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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Harold Cogdell, Jr. George Dunlap, Vilma Leake and Daniel Murrey
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: Commissioners Neil Cooksey and Bill James

-INFORMAL SESSION-

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts, after which the matters below were addressed.

(1) STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

(2A, B, C, D) CLOSED SESSION – A) BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION, B) TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO G.S. 105-259. (G.S. 143-318.11(A)(1), C) LAND ACQUISITION AND D) CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Commissioner Murrey left the meeting and was absent until noted in the minutes.

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced there was no Land Acquisition or Consult with Attorney matter to be discussed in Closed Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: A) Business Location and Expansion and B) To prevent Disclosure of Information that is Confidential Pursuant to G.S. 105-259. (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1).

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:27 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioner Murrey was present when the Board came back into Open Session. He returned to the meeting during Closed Session.

(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items 14, 15, 17, 22, and 25.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Commissioner Bentley gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Clarke left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

(1A1) AGING & DISABILITIES COMMUNITY RESOURCE CONNECTIONS LAUNCH DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating August 6, 2010 as "Aging & Disabilities Community Resource Connections Launch Day" in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

Note: The Aging & Disabilities Community Resource Connection (A&D CRC) is part of a national initiative to encourage service providers to work together to better serve older adults and people with disabilities. The mission of the A&D CRC serving Mecklenburg County is to be the consumer-centered network providing easy access to aging and disability information and services in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Murrey and received by Debora Sparks, Executive Director Council on Aging, Julia Sain, Executive Director of Disabilities Rights and Resources, Gayla Woody with the Centralina Area Agency on Aging and Sue Hancharik with the Department of Social Services.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(1A2) WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating August 26, 2010 as Women's Equality Day.

Note: The Board of County Commissioners recognizes Women's Equality Day to raise awareness of progress in addressing issues impacting women. The Women's Advisory Board will host a Women's Equality Day event on Monday, August 23, 2010.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Leake and received by Angelia Fryer, Chair of the Women's Advisory Board. She was accompanied at the podium by other members of the advisory board and support staff.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Commissioner Clarke returned to the meeting.

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting:

Dan Morrill, Executive Director of the Historic Landmarks Commission addressed the receipt of a 2010 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Award to the Historic Landmarks Commission to conduct a national register nomination study for the Town of Pineville. He said the Town of Pineville would be putting up \$12,000 for the study and the federal government \$10,000.

Dumon Carter, President and Founder of Charlotte Purple Steppers Club addressed the benefits of dancing for health and wellness purposes. He was joined at the podium by Ron Chambers. Other members of the Charlotte Purple Steppers Club were present. A dance demonstration was given.

Note: Commissioner Dunlap introduced Mr. Carter. He also addressed the benefits of dancing for health and wellness. The form of dancing addressed was Urban Style Ballroom dancing and Chicago Style Stepping.

(30) MT. ISLAND LAKE MARINE COMMISSION'S LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CHAIRMAN ROBERTS)

Chairman Roberts gave an update on the Mt. Island Lake Marine Commission's proposed Lake Management Plan. The following was noted:

On July 6, the Mt. Island Lake Marine Commission presented its proposed lake management plan to the Board's Natural Resources Committee. The intent is to enact regulations applicable to Mt. Island Lake that would:

- *Provide a safe recreational experience for the public*
- *Protect water quality in the water supply for the cities of Charlotte, Gastonia and Mt. Holly*
- *Limit the shoreline erosion caused by motor vessels*
- *Provide for the purchase and maintenance of safety equipment to guide the public in use of the lake*
- *Protect the unique natural environment of the lake*
- *Increase the diversity of the recreational uses of the lake*
- *Provide a census of lake use by motorized vessels*

Chairman Roberts reviewed several sections of the draft.

Chairman Roberts said the management plan had not been approved by the Mt. Island Lake Marine Commission to date. Chairman Roberts said it was her understanding that the plan would be taken back to the public and that the Marine Commission was going to form task forces to address specific areas of concern.

Chairman Roberts said the Marine Commission vacancy to be filled was the seat of former member Alice Battle. Chairman Roberts said in response to questions raised regarding Ms. Battle's reappointment to her last term, that she was reappointed in 2008 for a third term, per the Board's waiver of its rule with respect to term limitations. Chairman Roberts said the Board waived its rule because of Ms. Battle's involvement with developing the management plan.

Chairman Roberts said the Board was not aware at that time that a third term was prohibited

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under state regulations regarding the Marine Commission. Chairman Roberts clarified, however, that anything Ms. Battle voted on or any actions taken as a Marine Commissioner was valid because a replacement had not been selected.

(3A) APPOINTMENTS

MOUNTAIN ISLAND LAKE MARINE COMMISSION

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission:

Bryan Abernathy	None
Rhiannon Bowman	None
Thomas Brasse	Commissioner Clarke
Anthony Conant	None
Robert Keith	None
Margaret Morgan	Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts
	Voting Ceased

Trip Wheeler

Chairman Roberts announced the appointment of Margaret Morgan to the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission to fill an unexpired term expiring September 30, 2011.

