

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 26, 2007 MINUTES

Joint Meeting
With
Town of Farmville

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met with the Greenville City Council on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 6:00 PM at the Buzz Around, Farmville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

Beth Ward, Chairman
Eugene James, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Jimmy Garris, Commissioner
Kenneth Ross, Commissioner
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner

Commissioners absent:

Mark Owens, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Melvin McLawhorn, Commissioner

Staff present:

D. Scott Elliott, County Manager
Trish Staton, Clerk to the Board
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
Thomas Lynch, PIO

Town of Farmville Commissioners:

Robert Evans, Mayor
Joe Kue, Commissioner
Charlotte Booth Batton, Commissioner
Joseph Hillard, Commissioner

Town of Farmville Staff present:

Richard Hicks, Manager

Farmville Mayor Robert Evans and Town Manager Richard Hicks welcomed the Pitt Board of County Commissioners and staff to the Buzz Around for a joint dinner meeting.

Mayor Robert Evans and staff used the forum to present local issues to the commissioners.

Presentation of the Farmville Public Library

Farmville Public Library Director Megin Chapman asked that the amount of funding the county allots to the library be raised from \$4,000 to \$24,000 due to more people using the library's resources and more circulation of books.

Presentation on School Traffic Problems

Farmville Police Chief Robert Smith discussed a project to reduce congestion near the town's schools. He would like to move the drop-off area to the back of the schools, which would generate a need for parking lot modifications.

Update on GUC/Farmville/Greene County Water Project

Town engineer Van Lewis spoke about securing funding to finance the town's water project. There is a new state mandate to limit the amount of water pulled from aquifers, resulting in the need for a new system. There is currently a \$7.6 million shortage, which will result in a \$16 to \$17 monthly increase to customers if another funding source cannot be found.

Proposed Re-Routing of US Highway 258

Assistant Town Manager, Cliff Kendall reviewed a plan to reroute trucks along Highway 258 to keep them from running unintentionally through the center of town.

Request for Pitt Community College Satellite Campus

Lori Drake, Executive Director of the Farmville Development Partnership, said Farmville would like to bring a satellite campus of Pitt Community College to Farmville in order to provide opportunities for high school students. The students could utilize this campus for vocational classes and workforce development training.

The Commissioners and town officials also discussed the importance of bringing the county's cable access channel to Farmville residents. Currently, Time Warner Cable does not interface with SuddenLink to allow town residents to view the channel, which includes live footage from county commissioner meetings and other county board meetings.

Mayor Evans said he hoped commissioners and county staff found the presentations informative.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Staton
Clerk to the Board