

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **WAYNE COUNTY**

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 9:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members present: Roland M. Gray, Chairman; Atlas Price, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Wilbur E. Anderson; John M. Bell; C. Munroe Best, Jr.; J. D. Evans and Efton M. Sager.

Members absent: None.

#### **Work Session**

During the scheduled briefing and prior to the regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Commissioners held a work session to discuss the items of business on the agenda.

#### **Closed Session**

At 8:45 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Efton M. Sager, the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

At 9:00 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Efton M. Sager, the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in regular session.

#### **Invocation**

Chairman Roland M. Gray gave the invocation.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the regular session of the Board of Commissioners on March 18, 2008.

#### **Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda**

Chairman Roland M. Gray adjusted the agenda by adding American Home Week in Wayne County Proclamation and Support of HR 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008 to New Business; and by adding Authorization for the Chairman to Sign the Application for the Public Schools Capital Building Fund, two Sheriff's Office budget amendments, and Reimbursement Resolution for County of Wayne Expenditures on Communications System to the Consent Agenda.

#### **Upcoming Appointments**

The Appointment Committee announced the following persons were under consideration for appointment or reappointment:

- Wayne County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee – Ann Stackhouse
- Commissioners' Council for Older Adults – Margaret Davis and Barbara Stiles
- Eureka Planning Commission – Edward E. Spence
- Wayne County ABC Board – Joseph Sawyer, Jr. and David M. Meador
- Wayne County Industrial and Business Park Development Corporation – John M. Bell; C. Munroe Best, Jr. and Wilbur E. Anderson
- Wayne County Agricultural Advisory Board – Deborah Worley; William G. Howell, II and Randy Gray

- Goldsboro-Wayne Airport Authority – Paul W. King

#### **Appointment – Wayne County Council on Aging**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Mary H. Boyette, Nancy Delia and Eleonore Hinkson to the Wayne County Council on Aging. Their terms will expire on March 31, 2011.

#### **Appointment – Community Child Fatality Prevention Team**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Jerome Ellis to the Community Child Fatality Prevention Team. Mr. Ellis' term will expire on April 18, 2011.

#### **Appointment – Commissioners' Council for Older Adults**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Ethel Barnes, Helena Bell, Gloria Benton, Cheryl A. Crumpler, Terry Davis, Brownie Doss, Nancy Gendreau, B. R. "Ruff" Huggins, Linda J. Jones and Hilda B. Rouse to the Commissioners' Council for Older Adults. Their terms will expire on March 31, 2011.

#### **Appointment – Neuse River Regional Council**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Kelly Griffin to the Neuse River Regional Council. Ms. Griffin's term will expire on April 19, 2011.

#### **Board of Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson stated the Goldsboro-Wayne Airport Authority met last week and the operations are running well.

#### **Wayne County Chamber of Commerce Presentation**

B. Geoffrey Hulse, Chairman of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support. The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce is trying to be more vocal in the community this year. He commended the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education for trying to resolve educational issues.

The Wayne County Chamber of Commerce deemed the *State of the Community* meeting last week a success. The meeting served as a means for the public to know more about the community. The Chamber of Commerce committee structure is working on transportation, education, governmental affairs, military affairs, economic development and literacy.

Commissioner J. D. Evans commended the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce on its effort to move Wayne County forward.

#### **Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less Program Presentation**

Christine Smith, Family and Consumer Science Agent with the Wayne County Cooperative Extension Service, stated the Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program explores behaviors that help you achieve and maintain a healthy weight, identifies strategies to help eat smart and move more, shows how healthy living can help one achieve and maintain a healthy weight and helps one create new, lifelong habits.

The Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program reverses the rising tide of obesity and chronic disease among North Carolinians by helping them to eat smart, move more and achieve a healthy weight.

Participants in the county employee Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program ate more fruits and vegetables, exercised more, practiced portion control, ate fewer sweets, drank more water, ate out less and lost 187.5 pounds.

Commissioner J. D. Evans thanked Christine Smith for sharing the Eat Smart, Move More, Weigh Less program and heightening awareness for a healthy lifestyle.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the employee Wellness Committee is doing a good job. Employees are walking during the day. It is anticipated the county insurance will only increase .4% for 2008-2009. Blue Cross Blue Shield has commended Wayne County for its approach to have healthier employees.

#### **Declare April 26, 2008 as Amnesty Day at the Landfill**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared April 26, 2008 as Amnesty Day at the Wayne County landfill. Amnesty Day is a project to encourage citizens to clean up roadways and yards making the County of Wayne a cleaner place to live, work and play. This project only applies to residential waste and not to commercial businesses or haulers.

#### **April 6-12, 2008 as County Government Week in Wayne County Proclamation**

Upon motion of Commissioner J. D. Evans, the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed April 6-12, 2008 as County Government Week in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment A.

#### **April 2008 as Volunteer Recognition Month in Wayne County Proclamation**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed April 2008 as Volunteer Recognition Month in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment B.

