

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

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, September 19, 2011. Members present: Nathaniel Hall, Chairman, Kenneth D. Travis, Vice-Chairman, Erik D. Battle, William E. Carter, Jeremiah Jefferies, Cathy W. Lucas and Gordon G. Satterfield. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Brian Ferrell, County Attorney, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hall stated “I think that Ms. Lucas would like to add one item.” Commissioner Lucas responded “Yes, the Discussion of the Department of Commerce’s Block Grant issues.” Chairman Hall continued “We will add that after #12 Document Management Request for Proposal.”

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- A) Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2011 Special Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2011 Special Meeting
- C) Tax Director’s Monthly Report
- D) Budget Amendment #1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Hall opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. John Claggett, Jr. came before the Board and made the following statement:

“My name is John Claggett and I reside at 108 Jaye Lane, Providence, NC. Good evening, I thank the Board once again for the opportunity to be heard in a public setting.

Having reviewed the provided list of county vehicles dated September 13, 2011 some of my fellow taxpayers and I would like to know who is ultimately responsible for the tracking and

assurance of the maintenance and repair of the 90 vehicles that are currently in an IN SERVICE status?

We would also like the county to provide copies of the maintenance and repair receipts for the 12 Caswell County Department of Transportation vehicles for the last 12 months. We are prepared to pay for the copies if necessary.”

Chairman Hall asked if there were any others who would like to speak at this time. Chairman Hall declared the Public Comments as closed.

PRIVILEGE LICENSES FOR CASWELL COUNTY

Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, stated “Good evening. I think you received some information that I faxed to Paula on counties that are doing privilege licensing. Most of the counties I have talked to are handling the privilege licenses out of the tax office. Some are in Planning. None of them that I talked with had anyone in the Tax Office policing per se or going out in the field. Most of the people are calling in and they are telling them that there is a privilege license.”

Chairman Hall stated “If you will recall, during the budget session we voted to start imposing privilege licenses for Caswell County effective January 1, 2012. This is something that this Board had asked to have reviewed and that is why Mr. Bernard is reporting back to us. Mr. Bernard, I have taken a look at what you have provided and I have one question. Is there a listing of maximum fees that can be charged by the counties?” Mr. Bernard responded “There are certain figures put on certain types of businesses like auto repair garages are \$12.50.” Chairman Hall continued “What I want to know is, is there a maximum?” Mr. Howard responded “The booklet on Privilege License Taxes goes through and explains each one. At the end I will use an example for you, General Statute 105-37.1, the maximum city tax may not exceed \$25.00 and the counties cannot charge. It breaks it down further.” Chairman Hall stated “What I need to know is by the coding that Mr. Bernard is providing, is there a list that we can look at with the maximum fee for each company? Once we see that this Board will determine what the fees are.” Mr. Ferrell responded “I have not closely looked through the booklet that was provided today. I know there is a list of businesses that you can tax but I don’t know if the maximum amount is listed in here. That is set up by statute and it does vary from business to business as to what the particular privilege tax is. That is certainly something we can get for you. I don’t know if it is in any of the materials here on what the maximum is but it varies from business to business quite widely.”

Commissioner Travis stated “It looks like, to me, when there is a business they do not want they raise the business tax way up and the ones they want is real low.” Mr. Ferrell responded “Well if you look at something like a Fortune Teller, for instance, you are up in the hundred dollar range. If you look at a service station you may be down at the maximum of \$12.50 so there is a difference between the types of businesses. That is an interesting observation you made about the types that have the higher fees.” Commissioner Travis continued “Just like the Internet Sweepstakes at \$1000.” Mr. Ferrell responded “The Internet Sweepstakes is something new and they are working their way through the court system. A lot of the localities have imposed really hefty privilege license taxes on Internet Sweepstakes businesses and that is the truth. It is higher

than most anything else.” Chairman Hall stated “That is why I want to know the maximum fees.” Mr. Ferrell responded “One thing I will say is before this Board imposes a privilege license tax an ordinance will need to come before you to levy that tax and certainly as Mr. Bernard and the county manager and I work through that ordinance we can gather for you the statutory maximums so it will help with your decision on what you want to charge.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Mr. Bernard, what caught my attention was where it said City and County Privilege License Taxes. Is there a distinction between who or does the Town of Yanceyville have privilege licenses already? Do we know that?” Mr. Bernard responded “I do not know.” Commissioner Lucas asked “My next question is it a double taxation? Would the county impose a privilege tax and the town as well?” Mr. Bernard responded “If the Town so chooses. If someone is operating billiards or pool tables, the city tax rate on it is \$25.00 max. The county is the same as the city. So the city could charge \$25.00 and the county could charge \$25.00.” Mr. Ferrell added “The authority for cities and counties are different in this area to assess privilege license taxes. Cities have a much broader authority to assess privilege license taxes. While counties have a prescribed list of businesses that they are able to tax. Cities can tax more businesses is what I am trying to say than the county can. One good example in this privilege license tax manual is on the last page and it is a list of businesses that counties may tax. With the cities it just lists the businesses that they can’t tax. Counties are limited in their ability to assess privilege license taxes by law and cities and towns have a much greater ability to assess privilege license taxes. There was also a movement to eliminate the county’s ability to assess privilege license taxes. The General Assembly has not made it through the law making process but that is afoot in the legislature.”

Chairman Hall stated “When we discussed this in the budget process the idea was to find out who was doing business in the county. So if a business is in the county and we cannot tax them then we need to call this something else because we need to know the businesses that are in this county.” Mr. Ferrell responded “That is exactly right. If they are not subject to any privilege license taxes the county may want to impose, if they are not included on that list. I think your comment about this is not necessarily a revenue generator, it is important because I think the administrative costs in some instances may be higher to collect and levied than the actual benefit as far as revenue. The School of Government’s attorney has made that comment. There may be some good reasons but a revenue generator may not be the best one to assess this kind of tax.” Chairman Hall stated “We want to know who is here. The businesses that are here we need to know who they are.” Mr. Ferrell responded “It is extremely important when you talk about a business tax listing that the Tax Office would move with. If you have a list of who is here then the business listing is a cross reference point and it is an extremely useful source for assessing business property taxes.” Mr. Bernard added “From a Tax Office standpoint like Mr. Ferrell said the important thing is not the revenue generated from privilege license itself but for the business to list their business personal property.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Are we going to find out if the Town has a privilege license?” Mr. Bernard responded “I can call the Town Manager.” Mr. Howard added “I really don’t think they do but I will find out.”

