

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

August 18, 2008
OTHERS PRESENT

Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman -ABSENT
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, August 18, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

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

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to add to the agenda consideration of an additional position on the Airport Commission.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

Jim Stovall – EDC Commission – Commended the Board on their recent action to take under advisement information received on the Bio-Agro Defense Facility. He said it would be premature to make a decision on a Resolution To oppose the facility until all studies are completed.

Kay Reynolds – Spoke opposing the Bio-Agro Defense Facility.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough and **carried** to approve the minutes of the following meetings: July 7, 21, 22, August 4, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The following Administrative Reports were received and accepted by **motion** of Commissioner Yarborough, and **second** by Commissioner Puryear: Emergency Medical Services and Inspections Departments.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE NATIONAL BIO-AND AGRO-DEFENSE FACILITY:

Commissioner Clayton presented a Resolution to oppose the National Bio-and Agro-Defense Facility proposed for Butner, N. C., and made a **motion** that the Resolution be accepted. The motion **died for lack of a second**.

PRESENTATION OF 20TH CONSECUTIVE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING (CAFR):

Vice-Chairman Clayton presented the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the twentieth consecutive year that Person County Government has achieved this prestigious award. This is the eighteenth consecutive year that Person County has received this award with Andrew Davenport as Finance Director. Mr. Davenport, although retired, was in attendance to receive the award.

Commissioner Yarborough said it had been a pleasure to work with Mr. Davenport. Commissioner Bowes said Mr. Davenport was always willing to get information to the Board in a timely manner and had been a valuable asset to Person County. Vice-Chairman Clayton also commended Mr. Davenport for the work he had done for Person County over the past years. All Board members wished him well in his retirement.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JCPC GRANT AGREEMENT:

JCPC Chairman Ronnie Bugnar appeared before the Board to request approval for the contract between Person County and NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the continuation of the 4H Youth Enrichment Service Program. The State funding amount is \$126,869 which requires a 20% County match of \$25,374.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes, and **carried** to approve the JCPC Grant Agreement.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PERSON COUNTY REENTRY PARTNERSHIP (PCRP):

Ms. Debra Tanner Davies and Pastor Sylvester Clay appeared before the Board and explained that the Person County Reentry Partnership was founded in April 2008 with a vision to form an alliance of civic, business and faith based partnerships to help deserving individuals to become productive citizens. Their mission is stated as – *To educate the public while assisting and equipping the people in our community who are disadvantaged and displaced due to their criminal background in order to advance and succeed in our society.* The Partnership is a certified 501-C status organization and under the umbrella of the Good Samaritan.

A request was made for \$10,000 contribution from the County to assist with the proposed budget for the organization.

Commissioner Clayton stated the request should have been brought to the Board for consideration during the budget process. He asked that the County Manager develop a non-profit funding process for next year's budget preparation.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR *PERSONALITY 2008*:

Marcia O'Neil appeared before the Board to request sponsorship for Personality. She explained that the Chamber is not getting sponsorships as in the past due to the economic downturn. The City of Roxboro is a 2008 sponsor. Ms. O'Neil requested a contribution from the county in the amount of \$5,000.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough and **carried** by a 3/1 vote to appropriate \$5,000 towards Personality 2008. Commissioner Clayton cast the dissenting vote.

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR PCC ROOFING NEEDS AND UPDATE ON PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS:

Dr. H. James Owen appeared before the Board and outlined the specifics for PCC's capital and operating needs. He requested funding related to the construction of the Technical Education Building in the amount of \$616,117 and \$200,000 for roof replacement on Building G on the Person County Campus. Dr. Owen stated the Building G roof project has been included in their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) since the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Commissioner Clayton said the County needs to see if there are other projects that could be combined into a financing package and suggested that a decision be delayed until the next meeting.

Following a discussion regarding possible funding projects, it was the **consensus** of the Board to direct the Finance Director and County Manager to explore a financing package for the various proposed roof projects and bring a recommendation back to the Board on September 2, 2008.

