

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 20, 2008 – 7:00 PM
J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM
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Present: Arnold S. Chamberlain, Chairman
Chad Mitchell, Vice-Chairman
Jon Barber, Member
Tina Hall, Member
Jim Sides, Member

County Manager Gary Page, Clerk to the Board Carolyn Athey, County Attorney Jay Dees and Finance Director Leslie Heidrick were present.

Chairman Chamberlain convened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Hall provided the Invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Commissioner Mitchell moved to add two (2) budget amendments to the budget amendments as outlined in the memorandum from Leonard Wood, Health Director. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Chairman Chamberlain said the two (2) budget amendments would be added to agenda item #11 (Consider Approval of Budget Amendments).

- Commissioner Barber moved to add two (2) items to the Consent Agenda: 1) Approval of a grant for 4H Shooting Sports Club, and 2) Approval of a \$500,000 grant from the COPS Program working with Rowan-Salisbury

Schools. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sides and carried unanimously.

Chairman Chamberlain added the items to the Consent Agenda as items C and D.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

Chairman Chamberlain moved to pull item #6 (Presentation of Proposed Land Use Plan) from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and carried unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- A. Approval to Increase Engineering Fees for RDH Waterline Extension
- B. Set Public Hearing for November 3, 2008 for DSS Facility Financing
- C. Approval of a Grant for 4H Shooting Club (Addition to Consent Agenda)
- D. Approval of \$500,000 Grant from the COPS Program for Rowan-Salisbury Schools (Addition to Consent Agenda)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Chamberlain opened the Public Comment Period to entertain comments from any citizens wishing to address the Board. The following individuals came forward:

- Adele Goodman of the Corriher Grange community in western Rowan County addressed the proposed Land Use Plan (LUP). Ms. Goodman questioned Jeff Morris' eligibility to serve on the Steering Committee. Ms. Goodman said Mr. Morris was a resident of Spencer. Ms. Goodman said Mr. Morris' family did own land in the study area. Ms. Goodman said the Planning Board had completely changed the Steering Committee's recommendations for the LUP. Ms. Goodman asked the Board to consider the Steering Committee's version of the LUP for approval.
- Rose LaCasse of western Rowan County said she had closely watched the land use process from the beginning. Ms. LaCasse said the people who generally served on the Steering Committee were people that knew the area and their neighbors. Ms. LaCasse said the Steering Committee had presented a document with new ideas that might seem controversial or out of balance for what was ordinarily done in the County. Ms. LaCasse said she knew the Board was capable looking at a new proposal

and new possibilities. Ms. LaCasse asked the Board to try the LUP and give it a chance.

- James Rollans of the Mount Ulla community said he believed the recommendations submitted by the LUP Steering Committee to the Planning Board were a sufficient starting point for land use planning. Mr. Rollans said the Steering Committee's recommendations considered most of the issues and problems that would impact the quality of life and also offered reasonable solutions. Mr. Rollans said public input was actively solicited and incorporated into those recommendations. Mr. Rollans said the three (3) issues considered to be most important were, 1) can you manage growth; 2) how can you preserve the rural character and the farmland; and 3) how to guarantee respect for individual property rights of all Rowan County citizens. Mr. Rollans said the recommendations incorporated all the issues he had stated into one document and the Steering Committee felt the recommendations were a reasonable, compassionate and fair approach to managing growth. Mr. Rollans felt the proposed amendments from the Planning Board were possibly due to a misunderstanding and a reliance on the virtues of the market forces.
- Robert Harrison of the Mount Ulla community referred to the upcoming quasi-judicial public hearing for CUP 07-07 and said he might also provide the Board with testimony during the hearing. Mr. Harrison said he had met with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding site distance for the proposed subdivision. Mr. Harrison discussed the inadequate site distance for proposed development and he reported that Chris Corriher of the DOT said a turn lane would be required. Mr. Harrison asked the Board to take the information he had mentioned into consideration.
- Frank Westmoreland of Davidson County said he had recently gone on a guided tour of Dunn's Mountain Park. Mr. Westmoreland described the views from the park as spectacular. Mr. Westmoreland said he had actually been able to see, without binoculars, Grandfather and Buffalo Mountains. Mr. Westmoreland continued to discuss the visibility from the park and also showed photographs he had taken of the views.
- Mayor Pro-tem Blair Lyseski from the Town of China Grove sought the Board's support of agenda item #8 (Presentation Regarding Project Cornmeal and Request for County Assistance). Mr. Lyseski said the China Grove Board had already scheduled a public hearing in anticipation of the County's participation. Mr. Lyseski said the project would install much needed infrastructure and he expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for their consideration of the project.
- Marian Rollans discussed the proposed LUP and said cuts to the document by the Planning Board took out much of the protection against unfettered growth. Ms. Rollans asked the Commissioners to study the issue before adopting a revision. Ms. Rollans felt the Steering Committee's recommendations were more balanced for the benefit of all citizens in the south and west areas of Rowan County.

