restrictions are going to be far stricter than what this watershed is proposing to do. That is why the Division of Water Quality waited until the Jordan Lake rules were adopted by the state in 2009 before they took action on this.” Commissioner Hall stated “So, it is not classified as anything yet.” Mr. Collie responded “No.” Commissioner Hall added “They want to do a WS-IV.” Mr. Collie responded “Yes, right now under the Jordan Lake Watershed, the ordinance has not been adopted by the county but it will be coming up shortly, it will be classified as a WS-III. The Jordan Lake Watershed would encompass that entire area.” Commissioner Hall asked “Then why are we dealing with a WS-IV then?” Mr. Collie responded “That is because the state has timelines on when they need this from the counties. I don’t have any reason why that is that.”

Commissioner Hall stated “What I am having a problem with is the folks in Guilford County put this intake in first knowing it would impact Caswell County. We should have had this discussion up front and we didn’t. Now they go it in and you are saying that want us to support the reclassification to a WS-IV and pretty soon they are going to come back and tell us it has to be a WS-III. That is what I have a problem with.” Mr. Collie responded “I understand where you are coming from. This will be a WS-IV under the Haw River and Jordan Lake will be stricter than this one will be. What this resolution is for is really not going to affect us. The one that will affect us will be Jordan Lake.” Commissioner Hall stated “That is my point.” Mr. Collie stated “This has to be on the books, from what they are telling me as well, this has to be in our watershed ordinance.”

Commissioner Hall stated “If it has to be Mr. Chairman, then why are they coming to us for a resolution? They are cramming it down our throats. The WS-III is coming and this would not have been a watershed if Guilford County would not have put the intake there. There are questions on how the WS-III is going to affect the citizens of Caswell County. We are going to have to change our ordinance.” Chairman Ward asked Commissioner Hall “Do you want to get these questions answered before we approve.” Commissioner Hall replied “I do.”

Commissioner Travis stated “Actually, voting on this is not worth two cents if they are going to have to bring something else back to us.” Mr. Collie stated “The language for this watershed, if it is adopted and put in our watershed ordinance, the Jordan Lake ordinance is going to be a separate ordinance, supposedly, from the watershed. It will have a whole different set of rules.” Chairman Ward asked “Can you get these questions and bring them back to us at the next meeting? Is that alright with the Board?”

Commissioner Carter stated “The state is reclassifying this. Just for the record, the intake pump they put in Guilford County is useless for the drought because they found out it does not have enough flow in the Haw River unless you have a heavy rain. It was money wasted.”

Chairman Ward tabled the resolution for support to the Haw River Watershed until the December 6th meeting.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – FOUNDATION SURVEYS

Mr. Collie, County Planner, came before the Board to discuss the possibility of requiring foundation surveys before the issuance of all building permits.

Mr. Collie stated “This is to discuss the possibility of requiring foundation surveys before the issuance of building permits in cases where the lots are smaller in size and where structures are proposed to be built close to property lines. There are a lot of counties in the state that already require this. It is a way to be certain that a structure does meet our setbacks and of course is not over a property line. Without knowing where the property lines are, because I am not a surveyor and the building inspectors are not surveyors, they cannot locate property lines. We have been running into cases, where not only buildings been found to not meet setbacks but like in the pictures that have been printed off, structures are over the property lines themselves. On October 5, 2010 the Caswell County Planning Board passed a unanimous vote to recommend to the Board of Adjustments that the county amend the Subdivision ordinance to state all structures that require a building permit must have a foundation survey. I am not sure if we need to require that all structures do, but I do think that in cases where it is too close to call we be able to require people to do a foundation survey. I know that places a cost on the citizens but it kind of saves them. In a lot of cases someone tells one of our inspectors where the property line is and there is no way for the inspector to pull that property line. If there are no stobs there, it is not required to do a survey before the issuance of a building permit. That survey could have been done in 1930. The stobs are not there so where do you pull the lines from?”

Chairman Ward stated “So what you are presenting tonight is just for information. At the next meeting we can have a public hearing on it. I am making sure that everybody knows what we need tonight.” Mr. Collie responded “Yes, sir.”

Commissioner Travis stated “Brian, I thought that if anybody was going to build a house that you have to be so far from the property line. Right?” Mr. Collie responded “Yes, sir.” Commissioner Travis continued “If you have to be so far off the property line why is this even being talked about?” Mr. Collie responded “It is just like I said. The building inspector, we are not surveyors, we cannot go off someone’s word.” Commissioner Travis added “I am not talking about that. What I am saying is if I am going to build something on a lot. When I come over there to get a building permit I should have it already surveyed and show you where my property line is before I can get a building permit.” Mr. Collie responded “On paper, yes. You can see where the lines are but you cannot transfer that to real world use when you actually go out to the property. The lines are not there. It is not like they are painted on the ground.” Commissioner Travis added “To me, I think we need to go about this a different way. From what you just said some people are going to have to do this and some are not going to have to do this. Maybe I am wrong, but the way I see it, if some of the people have to do then one hundred percent (100%) of the people should have to do it or nobody should do it.” Mr. Collie responded “We talked about that. The departments where my office is located at, for those of you that do not know, are the Building Inspections and Environmental Health. When you come in to get a

septic check done or a soil evaluation you start with Environmental Health first before you get a building permit. The property owner must submit a site plan to the Environmental Health Department showing where the approximate location of that structure is going to be. That is all we have to go on. A lot of times that is not accurate. In cases where a person has a 100 acre parcel and they want to put the house right in the middle. That is common sense. You are nowhere close to the property line. We can visualize that. Someone that has a one acre lot or has a one half acre lot and it is one or two feet here or one or two feet there. We want to make sure we are meeting those setbacks. It is a requirement of the subdivision ordinance. In those cases where it is too close to call we need to be certain that we are meeting those setbacks. We have a case right now off the County Home Road where a guy built an add-on to his house and it is in the right of way. We have had people that have complained about it. It really falls back on the citizens because there was no way for that inspector to know where that right of way was without a foundation survey.”

Commissioner Travis asked “Are you saying it was too close to the road?” Mr. Collie responded “No, it is a sixty foot private easement. The easement is where he built the add-on.” Commissioner Travis asked “Whose fault is that? To me that would be between the landowner and who built it. Right?” Mr. Collie responded “But, us, as county employees have to see that these requirements are enforced. There is no way to be certain.” Commissioner Travis added “If someone is having a house built they should have a map of their property. I don’t think that this is necessary. That is just the way I see it.” Mr. Collie responded “I understand where you are coming from.” Commissioner Travis stated “I don’t see why ten people have to do this but the other ninety do not have to. We have too many rules and regulations in this county where only a few people have to do and others don’t. I understand what you are saying too.”

Commissioner Battle stated “Mr. Collie, I somewhat agree and disagree. If the person who is wishing to build comes to the office and brings the site plan and the building inspector goes out to inspect that house or frame structure could they not have that site plan with them with that survey and say you are x amount of feet from this property line. Also have a site map of the adjoining property. Is that possible?” Mr. Collie responded “Yes, in places where we can locate a property line. There are a lot of cases where you are actually out there on the property and you cannot find the property lines. We do not know where to start. The building inspector does not know where it is.”

Mr. Collie stated “We also thought about, we require them to issue a site plan during the Environmental Health stage. Most of the time we get a rough sketch. We talked about before the issuance of a building permit requiring the citizens to provide us with a detailed two scale site plan showing us exactly where that structure is going to be. If the citizen does not put the structure in another location than where he put in on the site plan we could say this is what you showed us and you did not place it there. The burden would then fall on them instead of us or the county.”

Commissioner Battle asked “Let me ask this question. What happens if someone builds something on my property line what happens?” Mr. Collie responded “It is basically a civil dispute between you and that property owner. The property owner will come to us to ask why we allowed that guy to build there. Well because that is where we thought the property line was

and we could not verify it pretty much.” Commissioner Battle asked “Are the majority of these issues around people that don’t live there?” Mr. Collie responded “No, they are scattered about.”

Commissioner Satterfield stated “Mr. Collie, you probably don’t know the answer to this question, I imagine Mr. Bigelow would. I know a lot of contractors now are requiring foundation surveys prior to any construction beginning anyway. The contractors are requiring that. I know three different people that had different contractors and they had to have surveys for the foundation. It would be interesting to know from Mr. Bigelow what percentage of contractors are requiring foundation surveys prior to doing anything. I know that some are and some are not doing this.”

Commissioner Travis asked “How long ago has it been since we have had a problem like this?” Mr. Collie responded “Last month.” Commissioner Travis asked “They just built last month?” Mr. Collie responded “No, the structure has not been finalized but it has been built in the past six months. The complaint came in last month. This is not something that happens all the time.” Commissioner Travis asked “Did the guy building it complain because it was across the line or a neighbor.” Mr. Collie responded “A neighbor.” Commissioner Travis added “If somebody is building beside me, I am not going to wait until the structure is done to complain. When they start I would go out and tell them look you are on my land.” Mr. Collie responded “This is a case where the guy owns property but he does not live there. He only comes pretty much every now and again. The time he went out there he saw it.”

Chairman Ward instructed Mr. Collie to schedule a public hearing for December 6th.

SCISM PROPERTY SURVEY OF EASEMENT

Mr. Collie, County Planner, came before the Board to discuss an easement to the Scism’s property.

Mr. Collie stated “This is for an easement for Mr. Scism here. He has property on NC 700. If you want to you can flip to a copy of it. Mr. Scism would like to subdivide a 3.12 acre lot off from his property located Tax map and parcel 0017.00.00.0058.0000. In order for him to be able to do this he must establish a minimum twenty foot access easement to the property since it has no road frontage on a state maintained road. Mr. Scism would like to utilize an existing road that has been used for years to access the property and also it currently accesses the lot that you see on the survey, the triangle lot, that is the lot he is trying to subdivide. The other lot is currently using the twenty foot easement. This existing road straddles the property line of the Scism Property and property owned by Caswell County at Tax Map and parcel 0017.00.00.0042.0000, with ten foot on both sides of the line. Basically, ten foot of the twenty foot easement is on Caswell County’s property and other ten foot is on Mr. Scism’s property. In order for me to approve this survey both parties who own property that is encompassed by the easement must sign the plat giving access rights to the lot. You need to approve that easement if you wish before he subdivides that lot.”

Chairman Ward stated “Now this twenty foot easement that is the road that comes out right there in front of the ABC store. Correct? It is an old farm road. This is the road that comes out right

where Buddy's store used to be, right Mr. Scism?" Mr. Scism responded "Yes." Chairman Ward added "The only way the county could use this is to go in and build it up and widen it. The county could still use this if needed to right? All you are looking for is a twenty foot easement to get into the property so the lady can drive in and out of it." Mr. Scism responded "Yes, I actually thought this was already done. This road has been there for as long as I can remember. I thought the easement had already been done."

Commissioner Hall stated "According to this map, there is another piece of property back there. It looks like somebody lives there. What is the current use of this road? Who is using it? Is this the only person that uses this road? What is the perspective use of the new line you want to break off?" Mr. Scism responded "To put a house on it. The lady is getting old and her son wants to put a house on it." Commissioner Hall asked "Is this property land we are planning to use in the Industrial Park?" Mr. Howard responded "It is on the property line. This does not affect the land in the Industrial Park." Commissioner Hall continued "As we subdivide and sell in the park do we expect people to use this road or another road? This may not be a question you can answer but I want the Board to be aware." Mr. Howard responded "The plan we have looked at over the years calls for a road to be put in and not using this road. There would be five acre lots in the industrial park." Commissioner Hall added "I guess that is my point." Chairman Ward added "You are going to have to build up where this road is. Where this road is there is nothing but a drop off. You will have to take dirt from one place to another. I have not been back there in a long time but this is something that the county owns. I understand what Commissioner Hall is saying."

Commissioner Hall stated "I guess I just want a bigger picture. I am not concerned about us using it. The bigger picture then is if we approve this as a Board who is going to be responsible for the up keep of this road? What happens when it washes away?" Mr. Howard responded "It will be an easement to Ms. Long so it will be her responsibility for the up keep." Commissioner Hall stated "You already have someone using this road. This property splits half of it on Caswell and half of it on private property. Chairman Ward stated "Any easement that I have ever dealt with my owning all the land and having one little tract of land up here as an easement for a road to come in. I pay half and they pay half for the up keep of it. That is what I have done."

Mr. Collie stated "With an easement of twenty feet there are no requirements as far as a maintenance agreement or an up keep." Commissioner Hall responded "I am talking about the practical side. What is going to happen, what can happen, and what has happened in the past with these roads? What happens with the next generation? Somebody is going to have to keep the road up. If the next owner comes in and says Caswell County you own part of this property you need to keep it up, then we will have to deal with that issue. If we don't plan to use it at all, then I think we will be better served to not do this. When we sell these lots, however we do the subdivision we are going to grant easements that is going to meet the requirements of state maintenance. Twenty foot will never be state maintained. I have seen, since I have been on this Board, citizens say this is what we want and ten years later they say we want state maintenance. We want the mail man to come down here. We want the school bus to come down here. We want UPS to come down here and that is not going to happen if it is not state maintained."

Commissioner Satterfield stated "As I read this thing, Thelma Long lives there now." Mr. Scism responded "yes". Commissioner Satterfield continued "She is utilizing the road that you want an easement for." Mr. Scism responded "That is correct." Commissioner Satterfield continued "So who gave her permission to use the road? Why are we talking about an easement now? If they are using the road, what are we talking about?" Mr. Collie stated "When Mr. Scism first brought me the map and the surveyor first submitted the map to me it referenced an existing farm road, per access road deed book 175.482 and also referenced an old survey in map book 14 page 368, I think. I reviewed both of those and it does talk about an access road on that survey. It does show it but it is not shown fully from that lot all the way to the road. In that deed book as well it talks about, but it does not define exactly where it is. They were under the understanding that they did have access and as far as I can tell I believe they looked in to it. That is why I am requiring them to get this approval now."

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Is Mrs. Long keeping the road up now?" Mr. Scism responded "Mrs. Long is keeping the road up now. She said she would keep it up. That road goes out to 700 and it goes back through some developments over there. They can go the other direction about a mile or a mile and a half to get to 29. That means Burke Road must have easements on it somewhere. They can go out the other way. The reason they don't is because this way is much shorter. This road has been there since 1940 because I was courting a little girl in 1940 that lived down there. Traffic does not go through there because the Long's park their automobiles so that no one can access that road."

Commissioner Jefferies stated "Mr. Collie, once they put another house down there they can actually ask the state to take over the road. Once the state takes it over they will take forty feet or sixty feet." Mr. Collie responded "Not the twenty foot easement. The state will not adopt it?" Mr. Howard responded "The state will not take the roads now unless they meet their requirements and it has to meet the right of way. They will not touch a twenty foot easement."

Chairman Ward asked "Brian, from where the property is that they are talking about selling, who owns from there back to 700?" Mr. Collie responded "Mr. Scism."

Commissioner Battle stated "So to keep us from being liable for this road, we have one of two options and correct me if I am wrong. They either use the other driveway in the opposite direction or I guess they sign an agreement between us and them saying we are not liable for this road if we grant you an easement. Is that correct?" Chairman Ward added "Or third, instead of putting ten foot on the county and ten foot on Mr. Scism, Mr. Scism just does the twenty feet. I kind of see that that is what the county is leaning towards."

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Does the county own all the land around Thelma Long?" Chairman Ward responded "If you are looking at the map, we own to the left of it."

Chairman Ward asked "Mr. Scism, is there enough land there that you can get off the county line if the Board does not grant this request?" Mr. Scism responded "The widest spot is twelve feet. Just selling three acres at what we are selling it for is not worth us doing the road. I am not sure that the county should do it either. The Long's can go the other way." Chairman Ward added "But for the three acres that you want to sell now, the only way they can get out is for the Long's"

to move their cars and go out the Burke Road. The only way they can get to the three acres is to go back out this access road. The Board can either grant the easement or they go out the other way.”

Commissioner Hall stated “We have another issue. If they have a legal right of way, people cannot block the road.” Chairman Ward stated that nobody has the right of way or easement from Mrs. Long’s to 700. “No motion, everything stays like it is.”

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Caswell County Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to appoint Mrs. Jean Vernon to this board. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board

Chairman Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to appoint Mr. John Claggett to the Planning Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Planning Committee for Services to the Elderly

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to appoint Mrs. Jean Vernon, Mrs. Alvera Lipscomb, Mrs. Edith Gentry, Mrs. Virginia Totten, Mr. Jeff Carpenter, Mrs. Shirley Deal, Mr. George Woods, Mr. Donald Bush and Mrs. Brenda Long to this board. The motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Commission

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to appoint Mrs. Jean Vernon, Mrs. Sylvia Banks and Mr. Edward Deluca to the Recreation Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

Holiday Schedule

Mr. Howard stated “In your packets it shows the current 2010 holiday schedule and the proposed 2011 holiday schedule.”

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the 2011 Holiday Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

Appreciation Luncheon

Mr. Howard announced that on Monday, December 6, 2010 the Employee's Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the Caswell County Civic Center.

Architect for EMS/CDOT Expansion

Mr. Howard stated "At the meeting before last, we discussed EMS/CDOT renovation and expansion. We received a quote or one estimate. The quote you have is for eighty-five hundred (\$8,500.00) dollars to provide construction drawings and specifications. You had asked to have an architect look at this. For four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars that will give us conceptual drawings. The eighty-five would provide a complete set of drawings showing everything drawn out with more details."

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the bid for eighty-five hundred (\$8,500.00) dollars bid for an architect. The motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Travis voting no.

Purchase of Two County Trucks

Mr. Howard stated "We have been looking for two trucks; we have looked at several places. We found a long bed F-150 we had budgeted for a short bed. It is going to cost six hundred and eleven (\$611.00) dollars more than what is in the budget. I am just asking for approval to go ahead and get the long bed truck. There are no more 2010 Rangers out there. I am trying to get information on the State Contract price for a 2011 Ranger."

Chairman Ward asked "Where is the six hundred and eleven (\$611.00) dollars going to come from?" Mr. Howard responded "It will come from the money that was originally allocated that was coming from the Solid Waste Fund."

Commissioner Travis asked "Why has it taken so long to get something going with these trucks?" Mr. Howard responded "We had sent out RFPs for financing and then the Board decided to use the money from the Solid Waste Fund instead of the RFPs. By this time there was no truck left because it was at the end of the model year." Commissioner Travis stated "If this truck is for Animal Control we should have looked for a long bed to start with for hauling cages."

Commissioner Hall asked "Why are we stuck with Ford Rangers and F-150s? Aren't there any other companies out there that make trucks?" Mr. Howard responded "This was the lowest price out there." Commissioner Hall stated "So you are going to tell me that there is no truck out there, other than the Ranger and the 150 that is cheaper than that." Mr. Howard responded "At that time of the budget we could not find one that was cheaper. This was a state contract price." Commissioner Hall stated "I am having a little problem believing that there is not a pick-up truck out there, somewhere in the world that is not a Ranger or F-150 that is cheaper than a Ranger and an F-150. That is the problem I am having." Commissioner Travis stated "Well we can re-bid it if that is what you want."

Chairman Ward instructed Mr. Howard to get new bids and bring them back to the Board.

New Detention Center Project Update

Mr. Howard stated “We had a meeting a couple of weeks ago. We have a meeting on Wednesday with USDA to discuss option for their program. Once I have that information I will be bringing that information to you on the possibility of funding for the project.”

LME Update

Mr. Howard stated “One other thing, to give you a brief update on the LME merger process. We had a meeting today with two county managers and two county attorneys, the LME director and LME attorney to negotiate moving forward. The meeting was three hours long this afternoon. Alamance County is taking a new letter of intent to their Board tonight. If they approve what was discussed today I will bring the information to you the first meeting in December.

Chairman Ward asked “What about the invitation to eat lunch with the school board?” Mr. Howard responded “I have an invitation for Thanksgiving dinner from Dr. Barker on Thursday, November 18th at 12:00 at Bartlett Yancey High School. For those who attend he will also give a tour of the new welding shop.” Chairman Ward stated “If you would like to attend please get with the clerk. Madam Clerk if you will check with everyone on Wednesday morning to see if they will attend.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Howard announced that the Caswell County Christmas Parade will be December 4th at 10:00 a.m. They will meet at the BY Student Parking lot.

The Bartlett Yancey Athletic Banquet is Thursday, November 18th at 6:00 at the Civic Center.

Mr. Howard bragged on the Library. The mural that is in the Children’s room is in the *School Library Journal*. The mural was done by Louellen Vernon-White and Mary Alice White.

Commissioner Hall stated “I had a Partnership meeting today and they inquired about the status of the basketball courts that the Partnership had presented to this Board and had sent a note to the Chairman of the Board. I just want to know the status.” Mr. Howard responded “We were discussing this during the process of the tennis courts. I thought we would do this during that process.” Chairman Ward suggested adding this to the December 6th meeting. Commissioner Hall stated he thought they just wanted to know the status since no one has responded to their request.

Commissioner Hall also asked if there was any response to the Health Department’s finances. Mr. Howard responded no and that he would check into that.

Commissioner Carter stated “Last Tuesday, Kevin and I went to the Hyconeechee Library Board meeting. The discussion was about each library going on their own.” Mr. Howard stated that he was going to have Rhonda Griffin come to the next meeting to give an update on this.

Commissioner Carter also stated “I saw the email from the County Manager that Jimmy Gusler has submitted his resignation. I think he has done a very good job and I hate to see him go but I wish him well.”

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
