

NORTH CAROLINA

WAYNE COUNTY

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 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.

Invocation

Commissioner J. D. Evans 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 sessions of the Board of Commissioners on June 17, 2008 and July 1, 2008 and the special session of the Board of Commissioners on July 8, 2008.

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda

Chairman Roland M. Gray adjusted the agenda by adding two Sheriff's Office budget amendments and Award Bid for White Goods Area Improvements at the Wayne County Landfill to the Consent Agenda.

Special Recognition

The Board of Commissioners recognized Wayne County Development Alliance President and Chief Operating Officer Joanna Thompson for being named the 2007-2008 North Carolina Economic Developer of the Year by the North Carolina Economic Developers Association on June 12, 2008. Joanna Thompson was recognized for her contributions to economic development in North Carolina.

The Board of Commissioners welcomed Social Services Assistant Director Cassandra Simpson-Raynor.

Public Hearing – 2008-2009 Wayne County Secondary Road Program

At 9:15 a.m., the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed 2008-2009 Wayne County Secondary Road Program, after due notice thereof had been given.

North Carolina Department of Transportation District Engineer Tim Little reviewed the proposed 2008-2009 secondary road program in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment A. It is anticipated Wayne County will have \$1,427,165.21 for the 2008-2009 secondary road program. These funds will pave approximately 2.2 miles, which would serve 11 homes and one business. The anticipated \$200,000 contingency fund will be used for surveys, right-of-ways, fire department and rescue squad driveways and overdrifts. The anticipated maintenance fund allocation of \$350,000 will be used to supplement shoulder repair, spot stabilization, pipe replacement, safety projects and industrial access.

No member of the public spoke.

At 9:19 a.m., Chairman Roland M. Gray adjourned the public hearing.

2008-2009 Wayne County Secondary Road Program

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2008-2009 Wayne County secondary road program, attached hereto as Attachment A.

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation take a look at Saulston Road to determine if sections of the road need to be widened.

North Carolina Board of Transportation Member Gus H. Tulloss stated he was glad to be at the meeting and impressed with the transportation program in Wayne County.

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III thanked North Carolina Board of Transportation Member Gus H. Tulloss and the other members of the North Carolina Board of Transportation for their support of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission.

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. stated North Carolina Board of Transportation Member Gus H. Tulloss has been very active in transportation issues since becoming a member of the Board of Transportation.

Bobby Lewis with the North Carolina Department of Transportation stated the middle section of the Highway 70 Goldsboro Bypass would be let soon. There has been interest in bidding on the project and he expected a good bid.

Public Hearing – 2008-2009 Rural Operating Assistance Program

At 9:23 a.m., the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to receive public comments on the 2008-2009 Rural Operating Assistance Program application in the amount of \$244,295 to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, after due notice thereof had been given.

The following programs are included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application:

- Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTP) provides operating assistance for the transportation of elderly and disabled citizens. This transportation assistance allows for the individual to reside in their homes for longer periods, thereby enhancing their quality of life. For the purpose of EDTAP, an elderly person is defined as one who reaches the age of 60 or more years. A disabled person is defined as one who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, an individual who has a record of such impairment, or an individual who is regarded as having such impairment.
- Employment Transportation Assistance Program is intended to provide operating assistance for the transitional Work First program, Workforce Development program and general public employment transportation needs. These funds are used to support the employment transportation needs of individuals who are not eligible to receive benefits from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.
- Rural General Public (RGP) funds are intended to provide transportation service to individuals who are not human service agency clients.

The amount allocated to the Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program is \$110,700. The amount allocated to the Employment Transportation Assistance program is \$31,790. The amount allocated to the Rural General Public program is \$101,805.

No member of the public spoke.

At 9:24 a.m., Chairman Roland M. Gray adjourned the public hearing.

2008-2009 Rural Operating Assistance Program Application

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the 2008-2009 Rural Operating Assistance Program application in the amount of \$244,295 as presented.

Appointment – Wayne Community College Board of Trustees

Upon motion of Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed D. Lynn Whitted to the Wayne Community College Board of Trustees. Her term will expire on June 30, 2012.

Upcoming Appointments

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

- Wayne County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee – Clarence Smith
- Community Child Fatality Prevention Team – Jill Howell
- Wayne County Public Library Board of Trustees – Richard M. Slozak and Karen W. Moore

Eastpointe Update

Eastpointe Director Ken Jones stated Eastpointe has operated as a Local Management Entity for mental health, developmentally disabilities and substance abuse services provided to clients in Wayne, Duplin, Sampson and Lenoir counties. Eastpointe's responsibility is now to develop and maintain a network of providers to ensure clients in the communities are served using the most effective and appropriate treatment. Eastpointe's role is to screen/triage and refer clients to appropriate providers, authorize services per the diagnostic information, monitor providers of services, pay providers on a fee for service basis and to maintain a good working relationship with local authorities to enhance total community services with the counties.

In fiscal year 2008-2009 the total Eastpointe budget is \$21,354,119. It is estimated Medicaid will pay \$30 million directly to providers. For the fiscal year Wayne County budgeted \$640,000 for services through Eastpointe. A breakdown of the Wayne County allocation is as follows:

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| Medical administration | \$ 30,000 |
| Psychiatry | \$175,000 |
| Transportation | \$ 50,000 |
| Family Drug Court | \$ 50,000 |
| Child DD | \$ 75,000 |
| Adult DD | \$ 75,000 |
| Housing (Wayside, Flynn) | \$ 50,000 |
| Indigent care MH/SA | \$ 35,000 |
| Crisis services | \$100,000 |

Eastpointe secured the following for Wayne County:

- Housing grant in the amount of \$385,000 for 12 families (shelter plus care)
- Crisis funds in the amount of \$150,000 to help support the cost of providing services at the psych unit in Wayne County for the indigent client
- Budgeted \$150,000 for a walk-in crisis in Wayne County
- Reserve fund of \$500,000 for Crisis Center in Wayne County

In fiscal year 2007-2008 Eastpointe had a total of 4,758 consumer referrals with 1,003 from Sampson County, 1,275 from Lenoir County, 783 from Duplin County and 1,697 from Wayne County. Eastpointe made the following referrals by disability for 2007-2008: mental health 3,936 or 83%, substance abuse 595 or 12% and development disabilities 227 or 5%. Wayne County has an average of 3,700 clients. There are approximately 130 providers in Wayne County for mental health, developmentally disabilities and substance abuse clients. Clients are seen according to the intensity of their need for services.

Eastpointe Director Ken Jones thanked the North Carolina General Assembly for the attention given to the needs of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled and substance abusers. The legislature is working to bring more equity to the disbursement of funding. There will be no additional Local Management Entity mergers until 2010.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Eastpointe Director Ken Jones for the update and commended his staff for their performance.

Anne S. Turner, a member of the Eastpointe Board of Directors from Wayne County, thanked the Board of Commissioners for its support. The Eastpointe staff is professional and has a determined drive. She appreciated the efforts of the staff during difficult times.

Tentative Approval for Capital Improvement Projects at Wayne Community College

Dr. Kay Albertson, President of Wayne Community College, stated each community college has been given \$90,000 by the North Carolina Community College System for the purpose of the initial design for the #1 project as identified in the community college's Long Range Facilities Master Plan. In order to receive these funds, the county must agree to support the new construction with operations and maintenance funds.

The #1 project identified in the Wayne Community College's Long Range Facilities Master Plan is the construction of a 41,459 square foot two story addition to the Pine Building (Allied Health and Public Safety), renovations to the existing Pine Building, and construction of a new 13,000 square foot supporting energy plant at Wayne Community College.