Commissioner Travis stated “When we do this thing we need to fix it where if someone from another county comes to do an air conditioning job they should have to buy a permit to do business in this county. That is what a lot of other counties that do this do.” Mr. Ferrell responded “There are requirements about folks that are coming in and going out. One entry may not be enough but if someone is generally taking orders within the county that would subject them to the tax. We would provide for that in the ordinance.” Commissioner Carter stated “Like Kenneth said you have a lot of logging companies that are coming in the county. They should be included as well.” Chairman Hall responded “If they are in this list our attorney will include that in the ordinance.” Mr. Ferrell responded “That is correct. The first draft will be as broad as we possibly can so you can take a look at all potential privilege license taxes permitted by law. That is correct.”

Commissioner Travis stated “The reason we talked about this to start with was to keep up with the businesses that are coming in here. Just like those shooting ranges that moved in here. If we would have had this in place then we would have known they were in business. We have a lot of businesses in this county that is not paying taxes.” Mr. Ferrell responded “The report would serve as the identification purpose as the assessor has mentioned.”

Chairman Hall stated “This is our first swipe at this. Our county manager and county attorney will report back to us on our next step.”

SCHOOL NURSE FUNDING INITIATIVE CONTRACT

Dr. Fred Moore, Health Director, stated “Good evening. This is a follow up to the last meeting where I presented the information on the School Nurse Contract. You all asked me to go back to the Board of Health and discuss this with them. We did have a special meeting on the 13th of September. We discussed the various issues. The board unanimously voted to approve this contract.”

Commissioner Satterfield moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to accept the recommendation of the Board of Health to enter into the contract.

Commissioner Battle asked “How is the pay based upon on how each nurse gets paid?” Dr. Moore responded “It is based on a scale that the state provides, on a teacher’s scale. It is all mandated by various steps based on their education and their experience and their duties. It is all specified by the state.” Commissioner Battle continued “So let’s just say that Nurse 1 is your most qualified nurse.” Dr. Moore added “And been there the longest.” Commissioner Battle continued “And Nurse 2 who is vacant will be second in command?” Dr. Moore responded “I don’t know that they actually have a second in command.” Commissioner Battle stated “Well not in command but second most experienced nurse.” Dr. Moore responded “That is right.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Is position 2 still vacant?” Dr. Moore responded “It is my understanding, I have not heard this direct from the horse’s mouth, but it is my understanding that they had a candidate and the Board of Education has actually approved the candidate so it is my understanding that this position has been filled. Like I said I have not heard this straight from the horse’s mouth.”

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

STATE COMMUNICATIONS TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Howard stated "This is something that came before the Board several months ago. It is part of the VIPER system. The state wants to put a communications tower up on the Pelham Industrial Park property. We discussed this in length several months ago. This is just the lease brought back to you for your approval. We will have to have a public hearing on this. We did not have that scheduled for this meeting but we do need to have a public hearing. I just wanted to make sure that the Board still wanted to move forward with this to schedule that. It has been some time since the last time it was discussed."

Chairman Hall asked "How do we proceed with this?" Mr. Ferrell responded "My recommendation would be to hold the public hearing. The public hearing is actually a requirement that comes out of our Telecom Tower Ordinance. A public hearing and a notice to the adjoining property owner's advance and you can act on this."

Chairman Hall asked "Can we schedule this for the next meeting?" Mr. Howard responded "I will do my best. It will have to be advertised in this Wednesday's paper so I will have to get with her in the morning to run the ad."

AMBULANCE REMOUNTS

Mr. Jeff Sicz, EMS Director, stated "Barry had been doing all the leg work on this so I am going to let him speak and I will back him up."

Mr. Barry Lynch stated "What we are proposing is the ambulance 204. This is an International ambulance that has been blown up for over a year, doing a remount with the International chassis. You have prices for International, Ford and Dodge chassis. Our first preference would be the International chassis. This is a larger box and it will fit on the International chassis. Our reason for considering the International chassis is because of the extended mileage that we can get out of it. Where we are looking at 150,000 to 200,000 miles at the max on the Fords that we have now, with the International hopefully we will be able to get around 300,000. Our biggest problem with the trucks is the highway miles. The International is our first choice. The price that we have there is \$107,000 for the International chassis. If you decide to go ahead with that, if we order it tomorrow, we are looking at about 60 days to get the chassis and another roughly 6 weeks for them to do the work after that. We have ask them if there was an option if we bought, and I don't know what you discussed as far as capital improvement or so forth, they said they would cut \$5,000 off the total price of two. I have one more quote that has not come in yet. He was having trouble finding a chassis and would not give me the exact price. He was supposed to have it to me by 5:00 today but I have not seen it."

Mr. Sicz added "So in summary if you want it wrapped up. We would like to get permission to purchase an International chassis to remount the box from 204. We chose that box because last year that box was basically remodeled and refurbished. Now along with the price of the chassis

there will be some other upgrades on that box such as lighting systems and a few other things. It totals roughly \$107,000. Later down the road once we get this one in, approximately before Christmas if it is ordered soon, we would like and we have a deal made with the guy to get a significant amount off of the second chassis. We would take the box off of 206 and put that on the new chassis. Basically in round numbers we would be able to get two for basically the price of one brand new one. In essence, we would have two new ones. That is the summary.”

Commissioner Carter asked “Did you say that 204 is inoperable now?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir.” Commissioner Carter asked “If you get a new chassis for that box, how many ambulance units will that give you?” Mr. Lynch responded “If we put that one in service that will give us 6 total but one of them will be sold. We have two trucks that have over 200,000 miles that are starting to give us lots of repair issues.” Commissioner Carter asked “Are they Fords?” Mr. Lynch responded “Yes, everything we have is Ford. That is the way it will happen if we remount 204 first. As soon as that one is done what we would like to do is to send 206 to have done after that.” Commissioner Carter asked “What model is 206?” Mr. Lynch responded “206 is a 2005. It has roughly around 220,000 miles on it. It has just under 8,000 hours on it. If you equate that out it is about 450,000 highway miles on it.” Commissioner Carter asked “You said one would be sold. Where would you sell it?” Mr. Lynch responded “Actually we have someone who wants to buy it. They will purchase it when we are ready.”

Commissioner Travis asked “How much money would the truck bring?” Mr. Lynch responded “I don’t know. I have not checked into that. The one that we will be getting rid of is 202 and that is the one that has the 7.3 in it. Someone has already approached me and wants to purchase it if we get to that point.”

Commissioner Carter asked “That truck is inoperable right now, the one that someone wants to buy?” Mr. Lynch responded “No, that one is on the road.” Commissioner Carter stated “Mr. Attorney correct me if I am wrong but before you can sell that truck you will have to declare it surplus property.” Mr. Lynch responded “Yes. What I was saying is that truck will be easy to get rid of once we surplus it or we could trade it in.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Could you give us the unit numbers and the mileage on the trucks currently in use.” Chairman Hall stated “I am having problems with the numbers. We have a unit that is down. I would like a list of all of these numbers, makes, models and mileage. I want to be able to visualize all of these. The county manager has mentioned an issue with another ambulance. I cannot keep up if I do not have the complete list. What is the number for that ambulance?” Mr. Howard responded “203.” Commissioner Lucas asked “What is the problem?” Mr. Sicz responded “203 is currently at Piedmont Ford. They have determined that the high pressure fuel pump has disintegrated in it. You can tell and I have it down in my car if you would like to take a look at it. It is not the flakes it is actual chunks of metal are in the filter. The Fords as we all know have a problem with the gas tanks flaking. This is not the material that is in the filter. It is actual pieces of metal. Piedmont Ford has determined that it was the high pressure fuel pump that disintegrated. I asked them why that would happen and they said it was probably over used or over worked. Sir you may understand that better than I do but that is what they told me.” Commissioner Travis “I don’t deal with diesels all the time so I don’t know.”

Mr. Sicz stated "It is going to cost \$8,237 to fix. Basically they have to replace one of the pistons. They have to clean the entire fuel system and they will have to lift the chassis in order to do all of this. Then they will put it all back together and check everything out. They will give it back to us after we give them \$8,237. That will also include taking the gas tank that has the potential to flake and having it recoated so it won't do that." Commissioner Hall asked "What is the model?" Mr. Howard responded "2008, the same model year as the other truck we have been having problems with."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Is this one of your front line units?" Mr. Sicz responded "It was, yes ma'am."

Commissioner Jefferies asked "Is this a Ford, Dodge or what?" Mr. Sicz responded "Ford. As you review the documentation you will see that it has had trouble with its turbo, trouble with the glow plugs and a few other mechanical things that are repeated problems. We actually took it there because it has a problem with the turbo operating properly. After they did their diagnosis they called me back and said that was the problem and like I said I have the filter down in my car if any of you would like to take a look at it."

Commissioner Carter stated "I know you used to run International before the Fords. Did you have these problems with the International?" Mr. Lynch responded "I don't know. The International we have has a little over 320,000 miles on it. Any problems prior to that I don't know."

Commissioner Travis asked "What is all of that cost for?" Mr. Howard responded "Part of it is to replace the fuel tank. Probably two or three thousand dollars to replace the fuel tank." Commissioner Travis asked "Do what?" Mr. Lynch responded "The last one we had to replace the fuel tank on cost \$3000." Mr. Howard added "The line on the fuel tank is flaking off." Mr. Sicz stated "If you will Google this it comes out as a standard problem." Mr. Lynch stated "There is a company out of Garner that reconditions the tanks and they will give a life time warranty on the tanks. The flakes in the tanks are what has caused the problems before." Chairman Hall responded "So in other words we have had this problem before."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Mr. Sicz, has there been any consideration to changing the style of ambulance that the county is using? Instead of using the big style, using a van which would be more economical in a rural county. I was just thinking we would not have the problems with having to change out the chassis. It looks like they would be easier to maneuver though the county." Mr. Sicz responded "I will give you my opinion first because I know some people that work in Danville that have those. I have not had one person say they like them operationally to function in as far as driving it as an ambulance. Now, I am not a mechanic so I do not know how they function mechanically. Obviously it would be cheaper as far as gas." Commissioner Lucas stated "I think it is something that we need to consider." Mr. Sicz continued "The operators inside the box do not like it. They don't feel safe inside of them." Commissioner Lucas asked "The high rise?" Mr. Sicz responded "Yes ma'am." Mr. Lynch added "They may work fine for a convalescence service. There is no room in those for equipment storage and there is very little working space inside of them. They are cheaper to buy but they are pretty much a throw away truck. At the end of ninety to one hundred thousand miles you get rid of it. So in the long run

you are still looking at the same amount of money. You are looking at sixty or seventy thousand dollars and you throw it away where we will have the upfront cost of if you buy a new ambulance and I am not saying we want to do this now but long term when you get a new ambulance the box that is on it you can probably use two or three times. Long term it will be the same cost. Operation wise I am not sure.” Commissioner Lucas stated “I just know that a lot of localities use those. I was just curious if it would be a better option for this county. It might be something that we can look at.”

Chairman Hall added “I would think that we could look at the combination of use. What I am seeing here in the last year in the short term is we have spent a lot of money on these units. We have bought a couple of units in the last year or so.” Mr. Lynch responded “Unfortunately we got bit by Ford with really bad motors and we have two of them. If we can progress with the new ones we received and get two more we can use those as spares. One of them we just spent \$16,000 for a brand new motor.” Commissioner Travis stated “We have \$30,000 in engines now.” Mr. Lynch responded “I was not here for the first one.”

Chairman Hall stated “My point is we have to do something different before we start buying new ones. We have to do some due diligence here to make sure that we are covering all of our bases.” Mr. Sicz responded “Two things that we are really doing is the consideration between International and Dodge. The Ford on your sheet was just a comparison item. The two considerations are International and Dodge. Once we get into our maintenance plan I think you will see a definite improvement.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Has anybody contacted Ford or did we make contact with Ford concerning the units in question with the motor situation?” Mr. Ferrell responded “I have not done that yet.” Mr. Sicz responded “I contacted Ford personally and I actually got into a debate with the person on the phone trying to get them to acknowledge the fact that this may be a Ford malfunctioning issue considering all the documentation that is out on it and the lady very bluntly told me there was nothing they could do and hung up.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Who did you speak with at Ford?” Mr. Sicz responded “Ford Headquarters in Dearborn.” Commissioner Lucas stated “We had talked about having someone come here. I don’t know if that was followed up on.” Mr. Howard responded “We have not done that.” Mr. Sicz stated “If I tried to interpret what the lady told me over the phone this problem is somewhere between a recall and an ignore.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Did she take note of our call?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes ma’am.” Commissioner Lucas continued “Because it needs to be added to the list of problems to actually have a recall.” Mr. Sicz stated “I even tried to sell it to them exactly on those lines. I would think that Ford would want a motor with a known problem that has been identified. I even asked for the Test and Research Lab and she said there was no such thing. That they acquire all of their evidence through people like us who have to replace it and then the core gets sent back to them. That is how they acquire all of their data for their recalls. This is from her mouth. I tried Test and Research. I tried Development. I tried all of those angles.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Did she specifically tell you how many problems they had had with that engine?” Mr. Sicz responded “No ma’am.” Commissioner Lucas stated “I have heard that there is a way to find that out.” Mr. Sicz responded “It is not enough according to her for a recall and it is too late to ignore.”

