

**OFFICE OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FEBRUARY 7, 2000**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, February 7, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present were:

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

Others present:

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Gaskins

INVOCATION offered by Commissioner Ward.

PLEDGE lead by Chairman Gaskins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Chairman Gaskins

Chairman Gaskins asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Robinson stated that the item concerning business property tax exemption application needed to be removed from the agenda and Mr. John Chaffee informed the Clerk and the Manager that he has a property matter for closed session.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD

Keith Cooper - asked the Board not to forget the flood victims. There are many senior citizens that have been displaced and they need help with affordable housing, utility bills, medication, etc. He said forget FEMA and dip into the County funds such as allocated funds for animal shelter. He suggested the overtime for county employees and the funds from PCMH should be used for flood victims.

Vernon Morrison - stated he lives in the Penny Hill section or poorest part of this county. He spoke about hired help from last meeting and that there was no job description for the position. He said that a FEMA representative came to his home this morning at 5:00 a.m. because FEMA had lost his records. He said that FEMA is a good organization but there are people taking advantage of the system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 10, 2000
2. January 18, 2000
3. January 24, 2000

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR RETIRED COMMISSIONER JEFFREY E. SAVAGE

Vice Chairman Hammond presented Mr. Jeffrey Savage with the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

HONORING

Jeffrey Edwards Savage

THAT WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage served the citizens of Pitt County from December, 1992, to January, 2000, as the representative of District A (1&2) on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage was the youngest person ever elected County Commissioner in the County of Pitt, taking his oath of office at age 32; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage offered a fresh perspective on public issues and encouraged open debate throughout his tenure as a Commissioner, most notably during the privatization of Pitt County Memorial Hospital, the reorganization of Pitt County Mental Health, the expansion of the Pitt County Courthouse, and the development and construction of new schools, and;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage sought to promote diversity, consistently supported openness in government by advocating for the establishment of Pitt County's Office of Public Information and for the cablecasting of Board of Commissioners' meetings, and availed himself as an accessible government official for citizens, community groups, and members of the news media, and;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage served as Vice Chairman during the floods of 1999, the worst natural disaster in Pitt County's history, playing an active role in the government's recovery efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Edwards Savage worked diligently to represent all Pitt County citizens, and was an advocate for citizen's concerns from District A, often highlighting the needs and desires of his constituents "north of the river", and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners does hereby commend Jeffrey Edwards Savage for his dedication to public service and his commitment to improving the lives of the people of Pitt County.

ADOPTED this day, the seventh of February, 2000.

Charles P. Gaskins, Chairman

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, Clerk

UPON MOTION by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted eight to one to approve the resolution in appreciation of Jeffrey Edwards Savage. Commissioner Owens opposed the motion.

Mr. Savage spoke about his privilege of serving the citizens of Pitt County.

Chairman reconvened the meeting at 9:40.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager's Report - Tom Robinson

- Nine pre-applications for Governor's Crime Control Grants which the County has applied for and will be brought back during budget sessions if they are awarded to the County. Commissioner James said that Commissioner Owens had sent each commissioner a memo about grants for water and sewer and Pitt County was not receiving the grants but other counties were receiving these grants. Mr. Robinson said that the counties and municipalities that are receiving those grants are in the water and sewer business whereas Pitt County is not in the water or sewer business. Commissioner James asked about a report from the Wooten Company who is helping write flood-related grants applications.
- Animal Cruelty Investigator Agreement - Mr. Robinson said that there are two organizations doing animal cruelty investigations. Mr. Bulow stated that the SPCA would like to sponsor the appointment of Nimette Soli as an animal cruelty investigator. She was formerly sponsored by the Pitt County Humane Society and currently concentrates on large animal investigations. There has been an agreement written by the County Attorney and Assistant Manager that every animal cruelty investigator must sign stating that they will not investigate a report of animal cruelty if another agency is already investigating the issue unless authorized by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner James asked about the county's liability. Ms. Burgdorff stated that the agencies are required to cover the investigators with their own liability insurance. Mr. Bulow asked the Board to adopt this agreement between the County and the investigators. Ms. Burgdorff said that the General Statutes gives animal cruelty investigators the rights and obligations to go on property and do the investigations and they have policing authority. Commissioner James asked if the Humane Society was in charge of the investigations. Mr. Bulow said some people call the Humane Society and some call the SPCA for investigations but that this is a volunteer service.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Ward, to appoint an animal cruelty investigator, Nimette Soli with the SPCA, and further to approve the agreement between the County of Pitt and the Animal Cruelty Investigators. The motion passed six to two. In favor of the motion were: Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Shank, Chairman Gaskins, Commissioner Ward and Commissioner Bowen. Commissioner James and Vice Chairman Hammond opposed.

Mr. Robinson said that the FEMA and SBA offices that were located in Greenville at the Carolina East Center have recently closed. Pitt County has offered space for these agencies. The FEMA offices were moved last week and the SBA offices will be moving this week into County facilities. The County staff will benefit by having access to the database of information on flood victims. They have five staff members and will be located in the Emergency Operations Center.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda with item number five deleted which was a request for a business tax exempt status.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted to appoint Nimette Soli on the condition that she furnish proof of liability insurance with her information prior to getting her county badge and certified as an animal cruelty investigator. The motion passed six to two with Commissioner James and Vice Chairman Hammond opposed.

1. Releases and Refunds Greater than \$100
 2. Budget Amendment – Social Services Day Care Funds
 3. Budget Amendments – Health Dept.
 - a. Communicable Disease
 - a. Food and Lodging – NCDENR
 4. Educational Leave for Lloyd Gajadhar from Mental Health
 5. Reappointment of Animal Cruelty Investigator
 6. Reappointment of Region Q Emergency Medical Council
 7. Advertisement of Unpaid Tax Liens on Real Property
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1. Releases and Refunds Greater than \$100

December 1999 – Total County Releases (Greater Than \$100) –	51		\$14,063.06
Total Greenville Releases (Greater Than \$100) –	18		\$ 6,792.03
Total Refunds (Greater Than \$100) -	5	\$	864.45
Aldridge, Jeffrey Scott		\$	191.35
Hardee, Michael J. & wf Debra M.		\$	201.98
Mazda American Credit		\$	106.70
Mercedes Benz Credit Corporation		\$	262.57
Nelson, Donna Sutton		\$	101.85

2. Budget Amendment – Social Services Day Care Funds

The N.C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Child Development has reduced the Head Start Day Care Funds allocated to the Department of Social Services. This is a normal adjustment based on the County’s expenditures and the Department has adequate funds, remaining to continue the program at the current rate of spending.

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
162400-423400	Head Start Day Care		65,381
165421-531402	DayCare Head Start		65,381

3. Budget Amendments – Health Department

- a) \$172.00 – Communicable Disease – The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust granted \$172.00 to replace items lost at the shelter during the hurricane.

- b) \$2,446.43 – Food and Lodging – The NC DENR awarded the PCHD \$2,446.43 more than we originally budgeted for our 100% compliance with mandated inspections of food and lodging establishments for FY 98/99.

Health – Communicable Disease

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153158-489000	Misc. Rev.	172.00	
155158-523000	Med. Tech. Supplies	172.00	

Health – Food and Lodging

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153112-436511	DENR Funds	2,446.43	
155112-526000	Office Supplies	2,446.43	

4. Educational Leave – Lloyd Gajadhar from Mental Health

Request for Mr. Lloyd Gajadhar to attend Family Treatment Substance Abuse Rehabilitation at ECU. He is taking this course in order to pursue a Master of Science. The course is job related and will help Mr. Gajadhar with family treatment for the dually diagnosed. The request is consistent with our Educational Leave Policy of 3 hours and is proper.

5. Reappointment of Animal Cruelty Investigator

Request for SPCA requesting the reappointment of Nimette Soli as an Animal Cruelty Investigator. The president of the SPCA of Pitt County, Lu Livermon has spoken with John Bulow, Assistant County Manager who supports the reappointment of Nimette Soli. This is contingent upon her supplying the county with a copy of her training certificate and liability insurance as required by all animal cruelty investigators. She will be appointed as a Large Animal Investigator.

6. Reappointment of Region Q Emergency Medical Council

Bobby Joyner, Emergency Services Coordinator, has requested reappointment of the members of the Region Q Emergency Medical Council members with terms that expired December 1999. Each of these members represents an agency and are eligible for reappointment.

7. Advertisement of Unpaid Tax Liens on Real Property

Order for Advertisement of 1999 Real Property for Failure to Pay Taxes. As required by G.S. 105-369 **ADVERTISEMENT OF UNPAID TAX LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY**. It is hereby ordered that the Tax Collector will cause to have published once in the local newspapers all unpaid 1999 tax lien's on real property during the week of March 13, 2000. Advertisements will combine liens on Pitt County, City of Greenville, Town of Bethel, Grimesland, Falkland and Village of Simpson including assessments and special district taxes thereof.

Date: _____

 Chairman Board of County
 Commissioners
 Mr. Charles Gaskins

Vice Chairman Hammond recognized people who were present from the Phillipi Church who are in favor of the appointment of Bishop Randy Royal to fill the vacant County Commissioner seat for District A. Commissioner Bowen stated he wanted to also recognize Ms. Ann Huggins who was also present. Ms. Huggins is the Democratic Party's recommendation for appointment to the District A vacant seat.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Penalty Appeal – A & A Enterprises DBA Little Caesars – Glenn Cutrell

Mr. Cutrell stated that A&A Enterprises DBA Little Ceasars had three locations and should have submitted three tax forms to the County Tax Assessors Office. Two of the forms were mailed to the corporate address and one went to the actual physical location and did not get forwarded to the corporate offices. Consequently, the company did not file taxes for the third location and it was identified during the Discovery process in the Tax office. They have already paid the taxes and penalty and are asking for relief from the penalty. The actual penalty for the county and city was between \$40.00 - \$50.00.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Tax Assessor's recommendation not to refund the penalty.

Business Property Tax Exemption Application - Coastal Leasing – Glenn Cutrell (Item was postponed)

Study of EMS in Pitt County Report and Next Steps – Bobby Joyner/Keith Harris

Mr. Robinson reported that the EMS study was done and completed in September 1999 but was not immediately addressed because other items such as Hurricane Floyd have taken priority until this time. Mr. Joyner and representatives of the State were present for the overview. Mr. Joyner said the State previously did a study for Pitt County in 1990. The County asked the State to look at that study and bring it up to date. Mr. Joyner introduced Keith Harris, Eastern Regional Supervisory Office of EMS, and stated that a copy of the study had been provided to each commissioner prior to this meeting. Vice Chairman Hammond commended Mr. Harris and Mr. Joyner on the study noting that it was very precise. Mr. Robinson said the study talks about availability of manpower, quick response vehicles, standard levels of service, number of locations of service, and many other issues. He stated that there is not an active EMS Council in Pitt County and recommended that the Board reestablish this council. He stated that Mr. Joyner was trying to contact several individuals to serve on this council but would like to bring the list back at the next meeting. Mr. Harris said these people are specialists in this field and they can save the Board a lot of time. Commissioner James said the EMS Council is important and that he was concerned about the manpower to operate daytime fire and rescue services. He said he was concerned about the lack of a uniform cost of services in Pitt County. He said that insurance companies would pay for this service and this would be a good way for the rescue departments to raise money. He asked about fire trucks going out on each vehicle accident. Mr. Harris responded that it is a local agreement for fire trucks to go out on rescue calls and that it is a common practice.

Commissioner Shank said there are specific recommendations in the study and was glad to see that it had been done. Mr. Robinson said part of the recommendation is staff paid personnel and the EMS Council should have a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners prior to budget deliberations. Commissioner Ward said she would like to move ahead with the council. Commissioner Ward said she would like to give the Chairman the authority to appoint those members to the EMS Council so they could begin work as soon as possible. The list of recommended members on EMS council includes:

- 3 - EMS providers
- 1 - General Public – with no EMS involvement
- 1 – EMS Medical Director

- 1 - Director of Central Communications
- 1 - County Commissioner
- 1 – Manager or Assistant Manager
- 1 – Nurse liaison
- 1 - Emergency Services Director

UPON MOTION by Commissioner James, seconded by Vice Chairman Hammond, to establish or create an EMS Council and that the ten persons or positions recommended be appointed. Commissioner Ward offered an amendment that the Chairman be authorized to make the appointments so the EMS Council can begin their work immediately. The Board approved the motion with the amendment unanimously. Mr. Robinson asked if the Board was asking for the Chairman to make the appointments and it was the consensus to move forward with the Chairman making the appointments and for the committee to begin their work immediately.

Commissioner Bowen motioned to have Commissioner James chair this council. Commissioner James asked that the Chairman make the appointments to this council.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to accept this study of the EMS services in Pitt County completed by the State, with appreciation from the Board of Commissioners

Mr. Robinson said that on the February 21st agenda, he will have a proposal on the Communications system. He said a study was done years ago about a unified communications system and there was a Hazmat Council (Hazardous Materials) in place and he would like to see the re-establishment of the Hazmat team. He said that the Hazmat Team has media, fire, rescue, communications, and other agencies participate. Vice Chairman Hammond said he is glad to see that this County is moving to some paid staff in the fire and rescue services.

Mr. Joyner reported on the fifteen train cars that derailed and that thirteen of the cars were in the Grindle Creek. They evacuated homes in the area and overall it was a very smooth operation. Mr. Joyner stated that the situation could have been very serious if it had happened anywhere else. Commissioner James stated that the County needs to move forward with a better communications system for the 911, fire, rescue, and others agencies involved.

Professional Services Engagement – Davenport & Company – Melonie Bryan

Commissioner Owens said he read the material and that his motion made in February was for the staff to come back with a proposal on how to interview the individuals and evaluate the investment proposals. He said his intent was not for the staff to bring back an investment consultant. Ms. Bryan said that she understood the motion and in talking with other counties that have this investing opportunity found that this proposal for a third party expert would put some validity to the process and take some of the politics out of the process. She spoke with Durham County representatives who said that this firm would help with regular day to day financial operations as well as large investments. They know the legislation and know how to proceed and further that they work hand in hand with the Local Government Commission. She said the County staff is asking for the third party expertise to help maximize the funds. Commissioner Ward said she was concerned about the consultant making recommendations and would be opposed to them making a recommendation. She said she would support this request if staff feels this is needed.

Vice Chairman Hammond said the Legislature gave approval to Pitt County to invest these funds in higher yielding instruments. Commissioner Owens asked about some qualifications of Davenport & Company. Ms. Bryan reported on their qualifications. Commissioner Owens said that the hospital never gives the local people an opportunity to invest. Commissioner Owens said that he believed there should be an opportunity for the local people to respond to this opportunity. Commissioner James said he was concerned about the security of this type of investing. He asked about the Hospital and how they invest. Ms. Bryan stated that the staff at PCMH has an investment advisor, flat fee consultant who assures that

the money managers are meeting their goals. Commissioner James asked if this company would recommend the money managers? Ms. Bryan stated that in Durham, they helped write the proposals and wrote an objective comparison on the information provided in the proposals. She said the ultimate decision remains with the Board.

