

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **WAYNE COUNTY**

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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; John M. Bell; C. Munroe Best, Jr. and Efton M. Sager.

Members absent: Wilbur E. Anderson and J. D. Evans.

#### **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**

The Board of Commissioners and staff extended their thoughts and prayers to Commissioner J. D. Evans during his illness.

Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr. gave the invocation.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Efton M. Sager 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 August 19, 2008.

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

Chairman Roland M. Gray adjusted the agenda by adding Wayne County Public Schools Projects budget amendment; Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement for Forest Land in Wayne County, North Carolina; and Award Bid for Water Line Extension for Cobb-Coley Lane Improvements under Community Development Block Grant to the Consent Agenda.

#### **Appointment – Wayne County Planning Board**

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Steve P. Keen to the Wayne County Planning Board. Mr. Keen's term will expire on September 11, 2011.

#### **Appointment – Wayne County Latino Council**

Upon motion of Commissioner John M. Bell, the Board of Commissioners unanimously reappointed Michelle Estrada to the Wayne County Latino Council. Ms. Estrada's term will expire on October 3, 2011.

#### **Board of Commissioners Committee Reports**

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. read a letter from Jay and Angie Lancaster thanking Wayne County Emergency Medical Services staff members Linda Overton and Natasha Babb for their professional and competent service following a car accident.

## **2008 Days of Caring Proclamation**

Wayne County Human Resources Director Sue Guy thanked the Board of Commissioners for hosting the 2008 Days of Caring kick-off event on September 12, 2008 at the Wayne County Courthouse. This year the goal is to collect one ton of food for the Salvation Army and United Church Ministries.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously proclaimed September 12-20, 2008 as Days of Caring in Wayne County, attached hereto as Attachment A.

## **Wayne County Work First Designation and Committee Appointments**

Debbie Jones, Social Services Director, recommended Wayne County remain a standard county, which means the county would follow the basic state policies for administering the Wayne County Work First Program.

Upon motion of Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr., the Board of Commissioners unanimously requested standard planning status for the Wayne County Work First Program and appointed the following persons to assist in developing local policies for the Wayne County Work First Program: Janet Brock; Steve Hicks; J. LaTerrie Ward; Pastor Norbert E. Simmons; Ken Jones; Bill Pate; Glenda Sue White; Alan Stubbs; Reverend Dr. William Barber II; Joyce C. Jones; Ann Peacock; Maggie Winn; Lula Powell; Reverend Dr. Freddie Barnes; Don Magoon; John Barnes; Venn Faulk; Bill Batts; Susie Acree; Tara Myers; Dr. Marlee Ray; Treda Oates; John M. Bell; Alice Davis; Dr. Kay Albertson; Richard Darden; Barbara Butler; Candace Herring, Debbie Jones, Gloria Hill, Mary Worrell, Michelle Williams, Nancy Mason, Phyllis Smith; Stoney Blevins; Vickie Jackson; Vicky Hill; Mike Haney; Pam Holt; Julie Sutton; W. Lee Smith, III; Jane Rustin; Denny Tart; Etta Craigwell; Milton Costen; Linda Holden-Cox and Kay Ruth Kain.

## **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. Capital Project Ordinance amendment for Jeffreys Building, attached hereto as Attachment B
2. Budget amendments
  - a. Sheriff
  - b. Health-Environmental Health
  - c. Community Development Block Grant
  - d. Day Reporting Center
  - e. Wayne County Public Schools Projects
3. Agreement for the Protection, Development and Improvement of Forest Land in Wayne County, North Carolina for fiscal year 2008-2009
4. Received the following bids for Contract No. 1 for the Cobb-Coley Lane improvements for a water line extension under the 2006 Community Development Block Grant-Concentrated Needs Program:

Hardy Construction	\$181,907.50
Barnhill Contracting	\$206,892.87
Narron Contracting	\$210,424.00
Cox-Edwards Company, Inc.	\$210,578.60
Empire Construction	\$233,708.00
Allen Grading Company	\$246,604.00
T. A. Loving Company	\$271,895.00

and awarded the bid to the lowest bidder, Hardy Construction, in the amount of \$181,907.50

## **Public Comments**

Tom Drew stated he was concerned about the military draft, Joe L. Terrell Productivity Award and the export of advanced democratic technology.

