

September 8, 2014

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, Kemp and Lanier were present. Dr. Bob Shackelford, RCC President, gave the invocation and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Holmes welcomed Research Analyst Julie Hochszlein and Deputy Director Patrice Roesler from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He recognized Todd Cutler of the Randolph County School Board, Randolph County School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Gainey, the Archdale Trinity Chamber of Commerce President Beverly Nelson and the candidates vying for the seat in which Chairman Holmes is vacating upon his retirement at the end of his term: David Allen, Elworth Cheek and Kyle Dixon.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment. County Attorney Ben Morgan read aloud the Public Comment Rules of Procedure.

Alan Ferguson, 4794 Troy Smith Rd., Liberty, NC, said that it has been 27 months since he first spoke about the Greensboro – Liberty mega site project. He said a Greensboro newspaper lamented that North Carolina had missed out on the Mercedes plant that was built in Alabama instead of on a site near Mebane in the '90s. He said that Alabama invested \$4 billion dollars to get the project. The Mercedes plant is now preparing for another expansion. Mr. Ferguson said he was curious what Tuscaloosa County (county where the Mercedes plant is located) was getting out of it. According to the Tuscaloosa County tax website, the property that the Department of Commerce of Alabama says is valued at \$4 billion has a total tax assessed value of only \$74,793,740. Mr. Ferguson estimated that to be about 2% of the total value of the investment made. He said he felt that Randolph County should be aiming for at least a goal of 2%, but he said he doesn't see it going that way. He said another investment to consider is the BMW plant in Spartanburg County, SC, which has a total tax assessed value of zero on their 756 acres. Mr. Ferguson said if we are going to keep talking about this county and this state making a big investment in projects like this, we should also talk about the extent of the investment and about what Randolph County and its citizens who will be bearing the burden will get back out of it; not about what the state as a whole could earn.

Jon Nance, 3483 New Hope Church Rd, Asheboro, spoke to oppose the regional landfill. Mr. Nance gave the following suggestions as alternatives to the landfill:

- Convert it to a park with trails and recreation.
- Create a botanical garden for residents to go for peace, tranquility, exercise and fresh air.
- Construct a massive four wheel drive or off road vehicle park. Mr. Nance said he felt like Randolph County residents would love to have somewhere to go mudding and trailing.
- Could use it to host expos for Jeeps and other four wheel drive brands like they do at the Uwharrie National Forest.
- Construct a drag strip. Mr. Nance had recently visited the Rockingham Dragway and suggested everyone visit there. He said it was a place for people to hang out; engineers can test their automotive skills. It would be educational, fun and could inspire a

championship career in racing for some young Randolph County resident if they had that opportunity to see it in their own county.

Mr. Nance said all those ideas would be an opportunity to promote tourism in Randolph County and a place for residents to have some fun. He said it would inspire individual engineering because people would be buying parts, which creates an industry and a culture around it that could be good for the economy of the county. He stated that the people of Randolph County deserve better than a landfill and should dream bigger.

Mr. Nance said that he knows the Commissioners put a lot of work into the landfill and that there are contracts, but he thinks there are still alternatives. He concluded by saying that he feels the political ties are changing in the county and said he was willing to bet that the only thing being dumped in Randolph County are the careers of the local politicians who support the landfill.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- *approve minutes of 8/4/14 regular meeting and four sets of closed session minutes of 8/4/14;*
- *unseal three sets of closed session minutes - 7/9/12 III, 3/11/13 II and 3/10/14 II;*
- *appoint Amanda Varner and Fred deFriess to the Randolph County EMS Peer Review Committee;*
- *approve Budget Amendment #4 for the 2014 Bureau of Justice (JAG) Grant, as follows;*

2014-2015 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #4		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	<i>\$10,771</i>	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>\$10,771</i>	

- *ratify unanimous approval in an individual poll of Board of Commissioners taken 8/6/14 amending the Workplace Violence Policy, Section 17, Paragraph D; as follows:*

County employees are prohibited from carrying a personal deadly weapon in the course of conducting County business, with the exception of those Sheriff Office employees who qualify with and carry their own personal weapon while on duty and except for those employees who are granted special permission by the County Manager to do so. Special permission shall only be granted to employees who possess valid, current concealed handgun permits and only upon compelling special circumstances.

- *ratify unanimous approval in an individual poll of Board of Commissioners taken 8/6/14 amending Section 3 of the Concealed to Carry Ordinance, as follows:*

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS INTO
BUILDINGS OF THE COUNTY OF RANDOLPH AND**

AUTHORIZING PUBLIC NOTICE OF SAME BY THE POSTING OF SIGNS

WHEREAS, Chapter 398 of the 1995 Session Laws made changes to the laws governing concealed weapons by establishing a system that will allow private citizens to obtain permits to carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, this change will significantly increase the number of individuals who may legally carry concealed handguns; and

WHEREAS, the County of Randolph pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-174 has the power to prohibit acts detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the citizenry of said county; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to restrict the carrying of concealed handguns on certain county property in order to protect the health and safety of county employees and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 14-415.23 authorizes counties to adopt ordinances to permit the posting of a prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), in local government buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to prohibit under penalty of law the carrying of concealed weapons in all county buildings and to direct the posting of county property such that, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 14-415.11(c), the carrying of concealed handguns on the posted premises will constitute a violation of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, Article 54B.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, that:

Section 1. Posting of Signs Required. The County Manager is hereby authorized and instructed to post conspicuous signage at appropriate locations on or within all county buildings, indicating that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited therein.

Section 2. Location of Signs. Signs on county buildings shall be visibly posted at each entrance by which the general public can legally access the building. The County Manager shall exercise discretion in determining the number and appropriate locations of signs to be placed on or within appurtenant premises.

Sections 3. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a sworn law enforcement Officer or a County employee that has been duly authorized by the County Manager to carry a concealed weapon including, but not limited to a handgun, into any buildings owned or leased by the County of Randolph or any of its agencies.

Section 4. The notice on the signs to be posted by the County Manager shall read in substance:

**WARNING
CONCEALED WEAPONS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!
IT IS A VIOLATION OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 14-415.11(C)**

**AND RANDOLPH COUNTY ORDINANCES TO CARRY A CONCEALED
WEAPON INTO ANY COUNTY BUILDING.
VIOLATION OF SAME IS A CLASS 2 AND CLASS 3
MISDEMEANOR RESPECTIVELY.**

Section 5. Severability; Conflict of Laws. If this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance which can be given separate effect and to that end the provisions of this ordinance or declared to be severable. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date. This amended ordinance shall become effective August 6, 2014.

- *appoint Bob Suggs and Deborah Marcus to the Randolph County Aging Services Planning Committee;*
- *appoint Hal Younts to the Climax Fire Protection District Commission;*
- *adoption of Proclamation Designating August 30-September 6 as National Payroll Week, as follows:*

**NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK
August 30-September 6, 2014**

WHEREAS, *the American Payroll Association and its more than 21,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 156 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting worker earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and*

WHEREAS, *payroll professionals play a key role in maintaining the economic health of a business, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and*

WHEREAS, *payroll departments collectively spend more than \$15 billion annually complying with myriad federal and state wage and tax laws; and*

WHEREAS, *payroll professionals play an increasingly important role ensuring the economic security of American families by helping to identify noncustodial parents and making sure they comply with their child support mandates; and*

WHEREAS, *payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in educating both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and*

WHEREAS, *payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both government and businesses; and*

WHEREAS, *the week in which Labor Day falls has been proclaimed National Payroll Week, we hereby have given additional support to the efforts of the people who work in Randolph County in the payroll profession.*

NOW THEREFORE, we the Randolph County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the week of August 31 –September 6, 2014, as National Payroll Week in Randolph County.

This the 8th day of September, 2014.

- approve Economic Development Budget Amendment #5 for Ambella Home Collection, as follows:

2014-2015 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #5		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Transfer from ED Reserve	\$2,905	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Other Economic & Physical Development	\$2,905	

- approve Economic Development Budget Amendment #6 for PetPro Resources, as follows:

2014-2015 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #6		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$380,000	
Transfer from ED Reserve	\$19,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Other Economic & Physical Development	\$399,000	

- appoint Amanda Varner and reappoint Will Massie and Suzanne Dale to Randolph County Public Facilities Corporation.

Addition to New Business Agenda

County Manager Richard Wells asked that the following item be added to the New Business Agenda: *I. Approve Grant to 501 (c)(3) Organization -Community Outreach of Archdale/Trinity, Inc. (COAT, Inc.) for Tax Bill Offset.*

Chairman Holmes asked Mr. Wells to go ahead and present the request. Mr. Wells explained that the organization has been around for a very long time and provides emergency food and shelter to people in the Archdale/Trinity area. Mr. Wells said due to an incorrect mailing address, COAT, Inc. did not get their tax listing form to complete and submit in order to continue to be exempt, therefore, they were assessed for property taxes. They are exempt from property taxes because they are a 501 (c) (3) organization. He said the NC General Statute states that once the property tax has been assessed, it has to be paid. The organization went through the appeal process and the State Board of Appeals recommended that the County award them a grant in the amount of the taxes that were assessed for 2013. COAT, Inc., upon receipt of the grant would immediately pay the property taxes with that grant. He advised that the Tax Department has made all corrections necessary for the future.

Mr. Wells requested the Board approve the one-time grant for \$10,000 to Community Outreach of Archdale/Trinity, Inc. to pay their outstanding property taxes for 2013. Mr. Wells said that Commissioner Frye is aware of the issue. Commissioner Frye said they have been tax exempt since 2002.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to award a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Community Outreach of Archdale/Trinity, Inc. to pay the property taxes for 2013, as requested.

Update on Maneuvers for “Robin Sage”

Lt Col. Stuart Farris, Commander of 1st Battalion, 1st Special Warfare Training Group, US Army, John F Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Camp McCall, said they are responsible for all the training of the Special Forces units at Fort Bragg. He said that the mission of the Battalion is to access, select and train all the future Army Special Forces. He said that soldiers would be participating in the most critical training exercises called “Robin Sage” between September 12 and October 11 in many counties including Randolph. He said the “Robin Sage” exercise is the last formal field exercise before the troops go to language school.

Lt. Col. Farris said that “Robin Sage” is the US military’s premier unconventional warfare exercise and the final test of over a year’s worth of training for aspiring Special Forces soldiers. The soldiers must complete this exercise before graduating and moving to their first assignments in the Army’s Special Forces. Lt. Col. Farris stated that he did not come to talk about the unit, but instead came to say thank you to the people of Randolph County who have been supporting “Robin Sage” for over forty years. He wanted everyone to know how much they appreciate the support. He said that the Special Forces units are usually the first sent and often the last to leave an area. The citizens of Randolph County have directly supported every single Special Forces Green Beret that has been deployed for the last forty years because they each have trained in Randolph County. He thanked the citizens for the support extended to the soldiers participating in the exercise and for their understanding of any inconveniences the training may cause.

Commissioner Frye responded by saying, “you came to thank us when we should be the ones thanking you; we all sleep better at night.”

Lt. Col. Farris stated that it takes all of us and they can’t do it without the support of all the citizens.

Commissioner Lanier thanked Lt. Col. Farris and the Special Forces, as well as, other branches of the military for protecting us so that we can have the life we live every day and cherish it with family.

Chairman Holmes also thanked Lt. Col. Farris for his service and for using Randolph County as a training field. Lt. Col. Farris then received a standing ovation as a token of gratitude for his service.

Approval of Bids for Four 2012 CDBG Scattered Site Housing (SSH) Contracts

Brian Heilig, Building Inspections Inspector and Grants Coordinator, said the SSH Site Selection Committee and the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) received applications under the 2012

CDBG SSH Grant and have selected four homes, obtained three bids for renovation on each and provided evidence of those bids in the agenda packets. Although the initial bids were higher, Mr. Heilig explained that the maximum amount that can be spent on each dwelling is \$40,000. The lowest bidding contractors were each contacted, bids were reviewed and the scope of work was amended to stay within the limits.

Mr. Heilig requested the Board award the bids to renovate these four houses to the contractor who submitted the lowest bid, as follows:

1-	605 W. Academy St, Randleman	\$38,500.00	Ideal Const. Co.
2-	543 Woodlawn St, Asheboro	\$38,400.00	Ideal Const. Co.
3-	113 Shamrock Rd, Asheboro	\$38,492.00	Mabe Const. Co.
4-	335 Peachtree St, Asheboro	\$38,690.00	Mabe Const. Co.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to award the following contracts for renovation: Ideal Construction for the 605 W. Academy St., Randleman home at \$38,500; Ideal Construction for the 543 Woodlawn St, Asheboro home at \$38,400; Mabe Construction for the 113 Shamrock Rd, Asheboro home at \$38,492; Mabe Construction for the 335 Peachtree St, Asheboro home at \$38,690; and to authorize the County Manager to sign the approved contracts for these houses.

Approval of Bid for Purchase of Ambulances

Donovan Davis, Emergency Services Director, said that pursuant to the formal bidding requirements of G.S. 143-129, a request for bids was issued for two Type III, Class 1, (4 x 2) DRW KKK Certified 2014 (or newer) Ambulances for the Emergency Services Department. The public was notified of this request for bids by a legal notice which ran in the Courier-Tribune on July 24, 2014, through a posting on the County website and through emails sent directly to potential vendors.

Mr. Davis said that on August 20, 2014 at 1:00 P.M., sealed bids were received, opened and read. Bids were received from the following vendors:

VENDOR	UNIT COST	TOTAL BID	STATUS
Taylor Made Ambulances, (Arkansas)	\$129,732	\$259,464	7 Exceptions to the bid
Northwestern Emergency Vehicles (NC)	\$137,365	\$274,730	Recommend Award
Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, (NC)	\$149,949	\$299,898	Compliant

Mr. Davis stated that Taylor Made Ambulances had seven exceptions to the bid – most regarding the electrical system. Northwestern Emergency Vehicles and Southeastern Specialty Vehicles met or exceeded the required specifications outlined in RFB #14-0724. Mr. Davis said that they physically inspected Taylor Made Ambulances purchased last year by other NC counties and determined that the quality is not comparable to standards set by Randolph County EMS.

Mr. Davis requested the Board award the bid to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$274,730. Funds are allocated in the Emergency Services current budget to purchase the two ambulances and associated equipment.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid for purchase of two ambulances to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, Inc. in the amount of \$274,730, as requested.

Approval to Purchase EMS Supervisor Response Vehicle

Donovan Davis, Emergency Services Director, said that pursuant to informal purchasing requirements set under North Carolina G.S. 149-131, EMS staff requested and received quotes from three different specialty automotive dealers to purchase one 2015 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD SUV to replace the EMS Supervisor response vehicle. The quotes include all required emergency equipment: sirens, emergency LED lights, and associated switch boxes and strobe regulator. The following dealers presented these quotes:

VENDOR	UNIT COST	Vehicle Year
Precision Rescue Vehicles, Fletcher, NC	\$46,503	2015
Hart's Emergency Vehicles, Arden, NC	\$48,658	2015
Modern Chevrolet, Winston-Salem, NC	\$49,887	2015

Mr. Davis requested the Board approve the purchase of one Chevrolet Suburban 4WD SUV, including the required emergency equipment, to Precision Rescue Vehicles, in the amount of \$46,503. Mr. Davis stated the funds are allocated in the Emergency Services Department's FY2014-15 budget.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of one EMS Supervisor Response Vehicle from Precision Rescue Vehicles in the amount of \$46,503, as requested.

Request to Purchase Three New Fire Inspector Trucks

Donovan Davis, Emergency Services Director, stated pursuant to informal purchasing requirements set under North Carolina G.S. 149-131, the Emergency Services staff requested and received quotes from three different automotive dealers to purchase three replacement vehicles for the Fire Inspectors. He said the current vehicles are 2005 Dodge trucks. Quotes were requested and received from different model dealerships for a ½-ton, four door, 4x4, V8 pickup truck with similar options. The following dealers responded to the request for quotes:

VENDOR	UNIT COST	Vehicle Year
Ilderton Dodge, High Point, NC	\$23,958	\$71,874
Modern Chevrolet, Winston-Salem, NC	\$26,814.20	\$80,442.60
Freeman Ford, Liberty, NC	\$27,495.68	\$82,487.04

Mr. Davis said that Ilderton Dodge of High Point provided the lowest bid; however, after inspecting the vehicle and its interior, it is not suitable for installation of the necessary emergency equipment in the cab of the vehicle (i.e. radios, laptop, printer, siren, etc.). Mr. Davis recommended the 2015 Chevy Silverado as the most economical vehicle with the best fuel efficiency rating and requested the Board approve the purchase of three 2015 Chevy Silverado pickup trucks, (1/2- ton, four door, 4x4, V8) from Modern Chevrolet in the amount of \$80,442.60. The funds are allocated in the Emergency Services department's FY2014-15 budget.

Commissioner Kemp questioned if other Randolph County dealers submitted bids. Mr. Davis said that they did, but were not the lowest bidder.

Mr. Davis said they opted for a longer, more ruggedized vehicle for hauling equipment.

Erik Beard, Chief Fire Inspector, gave an overview of the problems they were having with the existing Dodge vehicles in the fleet. He said the Chevrolet has the best fuel mileage rating at this time, and this was the reason he chose the Chevrolet.

Commissioner Kemp said that the 2005 Dodge vehicle problems can't be measured against the current year model. He asked for research on the current models and stated that the current Dodge warranty is a five-year / 100,000-mile powertrain limited warranty and would cover any issues with the powertrain. He was not sure of the other brand warranties and asked that the item be reconsidered at the October meeting after additional research is completed on the current models of each brand. Mr. Beard said he believes the Chevrolet has a 3-year/36,000-mile warranty. Commissioner Kemp stated that was a significant difference.

Following the discussion, the Board tabled this request until the October meeting.

Approval to Purchase One Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator

Donovan Davis, Emergency Services Director, said that one of the items required for the new Uwharrie (southwest) EMS ambulance is a new (additional) cardiac monitor/defibrillator. To maintain consistency, Physio Control, Inc. was asked to provide a quote for one LifePak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator. This is the same monitor/defibrillator used on all of the ambulance units. He requested the Board authorize the purchase of one LifePak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator from Physio Control, Inc. in the amount of \$38,929.80.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of one cardiac monitor/defibrillator from Physio Control, Inc. in the amount of \$38,929.80, as requested.

Approval of a New DSS Position

Beth Duncan, DSS Director, said the Administrative Support Unit Supervisor (ASUS) position was originally classified as an Office Work Unit Supervisor V, County Grade 12, with the defined role as a Processing Assistant V, more commonly known as a clerk. The forms of work as described in this classification are outdated. This position supervises a staff of up to 10 employees and is directly responsible for the agency's safety program, security program, and shelter management program. This position also serves as the agency's State Security Officer for state computer systems access and

Security Officer for a federal IRS program called Financial Resource Report/Beneficiary Earnings Exchange Report. As written in the Randolph County job description for this position: *“the purpose of this position is to direct support functions and related programs that provides management assistance across all operational programs in the Randolph County Department of Social Services. Work involves the supervision of a range of functions and activities that have a direct involvement in operational matters. The ASUS evaluates the quality of services and ensures compliance with standards by researching, interpreting, and analyzing a variety of policies, procedures, and regulations.”* This directly stated purpose more closely aligns with the OSP classification of Executive Assistant I, which states that the Executive Assistant I *“responsibility involves research, problem-solving, planning and implementation role requiring a substantive knowledge of diverse programs and requiring decision-making that may impact overall operations... Employees usually supervise a support group... Work involves researching, interpreting, and analyzing a variety of policies, procedures, and regulations in order to select the most appropriate course of action within specific procedural and operational guidelines.”*

Ms. Duncan said that this classification change request has been evaluated and it aligns more with the duties the position is currently handling. She said the change is supported by Human Resources. She requested the County Commissioners approve the addition to the classification/pay plan of Executive Assistant I at County Grade 14 to be effective October 1, 2014, and said funds exist within the current budget. The position is currently vacant. When a person is hired for the new title/position, the pay rate will be near that of the person that vacated the current position.

On motion of Lanier, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of an Executive Assistant I to the County’s classification/pay plan at County Grade 14 with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

Request for New Position in Public Health

MiMi Cooper, Public Health Director, said that based on the 4,000 patient workload issues and the geographic disparity of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) services, (Asheboro, Archdale, Liberty locations), she must assign some supervisory responsibilities to a current Nutritionist II employee who will assist the Nutrition Program Supervisor with program oversight. There are around twenty people who work with the WIC program, but only two supervisors. Specifically, these increased responsibilities focus on management of the breastfeeding program and oversight of four paraprofessional staff allowing for faster service for patients. Ms. Cooper requested that a title of “Lead Nutritionist” be added to the Classification Plan at a grade 16, with an effective date of October 1, 2014 and said that it requires no additional funding.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of a Lead Nutritionist to the County’s classification/pay plan at County Grade 16 with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

Regional Update

Vice Chair Frye stated that on August 20, 2014, the full PTRC Board of Delegates voted unanimously to adopt a revised set of bylaws restructuring the *Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation*. The Corporation is a tax exempt non-profit entity established by PTRC to encourage and oversee economic development activities across our twelve-county region by functioning as a regional Economic Development District (EDD). He said it would help start new businesses or aid existing

businesses with possible grants or SBA loans. The EDD would be paid a fee by the SBA to administer those loans. It would have a specified board of directors with no more than two elected officials from any one county that makes up the PTRDC. To receive EDD designation from the Federal Economic Development Administration, the PTRDC needs a majority of the counties to provide a Letter of Support signed by the County Manager or a Resolution of Support adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Bonnie Renfro, Randolph County EDC President, stated that it is true that the rural economic developers have been meeting and talking over the last year about how they can pool resources and work together, without staff, using each individual office's efforts to market a region to attract new business. She said that this is a part of that effort of developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the twelve-county Piedmont Triad Region planning area.

Ms. Renfro feels that a regional marketing area will make it easier to apply for grants that are more regional, such as ones for water and sewer or highway infrastructure.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously, to adopt a Resolution Supporting Economic Development District Designation and the Designation of the 12-County Piedmont Triad Region as an Economic Development District, as follows:

**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF THE 12-COUNTY PIEDMONT TRIAD REGION
AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Randolph County is located in the Piedmont Triad Region of North Carolina; and
WHEREAS, In February 2014, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Board of Delegates unanimously adopted TRIAD TOMORROW, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the twelve-county Piedmont Triad Region planning area comprised of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin Counties and their municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The Piedmont Triad Regional Development Corporation (PTRDC) has been established as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of the PTRDC is to undertake activities that further economic development and social welfare in the Piedmont Triad Region planning area and to promote economic development and job creation by carrying out community and economic development initiatives as outlined in the adopted CEDS; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the twelve Counties within the Piedmont Triad Regional meet all applicable measures of economic distress for unemployment and per capita income as provided in 13CFR 301.3 for the 24-month period ending December 2013; and

WHEREAS, the PTRDC is seeking Economic Development District (EDD) designation for the Piedmont Triad Region planning area through the United States Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Piedmont Triad Region planning area as an EDD will further the community and economic development interests of the twelve-county region and greatly enhance implementation of our regional CEDS, by coordinating efforts to create jobs, build an entrepreneurial economy and attract reinvestment in communities throughout our region – large, small, urban and rural.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, as duly elected and authorized representatives of the people of Randolph County, do hereby support the designation of the twelve-county Piedmont Triad Region planning area, comprised of Alamance, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin Counties and their municipalities, as an Economic Development District through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

This the 8th day of September, 2014

Rezoning Public Hearing

At 7:00 p.m., the Board adjourned to a duly advertised public hearing to consider rezoning requests. Hal Johnson, Planning Director, presented the following request, and Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing for comments on the request and closed it before taking action.

RODNEY DALE WOOD, Franklinville, North Carolina, is requesting that 2.98 acres located at 3404 Carl Allred Road, Franklinville Township, be rezoned from RA to RBO-CD. Secondary Growth Area. Tax ID# 7784905220. The proposed Conditional District would specifically allow retail sales in an existing structure as per site plan. The Planning Board reviewed this request at public meeting on August 5, 2014, 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 4.1 *Provide for sites in Randolph County jurisdiction where rural commercial activity can locate with the goal of increasing economic activity, job creation, and the provision of services to the rural community.*

Commissioner Resolution Adopting the 2009 Randolph County Growth Management Plan, #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.*

Mr. Johnson stated that there are a lot of people living on Carl Allred Road that also operate small businesses on the same property. What makes this request different and requires the request for the rezoning is that Mr. Wood does not live on the property. It would have to be rezoned to operate a small retail business. He purchased a mobile school classroom unit and set it up on the rear of the property for retail clothing sales. He was also using it as a residence. He didn't realize there were some building code issues involved in that action. The building inspector advised that there would have to be some changes in order for someone to live there. Before a building inspection can be approved the zoning has to be approved to allow the retail business. The modular will have to meet building code and the inspectors are working with Mr. Wood so that the modular unit will meet building code pending this zoning approval.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Holmes closed the public hearing.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request of Rodney Dale Wood, as determined consistent with the standards and policies contained within the Growth Management Plan and outlined in the recommendations provided by the County Planning Board.

Closed Session

At 7:07 p.m., on motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(4)].

Regular Session Resumed

At 7:52 p.m., regular session resumed.

Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m., on motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board