

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

**AUGUST 17, 2009**  
**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

Heidi York, County Manager  
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney  
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.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.

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF PRIVATE 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS  
RICHARD K. JONES TO THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA:**

Chairman Lunsford presented and read the Resolution Honoring the Service of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard Kelvin Jones to the Armed Services of the United States of America.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried** to adopt the Resolution Honoring the Service of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard Kelvin Jones to the Armed Services of the United States of America.

Sheriff Dewey Jones accepted the Resolution Honoring the Service of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard Kelvin Jones to the Armed Services of the United States of America on behalf of the family and confirmed he would present the resolution to the family.

**A RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
PRIVATE 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS RICHARD KELVIN JONES  
TO THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, the Person County Board of County Commissioners wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation and condolences to the family of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones, of Person County, North Carolina, for his service and the ultimate sacrifice of his life in the defense of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones joined the United States Army in 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan in May of 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones, assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of Fort Carson, Colorado, was fighting to defend the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones, as part of a patrol was killed in action near Mushan Village, Afghanistan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Person County Board of County Commissioners,

- 1) hereby expresses on behalf of the citizens of Person County, sincere appreciation and gratitude for Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones' service and ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country, and our freedom.
- 2) calls upon all citizens of Person County and the United States of America to support our Armed Forces as they fight to defend our freedom and defeat terror.
- 3) presents a copy of this Resolution to Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Richard K. Jones' family, in memory and appreciation for his dedicated service to the United States and thus to the citizens of Person County.

**THIS RESOLUTION** adopted this 17th day of August 2009.



Person County Board of County Commissioners

By:

*Johnny Myrl Lunsford*  
Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman

Attest:

*Brenda B. Reaves*  
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk

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

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to approve the agenda.

## **INFORMAL COMMENTS:**

There following individuals addressed the Board during the informal comment period.

Ms. Wanda Rogers, Director of the Person Industries announced to the Board the dates scheduled for the Person County Recycling grand opening. A ribbon cutting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 11, 2009 at the new recycling facility located at 741 Martin Street. Tours/open house will be available on September 12, 2009.

Mr. Bill West of 182 Munday Oakley Road, Semora, a property and home owner at Shore Acres Subdivision for 21 years, stated many property owners were in attendance to inform the Board that two property owners (two lots) in the subdivision are in violation of the Person County Ordinance prohibiting the use of camping trailers for recreational vehicles on residential properties. Mr. West noted the two lots with three permanent camper hook ups each with water, electric and sewer has history of up to six camping trailers in use. Mr. West further noted one site was constructed without permits of the Health Department or the Planning Board. The other site started out as a covered picnic area and has grown over the years adding campers with up to five campers this summer. Mr. West stated one of the owners has verbally stated his intent to increase the use of camping vehicles on his property. The Health Department notified the Planning & Zoning Department, who in turn, issued letters to the property owners with instructions to remove the campers by August 10, 2009. Mr. West feels the Ordinance is well written, fair and in place to protect the property values of the residents and these uncontrolled trailer parks is a detriment to property values and ultimately the tax base. Mr. West requested the Board of County Commissions and the Planning & Zoning Board to reject any attempt by a few property owners to adapt the laws for their own purposes noting there are 59 home owners in the subdivision.

Ms. Lois McIver Winstead of 219 South Lamar Street, Roxboro spoke in opposition to any expansion of the landfill and spoke in favor of the Board adopting the goals of the Future's Project as well as volunteered to assist on the working committee Re-imagine our County for a Better Future.

Mr. Phil Baer of 377 Potluck Farm Road stated he and his wife, Ellen, were supporters of the Future's Project and offered to serve as volunteers on a working committee for New Economy Planning and/or Education. Mr. Baer urged the Board to support, adopt and implement the Future's Project.

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Ms. Frances Blalock 1504 Surl Mt Tirzah Road, Timberlake, spoke in support of the Future's Project and volunteered to work on the committee to Protect Our Land. Ms. Blalock stated she was told by the County Manager that cells 7-10 are not needed to fulfill the present contract. Ms. Blalock requested the Board to allow time to educate the citizens of Person County on recycling and reducing waste. Ms. Blalock stated in her opinion that a public hearing of this magnitude should be at night.

Ms. Marje Stehle PO Box 132, Semora, spoke on behalf of her husband, Al, and their support of the Future's project and offered her time on a working committee.

Ms. Ann Thompson of 160 BC Way, Rougemont spoke in support of the Future's Project and volunteered to work on the committee for Environment and asked the Board to say no to the dump.

Ms. Margaret LaRoe of 384 Potluck Farm Road, Rougemont spoke in support of the Future's Project and volunteered to work on the committee for Encourage Learning for Life and Lifelong Learning. Ms. LaRoe stated, on behalf of her neighbor, Vonda Frantz, she too would be willing to serve on a working committee.

Ms. Betty Blalock of 144 Tirzah Ridge, Rougemont spoke in opposition of expansion of the landfill telling the Board of the feeder creeks to the Tar River, graveyard, rare and endangered plant and animal life, the residents that live adjacent to the landfill, all affected by the landfill.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington, and **carried** to approve the minutes of August 3, 2009.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

Commissioner Kennington commented on the July 2009 total building values were at 2.90 million compared to 1.75 million from one year ago and thanked the County Manager and the Library Director for including the annual comparisons in the Library Report. The County Manager reminded the Board that the fees were increased at the Inspections Department which is one reason for the increase.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried** to approve the Administrative Reports for the Inspections Department, Public Library and the Planning & Zoning Activity Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT PERSON FUTURE'S CONFERENCE REPORT, RECOMMENDED GOALS AND NEXT STEPS:**

Commissioner Kennington highlighted the memo put into the Commissioner's mailboxes relative to the tentative schedule in taking the next steps should the Board approve the Future's Report and recommended goals noting the need to set up a meeting for the Board to select chairpersons for each committee, setting the structure for the committees for fact finding, community conversations, drafting positions, presenting to community, and collaborating with other working groups. Commissioners Kennington stated each committee would work together to write specific objectives, actions, measures and progress indicators for each goal. Commissioner Kennington continued to outline the membership of each committee noting three co-chairs with up to fifteen members each. The three co-chairs of each committee would in turn serve as the Executive Committee. Commissioner Kennington stated the process would be open and he would request the use of the county website to keep the public updated on the work of each committee. Resources to the committees would include county and city employees as well as Liza Pratt throughout the year at no cost. To further explain the five goals outlined in the Future's Project, Commissioner Kennington added a scope of each goal.

