

July 9, 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, Holmes, and Mason were present. Rev. Mary Welch, Associate Minister, 1st United Methodist Church, Asheboro, gave the invocation, and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- *approve minutes of June 4, 5, 11, 18, and 25, 2001;*
- *approve the following D.O.T. resolutions:*

***WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has investigated a portion of SR 2461 from 0.21 north of SR 2460 to dead end in Randolph County for purposes of abandonment; and*

***WHEREAS**, it has been determined that this portion of subject road should be abandoned from the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System due to the adjoining property owner's desire to install a gate at the point of abandonment to prevent trespassers parking and littering on his property.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that a portion of SR 2461 from 0.21 north of SR 2460 to dead end in Randolph County be abandoned from the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

and,

***WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has investigated a 0.095 mile extension to the existing 0.20 mile SR 1983 (Canter Lane); 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 a 0.095 mile extension to the existing 0.20 mile SR 1983 (Canter Lane) be added to the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

and,

***WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has investigated a 0.07 mile (370 ft.) to SR 1779 (Hillcrest Court) in the Lake Park Estates 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 a 0.07 mile (370 ft.) to SR 1779 (Hillcrest Court) in the Lake Park Estates Subdivision be added to the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

- *reappoint Rosemary Fox, Susan Behr and Libby Frye to the Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (3-year terms).*

D.O.T. Secondary Road Improvement Program Public Hearing

Jeff Picklesimer, D.O.T. District Engineer, presented the 2001-2002 Secondary Roads Program and reviewed the expected allocations listed in the resolution that follows. He noted that they would not be receiving any bond funds this year.

Chairman Kemp opened the public hearing at 4:15 p.m.

Linda Cox, Jimmy Cox Road, Bennett, asked where her road fell on the priority list and if cattle farms are considered a business as it pertains to the priority list. Mr. Picklesimer stated that it was now #14 out of 159 and if there was a business sign on the farm then it probably would count.

Bill Campbell, 1725 Mountain View Church Road, inquired about his road. Mr. Picklesimer said that this road was on the hold list because they still have problems acquiring all rights-of-way needed.

John Fountain, 1587 Howard Auman Road, asked about the bridge on his road and was told that this was a separate issue and did not pertain to this public hearing. Mr. Picklesimer told him that he would discuss this issue with him at a later time.

A citizen from Jerrico Road asked about his road and was told that it was on the right-of-way hold list.

Vernie (Ms. Buren) Surratt, 8470 Chapel Hill Church Road, Denton, asked about her road and was told that it was #73 on the priority list.

Tom Kivett, 950 Ponderosa Heights, said that a resident on this road is on oxygen and that he would like to see the road paved before this man dies. Mr. Picklesimer said that the road was #10 on the priority list.

Chairman Kemp closed the public hearing.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution approving the 2001-2002 Secondary Roads Improvement Program as presented:

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates July 2001 an allocation of \$2,026,136 and remaining funds of \$790,000 from the previous Secondary Construction Program, a total of \$2,816,136 for secondary road improvements in Randolph County for the forthcoming fiscal year. A public meeting was held on July 9, 2001 in the Randolph County Commissioners Meeting Room on the expenditures of said funds:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to utilize approximately \$2,329,000 to construct roads down the priority list as far as possible, provided rights of way are available:

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

<u>MAP #</u>	<u>SR #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
6.572955	2884	Country Loop	SR 2885	SR 2885	2.20	G,D,B,P,EC	\$350,000
6.572956	1529	Hog Slide Rd.	SR 1528	US 311	0.80	G,D,B,P,EC	\$120,000
6.572957	2662A	Willie Wright Rd.	SR 2639	SR 2638	1.00	G,D,B,P,EC	\$210,000
6.572958	2854	Graves Country	SR 2853	D.E.	0.50	G,D,B,P,EC	\$110,000
1F SUB	2549	Brinton Place	SR 2489	D.E.	0.06	G,D,B,P,EC	\$13,200
2F SUB	2709M	Holly Leaf Rd/ 2710 Park Road	SR 1003	SR 1003	0.50	G,D,B,P,EC	\$90,000
3F SUB	3241	Parker St.	SR 1612	SR3242	0.11	G,D,B,P,EC	\$22,000
4F SUB	3242	Landale Drive	SR 3241	D.E.	0.08	G,D,B,P,EC	\$16,000
5F SUB	3221	Hoffman St.	SR 1844	SR 1845	0.09	B & P	\$16,200
6F SUB	2704 M	Craig Street 2705 Balsam Street 2715 Ponderosa Heights Place	SR 2604	D.E.	0.53	G,D,B,P,EC	\$116,600
7F SUB	2297	Old Providence	SR 2114	D.E.	0.26	G,D,B,P,EC	\$57,200
1F Rural	1983	Canter Lane	SR 1927	D.E.	0.29	G,D,B,P,EC	\$63,800
2F Rural	2893	Log Cabin Road	NC22/42	Beg. Pvt.	0.90	G,D,B,P,EC	\$198,000
3F Rural	1335	Rush Mountain	SR 1344	SR 1336	1.70	G,D,B,P,EC	\$374,000
4F Rural	2858	Leather Road	US220 AL	D.E.	0.30	G,D,B,P,EC	\$66,000
5F Rural	2876A	Curtis Powers	SR 1002	Beg. Pvt.	1.00	G,D,B,P,EC	\$220,000
6F Rural	2894	Herrington Cty	SR 1003	SR 2873	1.30	G,D,B,P,EC	\$286,000

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$230,119 of the total allocation for spot stabilization, paved road improvements, replace small bridges with pipe, or safety projects.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$257,017 of the total allocation for road additions, property owner participation paving, volunteer fire departments, rescue squad driveways, old subdivision improvement program, overruns, county surveys and right of way acquisition.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates July 2001 an allocation of \$1,958,885 and remaining funds of \$347,000 from the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund, a total of \$2,305,885 for Secondary Road improvements in Randolph County for the forthcoming year. A public meeting was held on July 9, 201 in the Randolph County Office Building on the expenditures of said funds.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to utilize approximately \$1,832,000 to construct roads down the priority list as far as possible, provided rights of way are available:

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

<u>Map #</u>	<u>SR #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
6.572128T	2662C	Willie Wright Road	SR 2638	SR 2642	1.3	G,D,B,P,EC	\$260,000
6.572129T	2406	Hollow Hill Road	SR 2443	SR 2407	1.7	G,D,B,P,EC	\$340,000
7F Rural	1108	King Mountain Road	End. Pvt.	C.L.	2.45	G,D,B,P,EC	\$490,000
8F Rural	2655	Tommy Cox Road	SR 2656	NC 42	2.20	G,D,B,P,EC	\$484,000
9F Rural	1123	King View Road	SR 1127	D.E.	0.85	G,D,B,P,EC	\$170,000
10F Rural	2673	Old Asheboro Road	SR 2607	D.E.	0.40	G,D,B,P,EC	\$88,000

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$244,294 of the total allocation for spot stabilization, paved road improvements, replace small bridges with pipe, or safety projects.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$229,591 of the total allocation for property owner participation paving and overruns.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates July 2001 an allocation of \$0 and remaining funds of \$150,495 from the North Carolina Highway Bond Fund a total of \$150,495 for Secondary Road Improvements in Randolph County for the forthcoming fiscal year. A public meeting was held on July 9, 2001 in the Randolph County Office Building on the expenditures of said funds:

6.57201 5B	1637	Charlie Harris Road	SR 1403	SR 1404	0.80	G,D,B,P,EC	\$168,000
6.57201 6B	1968	Hanner Road	SR 1959	D.E.	0.3	G,D,B,P,EC	\$66,000
6.57201 7B	3170	Shawnee Trail	SR 1524	D.E.	0.29	G,D,B,P,EC	\$64,000

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$0 of the total allocation for spot stabilization, paved road improvements, replace small bridges with pipe, or safety project.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$0 of the total allocation for property owner participation paving and overruns.