D. J. Pelt stated Wayne County has good county employees and he is fortunate to live in Wayne County.

### **Board of Commissioners Comments**

Vice-Chairman Atlas Price, Jr. stated he was concerned about the future of our young people. He pleaded for churches to get involved with the youth in our community. He was also concerned about education in Wayne County, State of North Carolina and the United States. He questioned putting athletics and facilities ahead of classroom education. Careful planning needs to provide an educational opportunity for our children. Wayne County continues to have two school systems, even though the two systems were consolidated. The answer is to fairly redistrict the Wayne County Public Schools.

Commissioner John M. Bell congratulated the principals, teachers and students at Carver Heights Elementary School and School Street Elementary School for being designated as a School of Excellence. He stated the Stop the Funeral initiative has involved the community in helping deter people from criminal activity.

Commissioner Efton M. Sager stated counties were mandated to take over emergency medical services. The county could have approached the issue better by letting the former rescue squad members know how much their service was appreciated. Wayne County has a great emergency medical service. He suggested a blood drive contest be held between Republicans, Democrats and Unaffiliated voters. Commissioner Efton M. Sager believed lottery funds should help finance school facilities statewide.

Chairman Roland M. Gray stated the Wayne County Emergency Medical Services staff is doing a good job. Wayne County citizens should be appreciative of fire and rescue services.

Commissioner C. Munroe Best, Jr. stated the system needs to be fixed so people will not be paid for having babies. He read a letter in which the Board of Commissioners was blamed for not appropriating money for athletic facilities at Spring Creek High School. The Wayne County Board of Education did not put a gymnasium at Spring Creek High School on its priority list. The Board of Commissioners has agreed to spend \$22 million on the Wayne County Public Schools' priority projects. The Board of Commissioners does not have the ability to prioritize projects for the Wayne County Public Schools. Currently, the Wayne County Public Schools does not have enough information to take to the Local Government Commission and the school construction estimates were incorrect. He was concerned about the 30% or 360 students who did not graduate. Those persons unable to get a job may wind up in jail or utilizing the services of the Health Department or Social Services forever. This is a local, state and national problem.

### **County Manager's Comments**

County Manager W. Lee Smith, III stated Wayne NET helps offset the cost of the emergency medical services program. Last week he met with obstetric doctors to discuss their services at the Health Department. The Health Department clients are 50% of the obstetric clients in Wayne County. Wayne County has one of the highest out-of-wedlock birth rates in the State of North Carolina.

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

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

1. Facilities  
Name of Employee – Brian Scott Darby  
Date of Employment – September 1, 2008  
Classification – Maintenance Technician III-HVAC, Full-time  
Salary – \$25,781 per year
2. Emergency Medical Services  
Name of Employee – Jason Gray  
Date of Employment – August 6, 2008  
Classification – Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic, Part-time  
Salary – \$13.47 per hour

3. Services on Aging  
Name of Employee – Elizabeth McMillan Smith  
Date of Employment – August 15, 2008  
Classification – Registered Nurse, Full-time  
Salary – \$42,043.83 per year
4. 4-H  
Name of Employee – Stacy Bynum  
Date of Employment – August 12, 2008  
Classification – 4-H After School Teacher, Part-time  
Salary – \$8.00 per hour
5. 4-H  
Name of Employee – Stacey Edwards  
Date of Employment – August 12, 2008  
Classification – 4-H After School Teacher, Part-time  
Salary – \$8.00 per hour
6. 4-H  
Name of Employee – Shelly Sullivan  
Date of Employment – August 12, 2008  
Classification – 4-H After School Teacher, Part-time  
Salary – \$8.00 per hour
7. Sheriff  
Name of Employee – Jerimee Hooker  
Date of Employment – September 1, 2008  
Classification – Deputy Sheriff-Patrol, Full-time  
Salary – \$30,627 per year
8. Social Services  
Name of Employee – Marcia Renee Smith  
Date of Employment – September 1, 2008  
Classification – Income Maintenance Caseworker II, Full-time  
Salary – \$27,070 per year