

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 6, 2009 – 4:00 PM

J. NEWTON COHEN, SR. ROOM

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Present: Carl Ford, Chairman
Jon Barber, Vice-Chairman
Raymond Coltrain, Member
Tina Hall, Member
Chad Mitchell, Member

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

Chairman Ford convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 Commission Meeting passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Ford moved to add a discussion by Sandra Wilkes, Department of Social Services (DSS) Director, regarding DSS state reversions for child daycare. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

CONSIDER DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

- Commissioner Coltrain asked to share several comments before he moved to delete an item from the agenda.

Commissioner Coltrain discussed how he performed his service as a Commissioner. Commissioner Coltrain described himself as an "issue-oriented person" and said he made decisions based on available information. Commissioner Coltrain said he did not visit with his fellow

Commissioners individually to determine how they felt on specific issues before he placed those issues on the agenda. Commissioner Coltrain said his fellow Commissioners also did not visit with him before placing items on the agenda. Commissioner Coltrain said the Commissioners were responsible for bringing topics to the full Board for discussion. Commissioner Coltrain said board members could not evaluate the merits of having an item on the agenda before it was discussed, as all information was not available, and additional information might arise during discussions. Commissioner Coltrain said he understood the Board was to discuss issues that affected the lives of citizens and make appropriate decisions during the meetings and not beforehand.

Commissioner Coltrain moved to delete agenda item #10 (Discussion Regarding Proposed Text Amendment to Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance) as requested by the Board of Directors of Rowan Museum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

- Chairman Ford moved to delete agenda item #6 (Public Hearing for Proposed Change to Current Address of 2100 Clark Road). Commissioner Mitchell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of Second Amendment to the Rowan County Pre-Tax Premium Plan
- B. Approval for Rowan County Sheriff's Department to Apply for FY 2009 COPS Hiring Recovery Program
- C. Approval for Rowan County Sheriff's Department to Submit Joint Application with City of Salisbury for FY 2009 Local Justice Assistance Grant
- D. Approval of Proposed Rowan County Smile Center Fee Schedule for FY 2008-09
- E. Approval of Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (RCCC Classroom Construction)
- F. Approval of Application for Continuation of Implementation Funding for Criminal Justice Partnership Program for FY 2009-2010
- G. Set Public Hearing for May 4, 2009 for Adoption of Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

H. Approval of Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645 to Amend Annexation Laws to Require Meaningful Services and Meaningful Oversight

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL 494 AND HOUSE BILL 645
TO AMEND THE ANNEXATION LAWS TO REQUIRE MEANINGFUL SERVICES AND
MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes allow municipalities to annex properties through a process commonly referred to as “forced annexation”; and

WHEREAS, the residents under consideration for forced annexation must face a local government action for which they have no vote or elected representation; and

WHEREAS, a Joint Legislative Study Commission on Municipal Annexation has reviewed North Carolina’s current annexation laws and recommended that the laws be substantially changed; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645 provide comprehensive reform through stricter standards and offer citizens affected by annexation the meaningful oversight, meaningful services, and meaningful voice expected from their government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners wholeheartedly supports Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645 in an effort to reform the out-dated 1959 annexation laws of North Carolina.

I. Approval of Proclamation for Relay for Life “Paint the County Purple” Day

Proclamation for Relay for Life
“Paint the County Purple” Day

WHEREAS, cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in death; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a voluntary community based health organization in the State dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem; and

WHEREAS, the RELAY FOR LIFE is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, the RELAY FOR LIFE is a community affair held throughout the State of North Carolina which presents an opportunity to dust off our camping gear, slip on our walking shoes and network with business associates, family and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 1, 2009 as “PAINT THE COUNTY PURPLE” DAY throughout the County of Rowan, and urge citizens to recognize and participate in the Relay events held in their community.

J. Set Public Hearing for May 4, 2009 for Z 01-09 for Harry & Josephine Powers

Commissioner Coltrain asked to share comments regarding Consent Agenda item H (Approval of Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645 to Amend Annexation Laws to Require Meaningful Services and Meaningful Oversight). Commissioner Coltrain said the Resolution supported working towards needed improvements in annexation laws that had been in place for 50 years. Commissioner Coltrain expressed concern that the Commissioners could ultimately have a significant amount of control in the annexation process. Commissioner Coltrain said the text of the bill provided the citizens with the right to petition in favor of, or against annexation, and the Board of Commissioners would have to abide by the desire of the citizens. Commissioner Coltrain said legislation was also proposing to extend the time required for a municipality to provide the water/sewer services to the proposed annexed area from 2 years to 3 years. Commissioner Coltrain said he personally felt if an area was to be annexed, the municipality needed to have a contract ready to implement services the day the annexation became effective.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

