

February 6, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham had the invocation. The Board had the pledge.

Public comment

Yancy St.John, Swan Creek, addressed the Board concerning the Swan Creek interchange.

Dianne Doub, East Bend, informed the Board that she had been accused of giving the Board signals on how to vote. She presented signs so there will no mistake on how she wants them to vote.

Minutes

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the minutes with changes. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Health-Dialysis Facility

Mr. Wood stated the county was contacted two years regarding a dialysis facility but we did not meet the requirements. We now have the patient load required and Ms. Coe is here to request a letter of support.

Ms. Coe, Regional Nurse Administrator, stated the application has to be turned in by March 15th to be reviewed and processed. Yadkin County has 32 patients who are on dialysis. She asked the Board for a letter of support and a letter of land availability.

The Board discussed the land at Hoots Hospital.

Ms. Coe stated Wake Forest Medical would build the facility.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to send a letter of support and land availability for the dialysis center. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Ms. Coe stated an information session was being held at the Senior Center at 12:30 pm.

Elections-proposal and budget amendment

Jack Shore, Chairman of Elections, presented a proposal for the storage of the new voting machines.

Mr. Wood stated there is space at the Planning and Permits office.

The Board of Election members agreed on the space at the Planning Permits building.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to make storage space available in the Planning Permits building and to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended
Registrars/Asst	1054170-51521	\$18,000	\$2,800	\$20,800
Travel/Training	10541710-54010	\$3,200	\$200	\$3,400
Approp.Fund Balance	1044000-49000	\$547,468	\$3,000	\$550,468

Description per Janet Choplin- I did not know at the time of the Budget that we would have to get new Voting Equipment which would require 12 more Precinct Workers on Election Day and that the State Board was mandating special training classes for Precinct Workers to be held in a regional location. The 12 extra Precinct Workers would also attend the Instructional Meeting before the Primary Election is held. There will be extra travel expense for the regional training.

There will be an undetermined amount of money for Truck Rental and labor for the delivery of the new voting equipment on the day before Election Day. The estimate for two people at 8 hours at \$56.00 a day and the estimate of the truck rental at \$100 a day. We will need to double this amount because we will deliver the equipment the day before Elections and then it will be delivered back to the storage room the day after the Elections.

The Boards discussed the old voting machines.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to declare the old voting machines surplus and list them on GovDeals. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Swaim inquired about the wine referendum.

Mr. Wood stated a date has not been set.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to put the wine referendum on the ballot for the May primary. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

CJPP-annual plan

Josh Collins, CJPP Coordinator for Yadkin County, stated the program has saved the county approximately \$130,000 since July 2005.

The Board discussed the program.

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to approve the CJPP budget. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Cooperative Extension-report

Jack Loudermilk, Cooperative Extension Director, reported on agriculture in Yadkin County. He also reported on the tobacco allotment and the wineries in the county.

Chairman Wooten asked if Mr. Loudermilk's office would be assisting with the wine referendum?

Mr. Loudermilk stated his office would speak favorably of the potential revenue for the county. They will also provide information about the wineries.

The Board discussed muscadine growth and tobacco payouts.

Chairman Wooten called for break.

Information Services-personnel

Mr. Wood informed the Board that Richard Burchette, Systems Administrator, would be leaving on "active duty" with the Army Reserve for a two year tour. Mr. Wood asked to fill Richard's position with a temporary replacement until Richard returns.

The Board discussed the level of skill for the temporary position.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to approve hiring a temporary person for the IT Department. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Governing body-workshop

Commissioners Phillips, Wooten and Sneed will attend a workshop called "Working for Better Results as a Board". Mr. Wood and Ms. Vestal will also attend.

Resolution- Yadkin Home Place

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Yadkin County and the surrounding area has many adults with special needs for life assistance; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected representatives of Yadkin County recognize that adults with special needs must be supported to achieve maximum independence; and

WHEREAS, these adults can be served through development of a non-profit group home; and

WHEREAS, a group home for the developmentally delayed would be an asset not only to the residents but to the economy of the community; and

WHEREAS, the property for the building site has been secured; and

WHEREAS, the Yadkin County citizens and businesses have committed to secure funding for the construction of a non-profit group home named Yadkin Home Place, to assist in serving the needs of this population;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners,

That the members of this Board find and declare that this is a valuable and needed endeavor for service to this segment of Yadkin County citizens, and

That the members of this Board unanimously support this endeavor, and

That the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners hereby recommends and encourages all citizens, businesses and local government representatives to support this development at the earliest practical time, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be published in the local printed media and be sent to each local governing authority in Yadkin County

This Resolution hereby adopted this the 6th day of February 2006.

s/Brady Wooten, Chairman s/Allen Sneed, Vice Chairman
s/Kim Phillips, s/Leon Casstevens, s/D.C. Swaim

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt the resolution.
Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Courthouse-renovations

Mr. Wood presented the proposals from Pinnacle Architects and MBAJ Architects. He informed the Board a letter had been sent to the Superior Judge notifying him of our progress.

Mr. Wood discussed costs and work estimates stating these will depend on the options we choose, also whether we do the east side or west side

It was the consensus of the Board to present both options to the Judge regarding the courthouse and have Pinnacle draw up a letter justifying leaving the bullpens where they are located. The Board also requested the Fire Marshal be involved in this process.

Services and Development-proposals

Mr. Wood presented a proposal from All American Associates regarding contract work in the Planning Department. This would be for a planning and code enforcement person at a cost of \$2,000 per month. The contract can be cancelled with a 30 day notice from either party.