Note: She is replacing Alice Battle.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Park and Recreation Commission:

CENTRAL REGION 1

Round One

Beverly Lawson	Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Murrey, and Roberts
Sheryl Smith	Commissioners Bentley, Dunlap, and Leake

Round Two

Beverly Lawson	Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Murrey, and Roberts
Sheryl Smith	Commissioners Bentley, Dunlap, and Leake
	Voting Ceased

Chairman Roberts said the appointment of a Central Region 1 representative to the Park and Recreation Commission would be carried over to the next meeting, since a majority vote for either nominee could not be reached.

AT-LARGE

Joe Pata	Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Murrey, and Roberts
	Voting Ceased

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BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE REVIEW

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to nominate and appoint John Kral to the Board of Motor Vehicle Review to fill a term expiring July 18, 2011.

He is replacing James Bowers.

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG COALITION FOR HOUSING

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to nominate and appoint Frank Cantrell to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Coalition For Housing as the Public Safety/Law Enforcement representative for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011.

CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to reappoint Andy Silver to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee for a three-year term expiring September 1, 2013.

CMUD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to nominate and appoint Ron Charbonneau to the CMUD Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring August 31, 2013.

He is replacing Keva Walton.

INFORMATION SERVICES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Leake nominated the following persons for appointment consideration to the Information Services and Technology Committee: Edward Deason and Tomeko Smith.

Note: An appointment will occur on September 8, 2010.

NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to reappoint Maryanne Dailey to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring September 30, 2013.

(3C) TOWN OF MINT HILL PLANNING BOARD

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to reappoint Tom Gatz to the Mint Hill Planning Board as an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Member (ETJ) as recommended by the Town of Mint Hill Board of Commissioners for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(4A) PROVIDENCE DAY SCHOOL TEFRA HEARING

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to open TEFRA public hearing and receive comments on the proposed financing.

The Chairman held the public hearing described below and introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been provided to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF PIMA, ARIZONA REFUNDING AND REVENUE BONDS (PROVIDENCE DAY SCHOOL PROJECT) SERIES 2010

WHEREAS, at 7:47 P.M., the Chairman announced that the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") would proceed to hold a public hearing and would hear anyone who wished to be heard on the proposed issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Pima, Arizona (the "Authority") of not exceeding \$20,000,000 of its Refunding and Revenue Bonds (Providence Day School Project) Series 2010 (the "Bonds");

WHEREAS, the Authority will loan the proceeds of the Bonds to Providence Day School, Inc. (the "School"). The School will use the proceeds of its loan from the Authority for the purpose of (i) financing and refinancing the costs of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping of private school facilities located at 5624 Sardis Road, 5800 Sardis Road, 5924 Sardis Road and 411 Glen Oaks Road, Charlotte, North Carolina, all of which will be owned and operated by the School; (ii) funding certain reserve funds; and (iii) paying issuance expenses related to the Bonds;

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2010, a notice of public hearing was published in The Charlotte Observer, setting forth a general, functional description of the type and use of the facilities to be financed and refinanced, the maximum principal amount of the Bonds, the initial owner, operator or manager of the facilities and the location of the facilities, among other things;

WHEREAS, the names, address and testimony of the persons who were present and who offered comments on the proposed issuance of the Bonds or who responded in writing to the notice of public hearing are as follows: **[None.]**

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board inquired elsewhere in and around the meeting room to determine whether there were any other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing. The Chairman of the Board determined that no other persons who wished to speak at the public hearing were found; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the above-described public hearing and this resolution is to satisfy the public approval requirement of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to qualify the interest on the Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section 1. For the sole purpose of qualifying the interest on the Bonds for exclusion from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Code, we hereby approve the facilities described in the notice of public hearing to be financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds and the issuance of the Bonds, provided that in no event shall Mecklenburg County, the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision thereof be liable for such Bonds nor shall the Bonds constitute a debt of Mecklenburg County, the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision thereof.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Bentley to close the public hearing and adopt the RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF PIMA, ARIZONA REFUNDING AND REVENUE BONDS (PROVIDENCE DAY SCHOOL PROJECT) SERIES 2010. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Harold Cogdell, Jr., George Dunlap, Vilma Leake, Daniel Murrey and Jennifer Roberts

NAYS: None

Extract/Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____ .

(5A) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

(6A) REPORT ON STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Board received a report on the State Legislative Agenda from Brian Francis, Assistant to the County Manager. The following was addressed:

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2010 State Legislative Agenda

Specific Bill Requests

1. Expand the membership of the Board of Equalization and Review to 15 members and make other changes to make the property tax appeal process more efficient.
Ineligible due to objection of Representative Mackey *(It was noted that it takes the unanimous support of the entire Mecklenburg Delegation in order for local legislation to get out of committee.) (Commissioner Clarke said he was concerned that this request did not get through, in light of next year being a revaluation year. He asked what Representative Mackey's objection was. Assistant Francis said Representative Mackey objected because the language did not specify 15 members, although a specific number was not required. Further, that even after informing Representative Mackey that it could be changed to specify 15, he still objected. Commissioner Clarke asked would there be time to reconsider this and get it in for the long session in time for next year's revaluation. The response was it would probably have to be approved by the Board's second meeting in March 2011 in order to make appointments. Also, that it may be possible to get it passed through the legislature prior to March. Commissioner Clarke said passage of this request should be a priority.)*