**1. PROSPER BY DEVELOPING THE NEW ECONOMY LOCALLY.**

*The scope of this goal addresses economic development – expanding existing and developing new, locally appropriate businesses and industries and encouraging outside investment by improving the local quality of life.*

**2. FOSTER A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.**

*The scope of this goal encompasses community development, downtown redevelopment, neighborhood planning, and historic preservation. It will develop strategies that coordinate the efforts of parks, arts, and recreation programming, commercial centers, local businesses, community organizations, churches, and schools, to create places where people can come together, to integrate newcomers to the county, engage the diverse communities within the county, celebrate local history, encourage civic engagement, and address issues of crime, drugs, gangs, and safety.*

**3. PROTECT OUR LAND.**

*The scope of this goal encompasses issues of land conservation, environmental quality, and environmental health. It can include direct and indirect methods – from land use regulations to economic development that makes working lands economically viable and reduces the pressure on landowners to subdivide and develop forests and farmland. Strategies to ensure opportunities for outdoor recreation and to address community concerns regarding the landfill, air quality, water quality, and environmental pollutants should also be developed.*

4. **ENCOURAGE LEARNING FOR LIFE AND LIFELONG LEARNING.**

*The scope of this goal encompasses traditional education in the schools, as well as extracurricular youth programming, enrichment programs, workforce and jobs training, and enrichment opportunities for community members of all ages. Creative strategies should utilize community assets such as youth volunteers, retired volunteers, community members with unique skills to share, and a range of public, private, and nongovernmental organizations.*

5. **REIMAGINE OUR COUNTY FOR A BETTER FUTURE.**

*This is the broadest goal. The specific activities of the working group for this goal may be as important as the final vision they develop and may include additional community surveys and visioning activities. The focus should be developing a common vision for Person County's future that integrates and supports the other goals. It should develop strategies for marketing this new vision internally to promote community pride and externally to encourage investment in Person County.*

Commissioner Kennington noted the comparative goals from previous Person County Strategic Plan works noting the goals are aligned with the proposed goals.

Commissioner Kennington made the recommendation to the Board to adopt the goals, select a working committee goal to chair, and select the subcommittee to work with the County Manager to get the process started. Commissioner Kennington thanked the Board members for allowing this presentation, the 160 people in the community that worked on this project with special thanks to Randy Hester, and particularly Julie, Rachel, Rafi, and Liza.

Commissioner Clayton requested the Board to meet Monday, August 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose on working on the details to adopt the Person Future's Report, goals and next steps.

Chairman Lunsford concurred with Commissioner Clayton noting the time to tap into the resources through all the volunteers to assist in moving forward with this project.

Commissioner Jeffers thanked Commissioner Kennington, Dr. Hester and all the students and citizens that participated in the Person Future's study noting the need of a strategic plan for Person County during this transitioning period. Commissioner Jeffers agreed with the need for the preservation of farm lands and for an increased support of local businesses as well as a need for a sense of community. Commissioner Jeffers noted an area of concern regarding the developed goals were from only 60 members of the community representing over 37,000 in Person County. Commissioner Jeffers further noted the need for more representation from the younger generation stating Person County citizens ages 20-54 is 48% with ages 20-44 reflecting 33% of the total

population. In addition to 5 goals presented, Commissioner Jeffers would like to see the additional goals included:

- 1) Collaborative efforts to develop a comprehensive plan for growth and land use to maintain and enhance the quality of life for Person County citizens,
- 2) Collaborative efforts with educational institutions, businesses, agencies and communities to address job creation, employment opportunities and training needs,
- 3) Improvement in efficiency in every county department, and
- 4) Enhance public safety in a collaborative manner.

Commissioner Jeffers stated he would like to see the new Strategic Plan implemented within the next 3-5 years.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Kennington, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried** for the Board of County Commissioners to meet Monday, August 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose on working on the details to adopt the Person Future's Report, goals and next steps.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROAD MAINTENANCE & SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR PERSON COUNTY:**

County Manager, Heidi York stated a group from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC DOT) was in attendance to give the Board an update on Road Maintenance and Secondary Road Construction in Person County.

Attendees from the NC DOT were:

Wally Bowman, P.E - Division Engineer  
Joey Hopkins, P.E. - Deputy Division Engineer  
Brandon Jones, P.E. - Division Maintenance Engineer  
Tasha Johnson, P.E. - District Engineer  
Anthony Talley - Person County Maintenance Engineer  
Michelle R. F. Gray - Assistant District Engineer  
Mike Goodwin - Assistant District Engineer  
Barry Matherly - Transportation Technician

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Ms. Tasha Johnson introduced the NC DOT attendees and reported in February 2009, DOT Secretary Conti sent out a letter notifying county governments of funding difficulties resulting in a 10% decrease in revenues which translated to \$25-30 million in lost revenues each month. NC DOT made a 7% across the board cut in February and enacted a hiring freeze, laid off temporary employees, and others to accommodate the reduced revenues. Ms. Johnson stated the Secondary Roads Program was reduced by 50%. Ms. Johnson reported that all eight roads that were planned were built through the 2007-08 program totaling 4.35 miles including improvements to the Rescue Squad driveway as well as paving a short section of Mayo Lake Road at the church. Ms. Johnson stated there will be no new secondary road construction this year however moving forward in design and surveying. Ms. Johnson noted every four years the NC DOT reevaluates all remaining unpaved secondary roads which was done this past spring. Ms. Johnson passed out a copy of this report.