- James Rollans from the Mount Ulla community spoke regarding the version of the land use plan (LUP) he felt was appropriate. Mr. Rollans recalled that the plan was to avoid bias; to be representative to the people that lived in the area, and responsive to input from the citizens. Mr. Rollans said the recommendation from the Planning Board did not meet the criteria he had just stated. Mr. Rollans provided the Board with a packet of information that he said included attempts to taint the process for the land use study. Mr. Rollans said the Planning Board's version of the LUP should not be the version the Commissioners considered; he asked the Commissioners to deliberate based on the original study presented by LUP Steering Committee.
- Marian Rollans from the Mount Ulla community shared thoughts from the American Planning Association on Ethical Principles in Planning. Ms. Rollans said the statement was a guide to ethical conduct for all who participate in the process of planning as advisors, advocates and decision makers. Ms. Rollans read from the guide and said those who practice planning must adhere to a special set of ethical requirements.
- Larry Wright, a Rowan County citizen, said forced annexation would be "hotly" debated in the General Assembly this year. Mr. Wright discussed Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645, which he said represented reform to current annexation laws. Mr. Wright encouraged everyone to contact their local legislators and senate leaders to inform them of support of Senate Bill 494 and House Bill 645. Mr. Wright provided a website from which he said additional information could be obtained. Mr. Wright also mentioned Rowan Museum and suggested that their lost revenues could be a result

of the changing economy and not because of the ban on alcohol. Mr. Wright asked the Board to keep the ban on alcohol intact pertaining to county-owned property.

- Rod Whedbee of Salisbury discussed the LUP and said both he and Mr. Rollans were in favor of farmland preservation; however, he said their differences were in how to go about preserving farmland. Mr. Whedbee said when considering a LUP, one land could not be favored over another. Mr. Whedbee said the County currently deferred approximately \$80 million in farm taxes and the County should not put the tax burden on one type of land owner. Mr. Whedbee said the Commissioners had a Planning Board, which had made recommendations to the Commissioners. Mr. Whedbee encouraged the Board to consider fairness when considering a LUP.

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

3. RECOGNITION OF SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Commissioner Hall, a member of the Salisbury High School (SHS) Class of 1969, said girls had not been allowed to have varsity sports when she was at SHS, as the Superintendent had felt it was “unladylike”. Commissioner Hall said girls had been allowed to participate in intramural sports and she displayed the letter she had earned for her participation. Commissioner Hall said SHS girls had played organized sports against county teams at the YMCA. Commissioner Hall said the county teams had allowed girls to have varsity sports while SHS did not. Commissioner Hall said girls’ athletics had come a long way and that she was proud of the accomplishments of the current SHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team and its recent state championship.

Chairman Ford read the last paragraph of the Proclamation, which honored the Salisbury High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team and Coaching Staff for its outstanding season and North Carolina 2A State Championship.

Chairman Ford presented the Coach and the players with the Proclamation. The presentation was followed by a standing ovation and a round of applause.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED SITE PLAN FOR Z 22-03 & CUP 10-04 AMENDMENT FOR BLANDY HARDWOODS

Senior Planner Shane Stewart recalled that on March 2, 2009 the Board conditionally approved an amendment to Z 22-03 and CUP 10-04 subject to review of the amended site plan based on the following conditions:

1. The Board will consider the revised site plan and surface location and type.
2. 80’ buffer around south property line. No encroachment or development except screening allowed in the buffer.

3. Obtain determination from NC DENR that the dry kilns are in compliance with air quality standards prior to construction.
4. Maintain existing trees on site, with the exception of those removed for building expansion and placement of dry kilns.
5. Obtain or provide a copy of a commercial driveway permit from NC DOT.
6. Combined decibel levels for the facility may not exceed 70 dba from 7am until 11pm and 65 dba from 11pm until 7am.
7. Planer to be enclosed by hood or similar noise reducing apparatus.
8. All necessary conditions and improvements completed prior to a final building inspection for any of the structural expansion to the facility.
9. Increase vesting period from two (2) years to five (5) years.