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2. Grant Mecklenburg County the same authority previously granted to the cities of Raleigh and Winston Salem to enter leases of greater than 10 years when contracting for energy efficiency equipment. **Ineligible due to objection of Representative Mackey** *(Chairman Roberts asked if this would have applied to the City of Charlotte and the County. The response was the City of Charlotte has this authority already. Chairman Roberts asked were there other opportunities for the County to do this. The response was that it could be on the next legislative agenda if that's the Board's desire. Also, another option would be to consider putting it on the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' statewide legislative agenda, rather than pursuing it as a local bill. Chairman Roberts said she would urge the Board to pursue this as statewide legislation.)*
3. Restore Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's status as an entity that is eligible to receive state sales tax refunds. **Passed.**
4. Allow Mecklenburg County to maintain local EMS protocols which reflect the best practices in emergency medical care. **Ongoing negotiations with DHHS for an administrative solution.** *(Commissioner Bentley asked what the obstacle was. The response was that there were several. Examples were given.)*
5. Restore State-Aid to Counties for Departments of Social Services. **Not included in budget.**
6. Restore Funding cuts to Area Mental Health and reform the distribution formula for Mental Health funds. **\$40 million restored statewide in budget.** *(Commissioner Cogdell asked was any progress made as far as discussion of the distribution formula for Area Mental Health. The response was no.)*
7. Restore per diem payment for state prisoners housed in county jails. **Not restored.**
8. Allow Mecklenburg County to publish names of delinquent taxpayers on its website in lieu of purchasing a newspaper advertisement. **Constitutional requirements dictate this be done as a public bill, therefore this item was ineligible during the short session.**
9. Support legislation that provides incentives to local governments that develop Regional Planning Organizations. **North Carolina Sustainable Communities Task Force and Fund created as part of budget.**
10. Unfreeze magistrate positions to allow for the hiring of a magistrate in North Mecklenburg. **As there is currently an open and unfilled magistrate position in Mecklenburg County, this item was not necessary.** *(Chairman Roberts asked was staff working with the Courts to get this position filled. The response was yes. Staff expects a status report soon from the Clerk of Court.)(Commissioner Cogdell said another issue related to this that the Board needed to consider, moving into the next legislative session, was a request asking that the process for appointing magistrates be streamlined. Commissioner Cogdell said the way the current process worked was that the Clerk of Court nominates an applicant for this position, which could sit indefinitely until the Chief Resident Superior Court Judge appoints the nominee. The matter then goes to the Chief District Court Judge who would supervise the Magistrate position. Commissioner Cogdell said at least three, definitely two, individuals have to come to an agreement on the appointee. Commissioner Cogdell said it was his understanding that this has been a problem in the past. Commissioner Cogdell said it was his understanding, also, that there's no timeline associated with the current process.)*
11. Restore funding for NCADAP (North Carolina AIDS Drug Assistance Program) **Funding restored as part of budget.** *(Commissioner Leake requested information on how much was included in the budget for this purpose and where were the funds allocated to go.)*

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- 12.** Support the request of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education for local flexibility regarding staff spending and the school calendar. **Modified flexibility granted as part of budget.** (*Commissioner Leake asked for more clarification, which was given.*)

General Policy Positions

1. Support legislation that grants greater flexibility to counties.
2. Oppose legislation that restricts county flexibility.
3. Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates to counties.
4. Oppose legislation that shifts costs from state to county government.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Assistant to the County Manager Francis noted the following with respect to the new Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board) legislation.

- It puts in place fiscal controls similar to those local governments operate under. As an example, prior to this reform, Alcoholic Beverage Control Boards were not required to adopt a budget, even though the Mecklenburg County ABC Board has always done this.
- ABC Boards must provide to their appointing authority an annual audit.
- Local ABC Board members must now be bonded for \$50,000. It was \$5,000.
- Except for the bonding requirement, all changes are effective for the FY12 budget year.
- It sets ABC Board member compensation at \$150 per meeting, unless the appointing authority sets a different amount.
- It sets the general manager's salary at the level of the clerk of court's salary unless a greater amount is approved. This applies only to general managers hired after October 1, 2010.
- It creates new ethics regulations around nepotism and conflict of interest.
- It clarifies the procedures for removing an ABC Board member and the reasons for which a board member may be removed.

Commissioner Leake asked for clarification regarding compensation, which was addressed. She also requested a copy of Assistant Francis' remarks with respect to the ABC Board.

Commissioner Leake asked if the new legislation addressed guidelines for the selection of members. *Assistant Francis said not that he recalled.*

Assistant Francis said he would provide the Board with a copy of a bill summary that was done by the School of Government and a copy of the full bill.

Assistant Francis then addressed the bill concerning the use of 911 funds and also a bill concerning government ethics, specifically, local government ethics.

Commissioner Clarke asked was this the only briefing the Board would receive regarding the new ABC Board legislation. *County Manager Jones said staff could arrange for another briefing if that was the Board's desire.*

Commissioner Clarke said it would be beneficial since the Board would be asked to take action, per some of the changes regarding ABC Boards. Commissioner Clarke said the Board should defer filling the current vacancy on the ABC Board until after the Board made whatever decisions it needed to, as it relates to the new legislation. Thus, the person appointed would know exactly what's required of them. Also, it would give the Board an opportunity to have a

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better understanding of how the new legislation impacts the Board's relationship with the ABC Board.