Commissioner Travis stated "On this truck at Piedmont Ford, it is going to cost \$8,000 to repair." Mr. Sicz responded "He said \$8,237." Commissioner Travis asked "What kind of warranty will be on it when it leaves there?" Mr. Sicz responded "We have not discussed that because we knew we needed approval from the Board before we pursue this." Mr. Lynch added "I personally have not talked with them. What Jeff has conveyed to me is it is just the fuel system and the turbo that is the issue and replacing the fuel tank." Commissioner Travis stated "What he said a while ago was it was the high pressure oil pump on that truck that came apart." Mr. Lynch responded "It was the fuel pump." Commissioner Travis asked "Do they have to lift the cab to change the fuel pump?" Mr. Sicz responded "I am not a mechanic but they said they would have to lift the cab." Mr. Lynch stated "To get to the rear hose on the turbo you do."

Commissioner Battle asked "Mr. Sicz you have 6 vehicles that run, is that correct?" Mr. Sicz responded "That is not correct, no sir." Commissioner Battle continued "Okay, how many do you have total?" Mr. Sicz responded "Total vehicles, we have 6. Actually 4 are functioning now and 1 of those is sitting at Caswell Tire with some sort of undeterminable problem. It will run fine but it smokes a lot. It will occasionally stop after you let it cool off and then it will run fine and not smoke, run it the next day and it is smoking. It is an undeterminable problem." Commissioner Battle stated "We are doing a whole lot of talking and we need to get to the lead of what is going on." Chairman Hall added "We are getting information piece meal." Commissioner Battle continued "So out of the 6 one is at Caswell Tire and another is at Piedmont." Mr. Sicz responded "Yes sir." Mr. Lynch added "204 has been out for over a year. We have 5 running and out of those five vehicles one is in the shop and one is used as a complete last resort." Commissioner Travis responded "Actually two are in the shop." Mr. Sicz responded "Yes sir." Commissioner Battle asked "Do you own 6 or 7?" Mr. Sicz responded "6. I will have it for the Board and Mr. Howard tomorrow. I will list the numbers, mileage and everything you requested Chairman." Chairman Hall responded "I don't know how we are supposed to function like we are supposed to when out of 6 vehicles only 3 are functional." Mr. Sicz responded "That is correct. Three are functional and we have one that we can use in a desperate situation sitting at Caswell Tire that we can use." Commissioner Travis stated "You have three trucks." Commissioner Battle stated "That is what I wanted to know. The remounts are for which ones?" Mr. Sicz responded "204, the International that has been junked for a year and 206 is the other one." Commissioner Battle asked "206 is running now?" Mr. Sicz responded "That is correct. That is the one that is sitting at Caswell Tire that we cannot determine the problem that we are having with it."

Chairman Hall asked "Why is it at Caswell Tire?" Mr. Sicz responded "They are trying to determine what the problem is." Chairman Hall asked "Is it a diesel?" Mr. Sicz responded "Yes sir." Chairman Hall asked "Do they have a diesel mechanic?" Mr. Sicz responded "No sir." Chairman Hall continued "Then why is it at Caswell Tire?" Mr. Sicz responded "It is serving as a dual purpose. It's also being used as the test ambulance for our PM system. We are trying to kill two birds with one stone. A preventative maintenance system." Chairman Hall stated "But they are not diesel experts." Mr. Sicz responded "No sir, they are not." Chairman Hall asked "Why don't we take them to someone else? Why Caswell Tire?" Mr. Sicz responded "The reason it is there sir is the dual purpose of using it as a test case for our preventative maintenance system and to see if they could determine at the same time what the problem is."

Chairman Hall asked "This whole session was about a remount request or a request for two remounts, right?" Mr. Sicz responded "Yes sir. Preferably one approved tonight."

Commissioner Battle asked "You also said when you remount if you were able to remount both you plan on selling one of your existing ambulances, is that correct?" Mr. Lynch responded "Yes sir." Commissioner Battle continued "And we don't know how much that is going to be right now?" Mr. Lynch responded "No sir." Commissioner Battle continued "But you do know that you have someone who wants to buy it." Mr. Lynch responded "Yes sir." Commissioner Battle asked "But you don't know how much they are willing to buy it for?" Mr. Lynch responded "No sir. I actually do not know what the value would be." Mr. Sicz added "There is a process we have to go through and we understand that."

Commissioner Travis asked "What kind of engine is in the International." Mr. Lynch responded "6.7." Commissioner Travis continued "What kind of engine is in the Dodge?" Mr. Lynch responded "Cummins." Mr. Travis stated "That is the engine that we need to be running." Mr. Lynch responded "I went to West Jefferson and ran a Dodge. My problem was the suspension in the back. I prefer the International because of the longer mileage and the suspension. The Dodge suspension was very loose. In order to get a better suspension it is a \$7,000 upgrade."

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Satterfield to approve one remount for the 2012 International for the price of \$107,356.

Commissioner Battle asked "Where are the funds coming from?" Mr. Howard responded "It is coming from the capital money we set aside for this year." Commissioner Battle continued "So if this motion prevails how much will we go down?" Mr. Howard responded "About \$591,000 remaining." Commissioner Battle asked "And that includes the other money we spent?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes, the tennis courts and the other motor, yes sir."

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

Commissioner Battle asked "What about the one that is down now with the pump? I know it is not on the agenda and it got brought up and I think we need to address it." Commissioner Travis responded "Before we spend any kind of money on it we need to find out what kind of warranty is on it. Are they going to warranty the turbo for 12 months or what are they going to do? We are spending a lot of money just to put a turbo in it." Mr. Sicz responded "I will find out sir. I can have all of that information to you by 10:00." Commissioner Travis asked "Has anybody checked on that International to see if you have to jack the cab up to work on it?" Mr. Lynch responded "No sir, it is a fold down type. That is one thing that I checked into."

Commissioner Jefferies asked "Did you say it was \$8,237 to replace the fuel pump and a piston?" Mr. Sicz responded "Yes sir. I am almost positive it is the #8 piston, it is the injectors and again I can provide you a list of that tomorrow."

Commissioner Travis asked "Have you thought about having the engine replaced instead of repairing it?" Mr. Sicz responded "No sir." Commissioner Travis continued "We may want to

check into that. What will happen if #6 goes out next week? We will be right back paying again. They will only warranty what they do.”

Commissioner Carter asked “How many miles does that engine have on it?” Mr. Sicz responded “122,236 miles.” Mr. Howard stated “In July of 2010 the engine block for that motor was replaced and the #8 piston at no cost. It was all done under warranty.” Mr. Sicz stated “If that one was #8 then the one that needs to be replaced now is #7, I apologize.” Chairman Hall asked “So this engine had work done it before?” Mr. Sicz responded “It was done under warranty.” Chairman Hall stated “Well I guess we answered the question.”