PRESENTATION OF SCHEDULE OF VALUES:

Tax Administrator Russell Jones appeared before the Board and made a formal presentation of the 2009 Rules and Schedule of Values. He asked that the Board set a Public Hearing Date of September 2, 2008 to receive public comment on the Schedule. The Tax Manual will be on display in the County Manager's Office and Assessor's Office for public inspection.

Phillip Christy, Revaluation Manager explained in detail to the Board the process through which the property revaluation takes place. He further explained that the 2009 values will hold through 2013.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to set a Public Hearing date for September 2, 2008 to receive public comment on the Schedule of Values. The motion further included acceptance of the 2009 Proposed Rules and Schedule of Values.

REQUEST TO PLACE A BOND REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER BALLOT:

Recreation, Arts, & Parks Director Mitch Pergerson appeared before the Board to request the Board to authorize a bond referendum in the amount of \$6 million to allow the citizens to decide on bond financing for the proposed Recreation and Senior Center. He further asked that the Board adopt a Notice of Intent and have same published in the local newspaper.

County Attorney Ron Aycock read the following language which would be included on the November ballot:

\$6,000,000 – RECREATION FACILITIES BONDS for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for providing additional recreation facilities of said County, including the construction of a recreation and senior center to provide recreation opportunities to persons of all ages and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way, furnishings and equipment.

County Manager York pointed out that the \$6.0 million does not include purchase of land or operating costs. The project is based on the assumption that the County will use land it already owns. She also expressed concerns if the County wants to proceed with a financing package before it has secured the scope, design, location and solid cost estimates. She further stated that the impact on the tax rate for a bond referendum of \$6.0 million is about 2 cents.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Yarborough, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to place the Recreation Facilities Bond referendum on the November, 2008 ballot and adopt and publish the Resolution of Intent to Apply to the Local Government Commission for Approval of Bonds.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Yarborough, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to schedule a Public Hearing for September 2, 2008 to receive public comment on the issue.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Person County Office Building, in Roxboro, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 9:00 A.M., on August 18, 2008.

Present: Vice-Chairman Jimmy B. Clayton, presiding, and Commissioners Larry E. Yarborough, Kyle W. Puryear, Larry H. Bowes

Absent: Chairman Johnny M. Lunsford

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Vice-Chairman Clayton introduced the following resolution, a copy of which had been made available to each Commissioner and which was read by its title:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE
AUTHORIZATION OF RECREATION
FACILITIES BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF
PERSON, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina (the "County"), is considering authorizing the issuance of \$6,000,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds of the County (the "Bonds") with voter approval pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the North Carolina General Statutes, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for providing additional recreation facilities of the County, including the construction of a recreation and senior center to provide recreation opportunities to persons of all ages and the acquisition of necessary land, rights of way, furnishings and equipment (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County, as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds that (i) the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance a portion of the cost of the Project to meet an urgent need for additional recreation facilities to serve the residents of the County and, accordingly, the issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the County, (ii) the principal amount of the Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of the Bonds because it is based upon best estimates of the County of the cost of the Project and the sources of funds that will be available for such purpose, (iii) the County's debt management procedures and policies are good and will be managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service the Bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that any increase in taxes will not exceed two cents (2¢) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of the appraised value of property subject to taxation by the County to service the Bonds and (v) the Bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of the Bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby confirmed as bond counsel to the County in connection with the authorization and issuance of the Bonds.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Upon **motion** of Commissioner Yarborough, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes, the foregoing resolution was **passed** by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Jimmy B. Clayton, Larry E. Yarborough, Kyle W. Puryear, Larry H. Bowes.

Noes: None

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I, Faye Fuller, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on August 18, 2008 as relates in any way to the matters described therein.

I HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule of regular meetings of said Board, stating that regular meetings of said Board are held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Person County Office Building, in Roxboro, North Carolina, on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 A.M., respectively, has been on file in my office as of a date not less than seven days before the date of said meeting in accordance with G.S. § 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County, this 18th day of August
2008.

Faye T. Fuller, CMC, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Budget Amendments #2 & #3 were approved by **motion** of Commissioner Yarborough, **seconded** by Commissioner Puryear and **carried**.

<u>Dept./Acct No.</u>	<u>Department Name</u>	<u>Amount</u> Incr / (Decr)
<u>REVENUES</u>		
	<u>Airport Fund</u>	
40-3453-3239	Federal-Vis100Grt 47.9.1	111,240
40-3453-3479	Local-Vis100Grt 47.9.1	12,360
40-3453-3380	State-Approach Lighting-2 Grt 60.7.1	100,000
40-3453-3480	Local-Approach Lighting-2 Grt 60.7.1	11,111
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
	<u>Airport Fund</u>	
40-4530-4519	Vis100Grt 47.9.1	123,600
40-4530-4520	Approach Lighting-2 Grt 60.7.1	111,111

Explanation:

To budget the federal, state & local funds for the following airport grants: Approach Lighting System (ALS) Grant (\$111,111) and the Vision 100 Grant (\$123,600).

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<u>REVENUES</u>		
	<u>Airport Fund</u>	
40-3453-3230	Federal Grant Funds	(1,595,000)
40-3453-3231	AIR21Gt47.3.1Str/Reh R/W & T/W	(95,470)
40-3453-3232	AIR21Gt47.3.1T-Hangar & T/W	(54,530)
40-3453-3233	AIR21VIS100Gt47.5.1T-Hangar & T/W	(300,000)

40-3453-3234	VIS100Gt47.6.1T-Hangar & T/W	(150,000)
40-3453-3235	VIS100Gt???.?T-Hangar & T/W	(150,000)
40-3453-3371	AIR21VIS100Gt47.3.1Str/Reh R/W & T/W	(193,889)
40-3453-3373	AIR21VIS100Gt47.5.1T-Hangar & T/W	(33,333)
40-3453-3374	VIS100Gt47.6.1T-Hangar & T/W	(16,667)
40-3453-3375	VIS100Gt???.?T-Hangar & T/W	(16,667)
40-3453-3475	T-hangars-T/W Const-Local	(304,405)

EXPENDITURES

Airport Fund

40-4530-4510	Airport Projects-Grant Funded	(1,772,222)
40-4530-4511	AIR21Gt47.3.1Str/Reh R/W & T/W	(112,137)
40-4530-4512	AIR21Gt47.3.1T-Hangar & T/W	(54,530)
40-4530-4513	AIR21VIS100Gt47.5.1T-Hangar & T/W	(333,333)
40-4530-4515	VIS100Gt47.7.1T-Hangar & T/W	(333,334)
40-4530-4516	LOCAL T-hangars-T/W	(304,405)

Explanation:

To adjust various grant projects for closed out grants.

DISCUSSION OF AIRPORT COMMISSION:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Yarborough that an additional position be created on the Person County Airport Commission.

County Attorney Ron Aycock stated that the rules creating the Commission would have to be reviewed to verify the legality of creating an additional seat on the Commission. He and the County Manager will review the process and report back to the Board at the September 2nd meeting.

The motion **carried**.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- ▶ **Airport Commission** – Sept. 15th meeting set – Commission is looking for direction from Board of Commissioners prior to their meeting.

- ▶ **EMS Report** – Reduction in collection rate attributed to system failure – Director is pursuing quotes for equipment.
- ▶ Ballot language for Sales Tax statutorily set forth.
- ▶ Draft of proposed Ambulance Franchise Ordinance will be brought back to the Board on September 2nd.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Yarborough – Advised that the Roanoke River Basin Commission will meet at the Governor’s office.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Bowes and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Faye T. Fuller, CMC

Johnny Myrl Lunsford, Chairman