Chairman Roberts said it was possible to receive a briefing prior to the normal appointment schedule, which would be the second meeting in September, but if more time was needed before making nominations it could be postponed.

Commissioner Leake suggested that at some point in the future the ABC Board be asked to come before the Board and present a report on its operations, budget, and vision for the future.

Chairman Roberts concurred that the Board should receive an annual report from the ABC Board.

This concluded the discussion.

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment.

(6B) 2020 VISIONING PROCESS

Director of Planning and Evaluation Leslie Johnson and eGovernment/Customer Service Director Brian Cox presented the proposed process for renewing/revising the Board's community vision and scorecard goals.

County Manager Jones also commented on the proposed process.

A copy of the proposed process is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Chairman Roberts said she felt this was the right time to visit this issue and having citizen involvement was a great idea.

Commissioner Bentley asked about the location of the public forums. *The response was that the intent was to make them neighborhood based, but the specific locations have not been determined.*

Commissioner Cogdell asked staff to elaborate more regarding the public forums. He asked would it include an educational component, whereby citizens would be made aware of the constraints the County had when it came to the availability of resources. *Staff addressed what was envisioned.*

Commissioner Cogdell asked had staff considered contacting the City of Charlotte to see if they would like to have representation at the citizen forums. He said often the public isn't aware of what's a County function or responsibility versus a City of Charlotte function or responsibility. *County Manager Jones said staff had not discussed that possibility. County Manager Jones asked about inclusion of the towns.*

Commissioner Cogdell said he would include both.

County Manager Jones said including the City of Charlotte and Towns was a good idea, but it would make this process an even bigger challenge. Also, he's not sure how staff could make it fit at this point. Further, that "at the end of the day" the County was still going to be left with a separate government that's going to have its vision and its responsibility for achieving the goals and benchmarks that the Board sets. He said the focus areas would also be different.

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Commissioner Cogdell said he was looking at this from the perspective of a citizen who wants a “good, livable, & quality community and it doesn’t matter if it’s the county, city, or towns that does what they would like to be done.”

Staff said it would be happy to share its finding with the applicable entity.

Commissioner Murrey suggested that part of the citizen forum discussions be around whether the community sees value in consolidation of city and county government.

Commissioner Murrey said at this point what staff outlined was complicated enough.

This concluded the discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to endorse the proposed process for renewing/revising the Board’s community vision and scorecard goals.

Prior to the above vote, Commissioner Cogdell asked County Manager Jones if he would contact the City of Charlotte and the Towns to see if they would like to be involved during the citizen forums. *County Manager Jones said he would.*

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment.

(6D) BUDGET RETREAT UPDATE

Budget/Management Director Hyong Yi gave an update on the planning for a Business and Service Model Review and Modification Retreat. The following was noted:

- The proposed topics received from commissioners have varied.
- The topics being proposed by staff are:
 - What does the future look like in terms of the County’s revenue and expense?
 - How do you prepare for that future, knowing your revenue and expense?
 - Staff will present information as it relates to revenue and expense projections, although it’s early in the process.
 - Staff will address looking at building a better budget structure.
 - Staff will address how the County manages its debt and capital projects.
 - Staff’s intent is to schedule the budget retreat in September on a Thursday or Friday or even a weekend.

Comments

Commissioner Murrey said staff was on the right track with respect to what needed to be discussed at the retreat. Commissioner Murrey said not only was discussing the capital budget important, but also assigning an operational cost to that as well. Commissioner Murrey said he hopes staff wasn’t stopping there because this wasn’t just about the County’s debt service and capital, but about how the County does its entire budget. He said there’s also the issue of priorities and what the focus should be.

Commissioner Dunlap said staff was going in the right direction, however, he wanted to make sure decisions were not made absent input from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) because they’re the ones who most often effect the County’s capital requests.

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Commissioner Dunlap said the County needed to know the annual growth projections for CMS and CPCC because it impacts what they request. Commissioner Dunlap said the County needed to be aware of the impact of not funding something which should be a part of the discussion.

Commissioner Leake said she would like the discussion to include a clearer understanding of the role of the Department of Social Services and the Health Department and the County's budgetary obligation for each.

Commissioner Leake said she would also like discussion regarding the capital requests of CMS. Commissioner Leake said she's concerned about CMS closing facilities that were in "good shape" and built less than ten years ago.

Commissioner Cogdell said he was supportive of the County establishing a debt service/debt management fund to better budget for the County's long-term capital needs.

Commissioner Cogdell said it was important to assign an operational cost to capital request.

Commissioner Cogdell said the County needed to look at how it could create more certainty with its community partners with respect to how much the County could possibly make available to them for their needs. He said the County needed to engage in discussion regarding joint facility planning with other public entities, in order to maximize the use of facilities, if not at this retreat, some other time.

Chairman Roberts said she hoped there would be discussion with community partners about new ways of doing business and utilizing facilities "around the clock."

Commissioner Cogdell said with respect to capital facilities planning and usage that the County may need to expand its partnership list and look at leveraging those public/private partnerships, particularly with the County's recreation facilities.

County Manager Jones said there were other decisions relative to capital, not only how the County was going to pay for it, but also how the County was going to prioritize programs and services going forward.

This concluded the discussion.