Commissioner Battle stated “No, I guess moving forward I would like to see what it costs to fix this and what it will cost to do the motor. It needs discussing. If we do the repair is there any warranty? If we say let’s do the motor it is under this warranty? Does it make sense to put another motor in it with the box that is on it or what have you? Right now it is a vehicle that is down and we can’t use it. We have another vehicle at Caswell Tire that we can’t use. I would like to get that stuff. I need to see it on paper as far as what has happened and this is what we need to move forward and I think this is what we need to do. That is what I meant.” Commissioner Travis added “We need to get all the information on the prices and the warranty before we do anything on the truck.” Mr. Sicz responded “I will have that information to Mr. Howard tomorrow.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Is the maintenance plan in place?” Mr. Sicz responded “No ma’am. There are two reasons: One we are establishing what the cost of the difference maintenance phases would be. Two before I say it is in place I want to have a base line on every truck.” Commissioner Battle stated “I agree with what you are saying. Now that you are getting the new trucks, we need to have something in place for the new trucks we are buying moving forward. I don’t want to be here two years from now and we have another engine problem.” Mr. Sicz responded “The plan is to have the preventative maintenance schedule in place by November 1st.” Commissioner Battle asked “When are we going to get that presentation?” Mr. Sicz responded “I plan to give it to you the first meeting in October.”

Chairman Hall stated “I had heard that from the county manager, by November 1st. My comment was what is taking so long. We need to have this in place before something else happens. I am not sure if something happens it will be a maintenance issue, it may be an equipment issue. I understand base line and I understand all of that. Maintenance to me is you change the oil, the filters and check the tires and you do all of this on a regular basis. I don’t know why it would take so long to get that in place.” Mr. Sicz responded “If the Board will allow me I will give you a real quick summary. There are three different plans, actually four. There is an A, B, C, and an I. An I entails 7 pages of checks on a truck and we are allowing a week to do that. The A is your basic checks: check all the fluids, kick the tires. B and C are different; they are placed at different intervals. For example an I is done two times a year. Basically you are almost triple checking everything because the I will include the A, B, and C. The A includes a B and a C. It is a cascading system. Why it is taking so long and that is why 206 is out there is because we want to get an honest estimate on how long it is going to take to do an I, A, B, and C and what the costs would be and if the checks are actually valid. Why do you need to check the stem on a tire four times? Do we need to do that for an example? That is why

206 is out there sir. That is why it is taking so long. We want to make sure that all of these checks are necessary, are valid and are effective and the most cost efficient and so forth.”

Chairman Hall asked “Would any of that have caught the problem with the fuel line?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir, absolutely yes sir.” Commissioner Travis asked “How can you say that?” Mr. Sicz responded “For example the fuel filter would have been checked more often than necessary instead of the 20,000 miles. The transmission the fluids would have been checked more frequently than the required amount. So it is with absolute assuredly that a mistake that was missed the first time would have possibly been caught twice if necessary.” Commissioner Travis stated “But that tank is flaking off a little bit at a time. It probably would not have been caught. Would they have inspected that?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes sir they would or we are not paying them.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Have you put restrictions on the units as far as using them only for emergency purposes and transporting purposes only. Not to run to the grocery store. Are they used for other purposes or just strictly for their intended purpose?” Mr. Sicz responded “That is actually a multiple question. To answer your question directly no. The answer to the other parts of the question is we are doing numerous things that include more than just normal lifestyle. If two of my crew wants to go to Food Lion for them to make dinner, I am not going to tell them that they cannot do that and I am certainly not going to tell them to go in their car because I will not have those ambulance operators.” Chairman Hall stated “I have had this problem before. Why would you not tell them that? Why would you not provide them with a smaller truck to drive?” Mr. Sicz responded “Because they would not be able to respond to a call.” Chairman Hall continued “From the ambulance base to Food Lion you are only talking about a few minutes and as many as we have on staff I just don’t see why we can’t fix that.” Mr. Sicz responded “Every second in a heart matter is important. Every second in a stroke is important.” Chairman Hall stated “Then maybe we should look at a Plan B. Maybe Plan B has the people who do not man a truck to go to the grocery store.” Mr. Sicz responded “During the day with the exception of myself and Barry and I really don’t have a problem with going to Food Lion if there is no one else but there are no extras.” Chairman Hall stated “We have talked about the mileage and the hours and all of that adds up. We are spending a lot of money on these trucks. We need to look at other options. You can use a small pickup or something else and send one person to pick up for the others. If you get a call, call that person and tell them that you will be picking them up at Food Lion. We need to be a little more flexible here.” Mr. Sicz continued “Another part of the answer ma’am is we are trying to start a public relations program. That involves the ambulance being at places conducting blood pressure checks, blood glucose checks and those kinds of things. You may see an ambulance at the 86 Mart. Chances are they are there doing blood checks and blood glucose checks.” Commissioner Lucas asked “And this is part of this?” Mr. Sicz responded “Yes ma’am and it is also part of training. We try to let the new people do those kinds of things so they will become efficient on doing them.”

Commissioner Carter asked “Where do we stand on the \$8200?” Chairman Hall responded “I think after Mr. Battle’s question we are going to get a cost estimate, warranty information and everything before we move forward.”

RECESS

The Board held a brief recess.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to appoint the following individuals to the following boards:

Mr. Tony Mitchell to the ABC Board
Mr. Wilbur Chandler to the Agricultural Advisory Committee
Ms. Sally Wallace to the Board of Health
Mr. Rickey Surgeon to the Caswell County Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Ms. April Hughes to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Ms. Gladys Garland to the Recreation Commission
Ms. Jean H. Vernon to the Senior Center Advisory Committee

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

RESOLUTION FOR REDISTRICTING

Chairman Hall stated "I have been working with staff to try to finalize some things in the redistricting efforts. We had an offer from the Southern Coalition of Social Justice to help out with putting those numbers in place. They took a look at what we had and they are taking out the Dan River Work Farm numbers. They have the computer that allows them to be able to do this. They will email us what they come up with. It will be emailed to the county manager. Once he gets this information tomorrow or the next day what I would suggest is that sometime soon we need to have a called meeting and then vote."

Commissioner Travis stated "When you get it, it needs to be sent to the School Board for them to look at it as well before we vote."

Commissioner Lucas asked "We are taking out the Dan River Work Farm population is that correct?" Chairman Hall responded "Yes." Commissioner Lucas continued "So we won't do the other prison population?" Chairman Hall responded "There was no need because the other prison is not in a majority minority district." Commissioner Lucas asked "What about the other population, would that have been affected?" Chairman Hall responded "It will stay in the overall population." Mr. Ferrell added "That is correct. You count prisoners and those that are too young to vote for the purpose of the one person, one vote regulation." Commissioner Lucas stated "He said they took out the population for the Dan River Work Farm." Chairman Hall responded "They took it out of the calculation to make District 3 a majority minority district. They were able to shift it around to make that possible."

