

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **WAYNE COUNTY**

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 9:00 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 8:19 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner J.D. Evans, the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in closed session to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange or lease.

At 8:35 a.m., upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in regular session.

#### **Invocation**

Commissioner Efton M. Sager gave the invocation.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner C. Munroe Best, 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 Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes of the Board of Equalization and Review on April 15, 2008 and May 20, 2008 and the regular session of the Board of Commissioners on June 3, 2008.

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

Chairman Roland M. Gray adjusted the agenda by adding Animal Control, Sheriff (2) and Social Services budget amendments, Appointment of Tammy Peele as the Wayne County Tax Collector, and Secure Option for 104 Acres in the Mount Olive Area to the Consent Agenda and by adding Right-of-Way for County Owned Lots on Care Drive to New Business.

### **Special Recognition**

The Board of Commissioners recognized the following employees for their service to the County of Wayne and presented service pins to those in attendance:

- Twenty years – Beverly A. Deans, Kenneth G. Lupton and Audrey N. Williams
- Fifteen years – James E. Hill and Jerry A. Miller
- Ten years – Teresa M. Blankenship, Wanda S. Deans, Gloria J. Dixon and Debra M. Radford
- Five years – Shannon G. Buchanan, James K. Harris, Virginia K. Hill, Marian F. Johnson, Jacquelyn V. Leverette, Eric J. Potter, Marion L. Walton and Ashley F. Wheeler
- One year – Sharon W. Coley, Ashley C. Davis, Sarita A. Huffstetler, Bryan K. Leonard, LaShaunne Moore and Jason T. Warrick

### **Appointment – Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed Tara K. Myers to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board. Mrs. Myers' term will begin on July 1, 2008 and will expire on June 30, 2010.

### **Appointment – Eastpointe Board of Directors**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Dr. John Fisher and Thomas W. Fleetwood to the Eastpointe Board of Directors. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2012.

### **Appointment – Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority**

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Bruce Gates, Pam Holt, John M. Bell and John Chance (ex officio) to the Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority. Their terms will expire on June 30, 2009.

### **Upcoming Appointment**

The Appointment Committee announced Ana Vega was under consideration for appointment to the Wayne County Latino Council.

### **Public Hearing – Asher Avenue Right-of-Way Closing**

At 9:15 a.m., the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to receive public comments on closing Asher Avenue public right-of-way. The Asher Avenue 60 foot right-of-way runs from the northern right-of-way of Lane Ridge Drive in a northeasterly direction of approximately 210 feet to its terminus as shown on the Lane Tree Village Section 3 map as recorded in Plat Cabinet K Slide 32-D. In accordance with NCGS 153A-241 the abutting property owners would be vested with the right, title, and interest in the right-of-way extending to the centerline of the street to be closed if the street section is closed. Also in accordance with NCGS 153A-241, the county may reserve its right, title and interest in any utility improvement or easement within the street to be closed. A map of the right-of-way is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Wayne County Planning Board recommended the closing of the Asher Avenue street right-of-way be approved.

No member of the public spoke.

At 9:17 a.m., Chairman Roland M. Gray adjourned the public hearing.

### **Closure of Asher Avenue Right-of-Way**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized the closure of Asher Avenue public right-of-way in accordance with NCGS 153A-241. A map of the right-of-way is attached hereto as Attachment A.

### **Public Hearing – Proposed 2008-2009 County of Wayne Budget**

At 9:18 a.m., the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to receive public comments on the County Manager's proposed 2008-2009 County of Wayne budget.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated he recommended two additional deputies for the Sheriff's Office effective July 1, 2008, a \$35,000 grant from North Carolina's Eastern Region and a 4<sup>th</sup> position at the Wayne County Development Alliance with the funding for the position from a special fund.

Major Ray Smith with the Sheriff's Office stated his comments were on behalf of Sheriff Carey A. Winders and the citizens of Wayne County. Last year the Sheriff requested 16 additional deputies and received none. This year the Sheriff requested eight additional deputies. Crime and calls for service continue to increase each year and the additional deputies are needed.