As a matter of information, Wayne Community College's #2 priority identified in the Long Range Facilities Master Plan is the renovation of technical spaces. The #3 priority is the expansion of general education classrooms and laboratories.

Dr. Kay Albertson, President of Wayne Community College, requested the Board of Commissioners approve the operations and maintenance of a 41,459 square foot two story addition to the Pine Building (Allied Health and Public Safety), renovations to the existing Pine Building, and construction of a new 13,000 square foot supporting energy plant at Wayne Community College. It is anticipated the county cost for operations and maintenance will be \$130,027 annually.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved its willingness to consider and its intent to provide sufficient monies for the operations and maintenance of a 41,459 square foot two story addition to the Pine Building (Allied Health and Public Safety), renovations to the existing Pine Building, and construction of a new 13,000 square foot supporting energy plant at Wayne Community College, provided funds are available.

Dr. Kay Albertson, President of Wayne Community College, announced Wayne Community College was one of seven community colleges in North Carolina, which received an excellent superior rating for meeting the performance criteria established by the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Community College System. She thanked the staff, students and Board of Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson stated budgets are getting tighter and we need to look at duplication of services.

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. Waived the formal bid procedure process pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-129 and approved the purchase from MACK Truck Sales of Charlotte, North Carolina of a 2009 MACK GU813 truck chassis equipped with ALLISON automatic transmission and a GALBREATH roll-off hoist with tarp system in the amount of \$127,243.81 plus applicable tax in accordance with formal proposals received by the County of Mecklenburg, awarded on March 26, 2008 in a purchase order contract.
2. Patient Fees, Eligibility and Bad Debt Write-off Policy for the Health Department, attached hereto as Attachment B
3. Financial signature resolution, attached hereto as Attachment C
4. Received the following bids for administrative services for the County of Wayne 2008 Community Development Block Grant-Scattered Site Housing Program:
RSM Harris Associates, Inc. - \$56,000
The Adams Company - \$72,000
and awarded the bid to RSM Harris Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$56,000
5. Wayne County Public Schools Reimbursement Resolution, attached hereto as Attachment D
6. Wayne County Public Radio System Improvements Reimbursement Resolution, attached hereto as Attachment E
7. Budget amendments
 - a. Hospitalization
 - b. Home and Community Care Block Grant
 - c. Workers Compensation
 - d. Day Reporting Center
 - e. Jail
 - f. Board of Elections
 - g. Sheriff
 - h. Community Development Block Grant
 - i. Cooperative Extension Service-Parents as Teachers
 - j. Services on Aging
 - k. Services on Aging
 - l. Health-Wisewoman Program
 - m. Health-Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program
 - n. Health-HIV/AIDS Program
 - o. Health-Environmental Health
 - p. Sheriff
 - q. Social Services
 - r. Services on Aging
 - s. Services on Aging
 - t. Social Services
 - u. Social Services
 - v. Sewer
 - w. Solid Waste
 - x. Hazard Mitigation
 - y. Wayne County Development Alliance
 - z. Health-Bioterrorism
 - aa. Sheriff
 - bb. Sheriff
8. Received bids for the white goods area improvements at the Wayne County landfill, attached hereto as Attachment F and awarded the bid to the lowest bidder, ES&J Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$387,350

Public Comments

Tom Drew stated he was concerned about democracy and education.

Board of Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Wilbur E. Anderson stated Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would be getting a new 4th Wing Commander. Wayne County appreciates Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and its personnel and supports the base.

At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner J. D. Evans left the meeting.

Work Session – Proposed Amendment to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance to Establish Highway Business Zone Protection Districts

Planning Director Connie Price reviewed a proposed amendment to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance, which would establish a new zone known as Highway Business. The Wayne County Zoning Ordinance currently has three zones which allow businesses- Community Shopping, Village District and Airport. The Community Shopping zone includes businesses that meet the day-to-day needs of local communities, such as banks, service stations and offices. The Village District zone is designed to accommodate small businesses in areas that could adjoin residential property. The Airport Zone allows businesses that are appropriate near an airport.