#### **April 2008 as Month of the Young Child in Wayne County Proclamation**

Kim Best, Director of Community Services for the Partnership for Children of Wayne County, read the April 2008 as the Month of the Young Child in Wayne County proclamation.

Upon motion of Commissioner J. D. Evans, the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed April 2008 as Month of the Young Child in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment C.

#### **April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Wayne County Proclamation**

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment D.

#### **Highway 70 Corridor Commission Appointment**

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the membership of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission voted to eliminate the alternate member for each member county and have four voting members per county. Each member county would be urged to allocate one seat to each large municipality with a population of 20,000 and over in the county. This would be a local decision.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr. to the Highway 70 Corridor Commission.

### **April 13-19, 2008 as American Home Week Proclamation**

Upon motion of Commissioner Efton M. Sager, the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed April 13-19, 2008 as American Home Week, attached hereto as Attachment E.

### **Support HR 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008**

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the National Association of Counties requested Wayne County support HR 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008. HR 5613 would place a moratorium until March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations. The regulations would reduce the federal Medicaid funding by nearly \$20 billion over the next five years. The regulations would:

- Undermine the federal-state Medicaid partnerships by reducing federal payments and shifting cost the state and local governments
- Have a detrimental effect on access, quality and delivery of services for Medicaid beneficiaries including those with complex mental and behavioral health needs
- Further strain local health systems, including Wayne Memorial Hospital and the Wayne County Health Department, in a moment of national economic vulnerability.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized a letter be written to the Wayne County Congressional delegation requesting sponsorship and support of HR 5613, the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008.

### **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Designation of financial institutions as official depositories resolution, attached hereto as Attachment F
2. Cancel May 6, 2008 Board of Commissioners meeting
3. Schedule the 2008 Board of Equalization and Review to convene on April 15, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. and to adjourn on May 20, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. The Board of Equalization and Review will meet in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, 224 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina
4. 2007-2008 Capital Project Ordinance Amendment for Construction of Animal Shelter, attached hereto as Attachment G
5. Authorized the Chairman to sign the application for Public Schools Capital Building Fund, attached hereto as Attachment H
6. Budget amendments
  - a. Sheriff
  - b. Sheriff
7. Resolution designating the Finance Director of the County of Wayne, North Carolina to declare official intent on behalf of the County to reimburse expenditures under United States Department of Treasury regulations, attached hereto as Attachment I

### **Public Comments**

Lonnie Casey stated the Watchdogs of Public Funds of Wayne County was concerned about the effectiveness of the Goldsboro Police Department. He suggested the Goldsboro Police Department merge with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. The organization supported the one-quarter cent sales tax referendum to pay for a new communications system, but did not support a property tax increase.

### **Board of Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner John M. Bell stated Lonnie Casey was speaking as a private citizen.

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson stated members of area volunteer rescue squads want to be available to the county in time of disasters in a secondary role. The members want additional training in an effort to help the county.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated some members of the area volunteer rescue squads want to be an independent first responder. The Board of Commissioners is now responsible for all emergency transports within the county according to North Carolina law. The county is considering a model for a first responder unit, which would stabilize a situation until Wayne County emergency personnel arrive on the scene. Liability issues must be resolved. An independent first responder unit has merit.

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson stated he was concerned about the safety of individual driveway cuts on secondary road corridors. He requested the Wayne County Planning Board examine this matter and make a recommendation.

Commissioner Efton M. Sager requested everyone continue to conserve water.

### **Work Session – Airport Height Restrictions**

Planning Director Connie Price reviewed the proposed changes to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance concerning airport height restrictions.

### **Establish a Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance**

Upon motion of Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously established a public hearing on May 20, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, 224 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance concerning airport height restrictions.

### **Work Session – County Communications System**

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the current Wayne County communications system is in dire need of replacement. For several years the county has been planning to replace the system with E-911 funds and had started with the construction of a tower in Goldsboro. However, the North Carolina General Assembly changed how the E-911 funds could be used. Wayne County will no longer be able to use E-911 funds to purchase equipment. Therefore, the county's funding source to replace the communications equipment has been eliminated. The proposed quarter cent sales tax would be used for the purchase and set-up of portable radios for law enforcement, rescue, fire departments, municipalities, school bus drivers and other non-profit organizations. Based on current projections, the quarter cent sales tax would pay for the system within 3-4 years. The county may need to borrow \$5-6 million initially for the system and pay it back on a short-term basis.

### **Board of Commissioners' Information**

The Board of Commissioners was advised of the following personnel changes:

1. Social Services  
Name of Employee – Barbara B. Reinoehl  
Date of Employment – April 7, 2008  
Classification – PIA IV, Full-time  
Salary – \$21,770 per year
2. Social Services  
Name of Employee – Tammy L. Lance  
Date of Employment – April 1, 2008  
Classification – Social Worker II, Full-time  
Salary – \$38,232 per year
3. Services on Aging  
Name of Employee – Parthenia Artis  
Date of Employment – March 1, 2008  
Classification – Certified Nursing Assistant, Part-time  
Salary – \$8.00 per hour

