

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 19, 1999**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session meeting on Monday, April 19, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, Greenville, North Carolina with the following commissioners present:

Eugene James, Chairman
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Charles P. Gaskins, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Thomas H. Johnson, Commissioner
Mark W. Owens, Jr., Commissioner
Beth B. Ward, Commissioner

Absent were:

Jeffrey E. Savage, Vice Chairman
M. Theresa Shank, Commissioner

Also present were:

Thomas B. Robinson, County Manager
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board
Arlen Holt, PIO and Cable Coordinator
John K. Bulow, Assistant Manager
Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Services

Call to Order and welcome by Chairman James.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Hammond.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gaskins.

Commissioner James stated that Vice Chairman Savage and Commissioner Shank had asked to be excused.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the excused absences for Commissioners Shank and Savage.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman James stated that this is the time to add items to the agenda. If the items are not added at this time, they will not be added later in the meeting.

Commissioner Bowen stated that he wanted to add a nomination for the Mental Health Area Board and also would like to give a report, as liaison, on Hospital Board meetings.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the additions requested by Commissioner Bowen.

Public Addresses to the Board

- Nancy Colville discussed Mental Health and some of the problems with contractual services and their lack of signed contracts. She stated that neither the County Attorney nor the County Finance Officer were aware of what made the consultants reject their contract, yet the consultants are being paid. Ms. Colville noted the agreement between Mental Health and Walter B. Jones Rehab Center. She said that Ms. Stelle informed the Area Board that there would be no cost but that is not what Ms. Colville has understood. She said she was also aware that there is no longer a \$1.8 million deficit any more but \$2.0 million. She reviewed several other areas of concern with the Mental Health Program.
- Commissioner James said he wanted Mike Taylor, MIS Director, to explain why Mental Health was not put on the same computer system as Social Services and the Health Department. Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Taylor would be available to address this later in the meeting.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager’ Report - Tom Robinson

- Invitation to honor Pitt County Peace Officers at Pitt County Courthouse on May 15th at 2:00 p.m.
- Chairman and Manager had lunch with the Greenville Mayor and City Manager and discussed the possible appointment of a county member to the City’s Human Relations Council. Mayor and City Manager did not show support for this request.
- Insert in Newspaper Sunday for National Government Week and Volunteer Week asking citizens what they think about the County budget. He stated there are plans to honor volunteers in the future. Board members expressed very positive responses to the insert that was in the newspaper and praised the Public Information Officer, Arlen Holt, on a job well done.
- New employee, Deputy Clerk, Jan Mills, was introduced to the Board. She stated she lives in Grimesland, is excited about the for opportunity to work with the County, and thanked the Board

Monthly Financial Report for March - Melonie Bryan

Ms. Bryan reported all funds are as expected except for Mental Health. She said that she is working with Mental Health to minimize the impact of the Mental Health deficit. Chairman James asked if Mental Health was working with the County Finance Officer. Ms. Bryan said they are working towards working together.

Commissioner Mark Owens asked how many bid packages do they send out to financial institutions on investing funds. Ms. Bryan responded that it is typically the big four banks.

Summary of Revenues: \$8,125,914	
Summary of Expenditures:	\$13,379,511
Total Budget:	\$131,511,388
County Tax Releases \$100 and less: 303	\$9,309.19
City Tax Releases \$100 and less: 186	\$6,102.20
Total Tax Refunds \$100 and less: 33	\$697.74

Monthly Tax Report - Floyd Little, Tax Collector

Mr. Robinson noted for the Board that the County Finance Officer and the Tax Collector are meeting with the municipalities on an annual basis to see how to maximize collections for the municipalities.

Tax Collections activity:	
Total March 1999 Collections:	\$913,258
Total to Date 1998/1999:	\$38,538,582
Pitt County Levy:	
March 1999 Levy	\$39,837,715
Total collection activity all units including Pitt County:	
Total Mar 1999 Collections:	\$1,383,315
Total to Date 1998/1999:	\$55,312,272
Garnishments for Mar 1999:	\$63,125
Bankruptcy for Mar 1999:	\$1,831
Occupancy for Feb 1999:	\$69,663
Occupancy Total to Date 98/99:	\$700,286

Global TransPark Commission (GTP) - Dr. Ed Bright

Dr. Ed Bright thanked the Board for allowing him to serve on the Global TransPark Zone Commission and is currently serving as Vice Chairman. He provided the Board with a written report and additional information about activities. Dr. Bright informed the Board that the Carolina Farm Show is scheduled to be held in Kinston on October 5-7, 1999. He also provided some correspondence concerning the Global TransPark and its activities. Also provided was a letter from John Chaffee, Pitt County Economic Development Director, noting the value of the Global TransPark to Pitt County.