With no one else wishing to address the Board, Chairman Chamberlain closed the Public Comment Period.

3. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR CUP 07-07 FOR REQUEST FROM PLANTATION RIDGE PARTNERSHIP

Chairman Chamberlain read the Chairman's Speech (Exhibit A) and declared the public hearing for CUP 07-07 to be in session. Chairman Chamberlain said the hearing would focus on an application submitted by Plantation Ridge Partnership for their property located between the 6600-7500 block of Mooresville Road. The purpose of the request was to allow a 147-lot single family residential conservation subdivision on Tax Parcel 210-016.

The Clerk swore in those wishing to provide testimony in the case.

Planner Andy Goodall presented the Staff Report (Exhibit B) and also provided a power point presentation (Exhibit C). Mr. Goodall recalled that in March of this year, Plantation Ridge Partnership proposed a 170-lot conservation (cluster) subdivision. Mr. Goodall said the issue had been tabled in March for a decision in April, and was ultimately sent back to Staff to work with the developer on issues that had been raised during the public hearing.

Using the power point presentation (Exhibit C), Mr. Goodall showed a map of the site and the surrounding area, including several subdivisions. Mr. Goodall also showed a plat of the original concept for 170-single family lots. Mr. Goodall said the new proposal created 147 single-family lots and was designed to limit the development to 105 acres, 92 acres of open space, providing a density of just over 54,000 square feet per lot.

Mr. Goodall continued with the power point presentation (Exhibit C) and pointed out along NC Hwy 150 where the DOT had already permitted the connection. Mr. Goodall said right and left turn lanes would be required. Mr. Goodall said the turn lanes had not yet been designed; however, they would be before any development could occur. Mr. Goodall also pointed out the property lines and where the entrance would be located.

Mr. Goodall said the Residential Clustering Criteria contained in the Staff Report (Exhibit B) had been met in March.

Mr. Goodall highlighted portions of the Conditional Use Criteria listed in the Staff Report (Exhibit B). Mr. Goodall said adequate transportation access to the site exists. Mr. Goodall said the DOT had approved the connection with the requirement of the left and right turn lanes. Mr. Goodall said the character of the area was primarily single-family residential, agricultural and woodlands. Mr. Goodall said the proposed development would add to the residential base and would also preserve a great deal of woodlands and some grasslands.

Mr. Goodall said the Subdivision Review Committee and the Planning Board had looked at a completely different plan and had approved the original plan. Mr. Goodall said with all the work that Plantation Ridge had put into the proposal with Staff, DOT and environmental health officials, Staff recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Goodall said the Checklist for Review of Conditional use Permits was included in the Staff Report (Exhibit B).

Chairman Chamberlain inquired as to whether the petitioner would like to address the Board and Mr. Isenhour responded no from the audience.

Chairman Chamberlain opened the floor to receive testimony from those who had been sworn in.

Robert Harrison of the Mount Ulla community said he had no financial interest in the case. Mr. Harrison said he was a retired law enforcement officer and lived approximately one (1) mile beyond the proposed development. Mr. Harrison said he traveled the road several times per week and he was concerned over the safety issue surrounding the development. Mr. Harrison discussed accident data for the area of the proposed development, as well as data for east and west of the area. Mr. Harrison said the Highway Patrol had placed a speed trailer at the area and he reviewed the details from the report. Mr. Harrison said of 10,323 vehicles, 5,160 cars were going less than 53 mph; 5,160 were going more than 53 mph and 3,378 were over 55 mph. Mr. Harrison said based on the information, he respectfully asked that the Board delay a decision until the DOT could provide concrete data. Mr. Harrison said when the Board had tabled the issue in April he had misunderstood and thought the application would be tabled for a year. Mr. Harrison again asked the Board to consider delaying its decision based on safety concerns. Mr. Harrison also suggested the Board implement a moratorium on future developments until a land use plan was finalized or until more accurate information could be received.

With no one else being sworn to provide testimony in the case, Chairman Chamberlain closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Mitchell said based on the evidence in the agenda packets and the presentation by Staff, he was willing to make the following motions:

1. The development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not materially endanger the public health or safety.

FACT: North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has concluded that the proposed driveway connection has adequate site distance and has approved the connection permit.

FACT: In order to facilitate adequate and safe access to the development, the developer (Plantation Ridge Partnership) will be required to construct left and right turn lanes on Mooresville Road.

FACT: As of 2006, this section of Mooresville Road between White and Briggs Road had a volume to capacity ratio of .57 (4,000 daily trips compared to a capacity of 7,000 trips). The proposed development may generate an additional 1,470 daily trips, increasing the VOC to .78.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

2. That the development of the property in accordance with the proposed conditions will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the development is a public necessity, and;

FACT: No material evidence has been presented that suggests this proposal would injure property values for adjoining lots.

FACT: Since a conditional use permit is only required for clustering in this district, approving this request should not injure adjoining property values any more than the current zoning.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and carried unanimously.

3. That the location and character of the development in accordance with proposed conditions will be in general harmony with the area in which it is located and in general conformity with any adopted county plans.

FACT: The proposed conservation development would increase the single-family residential base in the area, while also preserving 86.7 acres of woodlands and 5.3 acres of grassland (92.0 acres total).

FACT: The Rowan County Thoroughfare Plan and Report (2000) estimates that dwelling units in the traffic analysis zone (TAZ) in which the proposed cluster development is located will increase from 466 to 869 units between 1995 and 2025.

FACT: The developer proposes to use architectural elements that complement the surrounding area as well as heavily restrict outside elevations to ensure as little visual impact as possible.

FACT: The addition of the perimeter buffer along the northern property line and the wooded un-developed areas should ensure a visual separation from adjoining uses.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mitchell moved approval of CUP 07-07 based on the restrictions indicated in the agenda packet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and carried unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY USE PERMIT APPLICATION
01-08 FROM HAZEL HOLDER PALMER ESTATE**

Senior Planner Shane Stewart provided a power point presentation and reviewed the background regarding the request for Temporary Use Permit Application (TEMP) 01-08 from applicant HS&E, Inc. Mr. Stewart said the Board approved TEMP 01-06 two (2) years ago for the use of an on-site remediation trailer to clean up contamination leaks from the underground storage tanks of a former gas station.

Mr. Stewart said the remediation trailer was required by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as part of the corrective action plan but he said as part of the process, the Commissioners could add fair and reasonable conditions.

Mr. Stewart said since the last hearing on the request, seven (7) of the thirteen (13) monitoring wells had reported significantly lower concentrations of the contaminants. Mr. Stewart said it would likely take years of additional time to clean up the contamination.

Using the power point presentation, Mr. Stewart pointed out the existing trailer, berm, and adjoining property lines for property owner Ricky Morgan.

Mr. Stewart said when the request was approved two (2) years ago the impacts associated with the approval were unknown at the time. Mr. Stewart said Mr. Morgan had concerns with the noise levels. Mr. Stewart referred to page 2 of the Staff Report and pointed out the decibel readings from several different areas on the property. Mr. Stewart said the highest reading was 66 decibels and the ordinance did have a cap of 65 decibels for certain hours of the day.

Mr. Stewart said at the request of Mr. Morgan, DENR had agreed to only operate the trailer sixteen (16) hours per day to allow for some quiet time. Mr. Stewart said there had been some reduction of the sound since that time. Mr. Stewart said he did not feel it would be fair to require the sound to be further reduced since it did not exceed the County's Noise Ordinance. Mr. Stewart said it could be fair and reasonable to consider the residence as within the 200' separation standard and he suggested the Board consider additional screening on the common line to provide a visual separation and to muffle the sound. Mr. Stewart said Mr. Morgan had also posed concerns regarding the smell. Mr. Stewart

added that Mr. Morgan was in attendance. Mr. Stewart said the buffer might also limit the odor levels.

Mr. Stewart said the DENR was paying for the cleanup by reimbursing the responsible party. Mr. Stewart said DENR was unable to pay for anything that was unreasonable from a perspective that did not relate to their remediation. Mr. Stewart suggested that the Board allow Staff to work with DENR, adjoining property owners, and Superior Oil to arrive at reasonable recommendation that would not require a lot of money and would reduce the sound significantly.

Chairman Chamberlain opened the floor for comments from anyone wishing to address the Board on the subject.

Rick Morgan of 7575 Bringle Ferry Road said he had lived at this address since 1997 and had put a lot of time, effort and money into updating the property. Mr. Morgan said around 2001 there was on/off construction to get the remediation lines working. Mr. Morgan said the remediation trailer had been in operation since 2006 and had changed the neighborhood from being a quiet, rural country place to having to deal with a din of noise at an approximate 60 decibel range, seven (7) days per week. Mr. Morgan said the unit was turned off from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm in an effort to provide quiet time. Mr. Morgan said in addition to the noise, he was concerned about the odor and pollution. Mr. Morgan said the pollution was like smelling a diesel truck on the interstate and he estimated that 80% of the time the wind comes from the north blowing the odor towards his property. Mr. Morgan said he appreciated the nine (9) hours of quiet time but he said something had been said by one of the parties involved that if they were going to be forced to reduce the noise level, they would run the trailer 24/7. Mr. Morgan asked for the Board's consideration regarding the quality of life for those living around the remediation trailer. Mr. Morgan suggested that a combination of the berm, encapsulation of the trailer, a fence with sound proofing materials, a roof over the trailer and a charcoal filter on the exhaust might help address the concerns. Mr. Morgan asked for any help the Board could offer.

Steve Jarrett of Superior Oil Company said the company was the one operating the site. Mr. Jarrett said the property did not belong to the company; however, through the Attorney General's Office, the company had accepted responsibility. Mr. Jarrett said he agreed with Mr. Morgan and that he would not want the trailer in his back yard either. Mr. Jarrett said the investment for the remediation trailer alone was \$100,000 and some of the funds were reimbursed from the State. Mr. Jarrett said the company had to wait approximately four (4) to five (5) months to get reimbursed and the reimbursement was not 100% of what was submitted. Mr. Jarrett said the company had done what had been required by the State and anything else must be approved by DENR for reimbursement. Mr. Jarrett said he could not afford to put much more money into the site. Mr. Jarrett said he had talked with Staff regarding ideas to propose to DENR for its participation. Mr. Jarrett said he would be glad to work with the Board and Planning Staff to

remediate the situation. Mr. Jarrett said he was limited financially to what he could do.

Commissioner Sides asked if the issue could be deferred to the next meeting and Mr. Stewart responded yes. Commissioner Sides said he would like to visit the property and see the unit in operation.

Commissioner Mitchell recommended that during the next two (2) weeks, Staff come up with a potential list of recommendations that would be acceptable to the State and to the responsible party. Commissioner Mitchell said quiet time for the Morgan's was appropriate and that he did not want to see the Morgan's penalized for seeking the Board's assistance.

Commissioner Sides moved to delay the issue to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall and passed unanimously.

Mr. Jarrett invited the Board to visit the site and said he would also invite DENR Staff and a geologist to be present. Mr. Jarrett said the visit could be coordinated through Mr. Stewart.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SNIA 03-08

Senior Planner Shane Stewart presented the request for SNIA 03-08. Mr. Stewart said the applicant, Premier Builders, had submitted the request for property owned by Carol Eddleman located in the 100 block of South Enochville Avenue. Mr. Stewart said the applicant proposed to develop two (2) acres and construct a 9100 square foot metal building in the Coddle Creek watershed.

Staff recommended approval of the permit request based on the accompanying site plan.