Mr. Stewart said the site plan indentified the proposed building improvements with respect to existing conditions based on the 2006 aerial imagery along with the proposed access surface location and type. Blandy Hardwoods proposed a 6" compacted ABC stone base with a 2" binder topped by 2" of asphalt that would extend from the entrance location along the kilns and t-shed to the rear of the existing warehouse approximately 25' wide. A 20' wide concrete pad would extend along the length of the kilns while the remaining area would consist of 6" of compacted crush and run gravel generally 50' around the buildings as shown in the site plan. In addition the 80' buffer location was identified along the south property line where all lumber stacks would be removed and maintained clear of development.

Staff recommended approval of the site plan as presented.

Commissioner Barber moved, Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the vote to approve the amended site plan for Z 22-03 passed unanimously.

Commissioner Barber moved approval of the amended site plan for CUP 10-04. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coltrain and passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER PE 01-09: REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO EXCEED NOISE STANDARDS FROM RELAY FOR LIFE

Senior Planner Shane Stewart reported that the 11th annual Rowan County Relay for Life event would be held on May 1-2, 2009 at the Rowan County Fairgrounds on Julian Road to benefit the American Cancer Society. Mr. Stewart said while the property was located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Salisbury, the county's noise ordinance governed unreasonable amplified sound for all areas of the county outside municipal limits.

Mr. Stewart said Staff recommended approval of the request based on compliance with the ten (1) criteria contained in Section 14.12(c) of the noise ordinance.

Commissioner Coltraine moved approval of PE 01-09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHANGE TO CURRENT ADDRESS OF 2100 CLARK ROAD – deleted from agenda

At the request of Planning Staff, this item was deleted from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

7. PRESENTATION FROM KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Jo Anne Byerly, Superintendent of Kannapolis City Schools (KCS), along with Will Crabtree, Director of Business Operations shared the value of KCS, discussed how funds from Rowan County were utilized and also discussed the 2009-10 budget request.

Dr. Byerly said there were 1,130 Rowan County students enrolled in KCS, which was 5.2% of Rowan County's enrollment population.

Dr. Byerly introduced Millie Hall in the audience, Vice-chair of the KCS Board of Education. Dr. Byerly reported that Ms. Hall had been a board member of KCS for 31 years.

Using a power point presentation, Dr. Byerly provided highlights regarding KCS, including its accreditation last year as an outstanding school district in the southern association. Dr. Byerly discussed the school system's innovation and partnerships in Kannapolis and she highlighted additional awards and grants received by KCS. Dr. Byerly said selecting the best staff was the key to excellence and she finished by inviting the Commissioners to visit KCS.

Mr. Crabtree provided the Board with a copy of the KCS budget request for the coming fiscal year and he also discussed the budget for the current year.

Commissioner Barber described the accomplishments of KCS as phenomenal and as a job well-done.

Commissioner Hall said she had been impressed during her visit of A.L. Brown High School and she said the classrooms and programs were outstanding, and the behavior of the students and appearance of the high school had been impressive. Commissioner Hall said she would like to visit to see what programs were offered for elementary and middle schools. Commissioner Hall congratulated Dr. Byerly for a job well-done.

Commissioner Coltraine praised Dr. Byerly for an excellent job. Commissioner Coltraine questioned the drop-out rate for KCS and Dr. Byerly said the rate was "like everyone else". Dr. Byerly expressed hope that the numbers would drop due to the Freshmen Academy.

Commissioner Mitchell said it was nice to be reminded that Rowan County had two (2) school systems, especially when the reminder came in the form of such great accomplishments.

Chairman Ford thanked Dr. Byerly and Mr. Crabtree for their presentation.

8. REPORT FROM CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Sandra Wilkes presented the annual report for the Rowan County Task Force for Child Abuse Prevention. Ms. Wilkes said the Task Force was formed in response to four (4) child fatalities that occurred in Rowan County in 1997 and was an effort to prevent future child abuse fatalities. Ms. Wilkes said the Task Force was committed to finding problems and solutions for all agencies to work together to report and investigate abuse and neglect.

Ms. Wilkes said the protocol document before the Board described how the agencies work together in making reports of abuse and neglect and also what role each would play in investigating those reports after abuse had occurred. Ms. Wilkes said the protocol had changed over the years to reflect better ways of addressing problems. Ms. Wilkes reported that when the Task Force met on March 30, 2009, three (3) revisions were approved to the protocol document for clarity, addition of a new form and for a new procedure.

Ms. Wilkes reported that last year DSS investigated 1,787 reports of child abuse and neglect. Ms. Wilkes said the most tragic was the death of a 9-month old child in May of 2008. Ms. Wilkes said the child was found by his mother on the sofa, not breathing, where he had been sleeping with his father. Ms. Wilkes said because the family was receiving services from DSS at the time of the child's death, the fatality was reviewed by the state division of Social Services. Ms. Wilkes said the public report revealed that the cause of the child's death was undetermined but yet DSS knew that the child had been subjected to risky behavior, including co-sleeping with his parents.