Mr. Tom Greenwood, GTP Executive Director, explained the three different branches or entities of the Global TransPark. The GTP Authority is a division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Their responsibility is to develop the fifteen acres into a GTP. The GTP Foundation is a private (501C3) organization seeking private money in order to make the GTP a public/private partnership. The GTP Commission is made up of three representatives from each of the thirteen counties. There are many economic development partnerships of this kind in the State of North Carolina. He reviewed the funding for the GTP region and stated that the funding is rather unusual in this region. The GTP receives \$7.5 million from the State with an additional source generated from the \$5.00 license tag fee which was established for five years and ends June 30, 1999. There should be \$20 million in the fund. Pitt County has received over \$5 million from GTP funds for economic development. Mr. Greenwood reviewed the progress of economic development in the region and how they have been enhanced by this program which brings with it more jobs and investments in the region. Mr. Greenwood reported that Pitt County had the first qualified industrial development zone in the region.

He stated they have a very aggressive marketing program. There are environmental grants totaling \$100,000 allocated for the region which have not been fully utilized. They are continually upgrading the computer system. They encourage local developers to participate in trade shows, conferences, and other activities which improve the economics of this region. He reported that 2,754 jobs were created in this region. Also, 2281 new jobs were created from the expansion of industries. Mr. Greenwood reviewed the progress of the Global TransPark Authority. He stated that the GTP is under construction and on schedule.

Mr. William Teel, county representative on the GTP Commission, stated that they have developed several standing committees to work on infrastructure for GTP. He said that there is

a special vision task force to address what counties need to do to be successful in the future. Some of the benchmarks were included but education was the number one need to be addressed in the GTP.

Mr. Keats Sparrow, county representative on GTP, reiterated that there is a special Education Committee dedicated for this as a top priority. He stated that this committee is not only focused on economic development but their focus is to upgrade the level of education in the GTP zone. He stated that they are going after federal grants for greater computer equipment and to further abilities in the zone. He said they have brought in a number of grants to advance education. There is a GTP education training center located on Highway 258 North which is a \$6.0 million facility funded by half State and half Federal funds. He said its a great new facility that will serve all thirteen counties in the zone. The facility will be used for training programs for businesses located in the GTP. Programs will be offered by the local community colleges and East Carolina University. Dr. Bright stated that Admiral Busick may want to address the Board on the authority's activities at another time.

Commissioner Bowen stated that he had visited the GTP office and asked about the people who are serving on the committees. Mr. Tom Greenwood said that when filling positions they try to get people with business experience. Commissioner Bowen said he had seen a publication about this area losing population? Mr. Greenwood said he did not have any explanation and was not familiar with the publication.

Mr. Greenwood stated that the license tag fee is regional money and does not go to the authority. The Foundation uses private money and they are on schedule for their collections. Commissioner Owens asked how much money the Department of Transportation has supplied to GTP. Mr. Greenwood said that he was not sure but would be glad to provide that information to the Board. The Board discussed several general questions about the GTP. Commissioner Bowen questioned the representatives about the terms they were serving as County representatives.

Mr. Greenwood did explain that the Commission is paying the Foundation rent for space in the building where they are located. However, the Foundation built the building with private funds.

Commissioner James thanked commission members for attending and giving their report on GTP.

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program - James Rhodes and Ron Sviekowsky, City of Greenville Planning

Mr. James Rhodes stated that they have made good progress on the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. He informed the Board that there is a new process statewide. The MTIP includes Greenville, Winterville and the extraterritorial jurisdiction for these towns. He stated that there are specific projects placed on the draft TIP and it is now a two year process with a fiscally balanced program. The new process requires the committee to go to Raleigh and meet with Department of Transportation officials. Mr. Rhodes reported that they went to Raleigh and tried to get some of the projects moved up on priority, such as Fire Tower Road, Farmville Boulevard, and the Southwest By-Pass. He stated that there are no additional funds to be accessed. The Fire Tower Road project will be raised in priority if there is anyway possible.

Mr. Rhodes reported that Collice Moore is looking at safety funds for a guard rail on Fire Tower Road, if he can show more of a safety issue. He said there have been some changes on College Drive. Mr. Rhodes said they would like to have the intersection of Dickinson Road and Memorial Drive realigned. He stated that they asked if they could switch funds if another project is not going to move forward but that they did not get any encouragement on that request.

