

June 4, 2001

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Kemp, Frye, Davis, Mason and Holmes were present. Rev. Marion Smith, retired, delivered the invocation, and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kemp announced the following additions to the agenda: Item K. Application for Public Schools Building Capital Fund for Lindley Park School and Item L. Proclamation Honoring the Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team on Winning the State 2A Championship.

Presentation of Retirement Clock

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Kemp presented an engraved clock to Rebecca Craven, who is retiring from Social Services with 8½ years of service.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, as follows:

approve minutes of May 7, and May 14; approve Closed Session Minutes of May 7, 2001;

reappoint Rev. Scott Wagoner to the Social Services Board (3-year term);

reappoint Annie Shaw to the Jury Commission (2-year term);

reappoint Doug Aitken, Jr., Sandra Allen, Bill Allred, Julie Prince Bell, Charlie Casper, Allan Edwards, Janet Henley, Duffy Johnson, Jean Johnson, Addie Luther, John McGlohon, Donna Moore, Peggy Morrison, Jack Pugh, Jr., Joy Ratliffe, Candie Rudzinski, Dr. Ann Suggs, Carolyn Vickrey, Frank Willis and appoint Caroline Nichols and Rev. Everett Thomas to the Randolph County Aging Services Planning Committee (1-year appointments);

reappoint Barbara Hochuli, Ometa Kenan, Ann Shaw and Vera Winston to the Randolph County Mental Health Board (4-year terms);

reappoint Talmadge Baker, Stuart Bullock, Clark Bell, Joe Goldston, Pam Hill, Litchard Hurley, Sandy Key, Greg Patton, Bill McCaskill, Dorothy Grabol, Robbie Mason (2-year terms) and appoint Jim Weston (1-year term) to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council;

approve the following D.O.T. resolution:

WHEREAS, *the Department of Transportation has investigated Linnie Court in the Hayfield Acres Subdivision; and*

WHEREAS, *the subject street has been found to meet minimum requirements for addition.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that Linnie Court in the Hayfield Acres Subdivision be added to the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

Continuing Contract Resolution for Asheboro City Schools

Frank Willis stated that before the Asheboro City Schools can award bids for a renovation project at Lindley Park Elementary School the Asheboro City Board of Education must have all funding in hand. They currently have \$3,114,160 available out of a total project cost of \$3,728,972. The school board is requesting that the County Commissioners adopt a continuing contract resolution pursuant to G.S. 115C-441 that would commit the County to cover as much of the shortage (\$614,812) as is needed. The city schools anticipate receiving all the necessary funding through Public School Building Fund monies and State School Bond Fund monies in FY 2002 and FY 2003.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Asheboro City Schools has presented the proposed renovation at the Lindley Park Elementary School to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has considered the project pursuant to General Statute 115C-521 and has agreed to provide financing through annual appropriations from the General Fund and through allocations from the Public School Building Bond Fund and the Public School Building Capital Fund provided by the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the total cost of the project is expected to be \$3,728,972 and the Asheboro City Schools has available funding of \$3,114,160; and

Whereas, the Asheboro City Schools has developed a schedule of implementation for the project which will be carried out under these continuing contracts beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 and ending in 2002-03;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to G.S. 115C-441 (c1)(c), hereby commits sufficient funds to provide the financing for the Lindley Park project, through appropriations from the aforementioned sources, in ensuing fiscal years to meet the amounts to be paid under the contracts in those years, as follows: In fiscal year 2001-02--\$ 375,000; In fiscal year 2002-03--\$ 239,812.

Public School Building Capital Fund Application--City Schools

On motion of Davis, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public School Building Capital Fund Application for the release of \$597,482 in State monies for the Lindley Park Elementary School renovations.

Introduction of New Extension Agent

Lynn Qualls, Randolph County Cooperative Extension Director, introduced Amy Lynn Bartel, new Extension agent for consumer horticulture.

LIFE Agreement with the City of Archdale

Annette Crotts, County MIS Director, told the Board that Randolph County has provided Linked Information for Emergencies (LIFE) to our public safety community since 1993. All municipalities and public safety agencies in Randolph County except the City of Archdale have signed agreements that the County will provide the software and technical support and the city or agency will enter and keep data current and secure. Archdale now wishes to participate and has signed the agreement. Installation should begin in July and be completed shortly thereafter following authorization from the County.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Mason, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the signing of the LIFE agreement between the County and the City of Archdale.

Forestry Service Annual Report

Vic Owen, District Forester, reported that Randolph County has had a very good year, with 3,150 acres planted, 60 tracts with logging activities checked for compliance with forest practice guideline laws, and 140 forest management plans written. They have fought 91 fires involving 136 acres. He said the gypsy moth infestation in Rockingham County has not yet reached Randolph County.

Designation of NACo and NCACC Voting Delegates

The Board designated Darrell Frye as the voting delegate for the 2001 NACo conference in Philadelphia and Phil Kemp as voting delegate for the 2001 NCACC conference in Fayetteville.

