

January 3, 2012

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, and Kemp were present. Commissioner Lanier was absent. Vice Chairman Frye presided over the meeting due to Chairman Holmes' difficulty speaking, due to laryngitis. Rev. Charles Moses, Pastor of Foster Street Wesleyan Church, Asheboro, gave the invocation, and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to New Business

Vice Chair Darrell Frye announced that the following had been added to the New Business agenda: *Item D. a Related Budget Amendment & Item G: Request for Approval of Change Order for DSS HVAC Renovation Project & Related Budget Amendment.*

County Employee Service Awards Presentation

Vice Chair Frye, assisted by Human Resources Benefits Specialist Sara Baker, presented an employee service award certificate and a piece of pottery to Sherry D. Saunders for 30 years of service to the Department of Social Services.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Vice Chair Frye opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke, and the public comment period was closed.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- *adopt Resolution Honoring the Life, Service and Memory of LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy, as follows:*

Resolution Honoring the Life, Service and Memory of LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy

WHEREAS, LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy, born September 5, 1990, grew up in Randolph County and graduated from Eastern Randolph High School in 2009; and

WHEREAS, LCPL Levy, wishing to serve his country, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps before graduating from high school, and left for Parris Island, SC on June 21, 2009 and became what he strived for: a United States Marine; and

WHEREAS, LCPL Levy served his first tour in Afghanistan and then willingly volunteered to return to Afghanistan for a second tour of duty months ahead of schedule: and

WHEREAS, LCPL Levy ultimately became a Lance Corporal assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune; and

WHEREAS, LCPL Levy was a decorated Marine, who died on December 10, 2011 from a wound sustained on December 7, 2011, by a sniper during a surprise attack while he was on patrol in the Kajaki District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, LCPL Levy touched the lives of countless people through his caring ways and zest for life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners expresses its profound appreciation and sincere condolences to the family of

LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy for his honorable service, steadfast courage and supreme sacrifice in defending his country and our freedom; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners calls upon all citizens of Randolph County and the United States of America to support our Armed Forces as they fight to defend our freedom, and may the sacrifice of LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy and other Armed Forces personnel serve as a constant reminder to our citizens of the high price of liberty.

Adopted this the 3rd day of January, 2012

- approve minutes of regular & closed session meetings of 12/5/11;
- approve DOT Resolution Abandoning .20 miles of SR 1629 (Boles Ave.) from Secondary Road System, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has investigated 0.20 mile of SR 1629 (Boles Avenue) 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that 0.20 mile of SR 1629 (Boles Avenue) in Randolph County be abandoned from the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.

This is the 3rd day of January, 2012.

- approve Budget Amendment #21 for Health Department (Immunizations), as follows:

2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE		
General Fund—Amendment #21		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$8,056	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Public Health	\$8,056	

- reappoint Donald Strider to Seagrove-Ulah Metropolitan Water District;
- appoint Lyn Richardson to the Randolph County Board of Health;

Special Recognition

Vice Chair Frye read aloud the resolution (adopted in the Consent Agenda) honoring the life, service and memory of LCPL Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy and presented his mother and father with copies of the resolution.

Presentation of Annual Audit Report

Eddie Burke with Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, presented and reviewed the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ended June 30, 2011. He stated there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses found and said the firm gave the County an unqualified, "clean" opinion, which is the highest level of findings, and commended the County's Finance Office staff for their good work and assistance.

Approval of 2012 Audit Contract

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve a contract with Cherry Bekaert & Holland for the audit of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 at \$55,000 (same as last year). This figure includes the audit of the TDA.

On motion of Holmes, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve a contract with Cherry Bekaert & Holland for \$55,000 to conduct the County audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract.

