

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2000**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, May 1, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting is to consider public business as indicated on the following agenda.

Commissioners present:

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

Others present were:

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 by Chairman Gaskins.

INVOCATION provided by Commissioner Johnson.

PLEDGE led by Commissioner Owens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Owens asked to add an item concerning mosquitoes.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

Chairman Gaskins stated that Vice Chairman Hammond would not be attending the meeting today. Commissioner James motioned, seconded by Commissioner Shank, to excuse Vice Chairman Hammond from this meeting. Vice Chairman Hammond arrived at this time.

Commissioner James withdrew his motion to excuse Vice Chairman Hammond from this meeting upon Vice Chairman Hammond's arrival. Commissioner Shank agreed to withdraw her second to the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 31, 2000

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Shank the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 31, 2000 as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CABLE TELEVISION ACTIVITIES – Arlen Holt

Mr. Holt stated that there are four cable providers in Pitt County. They have made changes in the recent months that affect the rates for service.

- a. FCC limits what the Board of Commissioners can regulate. The Board of Commissioners has the responsibility of validating the calculations on rates.
- b. Franchises are not exclusive.
- c. Basic Subscriber tier is the only level the Board can regulate.

Adelphia Communications is the third largest cable company in Pitt County and they have changed their basic service rate from \$10.30 to \$10.29.

Cox Communications is the largest cable company in Pitt County. Bill Paramore was present. They have changed their rate for basic service from 6.74 to \$7.04.

Time Warner Cable changed their rate for basic service from \$9.80 to \$10.66 due to upgraded system and additional channels.

Commissioner James asked about Bethel's lack of cable and when they could expect service in his area. He asked what the citizens needed to do to get cable service in Bethel so the people can watch the government channel. Mr. Paramore stated the service is underway for Bethel and it is just a matter of scheduling air time and dates. Commissioner James asked for maps of where cable service is provided. Mr. Holt said that information is available and is updated regularly. He stated that the information is based on where the fiberoptic cable is located. Mr. Paramore said they extended service last year to Grimesland and Simpson. They need 20 homes from a plant to make it economically feasible for them to provide fiberoptic and cable service.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Vernon Morrison spoke about the cost of his service being \$37.00 per month for basic service for his household. He asked why \$7.04 is basic service. Mr. Paramore stated that Mr. Morrison may have more than one package on his system. Commissioner Owens asked about providing cable to the Fountain area. Mr. Holt said Fountain was served by Frontiervision. They are under negotiations for a new franchise but at this moment it is Adelphia. They must have a new agreement with the County by October, 2000. Commissioner James asked why the prices are different from one town to another. Mr. Holt said this is a private industry and they only have to show that their cost for basic service is based on fundamental reasoning and they can justify their costs. Their rates are based on the number of households they serve and the features that are offered. Chairman Gaskins asked if there was anyone else from the public that wished to speak. No one else came forward. The public hearing was closed. Mr. Holt recommended that no action be taken on this matter at this time.

Commissioner James motioned to take no action. Vice Chairman Hammond seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD

- Vernon Morrison - said he wanted to mention the World War II project in Washington, DC in the Board meeting. He stated he was very proud of serving in World War II and hoped people would vote today.
- Nancy Colville - spoke about the travel policy of the Board of Commissioners. She said awhile back Commissioner Bowen asked for a committee to be formed to look at the Board's travel policy. Each time a new commissioner comes on the Board, the policy is explained to them. She said the Board should police the Board of Commissioners themselves and this should not be the staff's responsibility. She said she did not understand paying for someone to go to the National Association of Black Officials conference. The County should not fund this conference. If someone wants to go, they should pay for it themselves. She also stated that the Commissioners should rotate attendance at the conferences. She spoke about Vice Chairman Hammond's trip and his filing his receipts and the settling of expenses.

ITEMS FOR REPORT

Manager's Report – Tom Robinson

Mr. Robinson stated Ms. Debbie Dihoff, the new Area Director for Mental Health, was present and asked David White, Mental Health Area Board Chairman, to introduce Ms. Dihoff. Mr. David White stated Ms. Dihoff is very qualified and has been looked to as a consultant for other agencies.

Ms. Dihoff stated she is very excited about coming to Pitt County Mental Health Center and provided some of her background in Mental Health to the Board. She said she was aware of the support from the Board and that there are similar financial situations Mental Health systems across the State. She stated she was looking forward to continuing Dr. Mitchell's work and looking after the finances. She said she hoped to work towards building the services. She also asked the Board to consider designating May as "Mental Health Awareness Month."

RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 2000 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MAY 1, 2000

WHEREAS, mental illness is a tragedy that can strike any family without respect to heritage, family history, or any other risk factor, and;

WHEREAS, the treatment of mental illness has made significant advances in recent years, and;

WHEREAS, the stigma of mental illness is much reduced today with the public being better informed and more amenable and access to treatment.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners hereby declares the month of May in the year 2000 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

ADOPTED this 1st day of May 2000.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to designate May as "National Mental Health Awareness Month" in Pitt County.

Mr. Robinson reported the following items:

- Scheduled Budget Workshops for May 17th at 1:30 p.m. for presentation of a trial balanced budget. May 18th @ 9:00 a.m. and May 19th @ 9:00 a.m. were workshops scheduled for agency presentations and May 23rd as an optional workshop date if needed. On June 5th a presentation of the final balanced budget with Manager's message will be presented. The budget public hearing needs to be rescheduled for June 12th 7:00 p.m. and June 13-16 are scheduled for final adjustments to the budget. Adoption of the budget is scheduled during the regular session June 19th.

Commissioner Owens asked to schedule the meeting at 8:00 a.m. on May 17th. Ms. Bryan stated some of the staff would be at the closing of the certificates of participation May 16th and 17th and could possibly leave by 9:00 a.m. returning to Greenville.

Commissioner Owens motioned to change the times of the meetings on May 18th and 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Commissioner James seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Robinson explained that the June 7th date for the public hearing was changed to June 12th because of the Legislative Briefing was also on June 7th in Raleigh.

Commissioner Ward motioned that the Board reschedule the public hearing on the budget to June 12th at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Shank seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Tour of Parks and Recreation facility in Jacksonville – May 11

Mr. Robinson said that due to some conflicts in schedules, the tour of the Jacksonville facility has been changed to May 11. He asked which commissioners would like to attend. Commissioner Shank, Vice Chairman Hammond, and Commissioner Huggins stated they would like to attend the tour of the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation facility.

- d. Report on Snagging Contract- Tim Etheridge and James Rhodes spoke about the snagging of the major waterways. Mr. Rhodes stated that the Board had previously approved snagging efforts with funding from the State. They are looking at drainage and maintenance primarily in the Farmville area and some small tributaries. Mr. Etheridge's staff went on-site to look at different drainage, developed reports for the State, and focused their reports on areas provided on the map. Contentnea Creek and Tranter's Creek had areas that were not annually maintained. A pre-bid conference was held. Mr. Etheridge met with contractors. They have notified the property owners in the affected areas. Mr. Etheridge said they looked at maintained and unmaintained drainageways. Based on criteria of the program, they completed reports, and stated whether or not they could assist the homeowners. The bids were opened last Tuesday. They can take care of debris removal. They may need to go back and look later for more intense type of clearing work. Commissioner James asked about the Stokes Road area that was washed out. Mr. Etheridge said this would be fixed. Mr. Rhodes said a feasibility study will be done to see if people can get back and forth if the water starts rising. The new Greene Street bridge is already under construction.

Mr. Etheridge said that the Contentnea Creek residents had an option for drainage maintenance sometime around the 1970 decade. Commissioners were elected to move forward with the drainage plan but they decided that there was not enough property owner support to do this project. The funds are no longer available for this project. USDA would not fund this project anymore. The project started at Highway 13 and was a lateral off of Contentnea Creek. Commissioner Huggins asked about the debris removal. Mr. Etheridge said they would not be removing sediment that washed down but would remove treetops, water cylinders, and other debris that may have ended up in the waterways as a result of the flooding. Commissioner Ward asked about the decision by the landowners not to take advantage of the drainage district maintenance. Mr. Robinson said there is another grant that the County would be applying for that is similar to this project. Mr. Robinson also stated that they would be looking at drainage in subdivisions which are not currently being maintained.

Commissioner Bowen asked if Mayor Bob Evans, from Farmville, could address the Board on this matter. Mayor Winborn asked if Contentnea Creek was being included in this process or not. Mr. Etheridge said that Contentnea Creek is in the project. Farmers had an opportunity to sign up for excavation work. Mayor Winborn asked for copies of the reports so the Town of Farmville will know exactly what is being done.