Proclamation Honoring the State Champion SWRHS Softball Team

On motion of Holmes, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team, on Sunday, June 3, 2001, earned the 2001 State 2A Softball Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars have compiled an impressive record of 28-3 this year with their only losses coming from Division 3 & 4 teams; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars' overall record of 81-12 over the past 3 years has taken them to 3 consecutive Final Four Championships; and

WHEREAS, in conference play, the Lady Cougars have an unprecedented record of 36-0 the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS, Southwestern Randolph High School's standard of excellence is exhibited by an overall GPA of 3.80 among its Senior softball players; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars were led by the Conference Player of the Year, Jennifer Hurley, whose 3-year record of 48-6 was highlighted by her 243 strikeouts this season alone, and by Wendy Heath, who led the team in RBI's, and by Lee Harris, who has never missed a game in 4 years and was named Most Valuable Player in the State Championship tournament this year; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars, whose team batting average was .420, proudly boasts eight players who were named to the All Conference Team;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we acknowledge the talents, skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and successes of the Southwestern Randolph High School Lady Cougars Softball Team, the 2001 North Carolina 2A State Champions, and, on behalf of our citizens, we do hereby extend this expression of our pride in this prestigious milestone.

Budget Amendment #51 - Merit Increases

On motion of Holmes, seconded by Frye, the Board unanimously approved Budget Amendment #51 to the FY 2000-01 Annual Budget to transfer merit money from Administration to the various departments using it, as follows:

GENERAL FUND - #51

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Administration	2,763	
Building Inspections	894	
Computer Services	928	
Cooperative Extension	669	
Emergency Services	3,297	
Library	3,310	
Maintenance	1,177	
Planning & Zoning	1,236	
Public Health	5,827	
Register of Deeds	963	
Sheriff & Jail	9,263	
Social Services	5,126	
Tax	4,803	
Court Facilities	280	
	Soil & Water	892
Administration		41,428

High Point Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan Public Hearing and Resolution

Hal Johnson introduced Andy Grzymiski, City of High Point's Transportation Planning Administrator, and reminded the Board that High Point serves as the lead agency for the High Point Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Grzymiski told the Board that a comprehensive transportation planning process must be established for all urban centers over 50,000 in population in order to qualify for federal transportation funds. The local governments included in the urban transportation planning for the High Point area are High Point, Archdale, Trinity, Randolph County (Division 8), Guilford County (Division 9), Davidson County (Division 9), Thomasville and Jamestown.

In North Carolina each urban area's Metropolitan Planning Organization is defined as an "umbrella" organization which includes all member local governments, federal and state departments of transportation and other providers of transportation services. This Metropolitan Planning Organization has 3 main components: Transportation Advisory Committee (Commissioner Darrell Frye is Randolph County's representative), the Technical Coordinating Committee (Hal Johnson

represents Randolph County), and the Lead Planning Agency (City of High Point). Proposed updates to the new Thoroughfare Plan have been drafted. Before changes to the Thoroughfare Plan are adopted they must be approved by all member jurisdictions and then forwarded to the N.C. Board of Transportation. Most of the updated areas within Randolph will fall within the regulatory jurisdictions of Trinity and Archdale. Mr. Grzynski said that there is current legislation in place for a Rural Planning Organization of which Randolph County will be a part.

Chairman Kemp opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the public hearing.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County of Randolph, the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Statewide Planning Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation actively worked to develop a transportation plan for the High Point Urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Department of Transportation are directed by North Carolina General Statutes 136-66.2 to reach agreement for a highway system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of vehicular traffic in and around the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through the County of Randolph and the High Point Urban Area is a highly desirable element of the comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the County; and

WHEREAS, after full study of the plan, and following a public hearing, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners feel it to be in the best interests of Randolph County to adopt a plan pursuant to General Statutes 136-66.2;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the High Point Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan as shown on a map dated May 1, 2001, be approved and adopted as a guide in the development of the highway system in Randolph County and the same is hereby recommended to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for its subsequent adoption.

Aging Services - 2001-2002 Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Allocations

Candie Rudzinski, Aging Services Planning Coordinator, reported that the Aging Services Planning Committee has approved a recommendation for the HCCBG allocations for FY 2001-2002, totaling \$614,301. Ms. Rudzinski stated that during the next fiscal year the County may be allotted additional funds from EDTAP (Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program), the NC General Assembly, and/or HCCBG. Since the turn-around time for completing the necessary budgets and paperwork can be as little as 5-10 working days, she requested blanket approval for the Aging Services Planning Committee to allocate these funds.

On motion of Mason , seconded by Holmes, the Board unanimously approved the HCCBG Funding Plan as indicated on Form DOA-731 requesting a total of \$614,301 and agreed to accept EDTAP and other supplemental funds for Aging Services, should they become available, and to allow the Aging Services Planning Committee to decide how to allocate these funds.

Public Hearing for Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant

Russ Keeney, RCATS Transportation Director, told the Board that a public hearing must be conducted in order for Randolph County to apply for \$110,557 in grant funds from the state for the following programs: Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (E&D), Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Program and the Rural General Public Program (RGP). Mr. Keeney also clarified that only the city loop route of the Rural General Public Program had been stopped for lack of participation.