Ms. Wilkes said the Task Force had discussed positive issues from the past year, including:

- Open communication between agencies.
- April as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Awareness vigil on April 17
- Training on preventing child sexual abuse on April 24
- New initiative called New Tomorrows between Rowan Helping Ministries Shelter and Park Avenue United Methodist Church. Ms. Wilkes said the initiative would aid those living at Rowan Helping Ministries Shelter in learning life skills.
- The Task Force appointed a committee to address the use of tasers in the school system to ensure that children were not being put at risk when other interventions could be used.

- Another committee would soon be appointed by the Board of Social Services to address the issue of teens who are abusing prescription drugs. Ms. Wilkes said there were data bases available that doctors and pharmacists could check before prescriptions were written or filled to stop the inappropriate use of certain drugs.
- Procedures were being developed of steps to take when a child is missing.
- Representative coming from the Attorney General's Office on April 29 to provide training on child abuse reporting laws
- Community roundtable in June on safe sleeping and the risk of co-sleeping with an infant
- DSS will implement a plan to enhance in-house procedures to be monitored by DSS administration.

Ms. Wilkes said all agencies were working well together for the common cause of preventing child abuse and reacting appropriately when it did occur.

Commissioner Coltrain said it was good news to hear that the positives were outnumbering the negatives.

Chairman Ford stressed the importance of the roundtable scheduled for June.

Commissioner Barber expressed appreciation for the members of the Task Force.

Chairman Ford pointed out the plaque in the meeting room, which declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ADDITION

8a. UPDATE ON STATE REVERSION OF CHILD DAYCARE FUNDS

Department of Social Services (DSS) Director Sandra Wilkes provided the Board with an update regarding the loss of funds to DSS in the child daycare program. Ms. Wilkes said the DSS allocation from the Division of Child Development at the first of the fiscal year was \$4,500,000. Ms. Wilkes said the funds were used to help families pay for daycare. Ms. Wilkes said parents were assisted if they met an income guideline and also the parents must either be working or going to school. Ms. Wilkes said DSS served approximately 1,100 children each month with the funds and also issued daycare vouchers in amount of \$360,000 monthly.

Ms. Wilkes said in mid-February the Division of Child Development advised that counties must revert a portion of their daycare funds in order to help the state make up its revenue losses. Ms. Wilkes said Rowan County requested a waiver but was denied. Ms. Wilkes said in mid-February the allocation was decreased by \$169,447.

Ms. Wilkes explained that DSS only had enough funds to maintain the active recipients for the remainder of the year without adding any new children. Ms. Wilkes said a waiting list began on March 20, 2009 and as of today, there were 200 children on the waiting list. Ms. Wilkes expressed hope that those children could be served after May when the new funding authorization was received for the new fiscal year. Ms. Wilkes said all children on the waiting list under the age of 5 had been referred to Smart Start Rowan to determine if they could serve some of these children. Ms. Wilkes said DSS had received a letter from the state today, advising that \$60,000 would be returned to DSS.

9. THE ROLE OF AGRICULTURE IN LAND USE PLANNING

Commissioner Barber introduced Stephen Woodson, Associate General Counsel for the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and Chester Lowder, Chairman of the Stanly County Agriculture Board.

Commissioner Barber commented on the farm use program and the voluntary agricultural district program in Rowan County. Commissioner Barber said agriculture was the number one industry in the County and the State. Commissioner Barber said agriculture should be one of the County's competitive tools to attract industry. Commissioner Barber discussed what surrounding counties were doing in terms of preserving farms and agricultural requirements. Commissioner Barber said the current economic climate would affect food supply and measures should be taken to preserve the food supply.

Mr. Woodson provided several handouts to the Board. Mr. Woodson reported that between 1982 and 1992 North Carolina lost 295,000 acres of farmland and 300,000 acres from 2003 to 2006. Mr. Woodson said North Carolina was ranked number one in the country for lost farmland. Mr. Woodson said farmland was a benefit to Rowan County and an important economic engine to protect.

Mr. Woodson said farmland required very little in local services. Mr. Woodson referred to page 5 of the handout from American Farmland Trust and discussed the amount of services farmland required for every dollar paid to county taxes.

Mr. Woodson discussed the environmental benefits of farmland such as the filtering of pollutants and the aesthetics of the area.