A question and answer period time was allowed covering the following:

Question	Answer
Commissioner Kennington asked who notifies the County when a road is closed, i.e. when Rolling Hills Road was closed due to the bridge washed out?	Mr. Talley stated NC DOT contacted the Communications Department (911) to inform of the road closing. Commissioners agreed that the County Manager should be on their contact list. NC DOT stated they would contact the County Manager in the future.
Commissioner Kennington asked how many one-lane bridges are in North Carolina?	Mr. Bowman did not know the answer but offered to research and report the priority for bridge replacement.
Commissioner Kennington requested comparison data for the counties in North Carolina regarding any funding received.	Mr. Bowman stated they could research and submit data but wanted to reduce the search to certain counties versus all 100 counties.
Commissioner Clayton asked NC DOT to review the south side of the creek on Ann Drive, just off of Weldon Painter to see if the water flow could be improved.	Mr. Talley responded they would take a look at it.
Commissioner Clayton reported complaints from residents on Cedar Creek Road, off of Dink Ashley, that no speed limit signs were posted nor did the road have marked lines.	Mr. Talley agreed to contact Traffic Services regarding no speed limit signs posted and noted that dead end roads, less than a mile long do not require line markings.



<p>Commissioner Jeffers asked about McGhees Mill Road from the Hyco Bridge to Virginia line as to why not on the list for resurfacing due to the many potholes.</p>	<p>Mr. Talley stated it would be included in the next year's plan.</p>
<p>Commissioner Puryear asked NC DOT to consider paving a portion of the Mayo Lake Road at the church.</p>	<p>Mr. Talley confirmed a short section near the church was paved last summer. Mr. Bowman noted Mayo Lake Road is #45 out of 69 to be paved.</p>
<p>Commissioner Kennington inquired why Mayo Lake Road as a major connector of two major roads (501N &amp; 49N) not already paved?</p>	<p>Mr. Bowman stated it is due to the ranking which is based on points for traffic, number of homes, businesses, churches, etc.</p>
<p>Assistant County Manager asked about 6 parcels of right-of-way that relate to the water line extension project road relocation. Person County is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the N.C. Underground Storage Tanks section to get a water line extension to an area in Person County that has contaminated wells. A portion of this 4 mile water line extension will be in an area of road relocation associated with the A phase of the US 501 widening. Mr. Bailey stated the design of this extension has been in new right-of-way area so not to interfere with construction of Phase A.</p>	<p>Mr. Bowman could not respond and wanted to meet briefly with Mr. Bailey following the meeting to collect contact information. Mr. Bowman stated they would follow up with the Right-of-Way and Utilities Section in Raleigh and respond with an update.</p>

Mr. Bowman was happy to share with the Board the fact that NC DOT would be able to resurface secondary roads in Person County starting in October of year with a completion date of June, 2010. Mr. Bowman passed out a map illustrating the 13.46 miles planned to resurface on Hester Store Road, Tom Oakley Road, Old Allensville Road, Mollie Mooney Road and Roby Barton Road.

Mr. Bowman stated stimulus funding will be used on NC49 and US158 for work to be completed in 2010.

Mr. Bowman discussed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is currently in the first year of transitioning into a 7 year program. Approximately 17 billion is in the TIP Program and 9 billion is anticipated based on the revenues.

Mr. Bowman explained the Rural Planning Organizations are involved in the Spot process where project prioritization is based on a:

- qualitative score – ranking system where the Division and the RPO ranks the projects through a computerized database and a
- quantitative score based on goals with mobility (congestion), safety (crash rates) and infrastructure (pavement condition).

A draft TIP is expected in May 2010 per Mr. Bowman noting that anything that was already in the TIP, funded for construction in the first 60 months will stay in the TIP not having to be ranked which is good news for project A of the 501 North to the Virginia line project scheduled for construction in 2012. Project B & C on the 501 North project will have to be ranked.

Mr. Bowman discussed other projects in Person County:

- two bridges to be replaced on Edwin Robinson Road.
- Rolling Hills Bridge should be completed by the end of November this year.
- Air quality funds (CMAC) for improvements at Chub Lake and on Ridge Road are available. The Town of Roxboro is working on this project.
- Additional CMAC funds – 13 projects added to the TIP to include the North Main Street sidewalk.


Chairman Lunsford thanked the NC DOT representatives for the informational update.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried** to accept the report by the NC Department of Transportation Road Maintenance and Secondary Road Construction in Person County.

#### **PRESENTATION ON THE 2010 CENSUS:**

Planning & Zoning Director, Paula Murphy introduced Christine Mackey, Partnership Specialist with the United States Census Bureau who gave the following presentation noting the U.S. Constitution requires a national census to be taken every ten years. April 1, 2010 will be considered census day. Ms. Murphy requested the Board's support to partner with the U.S. Census Bureau.


**Person County  
Road to the 2010 Census**



Christine Mackey  
Partnership Specialist  
August 17, 2009

**Why take a Census?**

- Apportionment of Congress
- Appropriation of funds



**HOW IS IT USED?**

- Defines where jobs and job programs are needed.
- Helps potential homeowners research property values and other demographic information.
- Corporations use data for market research to determine locations for food stores, pharmacies and other services.

