

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. on in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, N.C. Those present for the session were Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman; Phil Byrd, Member; Mike Hensley, Member; Jim Saylor, Member; Ryan Whitson County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Chairman Masters was absent. Also present were Lloyd Hise, County Attorney; Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; Donny Wisor, Reporter with the Mitchell News-Journal; Steve Murphy, reporter with WKYK Radio Station; Ed & Jana Reid, Hazel Yelton, Joyce Beauchamp, Margaret Givens, Mike Young, Stephanie Wiseman, Shirley Hise, Larry Deyton, Donald Street, Bill Cooke, Lisa Byrd and Carl Braswell.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice-Chairman Hollifield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Hollifield gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - None
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the minutes for May 15, 2006. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. **Presentation of Flag** – Judge Phil Guinn presented the Board with a flag that listed all the names of the people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
 - B. **Historic Courthouse Committee Update** – Postponed until the October meeting.
6. **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES**
 - A. **Resolution Opposing the Sale of Alcohol in Mitchell County** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Resolution Opposing the Sale of Alcohol in Mitchell County (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. **APPOINTMENTS**
 - A. **Long Term Care Nursing Home Committee Advisory Committee** – Postponed until the October meeting.
 - B. **Workforce Development Board** - Postponed until the October meeting.

C. Work First Block Planning Committee 2007-2009 – Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the following people to the Work First Block Planning Committee for 2007-2009. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Larry Deyton Department of Social Services
- Jim Saylor Board of County Commissioners
- Bill Burleson Chairman DSS Board
- Bill Cook Board of LME
- Susan Curtis Toe River Public Health Board
- Robin Buchanan Local School System
- Danny Burleson Business Community
- Willis Botany Shepherd's Staff
- Gloria Schulman United Way of Mitchell County
- Jennifer Simpson Partnership for Children
- Sandy Buchanan Employment Security Commission
- Shawn Burleson Child Welfare Services

8. RELEASES/REFUNDS

A. Releases/Refunds for Board Approval – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Releases/Refunds for Board Approval (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Releases/Refunds for County Manager Approval – A copy of the Release/Refunds for County Manager Approval are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

A. Glen Ayre Convenience Center – Margaret Givens presented the Board with a petition against putting a convenience center in the Glen Ayre Community (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Byrd moved to leave the mobile unit in Glen Ayre and to move the \$100,000 to the Economic Development Incentive Grant. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Presentation of Check from NCACC Risk Management Pool – Clerk to the Board Young presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the NCACC Risk Management Pool.

C. Update on Certificate of Need for the Mayland Dialysis Center – County Manager Whitson informed the Board that the State had awarded the Certificate of Need for the Mayland Dialysis Center.

D. Update and Request from the IT Department – IT Director McKinney provided the Board with an update on his department.

- Secured Internet
- Ability to pay taxes on line
- Moved website to a secure site
- Public Calendar
- Saved \$2,004.83

He discussed the purchase of I prisms with the Board.

E. Work First Biennial County Plan – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Work First Biennial County Plan as Standard County (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- F. Memorandum of Agreement** – Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Cooperative Extension (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- G. Lease Agreement with Buster Grindstaff** – Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the lease agreement with Buster Grindstaff (a copy is hereby is attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- H. Amended Funding Approval Number 3** – Commissioner Byrd moved to approve the Amended Funding Approval Number 3 (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- I. Disaster Budget Form for the CHAF Program** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Disaster Budget Form for the CHAF Program (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- J. Home & Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- K. Tax Revaluation** – Commissioner Byrd moved to allow the new Board to handle the Tax Revaluation. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- L. Status of USDA Loan** – Commissioner Saylor moved to cancel the USDA Loan. Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- M. Mental Health** – By consensus the Board agreed for County Manager Whitson to ask Western Highlands permission to request \$53,000 for Mitchell County to hire a deputy and purchase a vehicle to be used for mental health.
- N. Changes to Personnel Policy** - Commissioner Saylor moved to adopt the changes to the Personnel Policy (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- O. Inactive Job Descriptions** – Commissioner Saylor moved to delete all the inactive job descriptions (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- P. Telecommunicators Job Descriptions** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the telecommunicators job descriptions (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Q. Update on Toe River Health District** – County Manager Whitson informed the Board that he had proposed a \$60 across the board increase on the septic tank inspection fees to Toe River of Health, but that proposal had not gotten very far.

Commissioner Byrd moved for Toe River Health District to stop the illegal fees and to refund any fees charged above the old rate. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- R. Update on Tax Office** – County Manager Whitson informed the Board that Barbara Hollifield had resigned her position to take a position at Altec. He requested permission to do a lateral shift from the Tax Assessor’s Office to the Tax Collector’s Office.

By consensus the Board postponed this item until the next Board meeting.

- 10. CLOSED SESSION** – Commissioner Byrd moved to enter into Closed Session. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Byrd moved to go out of Closed Session. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held from 7:35 p.m. until 8:10 p.m.

No action was taken as a result of the Closed Session.

- 11. COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT** - None

- 12. BOARD COMMENTS** - None

- 13. CITIZEN & AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

A. Matters on the Printed Agenda

B. Matters not on the Printed Agenda

- 14. ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Saylor moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Keith Masters, Chairman

Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman

Phil Byrd, Member

Mike Hensley, Member

Jim Saylor, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board