Note: This is not inclusive of every comment.

(6C) FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

County Manager Jones gave an update on the Board's Contingency for Library Funding.

Note: As part of its FY2011 appropriation to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Library, the Board established contingencies including two separate processes: considering operational consolidation options; and additional consideration for a new long-term business model for the public library. Regarding the latter, the Board of County Commissioners recommended that the Library Board of Trustees convene a citizen task force. County Manager Jones' report addressed both processes.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

No action was taken or required.

(6E) KEEP MECKLENBURG BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEES

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County Manager Jones gave an update on the Keep Charlotte Beautiful Committee and the Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful Committee.

Note: In January 2010, the City Council and Board of County Commissioners took action to direct the City and County Managers to work together to determine if any efficiencies and/or synergies could be gained by merging the Keep Charlotte Beautiful Committee and the Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful Committee.

County Manager Jones said it was determined that the two committees have significant differences in their appointment process, charge, responsibilities and activities. Further, there would be no significant dollar savings or efficiencies gained through merger. Therefore, the recommendation was to not consolidate the committees. It was determined that there would be value in the two committees regularly communicating with each other and when possible, collaborating on projects of mutual interest and benefit. Also, it was recommended that a member from each of the committees be designated to serve as a non-voting member on the other's committee.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Chairman Roberts said there should occasionally be joint meetings between the Environmental Committee of the City of Charlotte and Board's Natural Resources Committee. She said the purpose would be to try to make sure the City and County were aware of what the other was doing and to leverage resources where possible.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to approve the following item(s) with the exception of Items 14, 15, 17, 22, and 25 to be voted on separately:

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular meeting held July 6, 2010 and Closed Sessions held, July 6, 2010.

(8) SET PUBLIC HEARING – STREET NAME CHANGE

Set a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2010, to hear comments on the proposed street name change of a portion of existing Crosshaven Drive to Saranita Lane.

(9) TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Receive and accept the Tax Collector's Settlement Fiscal Year 2010.

Note: The Tax Collector's Settlement is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-373(3). The Settlement is to be entered into the records of the Board of County Commissioners as directed by statute.



MECKLENBURG COUNTY
Office of the Tax Collector

To: Board of County Commissioners
Harry L. Jones, Sr., County Manager
Dena Diorio, Finance Director

From: Neal L. Dixon, Tax Collector

Date: July 12, 2010

Subject: Tax Collector's Settlement for Fiscal Year 2010

Pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 105-373, this memorandum is the Tax Collector's report of settlement to the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners for fiscal year 2009-2010 (Tax year 2009).

Total FY 2010 Tax charged to the Tax Collector for Collection: \$859,995,006.85

Real Estate & Personal Property Tax

<u>Tax Charged</u>	<u>Net Levy</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>	<u>Pct. Collected</u>
\$803,787,651.65	\$801,168,294.77	\$792,092,867.79	\$10,950,903.28	98.86%

Registered Motor Vehicle Tax

<u>Tax Charged</u>	<u>Net Levy</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>	<u>Pct. Collected</u>
\$56,207,355.20	\$55,054,421.22	\$47,740,615.62	\$7,727,195.25	86.71%

Combined Total

<u>Tax Charged</u>	<u>Net Levy</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>	<u>Pct. Collected</u>
\$859,995,006.85	\$856,222,715.99	\$839,833,483.41	\$18,678,098.53	98.08%

The totals above reflect the uncollected taxes for all tax bills. Of this total, the Tax Collector was barred by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court from collecting 895 real estate, personal property and registered motor vehicle tax bills totaling \$1,910,917.37. This represents a 32% increase in the dollar amount under bankruptcy protection from last year. When the above totals are adjusted to remove this amount from the Tax Collector's charge for real estate, personal property, and registered motor vehicle taxes, the combined collection percentage increased to 98.30%.

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Reference is hereby made to reports in the Office of the Tax Collector that list the persons owning real property and personal property whose taxes for the preceding fiscal year remain unpaid and the principal amount owed by each person. These reports are available for inspection and review upon request. The Tax Collector has made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due from the persons listed by utilizing the remedies available to him for collection.

Prior Year Collections

During FY 2010, the Tax Collector pursued collection of delinquent prior year taxes.

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Net Levy</u>	<u>Collected in FY2010</u>	<u>Uncollected</u>	<u>Pct. Collected</u>
2003	\$573,801,331.36	\$ 339,639.25	\$1,585,835.57	99.73%
2004	\$600,614,600.33	\$ 332,097.43	\$1,737,359.62	99.72%
2005	\$687,176,822.66	\$ 523,110.64	\$1,992,783.36	99.72%
2006	\$696,537,571.23	\$ 693,966.58	\$2,494,340.59	99.65%
2007	\$744,655,429.75	\$1,525,518.71	\$3,592,130.69	99.52%
2008	\$779,742,595.21	\$7,320,402.98	\$4,936,077.38	99.37%

Registered Motor Vehicle Tax:

2006	\$59,506,110.85	\$ 73,451.77	\$2,136,718.63	96.41%
2007	\$62,546,138.77	\$ 404,202.79	\$2,482,110.29	96.04%
2008	\$60,328,898.91	\$6,685,366.74	\$1,919,796.39	96.82%

Tax Collector Comments

The collection percentage for real estate and personal property taxes was higher than that of the previous year by 0.21%. The registered motor vehicle tax rate was lower than that of the previous year by 0.20%. The combined collection percentage for real estate and registered motor vehicle tax rate was higher than that of the previous year by 0.28%.