**HOW IS IT USED?**

- Census data are used to distribute over \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.
  - Grants to educational agencies (school districts)
  - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (food grants)
  - Head Start programs
  - Public transportation
  - Road rehabilitation and construction
  - Programs for the elderly
  - Emergency food and shelter

**Person County Overview**

▪ Population	<b>37,438</b>
▪ Change since 2000	<b>5.1%</b>
▪ White Persons	<b>70%</b>
▪ Black Persons	<b>28%</b>
▪ Hispanic	<b>2.9%</b>

**North Carolina Response Rates 2000**

•National Average	<b>67%</b>
•North Carolina	<b>64%</b>
•Durham County	<b>68%</b>
•Franklin County	<b>62%</b>
•Granville County	<b>64%</b>
•Person County	<b>68%</b>
•Warren County	<b>52%</b>
•Vance County	<b>58%</b>
•Wake County	<b>71%</b>

### What are the Goals for 2010 Census?

- Less Costly
- Use Technology more Efficiently
- Improve Maps & Address Lists
- Deliver Data on A More Timely Basis

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### Person County Goals for 2010 Census?

- Count Every Person
- In the Right Place
- At the right time
- Improve Response Rate

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### How do we Take a Census?

- Develop/Update Address List and Maps.
- Deliver Census Questionnaires to Addresses by Mail or in Person.
- Receive completed Questionnaires by mail.
- Follow-up with Households that do not Return the Questionnaire.

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### Part 1 – Building a List of Addresses

#### Address Canvassing:

- Spring/Summer 2009
- Census Taker will verify the location and information for every address in the U.S.
- Use Handheld Computers – GPS Technology
- An Estimated 140,000 Workers Nationally

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### Our Guiding Principles

- It's Safe
- It's Easy
- It's Important

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### It's Safe!

- Answers are protected by law!
- Title 13 of the United States Code
- Penalty – Up To 5 Years in Prison, or \$250,000 fine for violations, or both
- The Core of our Ability to Build Trust

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### It's Easy!

- Mail Census Questionnaires in March 2010
- Short Form – 10 Questions, 10 Minutes
- A New Mail Strategy
- Bilingual Mail Forms (English/Spanish)

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### It's Important!

- Apportion the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives
- Appropriate \$400 billion in federal funds to states and communities every year
- Redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### Following Up on Non Responses

- Spring/Summer 2010
- Send a Census Taker to the Door
- Estimated 700,000 Workers Nationwide

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### Part 2 – The Population Count

#### Other Living Situations – Special Procedures

- Military Bases / College Dorms
- Prisons
- RV Parks, Campgrounds, Marinas, etc.
- People Experiencing Homelessness
- Remote / Rural Areas, Areas with Delivery Problems

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### Timeline of Key Activities Calendar Year 2008

- Open Regional Census Center
- Open Early Local Census Offices  
150 Nationally  
Recruit Office and Field Staff  
Hire and Train Office Managers

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### Timeline of Key Activities Calendar Year 2009

- Address Canvassing
- Adjudication of LUCA Appeals
- Open Remaining Local Census Offices
- Recruit/Recruit/Recruit

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### Timeline of Key Activities Calendar Year 2010

- Questionnaires Mailed or Delivered
- Census Day – April 1, 2010
- Group Quarters Enumeration
- Follow-up to Non-Responding Households
- Counts Delivered to the President

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### What's Different in 2010

- Short Form Only
- Use of Hand-held Computers
- Targeted Second Mailing of Questionnaires



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### American Community Survey: (aka Census Long Form)

- Large, monthly, sample survey
- Began nationally in 2005
- Provides more current characteristics data
- Produces more current data at various levels of geography

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### Our Key Challenges

- Recruiting!**
- Capable Managers that Represent the Community
  - Trusted Voices to Educate and Motivate
- Participation**
- Building Trust
  - Motivating Cooperation

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### Communicating these Principles

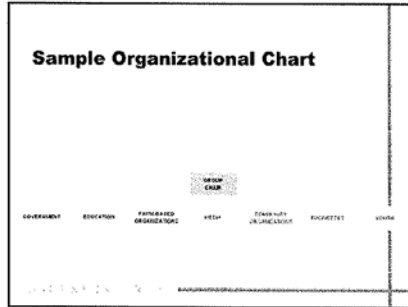
- Communications Campaign**
- Paid Advertising
  - Local promotional efforts
- Complete Count Committees**
- Local initiatives to promote the Census
  - Organized Independently
- Partnership and Data Services Program**
- "Grassroots" efforts to reach the hardest to count communities

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### Supporting Your Community

- Suggest you Strongly Consider Starting a Complete Count Committee
- Emphasize the Importance of Census Participation

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- ### When Should a CCC Organize?
- Get organized right now!
  - The 2010 Census is less than a year away.
  - Immediate formulation will ensure local residents are kept abreast of census operations.
  - The more informed residents are about the 2010 Census, the better they will fill out the form.

- ### ACTIVITIES OF CCC'S
- Identify organizations that can provide space for QAC's and "Be Counted" Sites.
  - Develop a list of barriers that might impede the progress of the 2010 Census
  - Create ways to dispel myths about the privacy of census data.
  - Place census messages in water bills, property tax bills, newsletters, websites and other correspondence.

### Questions

- ### Checking Our Work
- Extensive Quality Assurance Operations
  - Independent Assessments
  - Closely Monitored Internally and Externally

Commissioner Kennington asked how many part time people would be hired. Ms. Mackey stated she would research and respond to the County Manager.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Puryear, and **carried** to adopt the Person County Resolution partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau.