Commissioner Travis asked "What did they do? Did they put it in a different district?" Chairman Hall responded "Yes." Mr. Ferrell responded "You cannot take it out for the purpose

of the one person, one vote calculations but you can take it out for purposes of analysis such as the majority minority district.”

Chairman Hall stated “As soon as we get the information Ms. Seamster will contact the Board when we could have a meeting. You will need to get the information first and to take time to study the information and then we will schedule the meeting.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “Who is the Southern Coalition of Social Justice?” Chairman Hall responded “They are based in Durham. They work on a lot of issues on social justice and on racial issues. They have a team of lawyers that work there.” Commissioner Lucas asked “So we will be getting new maps. Is that what you are saying?” Chairman Hall responded “Yes.”

DISCUSSION OF BOARD AGENDA PACKET AUTOMATION

Ms. Seamster presented the information on the packet automation system. She explained to the Board that a lot of counties are using the iPad2 to get the agenda packets to their commissioners. The agenda packets are created using Adobe Acrobat 10 and Drop Box. Once the commissioners retrieve their agenda from the Drop Box they will be able to open them using iAnnotate. The cost of the iPad2 is \$710.00 per commissioner. The iPad2 will have 32GB as well as WiFi and 3G. Ms. Seamster informed the Board that she was still trying to find a cheaper price and that Mr. Satterfield had found his at Sam’s for \$549. She informed the Board that she had pulled it up on line through Sam’s Club and it listed it at \$729 but there was a discount with the Sam’s card but it would not list that price.

Commissioner Satterfield stated “I can tell you it is not \$700. Mine is a WiFi with 3G and it was five hundred and some dollars with 32GB. I have learned they make a hotspot called MiFi from Verizon. If you program that to your wireless router then you can stick it in your pocket and you can go anywhere you want to and as long as the battery is charged then you can hook to WiFi. If you have that I don’t know if you will need the 3G capabilities which will save you about a hundred dollars. I don’t know the cost of MiFi, I have not found that out. You do have a \$20.00 per month charge on that 1 GB of data on the WiFi. You will have a data charge any way you go. If you go 3G you will have a minimum of \$20.00 per month for 1 GB of data. You might be able to save some money depending on what the MiFi is. If you would program all of those wireless MiFis to this modem here it would not make any difference if you were in your car or in your house. A lot of places you are not going to get a 3G connection. That is what my concern is. I don’t get 3G at my house.” Commissioner Battle added “You get it in Guilford County. You cannot get it in Caswell County.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “Occasionally I can jump on 3G if I head towards Danville a little bit.”

Ms. Seamster stated that if the Board decided to approve this the best price would be looked into and the best connection for Caswell County would be looked into.

Commissioner Battle stated “I think we need to look into getting these, Mr. Chairman for the ones that want to use them. I think it is a good tool for us. They are always talking about the paper cost and you have the portability where you don’t have to have someone to bring you the agenda package. You can get it wherever you are. I think it is a good thing in moving forward

technology wise.” Chairman Hall responded “I agree. I hope that if we go this route that all the commissioners will do this. It would be for the best interest of our citizens if we cut down on the paper.”

Commissioner Travis asked “Is this thing going to work anywhere?” Commissioner Battle responded “If you have a cell phone signal you can use it.” Commissioner Travis asked “You have to have one of those cards from Verizon to use it?” Ms. Seamster responded “That will be in the iPad.” Commissioner Travis asked “You still have to pay for that every month, don’t you?” Ms. Seamster responded “There is a \$20 per month charge on the 3G.”

Commissioner Lucas asked “We don’t know what the MiFi HotSpot cost?” Ms. Seamster responded “Today was the first time I had heard about that. Mr. Satterfield told me about that.” Commissioner Battle stated “You may not need the HotSpot. The HotSpot is to allow other people to use it. That is the purpose; you do not have to have it.”

Commissioner Satterfield stated “Mr. Travis does not have high speed at his place. If he had the HotSpot router here then he would have high speed.” Commissioner Battle responded “If he gets a phone signal from his cell phone carrier he will have the same thing. If he has a signal he can still use that pad.” Commissioner Satterfield stated “But it won’t be at the same speed.” Commissioner Battle responded “Right. You are correct. It will be a little slower.”

Chairman Hall stated “The whole purpose is to receive information from Ms. Seamster. We would be able to send emails and that is what we want.”

Commissioner Travis asked “How would this work if 2 or 3 want this and the others do not?” Mr. Satterfield has bought one.” Chairman Hall responded “That is his personal iPad.” Commissioner Travis asked “He could use his for this couldn’t he?” Commissioner Satterfield responded “No because if I use it for governmental use it is then subject to the public inspection.” Mr. Ferrell added “If you use personal emails for county business that personal email is subject to inspection. I recommend that you keep everything separate.”

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to move forward and to allow the clerk to compare prices with (8) iPad units and all the components and to bring it back to this Board for review. The motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Lucas voting no.

DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Mr. Howard stated “This was discussed during the budget process. This is the shredding process that will go through a vendor now instead of purchasing a shredder for the county. They will visit each department and pick up bins and shred them. We are recommending that the Board approve the contract with Cintas. They are the only mobile one that will come in and do it on site.” Chairman Hall asked “Is that contract in here?” Mr. Howard responded “No sir, it is not. I can bring that back to you to move forward with this.”

Chairman Hall stated "We had also talked about the Department of Social Services and the things that cannot be shredded. We need to look at digitizing some of those files."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Cintas, where are they from?" Mr. Howard responded "I think they come out of Burlington or Greensboro." Commissioner Battle added "I think it is Greensboro Commissioner Lucas." Commissioner Lucas asked "Are these the only prices?" Mr. Howard responded "She sent out 4 but she only received 2 back. One was from OE Enterprises. The price was comparable but they don't do it on site. We would prefer to have it on site." Commissioner Lucas asked "During the budget didn't we actually talk about purchasing the shredder? Was that in the budget?" Mr. Howard responded "Our actual cost to do this for a year is about \$2,000. The shredder is about four or five thousand." Commissioner Lucas asked "But it was in the budget right?" Mr. Howard responded "This budget, yes ma'am."

Commissioner Jefferies stated "I think it will take Social Services quite a while to go through these things." Chairman Hall responded "I want them to do two things. First I want them to look at what they have and second to start the process of digitizing and let this Board know where we can help."

BLOCK GRANT ISSUE

Chairman Hall stated "Ms. Lucas brought it to my attention tonight; I thought that I had mentioned this to the Board. About four to six weeks ago we received a letter from the Department of Commerce indicating a problem with some block grants in another county. That letter asked us to verify that all of block grant information was correct and they gave us some dates. I asked Ms. Seamster to write them a letter back to get that date extended and she did. They wrote us back and said that was fine. Ms. Lucas has agreed to work with me as we take a look at these contracts. My thoughts were that Ms. Lucas and I would sit down and look at the contracts and look at the issues this county had with the contractors. We will contact some of these citizens to see if we have a problem. I asked Ms. Seamster to pull the files and to separate them by the grants that we had. We had two grants. She pulled the files. Unfortunately one of the grants did not have any of the detailed information so Ms. Seamster called the agency to send the detailed information. They responded with some information so she sent them an email requesting more information about the work performed. As soon as we get all of the information Ms. Lucas and I will sit down and take a look. This agency was accused of falsifying information. There were some that the work had not been done. We will pull these files and we are going to contact these citizens. We will ask if they received this service. We will ask if this is your signature. The best case scenario will be that we will not see a problem. The worst case scenario will be if we see a problem Ms. Lucas and I will come back before this Board."

Commissioner Lucas asked "How does the full Board feel about that? That is my concern. Do we need to involve law enforcement maybe in this process just for our protection or what do we need to do? This is federal money we are talking about. There is a provision there that states if there is anything that is not proper concerning these grants we are all held accountable." Chairman Hall responded "Personally I don't think we need to include law enforcement." Commissioner Lucas continued "I just want us to realize the seriousness of it."

Commissioner Battle asked “Is there a reason why you can’t say what it is even though it involves all of us?” Chairman Hall responded “Our block grant had two parts to it on housing repairs. The contractors for this block grant in another county in doing some repairs or not doing some of the repairs was billing for the work that might not have been done. The state has asked us to verify that all of this work was done and that the citizens did sign the papers.”

Commissioner Lucas added “This is not just Caswell County. It is any of the localities that were particularly involved with this particular group who administered the grant.” Commissioner Battle asked “Doesn’t the state come back and check what work was done?” Chairman Hall responded “This is what we know so far. The state came in and did a check and they said everything was fine. The county that brought this up did a check after the state and they said that everything was not fine. That is what started all of this process. The county commissioners in Yadkin County hired someone to come in and to do an investigation.”

Commissioner Satterfield asked “Is this the winterization program?” Chairman Hall responded “It is the community block grant.” Commissioner Satterfield asked “Who is it ran through?” Mr. Howard responded “Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates. Just today and this is not verified information. It is my understanding that the SBI has dropped the investigation. They found my criminal intent and they are not going to go forward with the investigation. I also understand that it will be coming out in the paper, Hobbs and Upchurch’s response to the litigations and what happened. They are working with the state now to rectify those allegations.” Commissioner Lucas asked “Where did you get your information?” Mr. Howard responded “I came from Michael Walser. That is why I said I needed to verify that information.”

Chairman Hall stated “Here again that is why we wanted to make the Board aware of everything. There was an article in one of the state magazines this past week about this. Hobbs and Upchurch has been doing our grant process for years.” Commissioner Satterfield asked “This is the program where that guy comes here and says we can spend x number of dollars on a particular house?” Mr. Howard responded “Yes sir. While we are talking about this, you have a letter from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency that came Friday.” Commissioner Satterfield continued “The homeowners first and the landlords last if there is anything left over.” Mr. Howard continued “Just so you will know while we are talking about this. The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency came in and did two reviews in the last two weeks on what we have open with them because of this. You have a copy of the first report at your seats.”

Chairman Hall stated “Again I have not seen this. This review was done a couple of weeks ago. Did they review everything?” Mr. Howard responded “No sir. They reviewed their grants, not the block grants.” Chairman Hall stated “Okay, so that is not related.”

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

N.C. International Terminal & Feasibility Study

Mr. Howard stated “What this is talking about is either building a new port or increasing the sizes of the ports in Wilmington/Southport area. There is a non-profit group called the Yes Port NC that is trying to gather support from the various counties and local governments that could be affected by it. They want to come to the Board and talk about what they are looking for and

what is going on if you would want them to. All I know about the project is what you have in front of you and I am kind of going through it. They want some kind of resolution in support, non support or neutrality. I am not asking you to do anything tonight. I will try to gather some more information between now and the next meeting. I just really wanted to see if you wanted them to come and talk to you or if you just want to handle this in house.”

Chairman Hall stated “This is a huge project. Everybody should be completely clear on the project. There is a lot of controversy on the prospective ports. Some are posing as economic development issues. There are a lot of things we would have to look at. I think if they want us to do something I would suggest that they would come and talk to this Board and explain this.”

County Project Updates CATS Expansion

Mr. Howard stated “If you have been by, the exterior is completed. They are working on the interior doing drywall, electrical, plumbing. Just to make the Board aware we took the opportunity with the concrete and asphalt being taken away from the detention center to fill in part of the ditch or lower area around the CATS parking lot at no cost to the county. They came and did the grading work and everything for free as well, for taking the materials so they did not have to haul it off. This is will increase the parking lot to handle the CATS vans and their employee parking.”

Detention Center

Mr. Howard stated “That is underway obviously. They are finishing up removing the topsoil today and they will start moving dirt this week.”

Pelham Water Tank

Mr. Howard stated “If you have been up that way, the tank is completed. It is welded together now. I am supposed to give them colors this week. I think I mentioned in the last meeting the tank will be tan and we will have Pelham Industrial Park and the county seal on there in green. I have been told that it could be operational by the first of the year if everything goes well with the weather.”

Tennis Courts

Mr. Howard stated “They came this morning and started taking down the fencing. This week they will start tearing up the courts and installing the new courts up there.”

Mr. Howard asked “Are they any questions about those?”

Commissioner Battle asked “Are they going to put the fence back?” Mr. Howard responded “Yes sir. One of the quotes had priced putting new fencing up but that was a different company.”

Parks and Recreation Grant

Mr. Howard stated "We have been given the go ahead for a grant for \$25,000 from the Community Foundation to install air conditioning in the gym. Is that something that this Board would like to go ahead and do? We would have the calendar year 2012 to spend the grant money so we would be able to plan for this in next year's budget. The reason we would like to do that is so we could open the gym up in the summer time to have a lot more programs and activities during the day and the evening."

Commissioner Battle stated "I say move forward."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Do we have to match the money?" Mr. Howard responded "It is \$25,000 and that would cover at least 50% of the cost." Commissioner Lucas asked "Do we have to match it to get the grant?" Mr. Howard responded "No, we would have to pay the difference to pay for the project."