Ven Faulk, Vice-Chairman of the Wayne County Sheriff's Advisory Committee, supported Sheriff Carey A. Winders' request for eight additional deputies. He requested the Board of Commissioners appropriate funds for the additional deputies.

At 9:22 a.m., Chairman Roland M. Gray adjourned the public hearing.

### **Stop the Funeral Initiative Presentation**

Sylvia Barnes, President of the Goldsboro-Wayne County Branch of the NAACP requested the Board of Commissioners support the second annual Stop the Funeral Initiative on July 12, 2008 at 7:30 a.m. at Fairview Park in Goldsboro. She requested the Board of Commissioners attend the Stop the Funeral Initiative activities. The community, partnering and working together, can stop gang crime, drugs and violence in Wayne County. If the life of one person is touched, others will be helped. Wayne County can make a difference in the lives of our youth through love and care.

Evangelist Esther Perara, Associate Bishop of St. Mark Church of Christ, stated the clergy is concerned about our youth. We need to reach children at a young age in order to provide the help they need to live productive lives.

Wennona Newsome, Stewardess at St. James African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and President of Stop the Funeral Initiative at the church, stated we can make a change for our youth and believe in hope for the future of our children.

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. stated he appreciated the community getting involved in the lives of our youth.

Commissioner J. D. Evans thanked the Stop the Funeral Initiative participants for trying to help our young people. He requested the Board of Commissioners be kept informed on the progress.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized a resolution supporting the Stop the Funeral initiative to stop the violence that has taken the lives of too many young people in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment B.

## **Consent Agenda**

Upon motion of Commissioner J. D. Evans, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved and authorized the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Established a public hearing on August 5, 2008 at 9:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments on consideration of incentives for the expansion of Benton and Sons
2. Budget amendments
  - a. Sheriff
  - b. Sheriff
  - c. Economic Development for the Paramount Theatre to be paid to the City of Goldsboro
  - d. Fire District
  - e. Cooperative Extension
  - f. Economic Development
  - g. Animal Control
  - h. Sheriff
  - i. Social Services
  - j. Sheriff
3. Appointment of Tammy Peele as the Wayne County Tax Collector for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
4. Secure an option on 104 acres in the Mount Olive area

## **Public Comments**

Lonnie Casey stated information concerning an incident on April 6, 2008 was withheld from him.

## **Board of Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Efton M. Sager stated Busco Beach is a thriving business in Wayne County and recently held a national event. The business is helping the economy of Wayne County and the surrounding area.

Commissioner John M. Bell stated he had received complaints concerning the condition of vacant lots.

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson welcomed Dr. Kay Albertson, President of Wayne Community College, to the meeting. Dr. Kay Albertson thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support and for being advocates of the community college system. Wayne Community College is projecting a 2.5% increase in enrollment in the fall. The college is examining creative ways of offering classes.

Chairman Roland M. Gray stated Wayne County was well represented in Hyde and Washington counties in fighting the wildfire. The people of Hyde County expressed their appreciation to the volunteer fire departments from Wayne County.

## **Work Session – 2008-2009 County of Wayne Budget**

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the gang grant for the Sheriff's Office expires on October 1, 2008. The county will appropriate monies for the gang grant for the remainder of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The Mosley Hall fire district rate will be four cents. After consideration, he recommended the county appropriate funding for four additional road deputies in the Sheriff's Office.

In response to a question from Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated he recommended a \$30 per ton tipping fee at the Wayne County landfill and a \$60 per year solid waste user fee for households without curbside service. The white goods area at the landfill is being expanded and will enable residential users to dump trash without having to enter into the landfill. The county continues to purchase land near the landfill and is looking for property for a convenience center site in northern Wayne County. The expansion cost for the new landfill cell is \$4-5 million. The budget does not include getting any money back from the state on the per ton fee the state will be charging.

In response to a question from Commissioner Efton M. Sager, County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated a technology fee would be charged on new construction and renovation inspections, which require multiple inspections. The fee will allow the inspectors to input data from the inspection site.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III answered questions from Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr. concerning sales tax; performance measurements and accountability for the recently approved summer school reading program; cable television service in Wayne County; and funding for the animal shelter, Goldsboro-Wayne Airport, Mount Olive Airport, Wayne County Public Library, gasoline funding for the Sheriff's Office, school resource officers, communications, forestry, laundry service for the Detention Center, Wayne County Museum, Arts Council of Wayne County, 4-H Discovery program, WISH, WATCH, and revaluation.

Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr. recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt the 2008-2009 County of Wayne budget.

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the 2008-2009 County of Wayne budget. The 2008-2009 County of Wayne Budget Ordinance is attached hereto as Attachment C.

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. commended County Manager W. Lee Smith, III and the staff for their work on the budget.

#### **Work Session – Rabbit Run Lane**

Planning Director Connie Price stated Rabbit Run Lane is a private road at the end of Best Sand and Gravel Road. There are mobile homes off Rabbit Run Lane. A resident on Rabbit Run Lane stated problems have arisen due to the fact the road with the mobile homes is also named Rabbit Run Lane. The resident wanted the mobile homes to have another street name. Planning Director Connie Price stated the mobile homes were not set up under the Wayne County Subdivision Ordinance and the county did not have a chance to name the road. The Wayne County Planning Board will address the issue and rename the road with the mobile homes.

#### **Work Session – Abandoned and/or Dilapidated Mobile Homes and Hazardous and Unlawful Conditions in Buildings**

County Attorney E. B. Borden Parker stated the Board of Commissioners first addressed junk cars. The Board of Commissioners now wished to address abandoned and/or dilapidated mobile homes. He reviewed a proposed Ordinance Providing for the Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and/or Dilapidated Mobile Homes. He also reviewed the process by which the county would take to determine a building was hazardous and dangerous.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the following issues concerning abandoned and/or dilapidated mobile homes and hazardous and unlawful conditions in buildings: who would identify the mobile homes and buildings, the department responsible for the program, cost of the program, location to strip the mobile home of recyclables, determining ownership of the mobile homes, and abandoned versus occupied dilapidated mobile homes. After further discussion, County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated the staff would present a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in the future.

The Board of Commissioners discussed lots throughout the county, which need to be cleaned. The staff will present a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners in the future.

In response to a concern by Commissioner Efton M. Sager, Planning Director Connie Price stated the county does not distinguish between stick built and modular homes.

### **Right-of-Way on Care Road**

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Chairman signing a document that stated there was a 30 foot right-of-way over three lots on Care Road, which are owned by the County of Wayne and having the document recorded.

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

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

1. Finance  
Name of Employee – Paige Reeves Serlick  
Date of Employment – June 2, 2008  
Classification – Financial Reporting and Accounting Specialist II, Full-time  
Salary – \$41,050 per year
2. Services on Aging  
Name of Employee – Geraldine Parker  
Date of Employment – May 19, 2008  
Classification – In-home Aide, Part-time  
Salary – \$8.00 per hour
3. Animal Control  
Name of Employee – Diana Mann  
Date of Employment – May 20, 2008  
Classification – Animal Control Officer I, Full-time  
Salary – \$21,770 per year
4. Planning  
Name of Employee – Muriel E. Mereday  
Date of Employment – June 1, 2008  
Classification – Planning Board Member, Part-time  
Salary – \$20.00 per meeting
5. Emergency Medical Services  
Name of Employee – Cathy Wade  
Date of Employment – June 2, 2008  
Classification – EMT-Intermediate, Part-time  
Salary – \$12.21 per hour
6. Emergency Medical Services  
Name of Employee – Steve Harrison  
Date of Employment – June 2, 2008  
Classification – EMT-Paramedic, Part-time  
Salary – \$13.47 per hour
7. Emergency Medical Services  
Name of Employee – Brandy Turner  
Date of Employment – June 2, 2008  
Classification – EMT-Paramedic, Part-time  
Salary – \$13.47 per hour
8. Detention  
Name of Employee – Kathy Hartley Tyner  
Date of Employment – June 2, 2008  
Classification – Detention Officer I, Full-time  
Salary – \$26,492 per year
9. 4-H  
Name of Employee – Brittany Wells  
Date of Employment – June 9, 2008  
Classification – 4-H Program Assistant, Part-time  
Salary – \$7.50 per hour