**PERSON COUNTY RESOLUTION PARTNERING WITH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

**WHEREAS** an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

**WHEREAS** more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

**WHEREAS** census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community;

**WHEREAS** the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE, we PROCLAIM** that Person County is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

**As a 2010 Census partner, we will:**

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in Person County to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this 17th day of August, in the year 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_(Signed)\_\_\_\_\_  
Johnny Myrl Lunsford  
Chairman of the Person County Board of County Commissioners

**August 17, 2009**



Commissioner Kennington asked who would chair the local committee and be responsible for getting representatives from the target groups as illustrated in the presentation. Ms. Murphy confirmed the Planning and Zoning Department would lead the local committee related to the 2010 Census.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Clerk to the Board Brenda Reaves presented to the Board the applications received in response to the current boards and committees vacancies as advertised in *The Courier-Times* on July 8, 2009 noting the deadline to submit an application by August 4, 2009. Applications for consideration at this meeting include those received for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Those committees not receiving any citizen response will be re-advertised.

- Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee  
1-Year Initial Term; 3-Year Reappointment: 2 positions available  
NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
  
- Home Health and Hospice Advisory Committee  
3-Year Term: 1 position each representing
  - Person Memorial Hospital
  - Physician
  - Piedmont Community CollegeNO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
  
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
2-year term positions available include:
  - 1 designee from the Police Department
    - 1) Kristy W. Melvin
  - 1 designee from Person County Schools
    - 1) Dr. Larry Cartner
  - 1 designee from the District Attorney's Office
    - 1) Alexandra Yeager
  - 1 designee from the Social Services Department
    - 1) Melanie Hudson Puryear

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried** to reappoint Kristy W. Melvin, Dr. Larry Cartner, Melanie Hudson Puryear and appoint Alexandra Yeager to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council in the designated representative slots as presented.

- Nursing Home Advisory Committee  
1-Year Initial Term; 3-Year Reappointment; 3 positions available  
NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
  
- Person Area Transportation System Board Of Directors  
3-Year Term; 3 positions available  
NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**ROXBORO DEVELOPMENT GROUP:**

Commissioner Clayton requested an update on the Roxboro Development Group from the Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Marcia O’Neil. Ms. O’Neil stated at the time the resignation was received from Mr. Joyner, the Roxboro Development Group proposed and the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce approved contracting on a month-to-month basis effective July 1, 2009, for administrative support services until a new Director is hired. The Roxboro Development Group is paying the Chamber \$2000 of which \$1500 goes toward salaries and \$500 to operating expenses both of which is less than the previous Director was receiving. Ms. O’Neil confirmed the fees received are put into their budget with the duties absorbed by the current Chamber staff. Ms. O’Neil noted advertisement for the new Director position has run in *The Courier Times* four times with at least 9 or more resumes received, further noting a review of resumes will take place on August 24 by the Roxboro Development Group Executive Committee. Ms. O’Neil is hopeful by the end of September a new director could be hired. The ad stated the position is for 20 hours per week with annual salary of approximately \$16,000 with no benefits. Ms. O’Neil confirmed the office is still in place at the small business center, with the telephone calls forwarded to the Chamber office. Ms. O’Neil mentioned a number of economic calls inquiring for property or buildings to lease or rent to which she is making referrals to building owners for space.

**REQUEST FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NC FOR CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION TO UPDATE THE SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FRANCHISE ORDINANCE:**

County Manager, Heidi York told the Board when the Upper Piedmont Environmental landfill was originally planned, the footprint of the landfill included approximately 39 acres commonly called the “Dawes property”. The Dawes property, however, had unexpired mineral rights on it, so it could not be included as part of Republic’s initial landfill construction and operating permit, even though the 39-acre Dawes property is located within the existing footprint of the landfill. When the mineral rights on the Dawes property expired, the Person County Board of Commissioners

granted Republic a Special Use Permit that allows Upper Piedmont to add the 39-acre Dawes property to the operating landfill.

After receiving the Special Use Permit from Person County in February 2000, Upper Piedmont prepared and submitted to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (“DENR”) a permit application to add the Dawes property to the operating landfill. DENR sent Upper Piedmont a letter indicating that the agency had completed its review of Upper Piedmont’s application but needed an updated franchise to reflect the Dawes property. In response to DENR’s request, the County Manager stated that Republic has applied to Person County for an updated franchise to include the Dawes property and to conform the Republic’s franchise to the current solid waste disposal franchise statute (N.C.G.S. § 130A-294(b1)(2)). Under North Carolina law, the Board of Commissioners must hold a public hearing prior to the issuance of an updated franchise. Ms. York noted State law mandates advertising for such a public hearing for 30 days also requiring two votes. Ms. York turned over the request to Mr. Greg Duhon of Upper Piedmont to request the Board’s consideration to schedule a public hearing date, time and location.

Mr. Duhon stated in 1995 Republic Waste Services of Person County entered into an agreement for Republic Services to operate the current solid waste landfill. The Board also approved in 1995 a franchise agreement for a period of 20 years which contained language for the term of contract for services run from the date the landfill started operation which was June 30, 1997 which leaves a minor difference of dates in the franchise ordinance agreement and on the agreement for operation. Mr. Duhon requested additionally that the franchise ordinance as written be amended to terminate the same date as the agreement which is June 30, 2017.

Mr. Duhon confirmed the current landfill area is sufficient to carry through the base line portion of the contract; however, to fulfill a provision in the agreement for an additional ten years, additional land will need to be permitted. All the land area falls within the primary portion of the landfill. Mr. Duhon confirmed there are no changes requested in the agreement, no extension of date of contract or any tonnage changes with the county retaining all rights for information for host fees as currently defined in the contract. Mr. Duhon requested the Board to carry forward to setting the public hearing.

Mr. Aycock told the Board the current franchise ordinance does expire August 7, 2015 and the agreement with Republic expires June 30, 2017 and it would clean up the process to have both the franchise ordinance and agreement for services expire at the same time. Mr. Aycock confirmed it is not absolutely required to expire at the same time but will leave a period between August 7, 2015 to June 30, 2017 where there is no authority to carry out the contract.

Mr. Duhon stated that Republic Waste Services has every intention to fulfilling the contractual obligations with whichever entity entered into an agreement and after 2017, a year-to-year contract would exist for Person County to use the landfill. Mr.