Commissioner Johnson said the meeting in Raleigh was very informative. He said there had been a staffing problem which had affected the Southwest By-pass project. He stated that the Department of Transportation had everything laid out for them at the meeting. Commissioner Hammond asked about the Farmville Boulevard project. Mr. Rhodes said it is not on the funding schedule until 2005. Commissioners also questioned the extension around the Greenville airport. Mr. Sviekowsky said that the project on Highway 33 around the Pitt-Greenville Airport should start this year and that the surveying has been completed.

NC 11 North Corridor Land Use Plan - James Rhodes, Planning Director

Mr. Rhodes stated that he has been working with the consultants for about four and a half months on the NC 11 North Corridor Land Use Planning. He provided a map for the Board to review the planning areas being included. He stated there is a nine member committee that has been working on this project. He reported that the most significant committee action to date was at the April 1st meeting where the committee voted unanimously to endorse the draft land use plan. To solicit public input, the committee will hold a public forum at North Pitt High School on Thursday, April 22nd from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Planning staff members are also making arrangements to present the draft plan to the Bethel Town Board, Greenville City Council, and the Greenville Utilities Board. A Memorandum of Understanding between Greenville, Greenville Utilities Commission, the Town of Bethel and the County was being created. There will be a force main line for sewer along for NC Highway 11. Approval of a Land Use Plan is part of the local agreement. The land use planning area is broader than just the NC 11 corridor. Mr. Rhodes said the Committee met and was provided the draft land use plan. They looked at the infrastructures for the area and considered livestock, schools, and other possible uses. The commissioners were provided with a draft map also.

Mr. John Chaffee agreed that he could market some of these areas and that it could be a core area for industrial uses. He stated that the proposed land use plan has not prohibited certain operations in some areas because they feel some of the mixed uses may be beneficial in certain areas. He said there could also be some residential areas close to the industry.

Mr. Rhodes said that they will be meeting with all the governmental agencies involved during the month of May and the committee will meet in June. He stated that he hoped to return with a plan and recommendation in July. Chairman James expressed his support of this project. Mr. Rhodes said they will start with the other corridor within the next few months.

Chairman James called for a short break at 10:25 a.m.

Mental Health Report - Lynn Stelle, Director

Ms. Stelle gave the Board information on activities at the Mental Health Center that have occurred in their efforts to bring their budget back in line.

1. Respite Program will close May 1st, will retain state dollars and will purchase respite care for families that have already signed up for services.
2. A private nonprofit group is interested in opening Pitt County Group Homes and they may set up a respite program for next year. It may open July 1st or soon thereafter.
3. Satellite operations - The Area Board received a proposal from Dr. Frank James, ECU Dept. of Psyc. stating that they could provide 95% of staffing for one day per week for the next few months to keep providing services for patients. The Bethel and Ayden programs have been worked out and they are still working on Farmville. The only cost will be one staff member for one day a week.
4. Detoxification Center is State supported and is a Regional center. The Director and Assistant Director have resigned from that program and taken other positions.

Consequently, they are down by three positions as of Wednesday. They have been trying to figure out how to provide services without staff. Walter B. Jones Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center provided the Area Board with an agreement where the only cost will be to continue to pay the employees. This is a 90-day arrangement while Mental Health staff is redesigning and training staff from the County Mental Health program. There is \$542,000 provided from state funding which will be retained. They will not be able to bill for care because the Walter B. Jones Center will bill for services provided. They have also made arrangements with other detoxification centers in North Carolina to take clients while training is going on. Ms. Stelle said they are upgrading staff and this is a temporary location and arrangement. The after hours program was a duplicate of services which will also be addressed. Chairman James questioned the expenses for the Detoxification Center versus what the State is funding. Ms. Stelle said that the funds from the State cover the program and some administrative costs. Chairman James was concerned about this being a regional program. Ms. Stelle said there will be no county funds in the Detoxification Center budget for next year. The State is billed whether they are Pitt County clients or other county clients.

5. Ms. Stelle said that they have been working with County MIS Department. They put a halt on buying equipment last October because they thought they were going to get some state funds for computer systems. Mr. Taylor has been researching which will save \$50-\$75,000 on the system. Ms. Stelle asked for a week's time to make this decision. All the people who make that decision are working on the next year's budget.

Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Taylor is present and will address this item. Mr. Taylor stated that the Health Department has similar systems which were developed by the County staff. Opportunities to upgrade equipment were done at the Health Department and DSS which were also offered to Mental Health but were declined. Mr. Taylor said that they would bill for services and the funds would come in but they were not attached to any particular service. He stated that the system Mental Health is using is not Year 2000 (Y2K) compliant, so it has forced them into looking at some existing programs. Mr. Robinson said that the current system is not flexible and is outdated. He stated that the County would be better served to put money into new equipment, at this stage.

Mr. Taylor informed the Board that Nash and Forsyth counties have programs which Pitt is considering for purchase. The estimated cost is in the \$175,000 range for a new system including implementation, training and full exposure. Mr. Taylor said that a decision needs to be made within the next thirty to sixty days, so everything can be put into place in plenty of time. He also said that the State may come through on the software for the Department. Mr. Robinson said it may be best to pay for this during this fiscal year. Ms. Stelle stated that they will move forward with this decision.

Ms. Stelle informed the Board that the Public Consulting Group is in the second phase of their contract and that they will be bringing the contracts back to the County Attorney's office for review this week. She said they started Phase I in November. Ms. Stelle said that their situation will be cleared up by the end of this fiscal year.

Hospital Report - Commissioner Bowen

Commissioner Bowen stated that as the Board's liaison he went to a meeting at the Hospital Thursday afternoon. He said the Hospital staff reported that March was the biggest month they have ever had in revenues. Then, he stated, that they also recommended that on Tuesday the PCMH Board of Trustees vote on raising the rates at the Hospital. Commissioner Bowen pointed out that many people come to Pitt County because they have family members with special needs and stated that it would be appropriate for the Hospital to assist with funding the County on some of the expenses incurred by the County on special needs individuals. He suggested the Board should ask the Hospital to help fund the computer system for Mental Health.

Commissioner Bowen motioned to ask the Hospital to help pay for the computer system which needs to be purchased for the Mental Health program. The motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Hammond asked why the Hospital is raising rates if they are having such a good month? Chairman James instructed the Manager to investigate the cost to the County for special needs patients. He said it affects Social Services and cost the taxpayers more money. Commissioner Johnson said the Board did not have any control over the Hospital raising their rates.

Items for Consent

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent items.

1. March 15, 1999 minutes
2. March 29, 1999 minutes
3. Government/Volunteer Week Recognition

OFFICE OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 18-24, 1999, AS COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK and VOLUNTEER WEEK IN PITT COUNTY

WHEREAS, this year's National County Government Week and National Volunteer Week have been designated as April 18-24, 1999; and

WHEREAS, each year during this observance citizens and government take time to recognize and highlight the important role county government and volunteers play in the community; and,

WHEREAS, volunteers who have given more than 50 hours of their time this year, staff advisors who support and supervise volunteers, and private donors who have donated over \$100 to Volunteer Services have received recognition, certificates and mementos for their efforts; and,

WHEREAS, a newspaper insert in the Sunday Daily Reflector asks all Pitt County citizens to provide their opinions and input concerning the upcoming budget and other government programs; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 18-24, 1999 as "**COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK**" and "**VOLUNTEER WEEK**" in Pitt County. This period of time should be set aside as an opportunity to acknowledge the services and programs of Pitt County Government and the important contributions made by all volunteers in Pitt County, including site-based, emergency response, and board-appointed volunteers; and

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk to the Board

4. Proclamation for 1999 Peace Officers Memorial Day

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America has designed the week of May 15th to be dedicated as “**National Police Week**” and May 15th of each year to be “**Police Memorial Day**”, and

WHEREAS, the law enforcement officers are our guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free men and women, warriors in the war against crime and dedicated to the preservation of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and

WHEREAS, this county desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of it’s own law enforcement officers, and

WHEREAS, it is known that every 57 hours an American Law Enforcement Officer will die in the line of duty somewhere in the United States and more than 180 officers will be seriously assaulted in the performance of their duties, our county joins with other counties, cities and towns to honor all peace officers everywhere, and

We therefore declare the week of May 10th to May 16th to be 1999 Pitt County Law Enforcement Officers Week and call upon all of our citizens in this county to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the law enforcement officers of this county by deed, remark and attitude as their thanks to our men and women who make it possible for us to leave our home and families in safety each day and to return to our homes knowing that they are protected by men and women willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary, to guard our loved ones, property and government against all who would violated the law.

