

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

October 6, 2008
OTHERS PRESENT

Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman
Jimmy B. Clayton, Vice-Chairman
Kyle W. Puryear
Larry H. Bowes
Larry E. Yarborough, Jr.

Heidi N. York, County Manager
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney
Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board
Brenda B. Reaves, Deputy Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order. Commissioner Clayton led in prayer and Commissioner Bowes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:
NAMING A PRIVATE ROAD

Chairman Lunsford called the duly advertised Public Hearing to order following a **motion** by Commissioner Puryear, and **second** by Commissioner Bowes.

Linda Perkins, Planning Assistant, informed the Board that all property owners on the private easement off of High Plains Road in the Winchester Subdivision had been notified of the request for the road naming. Two proposed names were submitted – Tall Pine Estate, submitted by Mr. Howard Eastwood and White Plains Road, submitted by Mr. John R. Smith, Jr.

Chairman Lunsford asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak to the issue.

Mr. James Cartwright, Sr., 3490 High Plains Road – Lives on the first 28 acre tract on the road. He has never used the easement; he cannot reach his house by way of the easement. Concerned about the change in his address.

Mr. John Smith – Does not agree with the name “Tall Pines Estates”. He said the name was not in harmony with the area.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to close the Public Hearing as there was no one else who wished to be heard on the matter.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear and **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough to name the private easement – White Plains Road.

Following additional discussion about the location of the Cartwright property in relation to the easement, County Attorney Aycock advised the Board that further research of the entire issue should be conducted.

A **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to table action on the road naming pending further research by the County Attorney.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to adopt the agenda as presented.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

Frances Blalock – Addressed the method by which an item can be placed on the Board of Commissioners' agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Bowes, **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough, and **carried** to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Bowes, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried** to accept the following Administrative Reports: Detention Center, Gov Deals, Public Library, Tax Administration.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN PERSON COUNTY AND MHA WORKS, PA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER AT MAYO PARK:

Mitch Pergerson, Director Person County Recreation, Arts & Parks, requested permission to execute the contract with MHA Works for the Environmental and Education and Community Center and two restroom facilities for Mayo Park. He told the Board this project has been budgeted and approved at the September 15, 2008 meeting. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved the standard contract.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to authorize the execution of the MHA Works contract by Mr. Pergerson.

REVIEW OF A PROPOSED MAJOR SUBDIVISION CONCEPT PLAN FOR BTW ASSOCIATES:

County Planner Paula Murphy presented a request for a Major Subdivision Concept Plan (Mayowood) for BTW Associates on Wiley Road. The property consists of 16.39 acres and fourteen lots are proposed. All lots will be served by individual well and septic system and are located on Mayo Lake. The roads are to be designed to NCDOT standards. Wiley Road is a state road but is gravel rather than asphalt.

The Planning Board reviewed this item at their September 11, 2008 meeting and voted unanimously to forward this item with a favorable recommendation with the following staff comments:

1. Road plans and roads to be approved by NCDOT
2. Erosion and Sedimentation plan to be approved by NCDENR
3. A road maintenance agreement to be approved by the County
4. Any other requirements of the Person County Subdivision Ordinance

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to approve the Major Subdivision Concept Plan for Mayowood as proposed by BTW Associates.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ROAD CONDITIONS ON TALLEY POINTE, PHASE TWO:

County Planner Paula Murphy informed the Board that on February 4, 2008, the Board of Commissioners approved a twenty (20) lot subdivision (Talley Pointe, Phase 2) off of NC 57, Semora Road. One of the conditions was that the road plans be approved by NCDOT. Access to the site is on private roads (Rainey Ridge and Barefoot Landing). The State has stated that they will not review the plans for this subdivision since they will not be placing these roads in the State system.

The developer is requesting that the condition requiring NCDOT to approve the road construction plans be removed. The roads will still be built to NCDOT standards.

Ms. Murphy recommended that the condition be removed.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Bowes, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to delete the requirement that road plans for Talley Pointe, Phase 2 be approved by NCDOT.

DISCUSSION OF TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS:

Russell Jones, Tax Administrator, explained the tax exemption for disabled veterans. He told the Board that there are three different exemptions available. The Elderly and Disabled exemption is the most common exemption given to property owners. A new exemption was granted this year, the Circuit Breaker program.

Another program is the Veterans Exemption. This exemption was very restrictive in the past; however, changes have been made. Presently if a person is 100% service related disabled and honorably discharged, they are eligible for the exemption.

He said information would be distributed to citizens through the tax listing forms and the notification will be included on all properties as part of the revaluation notice. Mr. Jones said he is working with the Veterans Administration to identify disabled persons in order to send them a letter with an application for the exemption. The application will be placed on the Person County website once it is approved by the State.

The Board unanimously endorsed the notification to the public.

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Clayton, and a second by Commissioner Bowes and majority vote, the Board of Commissioners of Person County does hereby amend the Budget of the General Fund(s) on this, the 6th day of October 2008, as follows:

<u>Dept./Acct No.</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Amount</u> Incr / (Decr)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>General</u>	
	Human Services	43,135
	Public Safety	12,125
 <u>REVENUES</u>	 <u>General</u>	
	Intergovernmental Revenues	55,260

Explanation:

Appropriate: Recurring aid to county funds \$48,000 and the BioTerrorism Grant \$35,563 awarded to the Health Department from the NC Division of Public Health; transferring funds from the Health Department to EMS for a full-time position that was split between the two departments now to be terminated and dissolved back into part-time funding; and various DSS grant adjustments (\$28,303).

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- ▶ Chairman Lunsford congratulated Commissioner Clayton on his installation as Chairman of Kerr-Tar Regional COG. He encouraged Board members to attend the COG meetings.

- ▶ October 9th at 11:00 a.m. - Gold Leaf Foundation will be making a presentation to Person Memorial Hospital for the building/renovation project taking place at hospital.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- ▶ Contract for waterline extension has been executed - \$90,000 final amount.
- ▶ Request from School Superintendent to have a Board member at their Thursday evening meeting to speak about the proposed increase in sales tax which will be on the November ballot.
- ▶ Cost saving strategies will be discussed with staff tomorrow (Tuesday).
- ▶ Courthouse construction plans will be delayed until financing is secure in spring. NCACC is keeping counties informed on state of the economy around state and nation

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:

- ▶ Commissioner Clayton thanked Board members for their support of him as Chairman of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments.
- ▶ Reappointed chairman of Environment Committee of NCACC

ADJOURNMENT: P/Y

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Faye T. Fuller, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Chairman