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the vote to approve SNIA 03-08 passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN

This item was deleted from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION OF WORK FIRST BIENNIAL PLAN FOR 2009-2011

Nancy Brandt, Service Support Program Administrator for the Department of Social Services (DSS), presented the Work First Biennial Plan for 2009-2011. Ms. Brandt said in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 108A-27, county Work First Block Grant plans are revised every two (2) years to reflect changes in county conditions and in services available to Work First recipients to enable them to become self-sufficient. The revised plan would be effective October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

Ms. Brandt said the appointed planning committee and the Board of Social Services had approved the plan; she asked the Board to approve the Rowan County Work First Biennial Plan for 2009-2011.

Commissioner Sides moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote for approval of the Work First Block Grant Plan passed unanimously.

8. PRESENTATION REGARDING PROJECT CORNMEAL AND REQUEST FOR COUNTY ASSISTANCE

Economic Development Director Robert Van Geons discussed "Project Cornmeal". Mr. Van Geons provided a power point presentation and said the company involved was Altec Industries. Mr. Van Geons said the company had been in business over 75 years and was based in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Van Geons said the company specialized in manufacturing aerial devices and specialty equipment and served the electric utility, telecommunications and street repair industries.

Mr. Van Geons said the company was proposing a new service utility composed of approximately 15,000 square feet of new buildings and would be investing over \$2,000,000 in real and personal property. Mr. Van Geons said the project would create 15 new jobs paying at an average of \$41,000 per year. Mr. Van Geons said the service center would be zoned light industrial and there would be no significant impacts regarding noise, traffic, or air quality concerns.

Mr. Van Geons said the proposed site adjacent to the town limits of China Grove had adequate road, water and natural gas infrastructure in place; however, the company required public sanitary sewer in order to operate. Mr. Van Geons said there was an existing pump station adjacent to Interstate 85 and was approximately 3700 feet from the proposed site. The cost to extend the infrastructure to the site would be approximately \$340,000.

Mr. Van Geons said the project was eligible to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, which if approved, would provide 75% of the funding necessary to extend an 8" sewer line to the site. Mr. Van Geons said the company would be required to create fifteen (15) new jobs at above average wages to secure the grant and would have to pay a prorated reimbursement if they did not succeed in creating the jobs. Mr. Van Geons said a 25% local match equaling \$85,000 was also required.

Mr. Van Geons said the EDC was respectfully requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider funding one-half of the required match for a total of \$42,500 with the Town of China Grove paying the other half. Mr. Van Geons showed a map of the proposed project and said it would be nearly impossible for the Town of China Grove to fund the project alone.

Mr. Van Geons said all grant funds would be invested in public infrastructure which would also be beneficial for the development of 200+ acres of land across NC Highway 152 with direct frontage on Interstate 85. Mr. Van Geons said the company had the parcel under option.

Mr. Van Geons said the next step would be to schedule two (2) public hearings in order to meet the requirements to notify the public.

Mr. Van Geons said the Town of China Grove and the company would be the applicants for the CDBG grant and the County would not be directly engaged, other than providing assistance directly to the Town of China Grove.

Commissioner Sides said he liked projects where money was put into infrastructure and projects where jobs would be created. Commissioner Sides said he was in favor of the County participating in the project but would request the Town of China Grove agree to not forcibly annex anyone in the area where the infrastructure would be installed for five (5) years.

Bill Pless, China Grove Town Manager, spoke from the audience, saying he would make sure the information was provided to the Town Council as the project moved forward.

Commissioner Sides moved to approve the \$42,500 for the project for installing infrastructure with the caveat that the Town of China Grove agrees that they will not forcibly annex anyone in the area where infrastructure is installed. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion.

Commissioner Barber asked if the company anticipated any expansion in the future. Mr. Van Geons said the company was optimistic for the future and the selected site provided for growth if needed.

In response to Commissioner Barber, Mr. Van Geons said the company had found the site on the Charlotte Regional Partnership real estate database website.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR NEW CML 9-1-1 PHONE SWITCH

Telecommunications Director Rob Robinson discussed the bids for a new CML 9-1-1 Phone Switch. The bid proposal was sent to four (4) different vendors (AT&T, Embarq, Windstream and Wireless Communications) to provide a replacement E-911 Telephone System for the current Positron Switch. All but one vendor (Wireless Communications) responded to the proposal. Mr. Robinson said the lowest bidder for the project was Embarq, also known as Sprint.

Mr. Robinson said the City of Salisbury would need to upgrade its 9-1-1 system in the next few years. Mr. Robinson said the proposed system for the County was expandable and if purchased, it would provide the growth potential to offer to the City to allow them to add additional answering points at their location without purchasing a separate switch.

Mr. Robinson said all vendors were required to propose two types of maintenance, listed as Tier 1 and Tier 2 on the proposal in the agenda packets.

Mr. Robinson said he was recommending the Board award the bid to Embarq for \$287,518.59 to include the first year maintenance, all training applications and spare equipment on site for repairs.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how many answering positions were currently used and Mr. Robinson said five (5) Telecommunicators were used 24 hours a day and more were used if needed, such as in severe storms or other situations.

In response to Commissioner Mitchell, Mr. Robinson said when the system fails, the City of Salisbury has to respond and when their lines are busy Iredell County picks up the calls.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if the current system used VOIP and Mr. Robinson responded no.

Commissioner Mitchell asked if VOIP was more susceptible to hacker attacks. Mr. Robinson said the IP address would be on the internal network and not exposed to the "outside environment world of the internet". Mr. Robinson said the VOIP technology would provide the County the "next generation of 9-1-1" technology, which would allow people to text 9-1-1 calls or send videos by cell phones in the future.

Commissioner Barber moved approval of the bid for the new CML 9-1-1 Phone Switch. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how much under budget the bids were. Mr. Robinson replied \$350,000 was budgeted and overall the savings could be between \$300,000 and \$400,000 over the next five (5) years.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO CONVEY PROPERTY TO TOWN OF EAST SPENCER

Commissioner Sides said the request to convey property located at 504 North Long Street had been on a previous agenda and the Board had voted to remove the issue from the agenda.

The County and the Town of East Spencer each own one-half of the property.

Commissioner Sides moved to authorize the County Manager to determine the fair market value of the property and to make an offer to the Town of East Spencer to convey the property to them for one-half of the fair market value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Finance Director Leslie Heidrick presented the following budget amendments for the Board's consideration:

- Parks – To budget funds for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Grant - \$150,000
- Emergency Services – To budget two (2) grants received by EMS for training. The Vocational Training Exercise Program Grant is for \$7,594.05 and the National Incident Management System Grant is for \$8,490.20
- Health Department – To recognize reserved funds from FY 2008 - \$36,515
- Health Department – Decrease in State funding for Healthy Carolinians for FY 2008-09 - \$9,273
- Health Department – Request that part of the \$48,000 General Aid to County funds be used to increase a PTB Interpreter position 85% to 100% FTE - \$13,639
- Library – The Library was selected to receive the LSTA Basic Equipment Grant to purchase eight (8) computers and computer furniture for the East Branch Library. The grant is a reimbursement type grant - \$17,030
- Finance – Rowan Salisbury School System requested to use Public School Building Capital Fund monies rather than restricted sales tax funds for repayment of the FY 2009 principal debt service on the 1993 bonds - \$2,360,000
- Finance – To budget Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program funds the County will receive from the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division - \$15,000

The following two (2) budget amendments were additions to the agenda:

- Health Department – To budget increase of additional WIC funds from October 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. The funds will be used to hire an additional Office Assistant IV - \$28,254
- Health Department – To budget increase of additional General Aid-to-County funds in the amount of \$48,000. The funds will be used to increase a current part-time benefited interpreter from 60% to 100% (\$13,639); to pay for cost increases for two (2) grant positions (Health Risk Coordinator \$7,306 and Health Check Coordinator \$3,706); the remaining \$23,349 will be used for contract line item support services for state mandated programs.

Commissioner Mitchell referred to the budget amendments that were added for the Health Department and he clarified that if the State funds were eliminated in the future, the positions would revert back to their previous status.

Commissioner Sides moved approval of the budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and carried unanimously.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Barber moved to adjourn at 8:31 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey
Clerk to the Board