Approval of 2012 Strategic Technology Work Plan

Michael Rowland, County Information Technology Director, presented the proposed 2012 Strategic Technology Work Plan, stating that it had been reviewed and approved by the Technology Planning Team (TPT) on December 21, 2011 and continues to focus on completing service delivery improvement projects approved during prior Work Plans. However, this year the Technology Policy Team has requested that the capability to accept credit/debit card payments be added to the work plan. He asked that the Board approve the plan, as follows:

1. Central Permitting System Replacement - In December 2010, the Commissioners awarded the bid for a replacement Central Permitting software to New World Systems. The software implementation is underway and scheduled to be completed the week of April 23, 2012.
2. Upgrade 911 Phone System - The replacement of the E911 phone system has been a goal since being approved as part of the 2010 Work Plan. Research on a replacement system has been completed and system specifications are being finalized. The project should be completed in 2012. E911 funds will pay for the system upgrade.
3. Credit/Debit Card Payments - Several department heads have requested the capability to accept credit/debit card payments. Due to security concerns and the limitations of the County’s Legacy systems, this was not possible. Over the past several years, the Strategic Technology Work Plan process has allowed the County to replace obsolete Legacy software. The Legacy systems are no longer an obstacle to accepting this payment method. The Work Plan covers the one-time costs for the technology to implement credit/debit card payments. It is estimated that the technology for the project will cost approximately \$20,000. Any recurring expenses related to transaction fees would have to be budgeted separately. Due to the complexity of the card brand rules, details on the recurring costs will be provided after discussions with a card processing firm and then recommendations to the Board are expected in the spring.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Holmes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012 Strategic Technology Work Plan, as proposed, which includes the \$20,000 equipment purchase to enable debit/credit card payments at County departments and approved General Fund Budget Amendment #22 and Technology Capital Project Ordinance Budget Amendment #7, as follows:

2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE		
General Fund—Amendment #22		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	\$20,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Transfer to Technology Capital Project</i>	\$20,000	

TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE		
<i>Amendment #7</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Transfer from General Fund</i>	\$20,000	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Credit / Debit Card Project</i>	\$20,000	

Approval to Accept Rural Center Grant/Loan Award for Building Reuse for FPE Project & Approval of Related Budget Amendment

Finance Officer Will Massie stated that in November 2010, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution to enter into a performance-based economic incentives contract with FPE NC LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ernie Green Industries. This project was to reopen the former Moll Industries facility near Seagrove. In the performance-based incentive contract, FPE has promised an investment of \$750,000 in facility upgrades and \$2.8 million in equipment, with 96 new jobs. The County’s incentive commitment is \$80,000, to be paid over three years.

Over the past few months, the Randolph County Economic Development Corp. has been working with the company and the Rural Center to obtain a building reuse grant. To qualify, the funding must come through the County. The Rural Center has approved a grant/loan for \$364,800. The company will pay 50% of the project (\$384,000) and the County match will come out of the previously approved incentive. If the company retains the employees for six months following attainment of the required number of total jobs, the loan is forgiven.

Mr. Massie requested that the Commissioners approve the Rural Center grant/loan award and authorize the Chairman to sign all related documentation.

On motion of Holmes, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Rural Center Grant/Loan Award for a Building Reuse Grant for the FPE NC Project in the amount of \$364,800, authorized the Chairman to sign all related documentation and approved Budget Amendment #23, as follows:

2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCE		
<i>General Fund—Amendment #23</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$364,800	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Other Economic & Physical Development</i>	\$364,800	

Report from County Attorney

County Attorney Ben Morgan stated that at the December 5, 2011 Commissioners meeting, the Board requested that he review the proposed Golder contract for the additional archaeological studies at the proposed regional landfill site to verify that a Phase II study was, indeed, needed. The Phase I study revealed some arrowheads at the site. Mr. Morgan said that after meeting with Public Works Director David Townsend, III and County Finance Officer Will Massie on December 19, he could find no evidence of error or excessive billing. He feels confident that adequate measures are in place to monitor these contracts closely, since Mr. Massie reviews the accounting standards and Mr. Townsend reviews the technical standards issues and is often on site during the study process. Mr. Morgan stated that it is very common

for additional environmental phases to be required and that it is more efficient to have these studies completed during the early stages of the permitting process. The Board asked that the Golder contract for the Phase II study be placed on the February agenda for reconsideration.

Regional Update

Vice Chair Frye stated that the mental health merger issue between Sandhills and Guilford County is moving along.

Vice Chair Frye reported that he thinks that County staff should meet with Roger King of RCATS to discuss a possible bus system contract and transportation options for the elderly in our area due to the reduction of PART routes. Guilford County had made a sizable monetary contribution to PART for such a system there.

County Manager Richard Wells announced that Commissioner Frye was elected as the first Director of the newly merged Piedmont Triad Council of Governments and North West Piedmont Council of Governments to form the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, which is made up of 12 counties. Vice Chair Frye stated that Guilford County has still not made a decision on joining the Council. He added that Guilford County has requested weighted voting rights, which he feels the other member counties will not agree to. He also stated that the Council has agreed to reduce dues for member counties.

Approval of Change Order for DSS HVAC Renovation Project & Related Budget Amendment

Public Works Director David Townsend, III stated that at the November 7, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting, bids were presented to the commissioners for the completion of the DSS HVAC renovation contract that Chapman Mechanical Inc. had defaulted on in September 2011. Indicor Mechanical of Greensboro had submitted the lowest bid of \$85,000, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Once Indicor began this work to complete the contract, it was discovered that there were several original contract items that Chapman Mechanical had either not performed or were not conforming to the engineer's plans and specifications. Because these items were not discovered until after Indicor had begun completion work, these items were not included in their original bid. Indicor has given the County the total additional cost to complete these incomplete items, which is \$14,516.39.

Because these items were part of the original scope of contract work from Chapman Mechanical's contract, these additional costs will be covered under Chapman's performance bond.

In order to close out this grant project, Mr. Townsend requested that the Board of Commissioners authorize a change order in the amount of \$14,516.39 to Indicor Mechanical for the additional work to complete the DSS HVAC renovations project. There were also additional engineering services (\$11,490.25) performed by our consultants, Millikan Engineering Group, due to the failure of the original contractor. The original contractor's bond company will also cover these additional costs.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the change order for Indicor in the amount of \$14,516.39 and a change order for Millikan

Engineering Group in the amount of \$11,490.25 for the DSS HVAC renovation project and approved Budget Amendment #1 to the Energy Efficiency Project Ordinance to reflect the reimbursements from the contractor's bond company, as follows:

<i>Energy Efficiency Project Ordinance</i>		
<i>Budget Amendment #1</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$15,975	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Professional Services</i>	\$ 4,050	
<i>Construction</i>	\$11,925	

Recess

At 6:46 p.m., the Board took a short recess.

Regular Meeting Resumed

At 7:00 p.m., the Board returned to regular session.

Rezoning Public Hearing

At 7:01 p.m., the Board adjourned to a duly advertised public hearing to consider a rezoning request. Hal Johnson, Planning Director, presented the following request:

BO DAVIDSON, Asheboro, North Carolina, is requesting that 4.70 acres located at 4917 Beeson Farm Road, New Market Township, be rezoned from RA to LI. Secondary Growth Area. Tax ID# 7745276892. It is the desire of the applicant to use the property for industrial purposes. The Innovision Properties, LLC - Property Owners. The Planning Board reviewed this request at public meeting on December 6, 2011, and unanimously recommended that this request be approved. The Planning Board found the following policies within the 2009 Growth Management Plan that support determination of consistency with the adopted plan with this recommendation:

Policy 3.1. Industrial development should be on land that is physically suitable and has unique locational advantages for industry. Advanced planning for the identification of such land should be encouraged.

Policy 3.7. Sustainable economic growth, environmental protection, and quality of life shall be pursued together as mutually supporting growth management goals.

Board of Commissioner Resolution Adopting Growth Management Plan, Policy #3. Ensure the opportunity for landowners to achieve the highest and best uses of their land that are consistent with growth management policies in order to protect the economic viability of the County's citizens and tax base.

Vice Chairman Frye opened the floor for comment.

Bo Davidson, applicant, spoke in support of the request on behalf of the property owner J.B. Davis, and owner of Innovision Properties, LLC, stating that he wanted to bring the property up to compliance in order to store furniture.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Bo Davidson, as determined consistent with policies contained within the standards

and policies of the Growth Management Plan and outlined in the recommendations provided by the County Planning Board.

Adjournment

At 7:04 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Stan Haywood

Amanda Varner, Deputy Clerk to the Board