Please contact me at Neal.Dixon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or 704-336-3322 if you have any questions or comments regarding this settlement report.

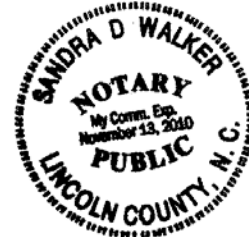
North Carolina General Statute 105-373(3) requires that this settlement be submitted to the governing board. The settlement shall be entered into the minutes of the governing body.


Tax Collector

July 12, 2010
Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of July, 2010


Notary Public



My Commission expires Nov 13, 2010
Date

(10) ORDER OF COLLECTION

Adopt and enter into the Board of County Commissioner's meeting minutes an order directing the Tax Collector to collect 2010 taxes.

Note: By adopting this order, The Board of County Commissioners is complying with North Carolina General Statute 105-321(b).

ORDER OF COLLECTION

NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG

TO THE TAX COLLECTOR OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY
GENERAL STATUTE 105-321(b)

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You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records, filed in the office of the Tax Assessor and the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in Mecklenburg and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require and enable you to levy on and sell any real and personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand official seal, this 3rd day of August, 2010.



Order recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____ .

(11) DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS – LUESA

Approve the disposal of LUESA (Code Enforcement Division) records and plans in accordance with North Carolina records retention policies.

Note: These records are comprised of:

- 1175 contractor notification (1-01-08 to 1-01-09)
- 1032 credit/refunds (1-01-08 to 6-29-09)
- 1520 dead bond (6-01-07 to 03-09-09)

(12) BUDGET AMENDMENT – FIRE MARSHALL’S OFFICE (LUESA)

Appropriate \$1,247 from fund balance for insurance reimbursement received in FY2010 to cover cost of camera replacement in the Fire Marshall’s Office.

(13) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$ 125,940.27 to be made by the Finance Department as requested by the Tax Assessor resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments.

A list of the refund recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(16) GRANT APPLICATION – STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS (LUESA)

1. Approve submission of application by Mecklenburg County Air Quality to the State Energy Office for up to \$500,000 in grant funds.
2. Recognize, receive and appropriate any amounts awarded.
3. Authorize the carry-forward of unspent funds until expended.

(18) SET PUBLIC HEARING – NCDOT GRANT (DSS)

Set a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. on September 8, 2010 to receive comments on the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services’ grant application for the NC Department of Transportation’s

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Rural Operating Assistance Program for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, and direct the Clerk to publish notice of intent to hold a public hearing.

(19) GREENWAY ACQUISITION – IRWIN CREEK

Approve purchase of Tax Parcel 145-179-19 located on Reid Avenue in the Reid Park neighborhood for \$17,500.

Note: This parcel is located along Irwin Creek and will become part of the land assemblage for Irwin Creek Greenway.

(20) SECTION 206 AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM STUDY – ROCKY RIVER WATERSHED

Adopt the Resolution Requesting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Conduct Investigations and Studies to Determine the Feasibility of Developing Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects in Mecklenburg County.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____.

(21) SOLE SOURCE VENDORS APPROVAL – (LUESA) SOLID WASTE SERVICES

1) Approve the purchase of equipment as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129(e) (6).

2) Approve a contract with CP Manufacturing, Inc. for the purchase of spare parts for the Metrolina Recycling Facility in the amount of \$99,870.

3) Approve a contract with MSS, Inc. for the purchase of spare parts for the Metrolina Recycling Facility in the amount of \$42,010.

(23) GRANT APPLICATION – FEMA (LUESA)

1. Authorize the County Manager to submit two grant applications in amounts up to \$635,000 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for updating and/or developing risk identification, assessment, and planning products.

2. If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate up to \$635,000 in funds from FEMA.

3. If awarded, authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with FEMA for the Risk MAP demonstration projects.

4. If awarded, authorize the carry forward of unspent grant funds to subsequent years until completion of the project.

(24) DONATION FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

Recognize, receive and appropriate a donation of \$27,750 from The City of Charlotte towards the Park Road Park Lake Environs Improvement Project.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

Commissioner Cogdell left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

(14) RECREATION CENTER RENAMING – 521 RECREATION CENTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve renaming 521 Recreation Center as “Elon Recreation Center.”

Note: The renaming application was submitted by Ed Barnhart to rename the 521 Recreation Center to align the name of the facility with the park name, which is Elon Park, and the new school, Elon Elementary School.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

(15) CAPITAL RESERVE REQUEST – PARK AND RECREATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to authorize and appropriate expenditure of \$190,000 from the Recreation Facility Capital Reserve account to repair and resurface the tennis courts in Sugaw Creek Park, Latta Park and Coulwood Park.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

(17) AREA MENTAL HEALTH FOURTH QUARTER FY 2010 REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to recognize and receive the Fourth Quarter 2010 Area Mental Health Report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Received</u>
Revenue Source			
Medicaid & CAP	16,037,329	12,725,433	79.35%
State and Federal	29,961,802	27,444,875	91.60%
Third Party/Other	97,293	70,135	72.09%
County	46,298,008	41,836,061	90.36%
Total Revenues	92,394,432	82,076,504	88.83%