Mr. Woodson said land was a farmer's biggest investment and farmers had an interest in protecting their land as well as the land around them to protect the farming community.

Mr. Woodson discussed the tools used for farmland preservation and talked about Rowan County's voluntary agriculture district, which began in 1990. Mr. Woodson said the program would be statewide in a few years. Mr. Woodson said the Farm Bureau viewed the program as a "good neighbor movement". Mr. Woodson highlighted the enhanced voluntary agriculture district requirements

that allowed farmers to gain more benefits. Mr. Woodson explained the farmland protection plan was another tool to help plan for farming infrastructure. Mr. Woodson said the farmland protection plan would lower the matching requirements for the agricultural development farmland preservation trust fund.

Mr. Woodson said present use value was the most important farmland preservation tool counties have.

Mr. Woodson discussed conservation easements, explaining that they could be used as a tool for protecting farmland.

Mr. Lowder briefly described the measures Stanly County had taken towards voluntary agricultural districts and farmland preservation.

Commissioner Coltrain said there was 8 ½ million acres of farmland in North Carolina and in 85 years there would be no land available in North Carolina to produce the food supply. Commissioner Coltrain said the Board should plan for the future. Commissioner Coltrain used Patterson Farms as an example to illustrate the amount of money farmers put into the economy.

Commissioner Hall asked how a countywide farmland protection plan compared to a land use plan. Mr. Woodson said the countywide farmland protection plan could be included in the land use plan as a planning tool. Mr. Woodson said the protection plan would identify farm resources, where they were located and the types of tools available to protect the land. Mr. Woodson said the protection plan could be a separate plan from the land use plan.

Commissioner Barber commented that Rowan County had several small family owned farms. Commissioner Barber said the small tracts were often rented out to farmers and present use value helped to preserve that land. Commissioner Barber said without the present use value many owners would have to sell the land because they were unable to pay the taxes.

Commissioner Coltrain added that approximately 90% of farmland was rented and 10% of farmers owned the land they worked on.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ORDINANCE

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

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

Commissioner Coltrain said he had learned that one department had missed the opportunity to submit a grant application due to the current process, which required grant applications to be approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Coltrain offered the following suggestions as an effort to possibly make the grant application process more efficient:

- If the grant requires no matching funds, allow the department director to proceed on their own and apply for the grant;
- If the grant requires some matching funds and if those funds are in the department's budget, allow the director to proceed with the application;
- If the grant requires matching funds, which are not in the department's budget and the County Manager has to make a budget transfer, the request should be presented to the Board in time to allow the application to be received as requested.

Commissioner Coltrain said he would expect the County Manager to provide a list of the grants that had been applied for on a monthly basis. Commissioner Coltrain felt the process would allow the department directors to have more latitude and be more productive.

Commissioner Mitchell said he normally supported allowing the County Manager to "manage"; however, he was of the opinion that the suggestions did not fit within the "that category". Commissioner Mitchell said he feared that department directors would become more involved in policies and some grant programs would take the county in a direction he would not agree with. Commissioner Mitchell said this was not an area in which he was comfortable to advocate authority back to the County Manager.

In response to a query from Commissioner Coltrain, Commissioner Mitchell provided an example on the type of program where a grant application might cause the County to take a direction in which there would be no choice. Commissioner Mitchell said he did not want such decisions being made at a level beneath the Board and the Board finding out about the decision later. Commissioner Mitchell said many grant programs related to policy and policy decisions were the responsibility of the Board. Commissioner Mitchell said he did not want the Board to be faced with having to debate something in the future that had been approved and of which the Board was unaware of. Commissioner Mitchell felt the current procedure for approving grant applications worked well and he said it was not an issue he was willing to give up the Board's authority.

Commissioner Hall preferred for the Board keep the current approval process in place to ensure Board support for all grants.

Chairman Ford agreed that he did not wish for the Board to be blindsided in the future and he said he would like to see the policy remain as is.

In response to a query from Commissioner Barber, Finance Director Leslie Heidrick said part of the reason the current process had evolved was to advise the Finance Department of all grants being processed. Ms. Heidrick added that all grants not budgeted came before the Board in the form of a budget amendment.

Commissioner Coltrain thanked the Board for the discussion.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

- Health – NC Healthy Start Foundation Grant award - \$3,000
- Sheriff's Office – Recognize revenue in Concealed Weapon Permit account and budget to the Concealed Weapon State Fees account - \$20,305
- Social Services – To budget a decrease in funds DSS was authorized to receive from the Division of Child Development for child care payments for low income families - \$222,112
- Social Services – To realign expenditures and revenues to cover anticipated need for Medicaid Transportation through the end of the fiscal year. Revenues are 50% federal for relatives transporting, and 64.6% federal, 32.74% state for non-relatives. DSS was not anticipating to use all of the requirements budgeted for Special Assistance payments for the aged. No additional county funds are required - \$18,074
- Social Services – To budget funds authorized to receive from Piedmont Natural Gas to assist low income families with their fuel bills - \$1,250
- Finance – To increase the fire department budget to allow for increased collections - \$34,320
- Finance – To budget additional revenue for Insurance Settlement Claims and Workers Comp Department Premium Charges and to appropriate Fund Balance to cover Claims Expense for remainder of fiscal year in Risk Management Fund - \$200,000

Commissioner Hall questioned the budget amendment regarding the insurance settlement claims. Ms. Heidrick said Fund 501 was the Risk Management Fund from which worker's compensation claims were paid, as well as property and professional liability claims and/or premiums. Ms. Heidrick said staff felt the additional funds were needed to get the County through the fiscal year. Ms. Heidrick said the County was seeing large claims come through this year.

Commissioner Coltrain questioned the nature of the claims. Ken Deal, Director of Administration said the claims involved approximately 14 individuals with back injuries, back surgeries, car accidents, an officer who had been shot, etc. Mr. Deal said the claims normally cost the County \$300,000-400,000 per year.

Commissioner Mitchell moved, Commissioner Barber seconded and the vote to approve the budget amendments as presented passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ELLIS CROSS COUNTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Ellis Cross Country Fire Department requested the appointment of three (3) Fire Commissioners. The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- Phillip Norris
- Nellie Troxell
- Donald Wooten (reappointment)
- Lane Graham

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning May 1, 2009 and expiring April 30, 2011.

Commissioner Barber nominated the reappointment of Don Wooten.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Phillip Norris and Lane Graham.

Upon being put to a vote the nominations passed unanimously.

WOODLEAF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Woodleaf Volunteer Fire Department requested the appointment of three (3) Fire Commissioners. The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- Thomas Barber, Jr. (reappointment)
- Samuel Correll
- William "Bill" Godley
- Samuel Wetmore

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning April 1, 2009 and expiring March 31, 2011.

Commissioner Barber nominated Samuel Correll.

Chairman Ford nominated Bill Godley.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Thomas Barber, Jr.

Upon being put to a vote the nominations passed unanimously

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

The LEPC is recommending the appointment of the following individuals:

- Mike Brady- to replace existing member Reggie Bost as the Sheriff's Department representative
- Todd Overcash- to replace Fire Chief Bob Parnell from the Salisbury Fire Department
- Sandra Mayhew- New member representing Food Lion, Inc.
- Jim Behmer- New member representing Salisbury/Rowan Utilities

There are no term dates for LEPC members.

Commissioner Mitchell moved to appoint Mike Brady, Todd Overcash, Sandra Mayhew and Jim Behmer. Commissioner Coltrain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY OF SALISBURY PLANNING BOARD

The Salisbury City Council has recommended the reappointment of Tommy Hairston and Robert Cockerl, Jr. to serve as ETJ representatives on the Salisbury Planning Board. The terms would be for three (3) years expiring March 31, 2012.

Commissioner Mitchell nominated Tommy Hairston and Robert Cockerl, Jr. and the nomination passed unanimously.

SCOTCH IRISH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE COMMISSIONERS

The Scotch Irish Volunteer Fire Department is requesting the appointment of three (3) Fire Commissioners. The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- Clyde Lippard (reappointment)
- Michael McDaniel
- Frederick McDaniel (reappointment)
- Ellen Thompson

The terms would be for two (2) years beginning April 1, 2009 and expiring March 31, 2011.

Commissioner Barber nominated the reappointment of Clyde Lippard and Frederick McDaniel.

Commissioner Coltrain nominated Michael McDaniel.

Commissioner Hall nominated Ellen Thompson.

Upon being put to a vote, the nomination to reappoint Clyde Lippard passed unanimously.

The nomination for Michael McDaniel failed 1-4 with Commissioners Ford, Barber, Mitchell and Hall dissenting.

The nomination for Frederick McDaniel passed unanimously.

The nomination for Ellen Thompson passed 4-1 with Commissioner Coltrain dissenting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Coltrain moved to adjourn at 6:25 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barber and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Athey
Clerk to the Board