BE IT RESOLVED that all of the above be carried out by the Department of Transportation.

Annual Settlement Report

Ben Chavis, Tax Administrator, submitted the collection settlement reports (real and personal property, motor vehicles, and ambulance) for FY 2000-2001, as required by G.S. 105-373. Mr. Chavis presented a PowerPoint presentation showing the strides the Tax Department has made since the last revaluation in the collection rate. The collection rate for 2000-2001 was 99.01%. He said Medicaid and Medicare regulations are making it more difficult to collect on ambulance bills, and our collection rates are down in that area.

Mr. Chavis discussed the discount that the County offers to citizens who pay their property tax bills prior to a certain date each year and said that discontinuing this discount would save the County hundreds of thousands of dollars. He also stated that tax bills were mailed this day.

Mr. Chavis said that he felt revaluation had gone pretty smoothly and commended his staff for their hard work.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Mason, the Board unanimously accepted the following collection settlement reports for FY 2000-2001 as presented by Mr. Chavis.

ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,2001

Beginning Balances:

Current Levy	38,904,168.21
Delinquent Secured	348,518.16
Delinquent Unsecured	781,111.35

Total Beginning Receivables 40,033,797.72

Additions:

Manual Discoveries, Public Utilities 1,912,653.88
 Supplemental Billing (second billing 722,251.62
 Debits 49,235.04

Credits:

Collections 40,796,036.42
 Releases 536,949.24
 Discounts 391,591.37

Adjustments: (39,040,436.49)

Ending Balances:

Current Secured Levy 172,301.33
 Current Unsecured Levy 233,055.55
 Delinquent Secured 511,940.41
 Delinquent Unsecured 76,063.94

Total Ending Receivables 993,361.23

VEHICLE SETTLEMENT REPORT- FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

	<u>G01 ONLY</u>	<u>ALL DISTRICTS</u>
Outstanding Balance:	824,350.38	1,263,557.76
LEVY/CHARGES	5,385,062.01	8,040,105.85
Interest Charged:	55,554.34	83,177.79
Total:	6,264,966.73	9,386,841.40
Taxes Collected:	5,163,292.36	7,654,715.00
Interest Collected:	55,554.34	83,177.79
Taxes Released:	152,426.22	254,868.01
Unpaid Taxes:	893,693.81	1,394,080.60
Total:	6,264,966.73	9,386,841.40

<u>MONTH G01 only-%</u>		<u>MONTH All Dist.-%</u>	
JULY	97.02	JULY	96.79
AUGUST	96.43	AUGUST	96.17
SEPTEMBER	96.25	SEPTEMBER	96.01
OCTOBER	95.11	OCTOBER	94.77
NOVEMBER	94.68	NOVEMBER	94.75
DECEMBER	93.42	DECEMBER	93.09
JANUARY	92.14	JANUARY	91.81
FEBRUARY	87.01	FEBRUARY	86.69
MARCH	83.60	MARCH	83.26
APRIL	84.45	APRIL	83.56
MAY	78.90	MAY	78.72

AMBULANCE SETTLEMENT FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Uncollected ambulance fees July 1, 2000.....	2,386,238.08
Ambulance fees charged to Tax Department for collection July 1, 2000 through June 30,2001.....	1,284,462.90
Legal fees (Garnishments, Judgements, Etc.).....	3,566.00
Debits.....	253.23

Overpayments & Refunds.....	19,811.13
TOTAL.....	3,694,331.34
All sums deposited which represent	
ambulance fees and legal fees.....	1,001,641.15
Releases (Medicare, Medicaid).....	113,341.91
Uncollected ambulance fees.....	2,466,331.62
Credit.....	0.00
Statute of Limitations.....	113,016.66
TOTAL.....	3,694,331.34
Percentage	84.93%

Charge to the Tax Collector

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Frye, the Board unanimously approved the following charge to Ben Chavis, Tax Collector: You are hereby authorized, empowered and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the County Assessor and in the tax receipts delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Randolph and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real and personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Purchase of Software for Spillman System