Signed this 19th day of April, at Greenville, State of North Carolina in the witness thereof the seal of the County of Pitt in witness there of the seal and signatures of the community are affixed.

Seal
Attest: _____

Chairman

5. Budget Amendment - Pitt Soil & Water - NC State Matching Funds

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Acct #10-3-00-991.00	Fund Balance Appropriated		3,390.00
Acct #10-4-96-980.00	NC State Matching Grant		3,390.00

6. Budget Amendment - Health Dept. - Project ASSIST

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Acct #15-3-52-360.01	DHHS Funds		8,250.00
Acct #15-5-52-800.00	Project Assist		8,250.00

7. Budget Amendment - Health Dept. - Reduce Human Rabies Vaccine Fee

Decrease fees from \$147.00 back to \$90.00

8. Budget Amendment - Healthy Mother/Healthy Children Block Grant

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Acct #15-3-64-360.00	DHHS Funds		4,546.00
Acct #15-5-64-230.00	Family Planning Tech. Sup.		4,546.00

9. Budget Amendment for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Memorandum from Brian Stewart dated March 29, 1999 requesting approval of budget revisions from current programs to include expansion of current program with uncommitted and discretionary funds

Psychological Services to Juvenile Court - \$1500.00

Resolve Program - \$3030.00

Intensive Family Based Intervention - \$7000.00

10. Budget Amendment for Sheriff's Department

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Acct #10-300-480.01	Income-Phones		22,000.00
Acct #10-431-510.01	Law Enforcement-Equipment		20,000.00
Acct #10-431-510.03	Communication Equipment		2,000.00

11. Resolution for Addition of Secondary Road to State System

-Sugg Parkway and Sullivan Drive in Indigreen Subdivision

NORTH CAROLINA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO STATE MAINTAINED SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM

North Carolina

County of Pitt

Road Description Sugg Parkway (Ext of SR 1612) and Sullivan Drive in Indigreen Industrial Subdivision

WHEREAS, the attached petition had been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pitt requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the system.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Pitt that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Pitt at a meeting on the ____ day of _____, 1999.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the ____ day of _____, 1999.

(Seal)

Clerk, Board of Commissioner
County of Pitt

(Signature)

12. Reappointments to Sheppard Memorial Library Board - Marjorie Dunn and Margaret Hadden
13. Insurance Deductible Payment of \$2,073.35 to Patterson, Diltthey, Clay & Bryson on Kennie Harrell case

Items for Decision

Hunting Committee - Chairman James

Chairman James informed the Board that he had appointed the committee to study possible hunting regulations and there would be a meeting on April 24, 1999 at Peaden's Grill in Belvoir at 8:30 a.m. Committee members are as follows:

Bill Young, President of the Pitt County Wildlife Club
Wilton Pate, a retired wildlife officer
Thomas Best, a hunter
County Commissioner Glenn Bowen, liaison for Board of Commissioners
Mike Peaden, a county resident
Jim Marsal, an investigator from Pitt County Sheriff's Department
Bobby Padgett, a hunter
Cary Faulkner, a hunter
Ken Manning, a hunter

Award Bids for Solid Waste Garage - Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson informed the Board that there has been an effort to separate the County Garage function from the School Bus Garage and relocate the County Garage to the Landfill area. The staff has concluded that renovating the existing Solid Waste Garage and converting it to the County Garage is the most economical and operationally efficient alternative. This alternative will require the construction of a new Solid Waste Garage to replace the existing building. In addition, Mr. Dickerson stated that the Sheriff has needed a place to store vehicles indoors which are held for evidence purposes as well as an impounded vehicle storage area.

The proposed new building, which was designed by County staff, along with the existing buildings, accommodates the needs of the County Garage, the Solid Waste Department and the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Robinson said that \$60,000 was budgeted in this year's budget but the Board will need to balance the remainder of the funding in the next fiscal year, approximately \$190,000. Chairman James asked about maintenance on the cars. Mr. Dickerson said that they have the cars on a maintenance schedule but the employee is out on maternity leave at the present time. He also informed the Board that the School System is looking for a place to relocate the school bus garage.

Commissioner Owens asked if they had negotiated with the low bidder? Mr. Dickerson stated that he has not attempted to do that prior to knowing if the Board was supportive of the proposal.

