

August 1, 2011 5 p.m. Special Meeting with Randolph County 4H

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 5:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, Kemp and Lanier were present. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a forum between 4H students and the Board of Commissioners in order for the youth to learn about County government. This meeting was a culmination of the 4H group's day of participating in activities centered around the theme "What does local government do and why should I care."

Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order and welcome everyone present, including: 4H students (Yoselin Perez, Ben Talbott, Michael Hanson, Kotomi Ueki, Kimberly Chapman, Zoe Roberts, Angel Simpson, Austin Nance, Natsume Uematsu, Kaeli Chapman, Rachel Osborne, Alex Currie); Barb Dunn Swanson, Cooperative Extension 4H Agent; Jody Terry, Cooperative Extension 4H Program Assistant; and Paul Bonnici with the NC Civic Education Consortium. 4H youth shared *Windows to Our Community*, which is a piece of art each student had made that represents our community as it is, while also showing how it can be improved.

The Youth shared with the Commissioners some of their "likes" in the community: sports, potteries, *Cruisin'* events, *4th of July* events, new county schools, NC Zoo, High Point Furniture Market, and citizens' friendliness and their support of our military troops. Suggestions for improvements in the community were to institute better tasting lunches for better prices, more athletic opportunities for all ages of kids, free driver's education and more 4H chapters.

Following a candid question and answer session between the 4H youth and the Commissioners, Board members thanked the students for the opportunity to participate in their local government day and commended them for their involvement with 4H.

At 5:39 p.m., on motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the meeting adjourned.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Board