Neil Allen, Emergency Services Director, told the Board that currently the County’s Spillman system is running on terminals that can only handle non-graphical programs. An upgrade will allow pc users to enjoy the advantages of a graphical user interface, such as “point & click” and “pop up windows.” The upgrade will allow us to utilize new technology while it also protects our original investment into public safety automation and, thereby, will shorten training time as well. In order to upgrade this software, the purchase of Spillman’s Summit product is necessary and the license is for an unlimited number of users. Money for the upgrade is currently available in the 911 Emergency Telephone System Fund. Spillman Data Systems is the only responsive vendor for this upgrade. The cost is \$23,875.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for the system upgrade to Spillman Data Systems for a total cost of \$23,875.

CP&L Easement at Social Services Building

David Townsend, III, Public Works Director, stated that CP&L has requested that the County grant them a 30-foot easement in conjunction with the North Fayetteville Street road-widening project. This easement, which is necessary to run overhead power lines along the eastern side of North Fayetteville Street, should at no point negatively impact Randolph County’s property.

On motion of Mason, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to enter into a legal easement with Carolina Power and Light and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the easement and any related papers to effectuate this transaction.

Approve the Division of the Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Alice Dawson told the Board that the members present at the last Randolph County Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee had voted to divide the committee into two committees. The rationales for this recommendation are to enable the volunteers to focus on either the adult care home or nursing home level of care, and to make more manageable the travel and time burden of completing the required visitations.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to divide the Joint Nursing Home/Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee into 2 separate committees and to keep the member appointment terms the same.

Resolution Reducing Interest Rates on the Financing Agreement for the County Office Building/County Jail

Jane Leonard, Deputy Finance Officer, reminded the Board that in December 1993, the County borrowed funds to construct the jail and to refinance the Randolph County Office Building. The interest rate in the original financing agreement was to go from 4.17% to 7.16% effective December 15, 2000. At this point in time, the County could have the financing agreement modified to amend the interest rate to a more favorable rate based on the current market. Because of falling interest rates, it is now beneficial to re-finance this debt. The BB&T representative, Louis Lloyd, has agreed on an interest rate of 5.39% on the outstanding balance instead of the 7.16%. By adjusting the rate to 5.39%, the County will save approximately \$172,000 over the next 4½ years.

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

***WHEREAS**, Randolph County, North Carolina (the "County") has determined to change the terms of the Payment Schedule to the Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust (the "Original Agreement") granted to F. Louis Lloyd, III (the "Deed of Trust Trustee") for the benefit of Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T") dated as of December 1, 1993 and recorded in Book 1378, Page 1328, Randolph County Registry; and*

***WHEREAS**, the changes to the terms of the Payment Schedule include revising the interest rate from 4.17% to 5.39%;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, North Carolina that the proposed changes to the Payment Schedule of the Original Agreement are hereby approved and the officers designated to sign financing documents are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to effectuate such changes. All other terms and conditions of the Original Agreement and the Payment Schedule thereof remain in full force and effect.*

Adoption of 2001-2002 Classification Plan and Salary Schedule

Kim Newsom, Personnel Director, requested the adoption of the 2001-2002 classification plan and salary schedule, which reflects the recommendations incorporated into the 2001-2002 budget.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board unanimously adopted the 2001-2002 classification plan and salary schedule as presented in the 2001-2002 budget.

Set September Meeting Date

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to set the September meeting date to Tuesday, September 4, 2001, due to the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday.

Public Hearing Date Set On the Expenditure of Public Funds on the Randleman Economic Development Property

Bonnie Renfro stated that in April 2000, the Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) purchased a 48-acre site in Randleman for development as either an industrial park or as an industrial site. This purchase was financed by the EDC through a bank loan for \$762,500, with a credit line of up to \$1 million for additional development costs. At that time, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners voted to support this purchase by making the debt service payments on the above-referenced loan. While Randolph County is not purchasing this property outright, it is assisting the EDC in this purchase through the expenditure of County funds. The first debt service payment of

\$25,797.90 was made by the EDC. The next payment, which will be made by the County, is due 9/1/01 in the amount of \$60,189.85 (a full year of interest). NCGS158-7.1(c) states that whenever County funds are to be expended for the purposes outlined in NCGS158-7.1(b), a public hearing must first be held.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2001 for the expenditure of public funds on the Randleman Economic Development Property.

