

# **YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY SESSION MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 28, 2012**

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in an Emergency Session on Thursday, June 28, 2012, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC.

## **Present were:**

Chairman Kevin Austin  
Vice Chairman Frank Zachary  
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric  
Commissioner David Moxley  
Commissioner Marion Welborn

**Staff present:** County Manager, Aaron Church.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Austin at 2:08pm.

## **BOARD ACTION**

### **Implement Plan for Heat Wave**

This emergency meeting was called because the Commissioners want to be proactive about potential issues the heat wave may cause. Chairman Austin thanked the media for the job they have done alerting everyone. It has been a long time since Yadkin County has experienced the kind of high temperatures that are expected over the next five (5) or six (6) days. The Board recognized the impact the heat wave could have on Yadkin County's emergency services and wanted to ensure that everything operated smoothly and the citizens remained safe.

The County Manager had been asked to work with the other departments in the county to develop a plan and policy that would help alleviate the impact of the severe heat wave. Heat related deaths are preventable and forty percent (40%) of those deaths are senior citizens. Seniors are at a higher risk of heat related death due to their age, the medications they are on, and any heart disease they may have. County Officials estimated there are about 6,000 citizens in the County who are 65 or older and about half of them do not have air conditioning. The Board would like to make their impact there. DSS has funds available in their general assistance line item that can be used to purchase fans to be distributed to seniors who need them. The County began purchasing fans this morning and has 300 fans available for distribution. Another 2,000 fans are available if the County needs them. Any fans that are not used can be returned. The line item contains approximately \$30,000.00 and will cover the cost of approximately 1,900 fans. If the Board approves implementing this plan and would like the County to be able to purchase more than 1,900 fans, a budget amendment would need to be approved. The County Manager went over the proposed Fan Policy with the Board of Commissioners. It states:

1. EMS, Sheriff, and DSS will distribute the fans.
2. Only two fans distributed per household of persons over the age of 65.
3. Form must be signed by recipient stating that they cannot afford to purchase a fan or fans are not available for purchase.
4. Individual must show ID to verify they are the recipient.

The form that has to be filled out and signed by the recipient also has to be signed by a County Official. The County will use the forms to go back and track the fans to ensure there is no duplication and citizens are not getting more than the fans they are allowed.

The fans will be distributed in the Board of Commissioners room from 7:00am to Noon on Friday, June 29, 2012. After that, the fans will be kept at the Sheriff's Office. Citizens who qualify can pick up the fans there or if the person is homebound, the Sheriff is willing to make sure the fans get delivered to them. Keith Vestal is speaking with the Fire Departments and the ones he has spoken to are willing to distribute fans on Saturday. After that, citizens who did not receive a fan can call to find out if any are still available.

The Board discussed item number 2 of the fan policy and asked that it be modified to make clear that only a maximum of two fans will be distributed per household where only seniors age 65 or older reside. No other adults can live in the home.

**Commissioner Moxley made a motion to approve the modified fan policy as discussed and to authorize a budget amendment of \$10,000 from the general fund to the Department of Social Services General Assistance line item. Commissioner Hemric second.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

**Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Zachary second.**

**Vote: 5/0.**

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Kevin Austin, Chairman  
Yadkin County Board of  
Commissioners

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Date approved by the  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners