

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 1, 1999**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session meeting on Monday, November 1, 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
Jeffrey E. Savage, Vice Chairman (arrived later)
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Charles P. Gaskins, Commissioner
David Hammond, Commissioner
Thomas H. Johnson, Commissioner
Mark W. Owens, Jr., Commissioner
M. Theresa Shank, Commissioner
Beth B. Ward, 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 T. Bryan, Director of Financial Services

Call to Order and welcome by Chairman James.

Prayer offered by Commissioner Hammond.

Pledge led by Commissioner Gaskins.

Chairman James informed the Board that Vice Chairman Savage had called and indicated he would be arriving later.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD

Nancy Colville noted that the Board will be electing a new chairman and vice chairman at the first meeting in December and she discussed the qualities which she thought were necessary for the individuals filling those positions.

Vernon Morrison stated that Glenn Bowen had receive bad publicity but he was in 100% agreement with his statement

Jane Barnhill expressed her opinion about commissioners and committee members abstaining from voting. She stated that the public does not recognize that abstaining from voting is recorded as a "yes" vote and the people need to know this. The County needs consistency throughout its law in this area.

Betty Moore expressed opposition to the zoning being considered for the NC 11 North Corridor project. She begged the Commissioners not to vote for zoning in this area.

Chairman James responded to Ms. Barnhill's comments about the voting policy. Mr. Robinson said that North Carolina General Statutes require each commissioner to vote on each issue unless there is a conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted unanimously that the minutes of October 4, 12, and 18, 1999 meetings were approved.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager's Report

Mr. Robinson asked James Rhodes to report on the Recovery Operations Center and what will be provided in the center. Mr. Rhodes stated there is a new modular unit for the Recovery Operations Center being set up beside the Development Building that should be completed within the next two weeks. They are administering the Mitigation Grant applications and have over 100 already to signed up. This Recovery Operations Center will provide assistance with elevation certificates, debris removal, etc. There will also be personnel that will handle the Contractor Registration Program in the center. He said that they anticipate one to two years of operations. Mr. Robinson said they be operating an information number for disaster victims. Mr. Rhodes said he would follow up with a more detailed report at the November 15th meeting which is also the anticipated first day of operation of the Recovery Operations Center.

Mr. Robinson asked Melonie Bryan to report on Overtime Pay. He stated that there was a determination from FEMA that they would not pay overtime after the first thirty days of the disaster. Ms. Bryan provided the Board with a list of estimated costs the County has and may incur due to Hurricane Floyd and the flooding. She said the County has spent over \$1 million with a large portion of those funds to be reimbursed. She said the goal is to get reimbursed as much as possible and the County is scheduled to receive \$1,001,000 from FEMA.

Ms. Bryan stated that a lot of overtime has been required and there is still a need for additional people to meet the needs of the community. She provided an estimate of 27 people needed by various departments on a temporary basis to work through this disaster. She said her staff is working seven days a week. Crisis money will pay for some of the costs but some of the costs the County will have to cover. Ms. Bryan stated that she had met with representatives from the City and other agencies when they met with KPMG accountants. She asked that the Board authorize her to contract with KPMG, with a not to exceed \$10,000 figure, to help with filing forms for reimbursement. She stated that Greenville Utilities Commission and the City of Greenville are also contracting with them. She stated that those agencies are willing to share in the travel expenses if the County contracts with KPMG. Ms. Bryan stated that the departments could not just accrue compensatory time instead of overtime pay because there would come a time for these people to take off and then that would be another problem. Some of Social Services programs can be reimbursed from FEMA.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to authorize a contract with KPMG with a cap of \$10,000 to assist in filing for reimbursement on expenses as related to Hurricane Floyd.

Commissioner Bowen requested that the other municipalities in the County be invited to contract with KPMG.

Chairman James expressed concerns about the overtime pay and asked Ms. Bryan to provide the Board with a report. Ms. Bryan stated that the employees did not work overtime for the money but because they were needed to meet the needs of the citizens during a critical period. She said she could provide the Board with a report by department.

Vice Chairman Savage arrived at this time, 9:35 a.m.

Mr. Robinson informed the Board that the Governor's second round of Hurricane funds were to be allocated at two meetings. He stated he would be participating in a conference call at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 1999 to learn of the amount and the criteria for distribution of the funds. He also stated that Mr. Garrison is looking to expand the committee that worked on the distribution of the funds by inviting members from the NAACP, a black minister and a small town commissioner.

Mr. Bobby Joyner, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that Tuesday afternoon a bus will arrive in eastern North Carolina carrying legislators who wish to view the devastation. The bus will arrive in Tarboro at 11:00 a.m. and will leave Edgecombe County and be in the Belvoir Community at 2:30 p.m. They will be looking at damaged crops and agriculture. Chairman James encouraged fellow commissioners to come out and meet with them at the Belvoir Fire Department. He also encouraged farmers to attend.

Mr. Joyner also reported that he had been informed by Congresswoman Eva Clayton's office that Saturday the Congress is sending three teams to work in the flooded communities. The teams will consist of staff and congressmen and women including 15 people on a team to work on cleanup of the areas. They will go to the Belvoir, Grifton and Greenville areas and will be there to work. Two congressmen/women will be on each team. A fund raiser is being held in Rocky Mount that night. The City of Greenville is working out their location. He suggested that two commissioners also be on each team. Commissioners Savage and James said that they would meet them at the Belvoir Community. Commissioner Bowen stated he would participate with the team in Grifton. Commissioner Ward said she could go to the Grifton area during the morning of Saturday but has a conflict with the afternoon.

Commissioner Hammond asked about debris removal that has been on the street since September 15th.

Commissioner Shank stated that she would be attending the Chamber conference during that time and would not be able to make the meetings. Mr. Joyner said that the teams will be in Greenville from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Vice Chairman Savage suggested the Board ride around together as a group to see the devastation so they would be in a better position to make decisions concerning meeting the needs of the people effected by the flooding. Chairman James suggested the Manager poll the Board about taking an organized tour of the County.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to instruct the Manager to organize a bus tour for the Commissioners to tour the flood damaged areas.

Mr. Robinson stated that the County was working steadily on developing a recovery plan. He said he would like the Board to reconsider the night meeting on November 15th because he needed to delay the Capital Improvement Program portion of this meeting. However, he stated that the Annual Audit could still be presented. The Board discussed the possibility of having the auditor at the regular session. Vice Chairman Savage discussed use of the fund balance for flood relief.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to reschedule the regular session meeting on November 15th to begin at 8:00 a.m. in order to hear the Annual Audit report.

Mid-East Commission - Bob Paccioco

Mr. Bob Paccioco, Executive Director of the Mid-East Commission, reported that their agency had also been flooded. Some of the offices have been relocated but they are continuing to grow. He provided the Board with the following written report showing each program they are working in Pitt County and how the money is coming back into the County during the last fiscal year. He noted that these funds do not include the funding they receive from Pitt County in annual dues.

Aging Department served 1,145 individuals with a cost of \$779,745.
Economic Development - \$1,977,192
Emergency Services - \$2,539 (4 projects of equipment)
Planning Department - \$1,785 (2 projects)
Senior Employment - 24 participants - \$151,944
Workforce Development Program - 293 participants with a cost of \$2,161,366 (training, services, equipment)

Total: \$5,074,571
Dues: \$30,543
Ratio: \$166.15 to \$1 return on dues

Mr. Paccioco said that they will be putting together projects of mitigation and have been in contact with large business owners about mitigation projects through economic development.

Mid-East Commission's Assistant Executive Director Tim Ware reported on the use of funds paid in dues by Pitt County. The total dues received is \$92,000 or 28% per capita. The Mid-East Commission is required to match these funds. Pitt County pays \$52,000 and a match is required by Mid-East Commission which leaves \$41,000 to grow fund balance. Mr. Paccioco said they have a very small fund balance. There is a normal fund balance of \$35,000 to \$100,000.

Chairman James asked Mr. Paccioco to explain about the Workforce Development Program. Mr. Paccioco explained that this program is to help people become employed by offering them special training and help find them jobs. They may also assist with child care and transportation.

Vice Chairman Savage asked about the Dogwood project and grant writing opportunities. Mr. Paccioco said the Dogwood project is in Farmville and it is a project involving the Aging program. A new project called Veranda will begin later in November. There are housing projects for the aging population. He stated that as for grantwriting, they would do it by contract and if there would be an administering grant, they would write it for no fee. If there is no administrative money in the grant, they will negotiate with the Manager for an hourly rate based on the salary of the person preparing the grant. Commissioner Bowen asked if any counties or municipalities had asked them to write grants for flood relief. Mr. Paccioco stated that any of the counties could request grant writing but no one has at this time. He also informed the Board that the State of North Carolina provides \$55,000 annually to Mid-East Commission.

Y2K Preparedness Report - Bobby Joyner/Mike Taylor

Mr. Joyner reported that he had met with all the Department Heads and suggested they check for supplies for up to thirty days. He stated that they have met with all the municipalities, Hospital, Sprint, ECU, other agencies, as well as the State. Everyone is doing everything to be

prepared. The Red Cross provided a brochure. He said that they have asked people to look at this like a flood or disaster and stock up on necessities to get them through a thirty-day period.

Mr. Mike Taylor said they presented a plan last February and that the flood interrupted their schedule but they are getting ready to do trial runs. The last trial run is November 21st. The Mental Health Program and the Sheriff's Office were non-compliant but Mental Health should have gone on the new program and is scheduled for a December 1 deadline. He stated that the Sheriff's Office is currently negotiating with a vendor. Mr. Taylor stated that they may have some record keeping problems but they are working on this and will be participating in a forum with other agencies. Mr. Taylor said he is very comfortable with the community efforts that have been put forth on the Y2K preparedness.

Report on Purchase of Property on Gum Swamp Church Road - Phil Dickerson

Mr. Robinson stated he had asked Mr. Phil Dickerson to report on the purchase of the property on Gum Swamp Church Road. Mr. Dickerson reported on the soil conditions and the appraisal of the property. He said the Engineering Department studied the appraisal and consultants studied the wetlands. He stated that seventy percent of the land was classified wetlands by the Corp of Engineers. The remainder of the property is on the front or on the side and Mr. Dickerson did not think it was useful for County's purposes. He said the County needed a large piece of property to avoid problems with adjoining property. Chairman James said this property was not as low as other property in the area and that it did not flood while the rest of the area was flooded. Mr. Robinson stated that the front forty-six acres was priced \$200,000, and because of the limitations the County would not have enough property for a buffer for the firing range. He said the front portion was very good property but it was not configured for a shooting range. However, Mr. Robinson stated that the Board of Education might be interested in the property since it is located near the Belvoir School. He stated he would check with the Board of Education to see if they would like the County to exercise the option to purchase that has a November 7, 1999 deadline. Commissioner Bowen thanked Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Rhodes for giving their opinions and for their work on this project. Mr. Robinson asked if the Board of Commissioners would support the County exercising the option to purchase on behalf of the School Board.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted eight to one to authorize the County Engineer, Manager and County Attorney to work together to secure the Gum Swamp Church Road property should the Board of Education desire to build a new school on the property. Commissioner Savage opposed the motion.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

Mr. Robinson read each consent item.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Vice Chairman Savage, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items for consent as mailed.

1. Adoption of Corporate Resolution - Centura Securities - County received donation of stock certificates for the Pitt County Hurricane Relief fund. In order to convert the stock to cash, we need to establish a securities account with Centura Bank (the County's local bank). The attached resolution needs to be adopted in order to finish the paperwork to open the account.

**ASSOCIATION OR OTHER NON-CORPORATE ORGANIZATION
ACCOUNT RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Thomas B. Robinson, County Manager or Melonie T. Bryan, Director of Financial Services is hereby authorized for and or behalf of this organization, a Governmental

Unit, to establish and maintain one or more accounts with Centura Securities Inc., which may be margin accounts. Said officer(s) are hereby authorized to purchase and sell stocks, bonds, and securities and assign and indorse for transfer certificates now or hereafter registered in the name of :

COUNTY OF _____

I, Eugene James, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of County of Pitt hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the:

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

of said Organization at a meeting duly held the 1st day of November, 1999 at which a quorum was present and voting and that the same has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and does not conflict with the N/A of said Organization.

