

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**APRIL 2, 2007**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MITCHELL COUNTY**

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the Courtroom, Mitchell County Courthouse, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were; Lisa Sparks, Vice-Chairman; Mike Hensley, Member; Patrick Phillips, Member; Jim Saylor, Member; Phil Byrd, Chairman was not present at the meeting, but participated by phone; Phil Castro, Interim County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were Hal Harrison, County Attorney; Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; Donny Wisor, Reporter with the Mitchell News-Journal and Steve Murphy, Reporter with WKYK/WTOE Radio Station.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Vice- Chairman Sparks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Hensley gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Hensley moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** -None
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS**
  - A. **NC DOT Secondary Road Hearing 2007-2008** – Vice-Chairman Sparks called the NC DOT Secondary Road Hearing to order at 5:03 p.m. Mr. Ed Greene stated the public hearing was being held in compliance with General Statute 136-44.8. A copy of the proposed estimated Secondary Road Improvement funds for Mitchell County for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

No public comments were received.

Vice-Chairman Sparks closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.
7. **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES**
  - A. **NC DOT Secondary Road Improvement Resolution** – Commissioner Hensley moved to adopt the NC DOT Secondary Road Improvement Resolution (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- B. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation** – Commissioner Saylor moved to adopt the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- C. Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007** – Commissioner Phillips moved to approve Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. Workforce Development Professionals Month Resolution** – Commissioner Hensley moved to adopt the Workforce Development Professionals Month Resolution (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **8. APPOINTMENTS**

- A. Mayland Community College Board of Trustees** – Commissioner Hensley moved to appoint Don Baucom to the Mayland Community College Board of Trustees. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. CJPP Term Limits** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the CJPP Term Limits (a copy of the CJPP term limits are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- C. E-911 Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Saylor moved to table this item until the meeting in May. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **9. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Presentation from Dr. Garry Cooper** – A copy of Dr. Cooper is attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Ron McKinney spoke in favor of land use planning.

Mignon Durham spoke in favor of Dr. Cooper's presentation

## **11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Office Space allocation for Revaluation** – Commissioner Saylor moved to move the Revaluation, Tax Assessor, Mapping and the Tax Collector to the bank building. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. General Fund Certificate of Deposit** – Finance Officer Parsley informed the Board that she had renewed the General Fund Certificate of Deposit for sixty days.
- C. US Cellular Contract** – Commissioner Hensley moved to terminate the US Cellular Contract and to let them know the Board was open to renegotiate the contract and for all future contracts to go through the County Manager and the County Attorney. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. Parkway Fire & Rescue Contract** – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Parkway Fire & Rescue Contract (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- E. Spruce Pine Fire & Rescue Contract** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the Spruce Pine Fire and Rescue Contract (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- F. Comprehensive Classification and Pay Study** – Commissioner Phillips moved to hire the MAPS Group to do a comprehensive classification and pay study. Chairman Byrd seconded the motion and it carried 3 to 2. Commissioners Hensley and Saylor opposed the motion.
- G. Agreement with Franceschi Architects, PLLC** – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Agreement with Franceschi Architects (a

copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- H. Bid on Shoot Out Mountain Property** – Commissioner Saylor moved to accept the bid of \$300 from Tom Jobin on lot B167 on Big Ridge Road in Shoot Out Mountain. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**12. RELEASES/REFUNDS**

- A. Releases/Refunds for Board Approval** – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Releases/Refunds for Board Approval (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes).
- B. Releases/Refunds for County Manager Approval** – A copy of the Releases/Refunds for County Manager Approval are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

**13. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- A. Tri-County Board Meeting on May 1, 2007** – There will be a Tri-County Board meeting with Mayland Community College on May 1, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.
- B. Plat & Subdivision Law in North Carolina on April 26, 2007** – Please advise Clerk to the Board Young of any Board members planning on attending this meeting;
- C. Finance Office** – We will be hiring a temporary employee to help out in the Finance Office.
- D. Contract with GDS** – Yancey County Manager Michelle Lawhern has entered into a contract with GDS.

**14. BOARD COMMENTS**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Phil Byrd, Chairman

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Lisa Sparks, Vice-Chairman

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Mike Hensley, Member

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Patrick Phillips, Member

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Jim Saylor, Member

ATTEST:

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Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board