Bid Tabulation for Solid Waste Shop

Construction Company	1st Option	2nd Option
Eastern Construction Company	\$303,700	\$274,000
Farrior & Sons, Inc.	\$223,540	
Hudson Brothers	\$269,700	
Craven Construction Co. Inc.	\$286,492	\$326,205
Coastal Construction Co.	\$265,240	
Electrical Bids		
Allco Electric, Inc		\$28,000
Pitt Electric, Inc.		\$29,800
Coastline Electrical Const.		\$33,929
Watson Electrical Cons. Co.		\$51,000

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted six to one to approve awarding the contract to the low bidders for the Solid Waste Garage. The low bidders were Farrior & Sons, Inc., Farmville, North Carolina for \$223,540 and Electrical Contractor was ALLCO Electric, Kinston, North Carolina in the amount of \$28,000. Commissioner Owens opposed the motion. Mr. Dickerson stated that he did not think it would be a problem with negotiating a lower price.

Appointments to the Development Commission - Susan Banks

Commissioner Owens offered a nomination of David Womack to be appointed as the City of Greenville's representative, to replace Dr. Ed Yancy. In addition, Commissioner Owens nominated Phil Flowers to replace Jack Farrior. Commissioner Bowen nominated Dick Adams to replace Charles McLawhorn. Commissioner Johnson nominated Jim Young.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to close nominations.

Chairman James called for vote on David Womack

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to accept by acclamation the nomination from the City of Greenville, David Womack to serve on the Development Commission.

Chairman James then called for a vote on the other nominations.

Jim Young received a vote from Commissioner Johnson. Dick Adams received votes from Commissioners Bowen, Hammond, Gaskins and Owens. Phil Flowers received votes from Chairman James and Commissioners Bowen, Johnson, Hammond, Ward, Hammond, Gaskins and Owens.

Dick Adams will replace Charles McLawhorn with a term that expires December 31, 2001. Phil Flowers will replace Jack Farrior with a term which expires December 31, 2001.

Appointment to Airport Authority - Susan Banks

Commissioner Hammond moved to table the appointment to the Airport Authority until the full Board was present. Commissioner Gaskins seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the appointment was tabled for the time being.

Appointment to Employment of People with Disabilities - Susan Banks

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Hammond the Board voted six to one to acknowledge with a letter the resignation of Linda Gassaway who relocated, and to appoint Dr. Ulrich Alsentzer to the Pitt County Employment of People with Disabilities. Commissioner Bowen questioned whether or not Dr. Alsentzer was a U.S. citizen. Commissioner Bowen opposed the motion.

Appointment to Mental Health Area Board - Commissioner Bowen

Commissioner Bowen nominated Louise Stokes to serve on the Mental Health Area Board. He spoke on behalf of Ms. Stokes. Commissioners were concerned because this item was not on the agenda and they did not have information pertaining to the Mental Health Area Board appointments in their possession to review.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted six to one to table this item until they could have the proper information on board appointments and to allow time for the Mental Health Area Board to make their recommendation. Commissioner Bowen was opposed to the motion.

Draft Strategic Goals, Capital Improvement Plan and Financial Plan - Mr. Robinson

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Melonie Bryan provided a draft of material on Financial and Capital Improvement Planning Information for the Board. Mr. Robinson asked the Board to review the materials in the package. He stated that they are doing an updated financial plan which includes the projected increase of five percent in the ad valorem tax base. Ms. Bryan has projected the fund balance. He said they have provided benchmark comparisons, with and without the Mental Health programs effects because the Mental Health figures skew the data for the remainder of the County budget. He stated that he will make recommendations of what to fund and not to fund in his budget presentation. Mr. Robinson stated that the Board set strategic goals last year which he has incorporated in planning for the budget.

Ms. Bryan stated that there was \$130 million of spending in the budget, there were significant capital requests, and there is information included which gives an idea of what the staff sees as critical needs including infrastructure and technology needs. She stated that she can provide supporting data to the Board on the budget requests.

The Commissioners discussed the positive effect of the flyer that the County placed in the newspaper. They have received positive responses from the citizens about the flyer. Ms. Bryan stated that the Finance office staff is doing a summary of information to provide to the Board. Chairman James praised Arlen Holt on the flyer. Mr. Holt stated that it was a collaborative effort with the Finance Office staff. The cost was \$2,500 to put in all the papers.

Chairman James recessed the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to be reconvened at 1:00 p.m. for the Board of Equalization and Review.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all commissioners present.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hammond the Board reconvened as the Board of Equalization and Review.

Jimmie Hardee read the minutes from the April 5, 1999 Board of Equalization and Review meeting.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond , seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Board of Equalization and Review from the April 5, 1999 meeting.

No citizens to appeal

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board