Duhon confirmed that the Dawes property is not needed to fulfill the 660 per days tonnage and that the landfill currently have sufficient space to sustain through June 30, 2017.

Mr. Duhon told the Board the 660 daily tonnage is multiplied by 365 days per year (366 days on leap year) to equal 240,940 as computed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as a maximum capacity. Mr. Duhon stated Republic Services would only invest the time and resources at a later date to request additional daily tonnage would depend upon the pleasure of the Board rather than a desire of Republic.

Mr. Duhon stated approximately ten commercial landfills are located in NC including construction & demo landfills, municipal solid waste landfills, land clearing and debris landfills. By in large, according to Mr. Duhon, the major landfills in the state that are privately owned are:

- Upper Piedmont Environmental (owns largest area masses, smallest in daily tonnage in terms of municipal solid waste)
- East Carolina Environmental
- Sampson County
- Foothills Environmental
- Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Uwharrie Environmental
- Anson County

Commissioner Kennington quoted from the Solid Waste Annual Report 2007-2008, stating Charlotte Motor Speedway landfill is the largest in North Carolina with 1 million tonnage per year, further noting the privately owned landfill take an average of 1000 tons per year.

Commissioner Kennington requested Mr. Duhon to provide the rankings illustrating the tonnage for the privately owned landfills.

Commissioner Kennington stated Person County is only contributing 12-15% of the total 240,940 tonnage, which Mr. Duhon noted has 38,000-40,000 tons annually.

Commissioner Kennington asked the County Attorney about the language in the proposed franchise ordinance stating no other person or entity may operate a municipal solid waste landfill in Person County during this period. The County Attorney stated the proposed franchise is intended to comply with current law. The County Attorney also clarified that 365 is used to compute the annual tonnage as deemed permit language.

Commissioner Kennington stated Person County has invested approximately \$750,000 in the new Material Recycling Facility and program. In the present contract, the County received \$25,000 specifically for recycling each year, and by reducing Person County's waste, this gives Republic tonnage to receive waste from others within the 60-mile radius Person County. Commissioner Kennington further stated if Republic simply fulfills the contract, the Board should ask county staff to begin the process as to the options after 2017, i.e., 1) operate county own landfill, 2) truck solid waste to another landfill outside of Person County, 3) a new contract with a provider, keeping present tonnage, 4) new contract with expanded coverage including the City of Roxboro in landfill discussions.

Commissioner Clayton thanked Commissioner Kennington for the valid points and requested for options to be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Jeffers confirmed with the County Manager and the County Attorney that the current motion on the floor is to correct a technical issue and to set a public hearing date.

An **amended motion** was made by Commission Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Puryear and **carried by majority vote 3/2** to amend the Person County Solid Waste Disposal Franchise Ordinance expiration date from August 7, 2015 to June 30, 2017. Commissioners Jeffers, Puryear and Lunsford voted in support of the amended motion. Commissioners Kennington and Clayton voted no.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried by majority vote 3/2 to authorize a public hearing** to update the Solid Waste Disposal Franchise Ordinance at the Board's regular scheduled meeting on September 21, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. to be held in the Auditorium of the County Office Building. Commissioners Jeffers, Puryear and Lunsford voted in support of the motion. Commissioners Kennington and Clayton voted no.

The revised Franchise Ordinance Timeline dated August 13, 2009 is incorporated into the minutes by reference.

**Person County / Upper Piedmont Environmental landfill**  
**Franchise Ordinance Amendment (“FOA”)**  
**Task List/Timeline**  
**August 13, 2009**

07-28-09 (Tuesday)	Republic submitted its updated franchise ordinance application to the County
08-17-09 (9:00 AM) (Monday)	BOC regularly scheduled meeting; BOC votes to hold Franchise Ordinance Public Hearing on 09-21-09
08-17-09 (Monday)	Public Hearing notice to <i>Courier Times</i> for inclusion in 08-19 edition
09-08-09 (7:00 PM) Tuesday	BOC regularly scheduled meeting  Adopt BOC meeting minutes of 08-17-09
09-09-09 (Wednesday)	Public Hearing notice to <i>Courier Times</i> for inclusion in 09-09 edition
09-21-09 (9:00 AM) (Monday)	BOC scheduled meeting for FOA public hearing and first vote.  Adopt BOC meeting minutes of 09-08-09  <i>NOTE: THIS MEETING MUST BE RECORDED.</i>
10-5-09 (7:00 PM) (Monday)	BOC regularly scheduled meeting; second vote on FOA.  Adopt minutes from 09-21-09 BOC meeting
10-19-09 (9:00 AM) (Monday)	BOC regularly scheduled meeting  Adopt minutes from 10-5-09 BOC meeting
10-20-09 (After minutes adopted)	Submit amended franchise and compliance letter from County to NCDENR
10-20-09 (After minutes adopted)	Submit amended Franchise Ordinance letter from RSNC to NCDENR

**August 17, 2009**

The proposed Solid Waste Disposal Franchise Ordinance with amended expiration date is incorporated into the minutes by reference.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FRANCHISE ORDINANCE  
PERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**ARTICLE I**

**SECTION 1.0 – AUTHORITY AND ENACTMENT CLAUSE**

Pursuant to the authority conferred by North Carolina General Statute §153A-136(a)(3), THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PERSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AND ENACT INTO LAW THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AND SECTIONS:

**SECTION 1.1 – PURPOSE**

This Ordinance is enacted to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Person County. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners that the provisions of this Ordinance will encourage the establishment and continuance of a secure, safe, and economical system of solid waste disposal in the County that will comply with state and federal laws regulating such disposal. It is the further intention of the Board of County Commissioners that this Ordinance has the effect of updating the Person County solid waste disposal franchise ordinance passed on August 7, 1995 only so far as it is necessary to comply with statutory changes enacted subsequent to the passage of the August 7, 1995 ordinance and to authorize an addition within the existing footprint of the Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill known as the “Dawes tract.” This Ordinance shall not have the effect of amending, invalidating or repealing any portion of the agreement entered into by and between Person County and Republic Services of North Carolina, LLC dba Upper Piedmont Environmental (“Republic”) dated August 7, 1995.

