

**PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**  
**OTHERS PRESENT**

Johnny Myrl Lunsford  
Jimmy B. Clayton  
Kyle W. Puryear  
B. Ray Jeffers  
Samuel R. Kennington

Heidi York, County Manager  
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

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The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Clayton to lead in prayer and Commissioner Kennington to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION:**

Chairman Lunsford stated it was his honor to present the Resolution in Recognition to James Perkins, Abby Powell and Person County 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Traci Owen for their actions responding to an emergency situation on August 23, 2010. Chairman Lunsford read the Resolution in Resolution and thanked the families in attendance for the support and example to others.

## RESOLUTION in RECOGNITION

**WHEREAS**, it is an established fact that teaching children at an early age to recognize the signs of an emergency can save precious time in an emergency situation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Danny Powell, a Person County resident at 536 Wheelers Church Road, Hurdle Mills, suffering from bronchitis, experiencing a coughing spell at the same time he was babysitting his grandchildren, James Perkins and Abby Powell on August 23, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, James Perkins, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Hillsborough Elementary School and Abby Powell, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Oak Lane Elementary School, heard their Papa fall to the floor, ran to his side to find him unconscious and bleeding, quickly springing into action; and

**WHEREAS**, James Perkins promptly called 9-1-1 in a calm, mature voice, giving the dispatcher the address requesting immediate emergency assistance as well as responding to the questions asked about his Papa's condition, at the same time, Abby Powell gave her Papa a cold washcloth to help stop the bleeding at his nose and mouth; and

**WHEREAS**, Traci Owen, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Emergency Medical Dispatcher exercised calmness and thoroughness in performing her duties while seeking information from James Perkins.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Person County Board of County Commissioners does hereby recognize the quick actions of James Perkins and Abby Powell and praises their knowledge to contact emergency assistance in an effort to help their grandfather, Danny Powell as well as the efforts put forth by Person County 9-1-1 Telecommunicator, Traci Owen as a skilled dispatcher in an emergency situation.

Adopted the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.



Person County Board of Commissioners

*Johnny Myrl Lunsford*  
Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman

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**INFORMAL COMMENTS:**

There were no comments from the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Puryear, and **carried 5-0** to approve the minutes of August 16, 2010.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried 5-0** to approve the Administrative Reports for the Detention Center, Library, Tax Administration & Collections.

**PERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE:**

Health Department Director, Janet Clayton told the Board the Person County Board of Health approved the revisions to the Person County Health Department's Fee Schedule due to the State mandated changes in the Immunization program. Ms. Clayton stated as of July 1, 2010, the North Carolina Universal Immunization Program for children no longer exists and due to the significant changes in the immunization program, the Person County Health Department established fees for all children's vaccines which are provided through the Health Department. Ms. Clayton noted on August 24, 2010, the Person County Board of Health approved the revised fee schedule.

Ms. Clayton stated the Person County Health Department received notification on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 that the cost of vaccines manufactured by Merck had increased. Ms. Clayton presented the Board with the amended fee schedule for consideration.

Commissioner Jeffers asked Ms. Clayton to explain the Private or State notation on the fee schedule. Ms. Clayton explained that Private indicated a consumer to have insurance or ability to pay for the immunization fees. The notation of State indicates an established fee for underinsured, no insurance or Medicaid eligible consumers.

Commissioner Kennington inquired if the fees were in line for the costs of the vaccine. Ms. Clayton confirmed the fees were the costs of the vaccine. An additional \$28 administrative fee is also charged to cover the costs of paperwork and data input into the registry. Ms. Clayton also told the Board that a fee study comparison is done annually comparing to private practice fees as well as surrounding counties.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried 5-0** to approve the revised fee schedule with noted amendments as presented by the Health Director.

	<b>IMMUNIZATIONS FEES</b>	BOH Approved	Amended
90713	IPV – Private or State	\$19.00	
90707	MMR – Private or State	\$47.00	\$48.00
90710	MMRV – Private or State	\$124.00	\$129.00
90696	Kinrix – State Only	n/c	
90647	HIB Ped Vax – State Only	n/c	
90648	HIB (Act hib) Private or State	\$17.00	
90744	Hep B ped (0-19) Pvt or State	\$10.00	\$23.00
90746	Hep B (20 +) Private	\$30.00	
90716	Varicella – Private or State	\$82.00	\$85.00
90670	Prevnar – Private or State	\$109.00	
90714	Td - State	n/c	
90715	Tdap 11-64 age ( Pvt – State)	\$34.00	
90723	Pediarix – State Only	n/c	
90636	Twinrix (Hep A/B) Private	\$46.00	
90633	Hep A (1-18) Private or State	\$22.00	\$30.00
90632	Hep A $\geq$ 19 Private	\$23.00	
90734	Menactra Private or State	\$100.00	
90680	Rotateq (oral)-Pvt or State	\$66.00	\$70.00
90649	Gardasil HPV (Pvt. – State)	\$123.00	\$131.00
90698	Pentacel (Pvt –State)	\$56.00	
90700	Dtap – Private or State	\$18.00	
90736	Zostavax	\$159.00	
90662	Flu High Dose	Medicare Rate	

**CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE QUARTER-CENT (.025) SALES TAX:**

County Manager, Heidi York informed the Board that counties across North Carolina that have had success in passing a referendum to levy a quarter-cent local option sales tax (one-fourth of one penny) credit a mobilized citizen group serving as advocates for and supporters of its passage. This committee, unlike members of county government staff, is able to market, promote, fundraise, and advocate for the passage of the referendum. They serve as an educational tool rallying support for this revenue. Educating citizens about how this revenue could be used as well as reminding them that nonresidents will also be paying to support quality of life initiatives will be important. Ms. York stated potential committee members' names were pulled from the Person Future's committees for the Board's consideration; however the Board would need to facilitate, define its membership and contact the potential members and requesting each to serve in this capacity.

Ms. York asked the Board to consider the membership of the citizen advocacy committee, with each Commissioner committing to ask people to serve in this capacity.

A **motion** was made by Chairman Lunsford, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried by majority vote 3/2** to establish a citizen committee to market, promote, fundraise and advocate for the passage of the quarter-cent sales tax referendum, so to move forward and give the County Manager direction. Chairman Lunsford and Commissioners Jeffers and Clayton voted in support of the motion. Commissioners Puryear and Kennington cast the dissenting votes and went on record in opposition to placing the referendum on the November ballot and creating such committee to support the referendum due to the bad timing and the harm of imposing an additional sales tax upon local businesses. Chairman Lunsford and Commissioners Jeffers and Clayton went on record in support of allowing the citizens of Person County to pass or fail the referendum as well as requesting a committee group to educate the citizens about the proposed additional sales tax pointing out renters, tourists, and all residents would be contributing unlike a property tax increase (only other revenue option) would affect landowners only.

County Manager, Heidi York stated each Commissioner should recruit and ask citizens to become a member of this committee. Ms. York suggested a committee of 10 members but advised the Board the number of members was up to the Board. Commissioner Puryear stated he would not be submitting any names nor had he spoken to any citizens in favor of the referendum. Chairman Lunsford and Commissioners Clayton, Jeffers and Kennington will submit names for the committee membership of ten. Chairman Lunsford recommended that all Commissioners be involved.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Chairman Lunsford commented that several board members recently attended the NC Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Conference in Greenville, NC highlighting how well organized the conference was with youth involvement, good presenters, ethics workshop, and other information sessions as well as the planned activities.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

County Manager, Heidi York announced Person Industries was recently awarded the Arc 2010 Inclusive Community Award for its outstanding department with community connections supporting and serving people with and without disabilities in an inclusive setting as well as fulfilling a need in Person County with its Recycling Center. Ms. York recognized Wanda Rogers, Director of Person Industries for her outstanding leadership. Ms. Rogers displayed the award she accepted on behalf of Person Industries.

Ms. York informed the Board that Roxboro City Council preferred a lunch joint session meeting on October 11, 2010. Ms. York noted Roxboro Mayor, Thomas Brown would be unable to attend but urge both governing bodies to meet without him. Commissioners Puryear and Kennington stated preference of an evening meeting and requested such on an alternative basis with City Council. The Board confirmed the joint session to be held on October 11, 2010 at 12:00 noon with lunch provided in the FEMA Shelter Room at the Human Services Building. Ms. York requested Board members to send to her any agenda items the Board wished to discuss in the joint session.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Clayton commented on the educational programs offered at the NCACC conference in Greenville as well as credited the efforts of the Association of the legislation put into place regarding counties not having to pay Medicaid noting Person County would be in a serious situation had the county been required to pay \$1,506,214 in Medicaid last year. Commissioner Clayton also noted Person County received an EMS reimbursement in the amount of \$121,000 due to the Association's actions.

Commissioner Jeffers thanked the Board members for participation at the recent NCACC conference which was very beneficial to have representation to attend the educational sessions. The conference had a huge turnout due to the Association due waiving the registration fee for all county commissioners.

Commissioner Puryear stated he had recently met with U.S. Senator Richard Burr and discussed economic development and Person Future's Strategic Plan. Commissioner Puryear extended Senator's Burr appreciation to the Board as well as all the citizens involved with developing the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Kennington noted citizens would also be voting for or against a constitutional amendment providing that no person convicted of a felony may serve as Sheriff on the November ballot.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried 5-0** to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel at 7:43 p.m. Chairman Lunsford announced a five-minute break.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried 5-0** to return to open session at 8:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Brenda B. Reaves  
Clerk to the Board

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Johnny Myrl Lunsford  
Chairman

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