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
Service Continuum			
Children's Developmental Services	7,126,456	6,380,279	89.53%
Child & Adolescent Services	14,156,140	11,742,772	82.95%
Adult Mental Health	9,505,313	6,550,323	68.91%
Adult Substance Abuse	14,005,323	13,429,225	95.89%
Local Management Entity	10,415,695	8,973,938	86.16%
BHC Randolph	19,252,016	18,974,583	98.56%
Developmental Disabilities	17,933,489	16,025,384	89.36%
Total Expenditures	92,394,432	82,076,504	88.83%

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Note: In accordance with General Statute 122C-115.1(e), within 30 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, the program director of the county program shall present to each member of the board of county commissioners a budgetary statement and balance sheet that details the assets, liabilities, and fund balance of the county program. This information shall be read into the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented. The program director of the county program shall provide to the board of county commissioners ad hoc reports as requested by the board of county commissioners.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(22) PROPERTY EXCHANGE – DORAL II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to defer consideration of a resolution approving exchange of personal property (fixtures and equipment) in the apartment complex to be acquired from the Doral II Limited Partnership and real property (easement rights) for real property and permanent and temporary easements, until staff brings the matter back before the Board.

Chairman Roberts removed this item from Consent to request that action be deferred.

Chairman Roberts said the County was not at a point where it could move forward with respect to this matter, per feedback from staff.

Commissioner Cogdell returned to the dais.

(25) CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE – SCHOOL FACILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to amend the *School Facilities December 2006* capital project ordinance.

Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for clarification regarding the projects covered by this ordinance. Finance Director Dena Diorio addressed this matter.

Commissioner Bentley asked for clarification regarding Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools FY11 Capital, which was addressed by Finance Director Diorio.

Commissioner Bentley left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(26) NOTICE OF INTENT – FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT OF SALE FOR COUNTY PROPERTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Clerk to the Board to publish a notice of intent to amend the Agreement of Sale for three (3) parcels of land (+/- 11.33 acres) to be subdivided from Tax Parcels 125-071-20 and 125-071-25 and to be sold to Brooklyn Village LLC.

Prior to the above vote, General Manager Bobbie Shields presented this matter to the Board.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____.

Commissioner Bentley returned to the dais.

(27) CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG FOOD POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE

The Board received an update from the Food Policy Council.

Commissioner Murrey addressed this matter, prior to the presentation of the report.

Allison Mignery with the Health Department, Dr. Elizabeth Racine from UNC-Charlotte, and Marilyn Marks, Chair of the Food Policy Council gave the report.

Note: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Food Policy Council worked with collaborative partners, UNCC, County GIS, and Mecklenburg County Health Department to conduct a community food assessment to gather and analyze data regarding areas of the county void of full service grocery stores, known as food deserts.

The report listed the following recommendations:

- *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Policy Council*
 - *Assist SNAP stores to increase availability of fresh foods*
 - *Consider full service food stores when developing/renovating a community*
 - *Apply for funding to support nutrition education programs*
 - *Encourage full-service stores to highlight healthy foods*
 - *Effective advertising/marketing*
 - *Display at eye-level*
 - *Expand shelf space*

A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Murrey thanked the Council for its work. Commissioner Murrey said since there was a relationship between the number of food stores in an area and health, something needed to be done to provide food access to those areas considered food deserts.

Commissioner Murrey said this should be a priority because Mecklenburg County has an access problem to food. He said a sixth of the county didn't have access to fruits and vegetables and as a result "they're dying from it." He said they're dying prematurely. Also, that there were those suffering with major illnesses as a result of it as well, but they don't necessarily die prematurely.

Commissioner Murrey said the Board needed to work closely with the Food Policy Council for solutions to provide fresh fruits and vegetables, healthy foods "closer to people" and make it enticing.

Commissioner Murrey said the public needed to understand that "eating out of convenience stores leads to premature death due to heart disease."

Commissioner Bentley asked the presenters to elaborate on the recommendation of *Assist SNAP stores to increase availability of fresh foods*. Dr. Racine responded.

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Commissioner Bentley said the most challenging part of this was educating and convincing people to make the “healthy” choices when it comes to eating and helping them to understand the long term benefits of it.

Commissioner Bentley asked what the Health Department did with respect to educating people that utilize there services about making good food choices. *Health Director Dr. Wynn Mabry and staff member Mignery responded.*

Commissioner Clarke said the data showed correlation but how do you determine it shows causation. *Dr. Racine said you can't show that it causes causation. She said it's just an association. Dr. Racine said you have to do a long term cohort study to even start to thinking about causation. Further, that causation would take a number of studies over a long period of time.*

Commissioner Clarke said he asked this because the report tends to indicate that the food deserts are a cause of premature death and he's not sure if that's necessarily correct. *Dr. Racine said it's true that they don't know for sure if it's the healthy food or not, but it was known that there was a difference in deaths for those that have full service store access and those that don't.*

Commissioner Clarke asked with respect to recommended solutions had there been any thought to having a market system where you would essentially increase the cost of the unhealthy foods relative to the healthy foods. *Dr. Racine said yes, such incentives or disincentives were discussed. She noted things that had been considered and done in other areas.*

Commissioner Leake said her concern was how to get full service stores into certain areas where store owners were afraid to go in. *Dr. Racine noted her experience with this issue in other places. She said in one instance a full service store was given a tax incentive to go into a certain area.*

Commissioner Leake said the freshness of produce and meats in certain stores was also a concern.