Chairman Kemp opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.. No one spoke and Chairman Kemp closed the public hearing.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant application for \$110,557 from the state for the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (E&D), Work First Transitional/Employment Transportation Assistance Program and the Rural General Public Program (RGP).

Presentation of Proposed FY 2001-2002 Budget

Frank Willis, County Manager, presented his proposed FY 2001-2002 budget message. This budget proposes a tax rate of 48¢ per \$100 valuation, and is based on a total valuation of \$7,950,000,000. The proposed budget is balanced and totals \$75,579,465.

Rezoning Public Hearing

At 6:30 p.m. the Board adjourned to a duly advertised public hearing to consider rezoning requests. Hal Johnson, Planning & Zoning Director, presented the following requests, and Chairman Kemp opened the public hearing for comments on each request and closed it before taking action on each request.

1. BRENDA HEDRICK, Trinity, is requesting that 8 acres located on Millers Mill Road, Trinity Township, be rezoned from HC/CU to RA/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning District would specifically allow the existing 24 x 36 building to be used for personal storage (the existing driving range will be closed). The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved.

Paul Hedrick, 4982 Millers Mill Rd., Trinity, spoke in support of this request, stating that the driving range was opened a couple of years ago, but since his father died he doesn't want to use it for this purpose anymore.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve this request.

2. ROBERT DAVIDSON, Asheboro, is requesting that 11.98 acres (out of 16.94 acres) located on NC Hwy 42 S. and Fleta Brown Rd., Asheboro Township, be rezoned from RA to RE/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning District would specifically allow a 10-lot addition to Ken-Lee Subdivision for site- built homes only with a 1,500 sq. ft. minimum. The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved. Mr. Johnson noted that this property is in the projected Highway 64 Loop corridor and that he had recommended to Mr. Davidson that this information be disclosed to buyers.

No one spoke.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Mason, the Board voted unanimously to approve this request.

3. RUSSELL LINEBERRY, Siler City, is requesting that 11.85 (out of 15.07 acres) located on Whites Chapel Rd., Columbia Township, Sandy Creek Watershed, be rezoned from RA to RE/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning District would specifically allow the development of a 7-lot subdivision for site- built homes only with a 1,250 sq. ft. minimum. The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved.

Russell Lineberry, applicant, spoke in support of his request stating that he had held a community meeting and thought he had the support of about 30 neighbors in attendance. He said that he plans to build all 7 houses himself.

Judith Hahn, 5881 Whites Chapel Rd., Staley, said that the original request was 14 lots on 15 acres and that the neighbors were told that all the lots would be 3-5 acres minimum and now there are some significantly smaller lots. She said that these houses would change the rural character of the community.

David Posey, 6367 Whites Chapel Rd., Staley, said that he opposes this rezoning because if approved, it will lead to the building of at least 16 more homes surrounding these 12 acres. He also has concerns relative to the addition of 7 more homes in the area and how they will negatively impact the neighborhood environmentally.

John Lee, 1458 Debra Dr., Liberty, adjacent property owner, said that initially he supported Mr. Lineberry's plan, and had asked to buy a piece of property from Mr. Lineberry because he was afraid this property would be clear-cut. Three days later this land was clear-cut. Now he questions Mr. Lineberry's integrity and cannot support his rezoning request.

Ted Fulk, 2151 Soapstone Mountain Rd., said that these 7 houses will not fit in with the current rural nature of the neighborhood, and he feels like all the neighbors have been duped by Mr. Lineberry.

Leslie Thompson, 2050 Soapstone Mountain Rd., said that during previous rezoning requests in this neighborhood, they have asked over and over to protect the rural nature of the area. She said that all they have gotten from Mr. Lineberry is deceit and manipulation. She also has environmental concerns.

Commissioner Frye asked Mr. Lineberry if he owned lots 1A & 2A. Mr. Lineberry said that he did own them but he had a verbal agreement with the heirs of the property to sell these lots to them. Frye told Mr. Lineberry that he should honor what he told the neighbors at the community meeting. The proposed growth management plan includes community meetings as a tool for developers and neighbors to come to terms with each other.

Mr. Lineberry asked the Board to consider this request subject to his resubmitting his plat to the Planning Department staff to include lots 1A and 2A for a total of 15.1 acres, with minimum lot sizes of 2 acres, no more than 7 houses, with all other restrictions remaining the same.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Mason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Russell Lineberry, with the conditions outlined above.

4. **SAMUEL HUNT**, Asheboro, is requesting that 21.35 acres located on Cable Creek Rd., Cedar Grove Township, be rezoned from RA to RE/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning District would specifically allow the development of a 20-lot subdivision for site built and off-frame modular homes with a minimum of 1,200 sq. ft. The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved.

Jerry King, surveyor, spoke in support of the request, saying that each lot would have its own well and septic tank.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Mason, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Samuel Hunt.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Phil Kemp, Chairman

Robert O. Mason

Darrell L. Frye

Robert B. Davis

J. Harold Holmes

Cheryl A. Ivey, Deputy Clerk to the Board