Date: _____

By: _____
(Secretary) Susan J. Banks, Clerk to Board

NOTE: If the Secretary is hereby authorized to establish and maintain the account, the President or Vice-President must approve by signing below.

By: _____
(Signature and Title) Eugene James,

Chairman

SEAL

(If no seal, certify that there is no seal)

2. Budget Amendments for Mental Health

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Rev. 193239-423200	Robeson Health Care-Federal	3,668	
Rev. 193239-433200	Robeson Health Care - State	100,000	
Exp. 195239-561000	Contracted Services	103,668	

Allocation Letter 00-E41-PT-04 dated October 5, 1999 awards \$300,000 to Robeson Health Care for the operation of Maria's House. We originally budgeted \$196,332. This budget amendment reflects the balance of the allocation.

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Rev. 193233-433403	Majors Initiative	16,244	
Exp. 195233-552000	Capital Outlay-Computers	16,244	

Allocation 00-E39-PT-03 dated September 20, 1999 awards \$16,244 in one-time, non-recurring funds to the Majors Initiative to fund capital outlay for computers. This is an amount over and above the amount currently in the Fiscal Year 1999-2000 budget as confirmed by our annual allocation letter for the Center.

Budget Amendments - Grants - General Government

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Exp. 109910-599101	Reserve-Grant Local Match		5,560
Exp. 109810-598024	Transfer to Grant Fund #24	5,560	
Rev. 243640-498010	Transfer from General Fund	105,560	
Exp. 245640-569015	Creative Living Center	5, 560	

Transfer of the 10% match required for Creative Living Center's Home and Community Care Block Grant.

3. Budget Amendment - Health Department

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153162-436500	DHHS Funds	5,271	
155162-531900	School Health	2,324	
155162-531705	Incentives	2,947	

DHHS Allocation for School Health and Child Health to support the efforts our local outreach coalitions.

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153140-499103	FB Grant	12,000	
155140-526000	Office Supplies	200	
155140-523000	Med Tech	500	
155140-539500	Conference and Training	7,200	
155140-531705	Incentives	2,500	
155140-561000	Contracted Services	900	
155140-534100	Printing	100	
155140-531200	Travel	600	

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention award money from PCMH

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153145-484000	Cont. Donat	5,000	
155145-561000	Cont. Serv	5,000	

PCMH awarded CVH \$5,000 for FY 99-00. This funding will be used to support Pitt County School's Project YEAH (Year round Exercise and Health)

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
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153141-436501	DHHS Funds	22,000
155141-561009	FIMR	22,000

Initially budgeted \$25,000 for this project for FY 99-00; however, DHHS has awarded us a total of \$47,000 for FY 99-00.

4. Tax Releases and Refunds Greater Than \$100

September 1999 Total County Released (Greater Than \$100) -	14	\$4,908.70
September 1999 Total Greenville Releases (Greater Than \$100) -	12	\$3,739.34
Total Refunds (Greater Than \$100) -	1	\$ 173.46

5. Proclamation for American Education Week - Pitt County Schools has requested the Board of Commissioners program November 14-20, 1999 as the 78th annual observance of "American Education Week". The Proclamation is attached.

**PITT COUNTY SCHOOLS
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they will need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and assess to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education, employees-be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians-work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW THEREFORE, I Eugene James serving as chairperson of The Pitt County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 14-20, 1999 as the 78th annual observance of

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Eugene James, Chairperson
Adopted this 1st day of November, 1999.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Request for funds from the Pitt County Wildlife Club for Flood Damages

Mr. John Bulow, Assistant County Manager, stated that the County has had a long standing agreement with the Wildlife Club for use of their firing range. The Wildlife Range has been used for training of law enforcement and this part of the range has been impacted by the flooding. The estimated cost for repair is \$21,000. The contract with the County runs through December but the future contract may be impacted if the County does not participate in the range improvements because there will not be as many facilities available. This is a nonprofit club and it is not FEMA reimbursement eligible.

Ms. Shank stated that the Board had received a letter of concern about the leaching of lead from bullets into the Tar River. She stated that the County should check into this before entering into this commitment.

Mr. Bill Young, President of Wildlife Club, stated that there was a need to repair two ranges. One range is for used almost exclusively for law enforcement training by the Sheriff's Department and Pitt Community College. Range three is used by both. He stated that they could fix range one and range three for \$21,000. The other three ranges, the clubhouse and other buildings, will be repaired at the expense of the Wildlife Club. Mr. Young noted that the Sheriff had a building full of equipment which was damaged. All ranges were closed completely but there are two ranges now open. Mr. Young said that there is no leaching of lead once a bullet is fired into a berm. It forms a crystal around it that is not dangerous, however at this club they dig the bullets out and recycle the lead that is shot into the berms.

There is an annual contract with the County for \$4,000 for use of the firing range.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted eight to one to approve appropriating \$21,000 for the repair of the Pitt County Wildlife Shooting range. Commissioner Gaskins opposed the motion.

Commissioner Shank stated that she wants assurance that there is no problem with leakage of lead into the Tar River. Mr. Robinson asked for instructions from the Board on this matter. Commissioner Shank asked for the Manager to bring back recommendations and to consider other options. Mr. Bulow said that this would create a situation where the County would be studying private property and it may be very expensive. Mr. Young stated that he could provide information on lead disposal. He said that his club is a member of the Tar-Pamlico Foundation and supports taking care of the river.

DSS Budget Amendment - Ed Garrison

Mr. Garrison said that the County has been appropriated over \$4.0 million for crisis intervention programs. The Federal and State Governments came together to provide funds to help people with emergency heating and cooling issues caused by Hurricane Floyd. These funds will provide for limited repairs, warm clothing, blankets and will pay utility bills. The funds represent more than one-third of the funds that were made available to the residents of North Carolina. He stated that he hoped to change the criteria in order to serve more people. Vice Chairman Savage asked that Social Services implement the dates for taking applications for funds and not vary on the applications dates.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment as follows:

Budget Amendment

Account No.	Title of Account	Increase	Decrease
162400-423000	Social Services Administration	4,005,594	
165488-560400	Crisis Intervention	4,005,594	

Commissioner Shank said that Social Services has had a very heavy burden and expressed the Board's appreciation for their work during the flooding of Hurricane Floyd. Commissioner Hammond asked if anyone was designated to be an information person for flood victims. Mr. Garrison said that he agreed that there is quite a bit of misinformation and he can not seem to get straight answers from FEMA himself. He stated that he would be proposing for Social Services to set up two to three dedicated telephone lines where citizens could talk to people who are knowledgeable about the resources such as FEMA, Social Services, Red Cross, etc.

Contractors Registration Program Resolution - JoAnne Burgdorff

Ms. Burgdorff stated that she had worked with the Engineering and Planning Departments on this process. She stated that originally she was working with the Attorney General's Office but this process was not working. Ms. Burgdorff stated that this process is a benefit for the citizens needing reputable contractors to help bring their homes back to normal standards. The program is a voluntary program and there is no enforcement needed. She stated that it is an informational source. Ms. Burgdorff stated that the Sheriff has also assisted with putting this program together. The citizens would have identifying information on contractors and citizens can call in for information. Vice Chairman Savage said he was not in favor of this program. He was unhappy that it appeared in the newspaper before it was brought to the Board for approval. He said the County should not be involved in this process. He stated that the perception of the protection of the citizens suggests that because a person has a thumbprint and are registered with the County guarantees that they will do good work. He said that the criminal and civil background checks are not going to be done consistently and that is not the right way to proceed. Ms. Burgdorff said that all information has a disclaimer and states that the County is not responsible for the workmanship. Mr. Robinson said that they contacted the National Association of Homebuilders and they received a strong recommendation to establish this program because there are groups of people that specialize in going around after these storms and taking advantage of the victims.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted eight to one to adopt the Contractors Registration Program and supportive resolution as follows. Commissioner Savage opposed the motion:

RESOLUTION **ESTABLISHING A CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION PROCESS** **IN RESPONSE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY**

THAT WHEREAS, Pitt County, was declared a disaster area as the result of the state of emergency connected with Hurricane Floyd and the flooding in its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, a great many of the citizens of Eastern North Carolina have suffered great losses to their homes and businesses in the aftermath of this disaster; and

WHEREAS, aid has now become available to many of these citizens to repair and rebuild their properties; and

WHEREAS, It has been recommended by other communities throughout the nation who have suffered similar disasters that some system of registration of contractors and others who solicit employment from our citizens in this repair and rebuilding phase is advantageous and an aid in the protection of our citizens from unscrupulous individuals and business practices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Pitt County and of Eastern North Carolina to provide a process to register all contractors and laborers involved in the rebuilding and repairs to property in this disaster; it is

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes and endorses this process of registration within all of Pitt County as follows:

Notices shall be placed at all building supply businesses and other places visible to contractors and laborers involved in the rebuilding and repair process to advise them to register individually with Pitt County. The Registration will be held at the County Administrative Offices where each person will complete an application for a picture identification card including a thumb print and other supporting documentation to be kept on file with Pitt County. A phone number shall be provided for citizens to report both positive and negative contacts with these individuals. This information will be provided to any citizens who request information on these individuals. Random criminal and civil background checks may be made through local and national law enforcement agencies, but will not necessarily be made of all applicants.

Duly adopted this the 1st day of November, 1999.

Eugene James, Chairman

Attest:

Susan J. Banks, Clerk

Contract for Debris Removal - Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson presented the bid tabulation for the debris removal contract.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted unanimously to award the contracts to the low bidders, as follows:

CONTRACTOR	CONTRACT 1	CONTRACT 2	CONTRACT 3
Storm Reconstruction Services	1,331,500	1,394,700	1,457,000
Ralph Hodge Construction	2,305,310	2,389,300	3,271,100
R&G Construction Company	1,230,950	1,251,750	1,343,975
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co.	1,441,500	1,382,500	1,441,500
Harrelson & Smith Construction	No Bid	No Bid	1,116,449
Phillips & Jordan, Inc.	1,316,750	1,384,400	1,619,300
Grubbs Construction	2,089,700	2,267,525	2,431,375
IGC, Inc.	2,666,000	2,937,250	2,226,500
Spirtas Company	1,924,000	2,188,450	2,448,750
DRC, Inc.	No Bid	No bid	615,626
Omni Construction Company	2,093,151	2,164,510.80	3,027,000
*DMC, Inc.	No Bid	No bid	615,626
Best Sand & Gravel, Inc.	1,205,000	1,257,000	1,317,000
Artem, Inc.	2,332,725	2,411,000	2,706,000
Sawyers Land Developing, Inc.	2,003,250	2,122,500	2,267,750
Crowder/Gulf Contractors	1,879,850	1,824,935	1,879,850
*D&J Enterprises	747,000	746,100	757,000

*Contracts awarded in separate categories.

Mr. Dickerson stated that the contracts are for twelve months with a six-month extension option.

Vice Chairman Savage said he would like to see local people get this work. Mr. Dickerson said that this could not always be done under the program where the County would receive FEMA reimbursement.

Mr. Dickerson said the contract will start as soon as payment performance bonds are in place and the certificates have been issued. Management of the contract will be performed by the Wooten Company with Engineering Department's supervision. Chairman James asked why it seemed to be taking so long. He said it has taken longer but the County will be able to do more for the citizens with this proposal. Mr. Dickerson said that debris removal in some areas is a Department of Transportation project.

Commissioner Hammond stated that there are piles of debris on the sides of the road in Greenville that have not been removed and some actually in the roadway. Mr. Dickerson said that Greenville has had a contract in place for three weeks for the debris removal. However, this contract does not cover the extraterritorial jurisdiction and it is the County's responsibility.

Commissioner Gaskins expressed his appreciation for Mr. Dickerson's efforts to organize this project.

Contract with EJE Recycling and Disposal, Inc. for Storage of Waste and Demolition of Mobile Homes – Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson presented an agreement with EJE Recycling and Disposal, Inc. for storage of waste and demolition of Mobile Homes. The two storage areas are EJE Recycling and Disposal, Inc. property on US 264 east of Pactolus and the Highway 33 Landfill east on NC Highway 33 east of Belvoir. E. R. Lewis Construction company, Inc. has donated the use of the site on NC Highway 33 and **County forces and equipment management the debris on site.** However, the County does not have the employees and equipment to manage the site at EJE Recycling and Disposal, Inc.

The staff recommended the Board of Commissioners authorize the execution of the contract.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Savage, seconded by Commissioner Gaskins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement with EJE Recycling and Disposal, Inc. for Storage of Waste and Demolition of Mobile Homes.

Elevation Certificates – Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson explained that originally FEMA representatives told the County staff that FEMA would reimburse the county for elevation certificates on structures being substantially repaired or rebuilt in the flood plain. The staff obtained prices on this work and actually had taken some applications. Now the staff is being told that FEMA will not reimburse the County for funds spent on that type of work.

Mr. Dickerson stated that the County still needed to manage the process of the elevation certificates. He stated that this will cost the county government but it will save the people money.

Mr. Dickerson further explained the requirements for pre-construction certificates which tell of the elevation needed (floor level elevation). The surveyor has to go back and verify that it

was built at or above that level on any construction that is placed in the floodplain or substantially damaged (over 50% damage) construction. Mr. Dickerson stated that these regulations are supposed to be a local choice but if not enforced then the citizens will not be able to get flood insurance.

Vice Chairman Savage asked about estimated timeframe for people. Mr. Dickerson said that a work conference needs to be held with the contractor. Then the contractor will start in a location and work their way across the County. The Board discussed the process and timeliness of the procedures. Mr. Dickerson said the buyout program with FEMA would take several months. Commissioner Hammond spoke about frustrations getting high because of the situation and it taking so long to get things coordinated with FEMA and the County. Chairman James stated that this whole process was going to take a long time because it is so massive .

Mr. Robinson said if people have their own certificate they can move forward themselves. Mr. Robinson said that at the November 15th meeting, there will be a recommendation on the first 100 houses eligible for the buyout. He said FEMA is going to slow down the mitigation program so that they can make sure we won't run out of money. This may also slow down the jurisdictions.

Chairman James asked if a trailer owner can take a tractor and move a flooded trailer to the side of the road? Mr. Dickerson responded that they may move them if they have the equipment.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Gaskins, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to approve the County funding the elevation certificates for the next six months at a total cost of \$200,000 to \$500,000 with funding from the fund balance appropriation; and further, to continue to pursue FEMA reimbursement for checking provisions for the elevation certificates.

Budget Amendment for FEMA Reimbursement - Melonie Bryan

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted to approve the budget amendment for FEMA reimbursement as follows:

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
102300-432021	FEMA Reimbursement	950,000	
109100-589000	Hurricane Report	950,000	

Vice Chairman Savage said that the County should get in writing the items that FEMA representatives say will be funded. Mr. Robinson said they started getting it in writing because FEMA people will come in for two weeks, then leave and they send someone new who tells you something differently.

Commissioner Reports and Comments

Commissioner Shank commended the Public Information Officer for the County's page in *The Daily Reflector*.

Vice Chairman Savage said he was happy to see the County page in the newspaper but was concerned that something was in the page that should have come before the Board of Commissioners prior to being publicized.

The Board discussed having a report on the renovations on the Airport at an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Ward said she would have a report in the future but that the Airport was moving ahead with reconstruction very quickly.

Vice Chairman Savage said that the Public Information Office needed full time help in order to get information out to people on the programs related to the flooding and reconstruction.

Commissioner Hammond said he was glad to see Mr. Garrison expanding the Unmet Needs committee to include minorities. He also stated he was glad to see the Manager on WOOW last week expressing what the County had been doing. He said he hoped everyone can move together united in the future.

Closed Session

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session with Attorney stating purposes of closed session as Economic Development and approval of closed session minutes citing G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) and (1).

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk to the Board