**ARTICLE II**

**SECTION 2.0 – TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as The Person County Solid Waste Disposal Franchise Ordinance.

**August 17, 2009**

## **ARTICLE III**

### **SECTION 3.0 – GRANT OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL FRANCHISE**

To enable secure, safe and economical disposal of solid waste in Person County, Republic is granted an exclusive franchise to operate in Person County a municipal solid waste landfill as defined in 15A NCAC 13B.1602 (hereinafter referred to as the “Upper Piedmont Regional Landfill” or the “Landfill”) and an addition within the existing footprint of the Landfill known as the “Dawes tract” (hereinafter referred to as “the Addition”) for a period through and including June 30, 2017. No other person or entity may operate a municipal solid waste landfill in Person County during this period.

### **SECTION 3.1 – DESCRIPTION OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL**

The Landfill consists of 479.69 acres, located in the Tirzah Township approximately 10 miles east-southeast of Roxboro, North Carolina at the intersection of North Carolina Highway 158 and SR 1724 near the Person County/Granville County line. The legal description, deed book references and plat book references for the Landfill are provided on Exhibit A. The existing permitted cells of the Landfill consist of 69.52 acres. The Addition, consisting of 39.53 acres, is located within the existing footprint of the Landfill, directly south and adjacent to the existing permitted cells of the Landfill. The Landfill, the existing permitted cells of the Landfill, and the Addition are depicted on Exhibit B.

### **SECTION 3.2 – DESCRIPTION OF FRANCHISE**

3.2.1 Population and Geographical Area Served. The geographical area served by the Landfill is the incorporated and unincorporated areas of any county which is partly or wholly within sixty (60) miles of the political boundary of Person County. Counties within this geographical area are the North Carolina counties of Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Warren, and Wilson, and the Virginia counties of Patrick, Henry, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Brunswick, Greensville, Franklin, Bedford, Campbell, Charlotte, Lunenburg, Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Nottoway, Pittsylvania and Dinwiddie. However, it is expressly provided herein that the Landfill shall not accept waste collected by the Cities of Durham and Raleigh, North Carolina without the consent of the Board of County Commissioners. The population to be served shall be all persons and entities within the above geographical area, including residential, municipal, industrial, institutional and commercial customers and contractors.



- 3.2.2 Volume and Characteristic of Waste Stream. The volume of waste in the Landfill is approximately 3,913,043 cubic yards. The remaining capacity of the Landfill under the existing permit is approximately 3,969,616 cubic yards. The Landfill has an average maximum disposal rate of 660 tons per day, 365 days per year, or 240,900 tons per year. The Landfill accepts municipal solid waste, non-hazardous commercial, industrial and institutional waste and other non-hazardous special waste types, but shall not accept highly flammable substances, Hazardous Waste as said term is defined under Subtitle C of the Resource, Conservation and Recovery Act, liquid wastes, certain pathological and biological wastes, explosives, radioactive materials, or any other waste prohibited from disposal in municipal solid waste landfills by applicable environmental law or prohibited by any of the terms and conditions of any permits, licenses or approvals obtained with respect to Upper Piedmont Environmental's operation of the Landfill.
- 3.2.3 Life Expectancy. The Landfill and Addition is expected to have a useful life of forty (40) years.
- 3.2.4 Consistency with Solid Waste Management Plan. To ensure that the operation of the Landfill is consistent with Person County's solid waste management plan required under N.C.G.S. § 130A-309.09A, Upper Piedmont Environmental accepts municipal solid waste at the Landfill pursuant to this franchise and by agreement with the County. Further, Upper Piedmont Environmental assists Person County in attaining its waste reduction, reuse and recycling goals by operating scrap tire, white goods, used motor oil, and lead-acid battery collection sites at the Landfill.
- 3.2.5 Government Oversight and Regulation of Fees. Person County oversees and regulates solid waste disposal fees (both residential and commercial) by way of agreement with Upper Piedmont Environmental, Inc.'s successor entity, Republic. All such tipping fees are a flat, per ton rate subject to an annual consumer price index adjustment. This franchise shall not by its terms impair the authority of the County to regulate fees as authorized by law. This Ordinance does not, in itself, regulate solid waste disposal fees.
- 3.2.6 Facility Plan. The facility site plan for the Landfill (including the Addition) is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit C and meets all requirements of N.C.G.S. § 130A-294(b1)(2)(f). Included within the attached facility site plan are drawings depicting the following: (1) dimensions and the vertical contours of the landfill units in the Landfill; (2) dimensions and the vertical contours of the landfill units in the Addition; and (3) dimensions and vertical contours of the filled areas of the Landfill.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SECTION 4.0 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman  
Person County Board of Commissioners

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Brenda B. Reaves  
Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO EXPAND BROADBAND ACCESS IN PERSON COUNTY:**

Commissioner Puryear presented the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Resolution of Support to Expand Broadband Access in Person County for adoption noting the High Speed Committee met and unanimously approved recommendations brought to the Board of County Commissioners. The recommendations included Person County supporting Randy King of Electronics Solutions in his grant application request. Should the grant application be awarded, one-half of the population of Person County would be served, economic development would be enhanced noting the lack of broadband being a huge detriment to businesses located in Person County, more people would be encouraged to locate in Person County, emergency and other public services would be improved, quality of life would be improved, along with education, especially for students doing research for school projects. The High Speed Internet Committee strongly recommended that the County agree to match funds of approximately \$200,000 to further the project and to increase the likelihood of the grant approval being a small investment in the county's infrastructure that would generate over 3 million of federal monies. Commissioner Puryear noted at this stage, Person County is just agreeing that the project should be funded but not committed to the funds. A financial partnership would significantly increase the points the grant request would receive. The High Speed Committee also recommended a letter of cooperation be written stressing the County and Electronic Solutions have a good working relationship and the County support the grant applications by Electronic Solutions. Commissioner Puryear stated the County Manager had already presented the letter of support to Mr. King. Commissioner Puryear requested the Board to adopt the Resolution of Support to Expand Broadband Access in Person County and Mr. King's grant to submit to state and federal elected officials for support.

