

January 4, 2010

The Washington County Board of Commissioner met in a regular session on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the County Commissioners room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC. Commissioners Corey, Johnson, Alexander, McCray, and Manning were present. Also present were County Manager David Peoples, Clerk to the Board Julie Bennett, Finance Officer Gayle Critcher, and Assistant County Manager / County Attorney Cheryl Young.

Chairperson Tracey Johnson called the meeting to order.

ADJOURN DECEMBER 7, 2009 MEETING: Commissioner Manning made a motion to adjourn the previous meeting. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting of December 7, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Corey gave the invocation; Commissioner Alexander led the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITIONS / DELETIONS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Manning made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows;

- a) Approval of Regular Session Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes from December 7, 2009.
- b) Tax Refunds & Releases and Insolvent Accounts
- c) Washington County Hospital, Inc. Adopting Resolution
- d) Resolution of Support for the Albemarle R&D Council, Inc.
- e) Resolution Supporting the Wood Fluff Conversion Project of Domtar Corporation
- f) Budget Amendment 91013
- g) Budget Amendment 91014

Commissioner McCray seconded, motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. wished the Commissioners a Happy New Year and said he hopes to see Washington County be a shining light in the State, not a dim bulb.

Mr. Russell Lee asked for an update on the airport.

WINDOWS ON THE WORLD UPDATE: David Peoples gave an update on Windows on the World. The closing for Windows on the World was 12/22/09. The final acquisition price was \$262,462.64 which included title insurance and recording costs. All debts were satisfied and the county now owns property. The locks been changed and the utilities have been turned over to the county. Future utilization of the building has not

been decided. The Farm Service Agency may be interested in renting it, but we are still checking on it. Mr. Peoples is meeting w/ Supt. Farrelly and will discuss the county government's relationship with the school system and they may have interest in utilizing that facility. Mr. Peoples will explore potential economic development opportunities and report back to the Board.

PRESENTATION OF MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS (Construction Projects for FY2010-11): David Peoples gave a presentation of Major Capital Projects: Plymouth Municipal Airport, Washington County Commerce Center, and Washington County Services Center. He gave an overview of each project with estimated costs and timetables.

FY 2011-15 PLYMOUTH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN: David Peoples gave an update on the Plymouth Municipal Airport Transportation Plan. He will make a presentation to the Department of Aviation on Thursday, January 7. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the Plymouth Municipal Airport Transportation Improvement Plan as presented. Commissioner Corey seconded, motion carried unanimously.

BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Senior Center Advisory Board –Ms. Cynthia Perry-Coleman furnished the Board with names of people to appoint to their Board.

Commissioner Corey made a motion to accept the names submitted by Ms. Cynthia Perry-Coleman for the Senior Center Advisory Board. Commissioner McCray seconded, motion carried unanimously.

BMB Shelter Home Board– Mr. Justin Fender has resigned from the BMB Shelter Home Board of Directors. We contacted Mr. Al Whitley, Juvenile Court Counselor, to see if he would like to be on this Board again. He did not indicate that he would like to be on this Board again. (This item was tabled at the last meeting.)

Commissioner Corey motioned to table this appointment again until someone in the ministry can be contacted to see if they would like to serve on the BMB Shelter Home Board. Commissioner Alexander seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Deputy Brian Hardison's term on the BMB Shelter Home Board expires on January 1, 2010. Commissioner Corey made a motion to appoint Deputy Kevin Miller to the BMB Shelter Home Board. Commissioner Manning seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Plymouth Planning Board– Rick West's term on Plymouth Planning Board expires on January 1, 2010.

Commissioner Manning made a motion to table this appointment until a suitable replacement can be found. Commissioner Alexander seconded, motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: Gayle Critcher, Finance gave a presentation on Washington County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2009. Chris Burton, our auditor, will attend one of our future meetings and provide additional information related to the Report.

Ms. Critcher also mentioned that only 51 of the 100 counties do CAFRs. We did ours in-house and saved \$3400.

Commissioner Corey commended Mr. Peoples and Ms. Critcher for all of the work they did in acquiring Windows on the World. . Commissioner Alexander stated that Ms. Critcher did an outstanding job putting budget information together.

Budget Amendment 91015 – Ms. Critcher reviewed the proposed budget amendment. Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 91015. Commissioner Manning seconded, motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS BY CHAIRPERSON, COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY MANAGER, CLERK, ETC.:

Mr. Peoples referenced a letter that was in the agenda packets for the Board to look at regarding the DOT designating US 64 from US 13/17 in Martin County, passing through Washington County, to NC 94 for use by trucks with twin trailers. Mr. Peoples does not have any concerns with it and wanted to make sure the Commissioners felt the same.

Mr. Peoples also stated that the county had a premier year, despite the economy, and that Ms. Critcher and her staff played a large part in that. All departments controlled their expenditures which also contributed to our cost saving efforts. Ms. Critcher's report reflects that.

Commissioner Manning stated that he has been receiving calls regarding the Railroad Bed Road (from Roper to 99) and how a bad a shape it is in. Mr. Peoples suggested that he call Derek Lee at DOT, but Commissioner Manning stated he had spoken with someone in the DOT office and that road is not on any list to be fixed and that it would cost \$2.4M to fix it correctly. Commissioner Manning said he might bring it up at the Albemarle Commission meeting to see if they could help find funding

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner McCray made a motion to go into closed session according to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4). Commissioner Corey seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Alexander made a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Corey seconded, motion carried.

With no actions resulting from the Closed Session, Commissioner McCray made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Manning seconded, motion carried.

Tracey A. Johnson
Chairperson

Julie J. Bennett
Clerk to the Board