Chairman Hall asked "Approximately how much will it cost to put air in the gym?" Mr. Howard responded "We have a rough idea. We think between fifty and sixty thousand dollars to put the air conditioning in the gym. We will use the grant for \$25,000 of that amount."

Commissioner Lucas asked "He is going to bring this information back to the Board right?" Mr. Howard responded "I can bring that information back to the next meeting."

Commissioner Carter stated "I think it would be a good thing Mr. Chairman. It would be a good thing for Caswell County."

Mr. Howard stated "This will allow us to have the summer program at the gym instead of having to search for other places to do that."

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to give the county manager permission to move forward in obtaining the grant to air condition the gym. The motion carried unanimously.

PERSON-CASWELL LAKE AUTHORITY

Mr. Ferrell stated "At the last meeting you asked me to take a look at the Person-Caswell Lake Authority By-Laws and enabling legislation. Apparently, there has become a vacancy in one of the Caswell Authority slots and the question came up as to who is responsible for appointing the unexpired term of that authority member. Upon review of the by-laws, it appears to me that the unexpired terms of a sitting authority member is appointed by the authority for the remainder of the unexpired term. Whenever the annual reappointment comes back around it is this Board's responsibility to fill that sit. That does not change the requirement of the make-up of the board to be two board members from Caswell County but the authority appoints the unexpired term and that does have to be filled by a Caswell resident."

Commissioner Jefferies asked "So two members have to be from Caswell County?" Mr. Ferrell responded "Yes 2 from Caswell County and 3 from Person County. I see nothing that changes that."

Chairman Hall asked "Is everybody clear on the report from our attorney? It is on the record now. The authority has to appoint someone from Caswell County to fill the unexpired vacancy until that term expires."

Commissioner Carter asked "How long is the term?" The Clerk to the Board responded "June 30, 2012."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Do you know Mr. Manager have they made an appointment for Hyco Lake?" Mr. Howard responded "I do not know." Commissioner Satterfield asked "Can you find out?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes sir."

Commissioner Satterfield asked "Second thing. What about that engine on that ambulance? Where is it at now?" Mr. Howard responded "It is at Piedmont Ford. They are taking the engine apart for us. They will take it apart and put it back together for \$1,000. We felt that getting a certification from a Ford dealership would be more helpful than from somewhere else. It should be completed by tomorrow. I will be able to get that out to you as soon as I get a report from them." Commissioner Satterfield asked "So they are tearing the engine apart and they are going to charge us \$1,000?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes sir so we can turn the engine back in to get the core charge back."

Commissioner Lucas stated "I was just going to follow up with Ford not being contacted like we had talked about. I thought we were going to do something from a legal standpoint but." Mr. Howard responded "When we get this back, we can do that."

Commissioner Carter stated "The Bright Leaf Hoedown is this coming Saturday. Just to let you know the Tractors Supply in Danville, the representative will be over there Thursday with the new type of heaters that came out that heats by electricity that is supposed to save on heat. I think they are normally \$399 and they will be on sale for \$329."

Commissioner Battle asked "County Manager what was the response on the Parks and Recreation's late registration?" Mr. Howard responded "They had a waiting list set up. They were taking names down on the waiting list and everybody on that waiting list was signed up. They had only had 1 person who had called by the time you talked to me about it. The situation from now will be that they will have 1 week late to sign up. What she did was a waiting list and the waiting list was moved to the active roster." Commissioner Battle asked "Were people told that they were on a waiting list?" Mr. Howard responded "Yes, anybody that called was put on the waiting list and then they were moved up." Commissioner Battle asked "So the one week after they got back to school, she felt that was acceptable?" Mr. Howard responded "We took applications longer as well." Commissioner Battle continued "That is what I am saying. If you

looked at the application the cut-off date was like that Monday so to most people that was the cut-off date, I am passed the cut-off date so I can't turn my form in." Mr. Howard responded "She got the word out by Facebook and other avenues that they use to let them know that they were still taking applications. In the future there will be one week of late sign up for every sport."

Commissioner Travis asked "Who did the stop signs on the Square?" Mr. Howard responded "It was in the plan the state proposed. The state said it was due to the number of accidents." Commissioner Travis stated "There has not been an accident out there in 35 years. I think this Board needs to find out and if there is a way to turn this thing around." Commissioner Lucas responded "I think it was part of the step program that the Town put in place to help the downtown area." Commissioner Travis responded "If they want to throw away money like that then they need to put a stop sign on 86 so the ambulances can get out on the road. That right there is not worth two cents. Someone is going to get killed." Chairman Hall stated "I have heard a lot of rumors about who did it and who is responsible. My first reaction is the DOT is." Mr. Howard added "It is a state road." Commissioner Lucas stated "But it is part of the Town's plan to update around the Square." Commissioner Travis asked "Do they own the Square?" Mr. Howard responded "No sir, but they do own the right on way onto it." Commissioner Travis stated "They should have let someone know before they did what they did." Chairman Hall responded "I agree." Commissioner Lucas stated "It is part of the Town's new plan to redesign the Square." Chairman Hall stated "We will sent a letter to the DOT first thing tomorrow and get clarification on this plan." Commissioner Satterfield stated "You might also want to talk to the Town too, Mr. Chairman." Mr. Howard responded "They are involved in the process because it is within the town limits. They have been involved in the process."

Mr. Sicz stated "Let me apologize for me not having the complete information and my ability to not answer questions. I have been doing some research and whoever said that International has Ford engines is wrong. They are called Max Force engines. There was a point in time that they used Ford blocks but they don't do that anymore. It is a Max Force engine now."

Commissioner Lucas asked "Do we have any new information on the pump station for the new detention center? Will it have to be something different? Is the Town going to be able to accommodate us or?" Mr. Howard responded "The engineers are still working on that. In the Town's calculations they included the old jail. In this project they will be taking off line so it will reduce the cost to that pump station if there is any cost at all." Commissioner Lucas asked "So there is going to be an additional pump station?" Mr. Howard responded "We may have to upsize the pumps themselves but we do not have to build a new pump station."

The Clerk the Board thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the Public Administration class at the School of Government. It has been very informative and she stated that she learned a lot and if the first session was any indication of what is to come it will be very informative. She also encouraged the Board to attend the commissioners' classes at the School of Government and that there were scholarships for the commissioners to attend those classes.

Mr. Howard stated "I plan to be off this coming Friday."

Chairman Hall stated "In Closed Session we need to remove that part on the Economic Development."

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Battle moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into Closed Session to consider the compensation, terms of appointment and performance of an individual public officer (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to resume regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Nathaniel Hall
Chairman