Commissioner Dunlap said he would like to receive a list of initiatives that have been successful around the country. Commissioner Dunlap asked how do you overcome barriers to full service store access, such as lack of transportation. *Ms. Mignery said she had a presentation that she would share on different ways to bring food access to food deserts.*

Commissioner Cogdell asked had there been any discussion of zoning classifications for full service grocery stores that have certain fresh produce and vegetables that have to be sold within those stores. *Ms. Mignery said she was not aware of this being discussed but that Charlotte City Council had looked into zoning for farmers' markets.*

This concluded the discussion. No action was taken or required.

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment.

(28) HUD SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL PLANNING GRANT CONSORTIUM

Heidi Pruess with LUESA, Al Sharp, Executive Director of Centralina Council of Governments and Rebecca Yarbrough, Assistant Director addressed the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consortium.

Note: The Sustainable Communities Partnership, developed by US Housing and Urban

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Development, US DOT, and US EPA, is using the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to provide funding to create a regional plan with high levels of leadership and public engagement. Although the region has adopted the CONNECT Core Values and Action Agenda (over 50 jurisdictions have adopted to date), the Values and Vision has not yet been translated into a full, integrated regional plan to guide growth and development region-wide.

The required product of this grant, a Regional Sustainable Development Plan, is an integrated regional plan for economic development, housing, transportation, other infrastructure, environmental protection, and energy use. The Grant also provides funding for creation of metrics that permit analysis of the impacts of alternative development patterns, and measurement of progress toward adopted goals. Finally, the Grant requires development of a governance structure to ensure engagement of all parties having potential implementation roles.

Benefits that accrue to the Region including Mecklenburg County, from the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant include:

- *Adoption of integrated plans that align land use, economic development, transportation, utility infrastructure, environmental concerns, and energy use in a sustainable way, with metrics for progress measurement;*
- *Greater future funding potential through designation as a "Preferred Sustainability Status" community;*
- *Stronger cross-jurisdiction alignment of goals and plans leading to more nimble.*

A copy of the presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Leake asked for clarification with respect to the purpose of the grant and the involved parties, which was addressed.

Mr. Sharp also addressed the role and activities of the Centralina Council of Governments.

Commissioner Bentley asked Mr. Sharp per his comment that the dollars would be used for planning to "solve the problems of our community," what were the problems. *Mr. Sharp said the number one priority would be jobs.*

Commissioner Bentley asked about the *CONNECT Core Values and Action Agenda* Core Values, Item 3, A Strong, Diverse Economy and what was meant by the statement "and through collaborative approaches to economic development," which was addressed.

Commissioner Bentley asked for clarification on the *CONNECT Core Values and Action Agenda* Core Values, Item 5 Enhanced Social Equity...through community leadership and cooperative volunteerism, engaging ALL citizens in voting, community participation and leadership, and volunteerism, which was addressed.

Commissioner Bentley said she was aware of the debate amongst the planning and transportation circles surrounding this issue. She said there were progressive planners and environmentalist in one camp and in the other camp those concerned about the "over arching" power of the federal government to come in and centrally plan and "coerce" and push towards smaller denser communities around rail lines, which she said was not necessarily all bad, but to the exclusivity of urban development, etc.

Commissioner Bentley said she was concerned about the "strings" attached to the grant dollars. Commissioner Bentley said her fear was that this was "really the Obama administration coming together with a kind of federal smart growth policy filtered down to the local level."

This concluded the discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 6-1 with Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes and Commissioner Bentley voting no, to approve a resolution in support of the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, which includes:

- A) Agreement to participate in the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Consortium, and
- B) Agreement to work with Centralina to identify potential sources of additional funding supporting the project's goals.

Note: The above is not inclusive of every comment.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A, Document # _____.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(29) SELECTION OF NCACC VOTING DELEGATE (CHAIRMAN ROBERTS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to appoint Chairman Roberts as the Board's voting delegate for the 2010 Annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Conference to be held August 26-29, 2010 in Greenville, N.C. (Pitt County) and Commissioner Leake as the alternate.

(31) QUARTER-CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM (COMMISSIONER DUNLAP)

Commissioner Dunlap addressed a proposal to have the Board put before the community the option of supporting a quarter-cent sales tax to support public education and the library system.

Commissioner Dunlap said a quarter-cent sales tax would generate an estimated \$28.7 million.

Commissioner Dunlap said he was not advocating for or against a quarter-cent sales tax, but felt the public should be given an opportunity to say if they would like to support schools and libraries in this manner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap but died for lack of a second, to authorize a ballot referendum in Mecklenburg County for November 2010 to increase the local option sales tax by one-quarter cent.

COMMISSION COMMENTS – General comments were made at this time by various Commissioners regarding upcoming events and/or events they attended, as well as, other matters which they deemed note worthy. *Note: The passing of former Alcoholic Beverage Control Board member James Polk was acknowledged and condolences were expressed to his family.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned

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at 11:39 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman