

## MINUTES – AUGUST 5, 2011

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss option to repair one of the ambulances. Members present: Kenneth D. Travis, Vice-Chairman, Erik D. Battle, William E. Carter, Jeremiah Jefferies, and Cathy W. Lucas. Absent: Nathaniel Hall, Chairman and Gordon G. Satterfield. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Jeff Sicz, EMS Director, Barry Lynch, EMS Asst. Director and Keith Harris, EMS. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

### AMBULANCE

Vice-Chairman Travis called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Travis informed the Board that Stearns Ford has the ambulance and that he had stopped the service on the ambulance. He was told that the wrong type oil filter was put on this ambulance the last time the oil was changed. Mr. Jeff Sicz, EMS Director, stated that a Wix filter was installed on the ambulance. Mr. Barry Lynch, Asst. EMS Director added that the filter was the issue for the blown engine. It was his understand that the filter came apart. Mr. Lynch also informed the Board the Wix has the filter and they are making their determination. Wix has had the filter for 2 weeks and they said it would take up to 4 weeks to make a determination.

Commissioner Lucas asked for the year of the ambulance. Mr. Lynch responded 2008.

Commissioner Travis stated that the Ford ambulances require Motorcraft filters. The warranty is void if any other filter is used.

Commissioner Travis informed the Board that he had talked with Bobby at Stearns Ford about repairing the engine and replacing the engine. Commissioner Travis stated that it would cost around \$17,000 to replace the engine. There will be a two year unlimited warranty on the engine replacement. They can repair the engine for around \$10,000.

Mr. Keith Harris informed the Board that he had asked for a quote from Piedmont Truck on the same repair. The quote was for a Reman Ford Engine which totaled \$16,649.32 for the parts and labor.

Commissioner Travis stated that the county is renting an ambulance now. Commissioner Lucas asked how much this rental was costing the county. Mr. Lynch responded \$125 per day.

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to not spend \$10,000 to repair the engine on the ambulance. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a lot of discussion about receiving a firm quote on replacing in the engine. Commissioner Travis stated that a definite price would be discussed before any work would be started.

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to install the Reman Ford Engine from Stearns Ford and not to exceed \$18,000.

Commissioner Lucas asked where the money was coming from to replace this engine. Mr. Howard responded that it would come out of Capital Outlay.

Upon a vote of the motion, the motion carried by a vote of three to two with Commissioners Jefferies and Lucas voting no.

Mr. Sicz explained to the Board that Mr. Harris would be handling the maintenance of all the vehicles. Commissioner Travis stated that whoever he decides to do the maintenance on these ambulances Mr. Harris will need to explain to them what our expectations are.

Commissioner Travis asked about the liability insurance from the garage that put the wrong filter on the ambulance. Mr. Sicz responded I will have to check into that. Commissioner Travis stated that he was not trying to hurt the garage but he is trying to protect the citizens of this county.

Commissioner Lucas asked if the Wicks filter issue was something that the county attorney needed to be involved in. Mr. Lynch responded that Wix told them that it would take 4 weeks for them to make a determination.

Commissioner Battle stated that the maintenance on the ambulances needed to be performed according to the warranty standards. He stated that the service people needed to be educated that they can only use the parts that are approved on the ambulances.

Commissioner Lucas moved, second by Commissioner Jefferies that the Board request the county attorney to contact the garage that put the filter in to see if their liability insurance will cover any of the expense to replace the engine.

Commissioner Travis suggested having the County Manager and the EMS Director to contact the garage. Commissioner Lucas and Commissioner Jefferies amended the motion to state that the County Manager and EMS Director will contact the garage. Commissioner Lucas added that at some point the County attorney may need to get involved. Mr. Sicz asked if the Board would like to receive a written report on what he finds out. Commissioner Travis responded yes.

Upon a vote of the motion to have the County Manager and the EMS Director contact the garage that put the filter in to see if their liability insurance will cover any of the expense to replace the engine in the ambulance. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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Paula P. Seamster  
Clerk to the Board

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Kenneth Travis  
Vice-Chairman

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