

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 3, 2011

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were: Marvin Miller, Chairman; Lee Roy Ledford, Vice-Chairman; Ken Hollifield, Member; Bill Slagle, Member; Joe Street, Member; Charles Vines, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were Hal Harrison, County Attorney, Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; David Grindstaff, Reporter with the Avery Journal and Corey Hoilman, Reporter with the Mitchell-News Journal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Slagle gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** - None
4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Slagle moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Ledford moved to approve the December 6, 2010 Minutes. Commissioner Slagle seconded the motion and it Carried unanimously.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - A lady questioned the Board's time limit of three minutes per person for public comments.

Mr. Tim Clark discussed Mitchell County Transportation's policy and procedure for medical trips during inclement weather. Mr. Clark also expressed his concern with two ambulances being at the same location during meal breaks.

Mr. Jack Lorden discussed the bridges that were going to be replaced in Mitchell County and the financial burden this would place on the citizens of Mitchell County.

7. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. NC Department of Transportation Update on the 19E Project – Mr. Rick Tipton stated there were two current projects on the 19E project. He said the Madison – Yancey project to Jack's Creek was slated to be completed in 2012 and was well on schedule. The second project is from Jack's Creek to Micaville. The right of way is scheduled to begin in May of this year with the purchasing of the right of way to be begin in January 2012 and the start of construction in 2014. Mr. Tipton explained the total project was funded depending on budget cuts, but the funding for the right of ways is budgeted. He stated the State had a commitment to the project because of it being a strategic corridor. Mr. Tipton stated that most

of the environmental paper work had been completed on this project and he felt very good about the project.

Commissioner Slagle stated the completion of this project is the lifeline for economic development for Mitchell County. He said he would appreciate getting regular updates on this project.

- B. Mitchell High School One to One Initiative** – Kim Hodson updated the Board on the Mitchell High School One to One Initiative and their application to Golden Leaf (a copy of the power-point presentation is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachment A).
- C. Presentation to Retired Sheriff Ken Fox** – The Board presented a clock to Ken Fox for his years of service to the citizens of Mitchell County.

8. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Boards and Committee Appointments** – Attached you will the list of Boards and Committee Appointments. (Attachment B)

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with Other Law Enforcement Agencies**
- B. Mutual Assistance Agreement**
- C. NC DOT Annual Statement to County Commissioners**
- D. 2011 Schedule of Meeting Dates**
- E. Releases for December**

Vice-Chairman Ledford moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (a copy of the Consent Agenda items are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes as Attachments C-G). Commissioner Slagle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 10. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT** – County Manager Vines stated the collection rate for December was 74.23%. He reminded the Board of their required ethics training and they had sixty days from December 7th to get this completed. County Manager Vines discussed the NACC Legislative Goals Meeting to be held on January 20 & 21 in Raleigh. By consensus of the Board, County Manager Vines will be Mitchell County's voting delegate.

- 11. BOARD COMMENTS** - None

- 12. ADJOURNMENT** – Vice-Chairman Ledford moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.