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to approve the proposal from All America Associates for a planning & code enforcement person at a cost of \$2,000 per month. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Swaim opposed.**

Economic Development-update/report

Bobby Todd, Economic Development Director, stated the UNIFI buildings continue to be marketed.

Chairman Wooten inquired about BEPCO.

Mr. Todd stated they are a little behind schedule but they are meeting the contract guidelines.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Phillips informed the Board the work on Shallowford Bridge would begin today.

Commissioner Phillips commented on the productive meeting with David Long.

Commissioner Phillips informed the Board about the water heater at the library and how quickly Mr. Wood responded to the problem,

Commissioner Phillips discussed the tobacco free resolution.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to designate smoking areas for all public buildings. Motion died lack of second.**

Commissioner Casstevens spoke about the Swan Creek interchange.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to direct Mr. Wood to get in touch with the proper officials regarding a grant. Motion withdrawn.**

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to direct Mr. Wood to contact our congressional offices to request Senator Dole, Senator Burr and Representative Foxx to earmark federal highway money for the project at Swan Creek and to file any requests as needed from the State and Regional DOT. The requests need to be done by March 1st. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Phillips stated the Board needs to go through the proper channels. The RPO is meeting February 21st and we can clarify the process with them.

Mr. Wood stated he would contact COG and Mr. Lakey with our intentions. He explained earmarked funds.

Commissioner Casstevens informed the Board that DSS would be asking for an additional \$350,000 for the 2006-2007 budget.

Commissioner Casstevens discussed a battered women's shelter for Yadkin County.

Commissioner Swaim commented on the Legislative breakfast sponsored by the senior centers and how the session was very informative.

The Board discussed the proposed jail committee.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to appoint the Sheriff, Major Widener, Jeannie Houston, Tom Kilby, Lee Zackary, Commissioner Sneed, Commissioner Phillips, Roy Douglas and Tom Horner to serve on the Jail Committee. Others can be added at a later date. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten reviewed the employee reward program information.

Mr. Wood stated Ms. Vestal contacted other counties, reviewed the information and summarized the ideas.

Chairman Wooten asked the Board to review the information and report back at the first meeting in March.

Chairman Wooten discussed the information submitted by Karen Wagoner regarding Aric Wilhelm.

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Wilhelm is part-time being paid \$2,175 per month.

Chairman Wooten stated the Board would review the proposal during the budget process. The Board would authorize taking the remaining funds out of the automation funds to pay Mr. Wilhelm.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to keep Aric Wilhelm part-time until the records are completed and approve the \$10,568 to come out of automation funds. The Board would review the position again at budget time. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Phillips opposed.**

Chairman Wooten read an apology from Michael Mostellar, a Forbush High School student, who was supposed to have led the pledge at a previous meeting.

Chairman Wooten discussed an article about grants and how the money is supposed to spread out among the triad. He talked about the workshop with David Long. He spoke about Capitol Links and Tom Webb.

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to terminate the contract with Capitol Links. Motion withdrawn.**

Mr. Wood informed the Board a letter from Mick Staton requesting termination of the contract had been received.

***Commissioner Wooten made the motion to approve the proposal from All America Associates for project management services. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten asked if a grant is obtained, do we pay AAA a percentage of the grant.

Mr. Wood stated he would check with Mr. Niland.

Chairman Wooten stated the reason the county does not receive any earmarked funds is because we do not ask. It is the responsibility of the Board to instruct Mr. Wood to request these funds.

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to request Mr. Wood to contact our congressional representatives for funds to be earmarked for water/sewer, schools and 5-D. This has to be done by March 1st. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Chairman Wooten made the motion to direct Mr. Wood to proceed immediately to get sewer to the 421/77 interchange, securing as many grants as possible, borrowing funds at low interest rates with the first payment due 2008/2009. Mr. Wood will bring the steps of process back before the Board for their approval. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten asked about a pre-audit being done to allow for better numbers to work on the budget. He directed Mr. Wood to check on costs

The Board decided that the pre-audit would be too costly.

Chairman Wooten thanked Attorney Graham for the tax collection report.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to allow Forbush Fire Department to erect a water storage tank on the lot at Station #1 for EMS. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Sneed discussed an issue regarding the owners of the Plaza Restaurant and a permit. ***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to refund the permit fee due to the inspection not being done. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Sneed discussed Sizemore Road.

Mr. Wood stated there was cutting in the area done last week. He informed the Board that we have to be careful due to the buried trash in the area and state regulations.

Commissioner Casstevens discussed the estate of Leslie Todd and how the taxes have not been paid since 1991. He suggested Attorney Graham send a letter to the daughter to either pay the taxes or the county will sell the property for back taxes.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood restated that he received a letter from Capitol Links exercising their thirty days to cancel their contract.

Mr. Wood stated he had spoken with several town officials and they are willing to meet to discuss water.

Mr. Wood reminded Commissioners Wooten and Sneed about the Solidwaste meeting on February 8th at 10:00.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that Forsyth and Baptist Hospitals have agreed to purchase equipment for EMS to transmit critical information ahead

to the hospitals when transporting a patient. The hospital will pay for the phone services until the end of the fiscal year. The county will have to pick up the cost after that period.

Mr. Wood informed the Board about some work at the pool.

Mr. Wood asked for a motion to advertise tax liens.

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to advertise tax liens. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Wood informed the Board about a resignation he received from an employee in Animal Control. He would like the Board's permission to fill the position.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to fill the position in Animal Control. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Casstevens asked about separating 911 calls and fire calls.

It was the consensus of the Board to move the first meeting in March to March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board