Commissioner Bowen said he did not understand why the Board needed to approve a consultant. He asked why the County had to go out of state for this service. He said he was opposed to going outside of Pitt County. Ms. Bryan said the investment people in Pitt County do not want to work for a flat fee. She said there is no one in Pitt County that thoroughly understands this legislation and what the County can do with the funds through this legislation. Commissioner Shank said that Ms. Bryan has explained that Pitt County does not have this expertise and if the Finance Officer believes this is necessary then she would support it. She also stated that she believes the analysis should include local companies and may not necessarily want a final recommendation from the investment counselor. Ms. Bryan said that they have received 30 to 35 applications for investing the funds from local companies.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Shank, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Officer to hire an independent firm, Davenport and Company LLC and authorize the staff to negotiate annual services agreement not to exceed \$25,000 to be funded with increased interest earnings, and further to remove the selection recommendations from the Company.

Commissioner Bowen asked why hire them if you do not want a recommendation? Commissioner Ward said that they will take the applications and categorize and analyze this information from the proposals and they will present the final plans. Commissioner James said it is crucial to use an independent firm to help with this investment. Vice Chairman Hammond called for the question.

The motion passed with a five to three vote. In favor of this motion were: Commissioner Shank, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner James and Chairman Gaskins. Vice Chairman Hammond, Commissioner Owens and Commissioner Bowen opposed the motion.

Additional Half-time Position – Mental Health Detox Facility – Dr. Charles Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell asked for the Board's approval of a half-time position for the Detox Facility. The change would be from a part-time Substance Abuse Worker at \$21,613 to a full-time Substance Abuse Counselor with a budget increase of \$9,174. This is a twenty-four hour-per-day unit and they do not have enough staff to meet the needs. They will downgrade the position but they need it as a full-time position. The Detox Facility brings in revenue and this position would help cover the third shift. He said they are currently contracting to fill in this position and it would be more cost effective to increase a part-time position to a full-time position in the long term.

Vice Chairman Hammond asked that first consideration be given to employees that were part of the reduction in force process.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to increase a half-time position to a full time position in the Detox Facility. Commissioner James asked about patients from outside of Pitt County and if Pitt County receives State funds for these patients. Dr. Mitchell said there is a reciprocal agreement with other counties for their patients. Ms. Bryan said that the State does recognize the Detox Center as a regional program and gives an increased amount of funding for that purpose.

Budget Amendment – General Governmental Funds – Melonie Bryan

Ms. Bryan presented the two budget amendments.

- a. \$16,100 – Additional FEMA allocation - to fund third phase of outreach program from Mental Health in the community. Pitt County's program has been more successful than other areas.

- b. \$50,000 - Additional funding for completion of Garage relocation - divert funds from Animal Shelter project

UPON MOTION by Commissioner James, seconded by Vice Chairman Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendments as follows:

Mental Health				
ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT		INCREASE	DECREASE
193268 436000	Non Federal Grants – FEMA		16,100.00	
195268 512000	Salaries		1,575.60	
195268 526000	Supplies		1,960.40	
195268 561000	Contractual Services		12,564.40	

Garage Facility				
ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT		INCREASE	DECREASE
104260 558000	Buildings			\$50,000
104260 559000	Other Structures		\$50,000	

Award Contract for Asbestos Inspections for Structures Damaged By Hurricane Floyd – Phil Dickerson

Mr. Dickerson said that all of the stick built structures that were damaged during the flooding must be inspected and he has recommended a contract to cover this program. The Wooten Company has received proposals for asbestos inspections for the County. These inspections are required prior to the demolition of conventional “stick built” structures. The costs should be FEMA reimburseable.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Shank to accept the recommendation and award this contract to Environmental Aspects in Raleigh, North Carolina. The contract amount will be determined by how many structures have to be inspected. The motion was approved with a seven to one vote. Vice Chairman Hammond opposed this motion.

FEE PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

Item No.	Description	Unit	Environmental Aspects, Inc.	Quest Environmental	Titan Atlantic Group	UTTS Environmental	W. F. Bulow Inspections
1	Inspection for asbestos of frame/masonry built, residential dwelling up to 1,000 square feet	EA	120.00	275.00	300.00	150.00	100.00
2	Inspection for asbestos of frame/masonry built, residential dwelling 1,001 - 1,500 square feet	EA	135.00	295.00	350.00	175.00	125.00
3	Inspection for asbestos of frame/masonry built, residential dwelling 1,501 - 2,000 square feet	EA	145.00	315.00	400.00	200.00	150.00
4	Inspection for asbestos of frame/masonry built, residential dwelling 2,001 square feet and greater	EA	160.00	325.00	450.00	450.00	200.00
5	Inspection for asbestos of single-wide, manufactured home	EA	120.00	275.00	250.00	100.00	65.00
6	Inspection for asbestos of double-wide, manufactured home	EA	135.00	295.00	250.00	125.00	90.00

7	Inspection for asbestos of triple-wide, manufactured home	EA	145.00	315.00	250.00	175.00	125.00
8	Cost per sample of suspect asbestos containing material	EA	8.00	12.50	15.00	12.00	20.00
9	Prepare and submit Asbestos Application and Notification for Demolition/Renovation (DHHS 3768)	EA	10.00	50.00	100.00	20.00	25.00
10	Follow-up inspection certifying that all asbestos containing materials have been abated by others.	EA	75.00	150.00	400.00	70.00	40.00

Appointment of Commissioner to Northwest Planning Committee – Susan Banks

Vice Chairman Hammond offered to serve on the Northwest Planning Committee.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, the Board voted to nominate Vice Chairman Hammond to serve on the Northwest Planning Committee and accept this nomination by acclamation. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman’s Appointments – Chairman Gaskins

Mr. Robinson stated that the Chairman had indicated that he would mail letters to each commissioner about their appointments as indicated below.

**CHAIRMAN’S APPOINTMENTS
AND VARIOUS BOARDS ON WHICH
COMMISSIONERS SERVE**

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 7, 2000

BOARDS/COMMITTEES

COMMISSIONER

Airport Authority*

Beth Ward

Board of Education (liaisons)

Terry Shank
Glenn Bowen

Chamber of Commerce (Board Chairman)

Charles Gaskins

Council on Aging*

David Hammond

Convention & Visitors Authority (liaison)*

Terry Shank

Development Commission*

Mark Owens

Global Transpark Development Comm. (3 yr. term)

Glenn Bowen

Health Board (3 year term)

Tom Johnson

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	Beth Ward
Martin Community Action*	Vacant
Mental Health Area Board*	David Hammond
Mid-East Commission*	Eugene James
PCMH Board of Trustees (5 year term)	Glenn Bowen
PCC Board of Trustees (liaison)	Beth Ward
Planning (liaison)	Eugene James Charles Gaskins
Sheppard Memorial Library	Eugene James
Social Services (3 year term)	Terry Shank
Transportation Advisory Committee*	Tom Johnson

*Chairman's Appointments

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Commissioner James spoke about the inflated price of gasoline in Pitt County. He said he can buy it cheaper other places. There is no competition in Greenville. He said he wonders about this and that the Board needs to speak out for the people of Pitt County. Trade Station is charging \$1.31 in Greenville and \$1.28 in New Bern.
- Commissioner Shank asked that the Chairman's appointments be listed in the newspaper so the public can see who is serving on which boards.
- Vice Chairman Hammond spoke about citizens' participation with the Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Owens recognized Judy Tart, Register of Deeds.
- Commissioner Bowen recognized Reverend Randy Royal.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Vice Chairman Hammond, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session as authorized by G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged and confidential and not considered public record; and (4) local or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area by the public body; and (6) consider the qualifications, competence, performance condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee as cited by the County Attorney.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session

Commissioner Owens stated that Mr. Chaffee presented an offer for Farmville Shell Building in closed session and he **motioned** that the offer be accepted. Vice Chairman Hammond seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Vice Chairman Hammond motioned to adjourn.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted seven to one to accept the goals as the employees presented them and use them in the upcoming year for evaluation purposes. Commissioner Bowen opposed the motion.

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board