Commissioner Puryear reiterated there was no Board action for commitment of any matching funds. The High Speed Internet Committee plans to work with the Person County IT Director to review projects that Person County could possibly sponsor which would be presented to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Kennington advocated to support local businesses and mentioned the Ordinance regulating cell towers concerning fees for each tower possibly be considered an in-kind contribution.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Chairman Lunsford, and **carried** to adopt the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Resolution of Support to Expand Broadband Access in Person County.

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**  
**Resolution of Support**  
**to Expand Broadband Access in Person County**

**WHEREAS**, the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009" ("ARRA"), signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009, includes an appropriated \$7.2 billion to expand broadband access to unserved and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA), at the direction of the Recovery Act initiated the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to make loans and grants for broadband infrastructure projects in rural areas. BTOP will provide grants to fund broadband infrastructure, public computer centers and sustainable broadband adoption projects; and

**WHEREAS**, in Person County, North Carolina, a rural county, whereby only 50-60% of the population is being served by broadband; and by implementing access of broadband countywide, a greater percentage of the county would be served to improve the livability of the community and the future of technology in education, especially those students without access to the internet across the County of Person; and

**WHEREAS**, Economic development would be enhanced and necessary for any business large or small to locate in Person County; and

**WHEREAS**, savings in law enforcement, emergency medical services and other public services would be improved from widespread broadband availability; and

**WHEREAS**, Electronic Solutions, Inc., of Roxboro, North Carolina is submitting an application for stimulus funding to deploy wireless broadband internet access throughout Person County to improve coverage, reduce costs for Person County residents and businesses using existing towers, water tanks, and constructing 17 new towers to carry a minimum of 100 meg with expansion an option in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Electronic Solutions, Inc., has communicated their completion of expanding broadband to all areas of Person County within 18 months should stimulus funds be awarded to Person County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Person County Board of Commissioners does hereby unanimously support the application for stimulus funding by Electronic Solutions, Inc. to expand broadband access to unserved and underserved citizens of Person County.

**THIS RESOLUTION** adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.



Person County Board of County Commissioners

By:

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Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda B. Reaves".  
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk

**August 17, 2009**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT:**

Finance Director, Amy Wehrenberg presented and explained the following Budget Amendment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jeffers , and a second by Commissioner Clayton and majority vote, the Board of Commissioners of Person County does hereby amend the Budget of the General Fund(s) on this, the 17th day of August 2009, as follows:

<u>Dept./Acct No.</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Amount</u> Incr / (Decr)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>Person Industries &amp; MRF Fund</u>	20,000
<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Person Industries &amp; MRF Fund</u> Intergovernmental Revenues	20,000

Appropriate: N.C. Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources Grant awarded to Person County for the purchase of an electric forklift to load and unload recyclables. This grant requires up to a \$4,000 match which will be spent on other various equipment Needed at the Recycling Center (\$20,000).

**RECOGNITION OF THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING:**

County Manager, Heidi York requested Board recognition of the Person County Finance Office. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Person County for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management

The County Manager stated an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to Amy Wehrenberg, Finance Director and Johnny M. Lunsford, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, both designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive year that Person County has achieved this prestigious award.

The County Manager recognized the Finance Office staff: Amy Wehrenberg, Finance Director, Beth Farabaugh, Assistant Finance Director, Debbie Whitfield, Accounting Supervisor, Consuela Williams, Accounts Payable and Karen Whitfield, Payroll Clerk.

Ms. Wehrenberg stated this award was a team effort encompassing effort and dedication from the staff of the Finance Office. Ms. Wehrenberg thanked her staff for their support during her first year as Finance Director.

Chairman Lunsford and the Board commended the Finance Director and staff.

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:**

Commissioner Lunsford stated he had been interviewed by *Time Magazine* noting the County Manager and other leaders and citizens of the County had been interviewed as well.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

County Manager, Heidi York had no report.

## COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Kennington's comments included:

- congratulating Person County Schools of Distinction awarded to Bethel Hill, Roxboro Community School and Helena Elementary as well as noting 28 new teachers had been hired, 11 teachers and 3 teacher assistants re-hired as well as maintaining class sizes at or below comparable levels of the last school year.
- reminding the public of the fireworks fundraising campaign goal deadline approaching.
- congratulating the Parachute company with hopeful good news forthcoming.
- Noting the hopeful turnaround in the economy based on the information in the Inspections Report.
- welcoming Dr. Walter Bartlett as he begins his position as Piedmont Community College President and as a Person County resident.

Commissioner Puryear had no report.

Commissioner Jeffers reminded the County Manager that recycle bins should be placed in the County parks for recycling.

Commissioner Clayton stated he had attended an environmental committee meeting.

## CLOSED SESSION:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried** to have a five minute recess after which the Board would go into closed session at 11:25 a.m. per General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of the discussing personnel and contract issues.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, seconded by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried** to return to open session at 11:55 a.m.

**RECESS:**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried** to recess the meeting at 11:55 a.m. until August 24, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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Brenda B. Reaves  
Clerk to the Board

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Johnny Myrl Lunsford  
Chairman