The Wayne County Comprehensive Plan has identified Urban Transition Areas outside the existing urban areas. These areas are likely to change in the near future due to the construction of new highways and the installation of sewer lines. The new infrastructure will lead to the development of new business centers. These new business centers will serve as gateways into Wayne County. A need exists to develop new zones to accommodate the anticipated growth and enhance the appearance of Wayne County to the traveling public. The new zone should allow businesses that are currently not permitted in the existing zones, require landscaping, improved parking standards and encourage mixed uses.

The proposed Highway Business zone would accommodate highway oriented retail and commercial uses, which generally serve the entire region and nonresident traffic. The zone encourages high quality design, ample parking, controlled traffic movements, suitable landscaping and non-distracting signage. In developments adjacent to residential areas, the Highway Business Protection District should protect dwellings from the traffic and visual impacts associated with commercial developments.

The uses allowed in the Highway Business zone would be classified as permitted, conditional or special use. Permitted uses are allowed by right. Only staff review of the proposed use would be required. A development permit would be issued after a site plan review. Conditional uses must be approved by the Wayne County Planning Board. Conditional uses may cause a conflict with the surrounding area if not properly sited. Special standards may be applicable for some of the uses. Appeals of the Wayne County Planning Board's decision on a conditional use would go to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. Special use permits would require review by the Wayne County Planning Board, followed by approval by the Wayne County Board of Adjustment. The Wayne County Board of Adjustment would consider the standards listed in the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance and any other facts presented at a public hearing prior to making a decision. The land uses were reviewed.

Parking, signage and landscaping standards would be addressed following approval of an amendment to the Wayne County Zoning Ordinance establishing the Highway Business zone.

The Board of Commissioners commended the Wayne County Planning Board and staff for examining the needs for future development in Wayne County. The Board of Commissioners requested the proposed Highway Business zone specifications be coordinated with the Wayne County municipalities and submitted to developers for their comments.

Closed Session

At 11:21 a.m., upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., 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 and to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

At 12:10 p.m., upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously declared itself in regular session.

Board of Commissioners' Information

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

1. 4-H
Name of Employee – Wanda E. Greenfield Bryant
Date of Employment – July 1, 2008
Classification – 4-H Program Director, Part-time
Salary – \$17.08 per hour
2. Social Services
Name of Employee – Sharese Garvin
Date of Employment – July 1, 2008
Classification – Social Worker III, Full-time
Salary – \$37,183 per year
3. Social Services
Name of Employee – Crystal Davis
Date of Employment – July 7, 2008
Classification – Social Worker III (work against Social Worker IAT), Full-time
Salary – \$36,278 per year
4. Social Services
Name of Employee – Jennifer Watson
Date of Employment – July 2, 2008
Classification – Social Worker IAT, Full-time
Salary – \$39,994 per year
5. Services on Aging
Name of Employee – Caroline Quinn
Date of Employment – June 24, 2008
Classification – Certified Nursing Assistant, Part-time
Salary – \$8.00 per hour
6. Social Services
Name of Employee – Aaryn Fazakerly
Date of Employment – August 4, 2008
Classification – Social Worker Trainee (work against Social Worker III), Full-time
Salary – \$25,781 per year
7. Emergency Medical Services
Name of Employee – Jackie Parchman
Date of Employment – July 7, 2008
Classification – Emergency Medical Technician, Part-time
Salary – \$11.63 per hour
8. Detention
Name of Employee – Terry Le'Mott Evans
Date of Employment – July 7, 2008
Classification – Detention Officer I, Full-time
Salary – \$27,101.83 per year
9. Information Technology
Name of Employee – Wayde Shane Black
Date of Employment – July 1, 2008
Classification – Systems Administrator, Full-time
Salary – \$33,725 per year