Budget Amendment-Health Department

The Health Department has received a grant from the Women’s and Children’s Health Branch of the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$17,805 to provide maternity care coordination services to Medicaid ineligible women. These funds would allow the Health Dept. to follow high risk, low income pregnant women and assist them in finding the resources they need to deliver a healthy baby. This would require a half-time social worker position to provide these services.

On motion of Holmes, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #1 which allocates a half-time Social Worker II position as follows:

GENERAL FUND - #1	
Revenue	Increase
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$17,805
Appropriation	Increase
Public Health	\$17,805

Budget Amendment – Economic Development – Confluence Holdings, Inc.

The County was notified by the City of Archdale that their application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) to extend sewer service to Confluence Holdings, Inc. had been approved by the State. In addition, the Archdale City Council has approved the project and is ready to proceed. On March 12, 2001, the Commissioners adopted a resolution supporting the City of Archdale’s application for the CDBG. The Commissioners agreed to provide 1/3 of the local match, which is \$83,333. Since the grant application has been approved, the County needs to budget our local match of \$83,333.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #2 as follows:

GENERAL FUND - #2	
Revenue	Increase
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$83,333
Appropriation	Increase
Special Appropriations (Economic Development – Confluence Holdings, Inc.)	\$83,333

Budget Amendment – Sheriff (School Resource Officer)

Major Allen McNeill stated that the Randolph County Schools has requested that the Sheriff’s Department hire an additional deputy to work security at the Braxton Craven School. The school system has agreed to reimburse the County the full cost of salary , fringe benefits, and outfitting of the officer. The total cost for this position would be approximately \$50,167 and the deputy would be hired on August 1, 2001 for the school year beginning August 13, 2001.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #3 as follows, which reflects the allocation of 1 deputy sheriff position to serve as a school resource officer:

GENERAL FUND - #3	
Revenue	Increase
Miscellaneous	\$50,167
Appropriation	Increase
Sheriff & Jail	\$50,167

Recognition of Terry VanVliet, Veterans Service Officer

Chairman Kemp commended Terry VanVliet, Randolph County Veterans Service Officer, for the outstanding job she does in assisting our veterans. He mentioned that she had 844 contacts with veterans in June alone. He also congratulated Ms. VanVliet on receiving national accreditation as a Veterans Service Officer.

Closed Session

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously at 5:55 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss an economic development project, pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11(a)(4). (They returned from closed session at 6:30 p.m.)

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. NORMAN LIVENGGOOD, Asheboro, is requesting that 20.97 acres (out of 39.47 acres) located on Luck Road, Grant Township, be rezoned from RA to RR/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning would specifically allow the development of a 4-lot subdivision for site-built homes, modular homes, and Class A doublewide mobile homes on permanent foundations. The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved.

Norman Livengood, applicant, spoke in support of his request and mentioned that all lots are sloping lots and that there are 2 ponds on the property.

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

2. IAI PROPERTIES, Sophia, is requesting that 5.70 acres (out of 34.0 acres) located on Leigh Lane, be rezoned from RA to RE/CU. The proposed Conditional Use Zoning would specifically allow a 6-lot addition to Kersey Acres for site-built homes only with a 1,400 sq. ft. minimum. The Planning Board recommended unanimously that this request be approved.

Jerry King, Surveyor, spoke in support the this request and said that this addition would have the same restrictions as the original Kersey Acres.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of IAI Properties.

Closed Session

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously at 6:55 p.m. to go into closed session to discuss matters that require attorney-client privilege between the County Attorney and the Governing Board concerning potential claims resulting from the construction of the courthouse from Crutchfield Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. and Amwest Surety Insurance Company, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

The Board returned to regular session at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m