Census Bureau Needs Local Employees – Arlen Holt

Mr. Holt reported that there are enumerator positions available. The field work segment of the census has not been done and they need people to go door to door. They are hiring and have an urgent request for people who would go out and canvas the community. He said they are taking applications at their local field office. The mail-in response for the census was 51%. The people would have to have some form of transportation.

ITEMS FOR CONSENT

UPON MOTION by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Huggins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items for consent. Commissioner Huggins said the

Budget Amendment for Social Services was because they received funds for doing such a great job.

1. Budget Amendments for Social Services
 - a. \$16,800 – Smart Start
 - b. \$118,000 – Foster Care and Adoption Assistance
 - c. \$8,000 – Additional Adoption Program
 - d. \$31,885 – Block Grant for Info & Case Assistance to In-Home Services
2. Budget Amendments – General Governmental Funds
 - a. \$1,500 – Sheriff – contributions for training
 - b. \$41,000 – MIS/Sheriff – Refund from Visions software
 - c. \$5,391 – Sheriff – Grant for bullet proof vests
3. Budget Amendments – Health Department
 - a. Neuro
 - b. Orthopedic
4. Tax Releases and Refunds Greater than \$100

1. Budget Amendment – Social Services

Social Services has received notice of various funding charges which require action by the Board of Commissioners to implement. The following amendments are submitted for your review and approval:

- (a) \$16,800 – additional smart day care funding from the State. No additional county funds are required.
- (b) \$118,000 – additional foster care and adoption assistance funds utilizing new revenues and reallocating internal funds to cover services which have exceeded departmental expectations. No additional county funds are required. Reallocating existing county match.
- (c) \$8,000 – additional adoption program funding from the state. No additional county funds are required.
- (d) \$31,885 – reallocation of block grant funds from Info and Case Assistance to in-home services. 10% match will come from reallocating existing departmental funds

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
162400-423401	Smart Start		16,800
165421-531403	Daycare Smart Start		16,800
165454-531504	Foster Care IV-E	20,000	
162400-423001	IV-E Foster Care	16,400	
165400-531505	Foster Care IV-E Maximization	82,000	
162400-423007	Title IV-E Maximization	50,840	
165454-531500	Foster Care County	5,000	
165454-569316	Adoption Assistance	11,000	
165454-569300	Medicaid – County Portion		50,760
162400-433050	Special Child Adoption Fund	8,000	
165421-540108	Special Child Adoption Fund	8,000	
162400-426400	Federal Categorical Grant	28,426	
165492-531600	In Home Aids	31,585	
165458-529900	Drugs/Prescription/Vaccinations		3,159

2. General Government Budget Amendments

The following Budget Amendments are submitted for your review and approval:

- a) \$1,500 – Sheriff – contributions received to sponsor training session on April 25/26
- b) \$41,000 – MIS/Sheriff – refund from visions for computer system formerly used by the Sheriff's Department. System not suitable and contract awarded to

- another vendor.
 c) \$5,391 – Sheriff – grant award from the Bureau of Justice for bullet proof vests

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
104310-522000	Food and Provisions	1,500	
102800-484000	Contributions and Donations	1,500	
104240-542200	Software	41,000	
102800-483000	Refunds – Prior Year	41,000	
104310-528002	Law Enforcement Supplies	5,391	
102400-432003	Bureau of Justice Grant	5,391	

3. Budget Amendments – Health Department

- a) \$1,150 – Neurology – to appropriate fund balance dollars to cover operating costs reflecting contracted services and x-rays
 b) \$550 – Orthopedic – to appropriate fund balance dollars to cover operating costs reflecting non-professional medical and contracted services

<u>Account No.:</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
153172-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	1,150	
155172-561000	Contracted Services	150	
155172-519600	X-rays	1,000	
153173-499101	Fund Balance Appropriated	550	
155173-519301	Non-professional medical	500	
155173-561000	Contracted Services	50	

4. Tax Releases and Refunds Greater than \$100

March 2000	Total County Releases (greater than \$100) -	58	\$	9,613.22
March 2000	Total Greenville Releases (greater than \$100) -	29	\$	3,913.11
	Total Refunds (greater than \$100) -	1	\$	267.42

Refund to Mark Sean and Michelle Susan Moser for \$267.42 due to appraisal error. Attic space was assessed as a finished upper story in error.

RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
BALLARD, BEVERLY	8110732/7		191.91
REF: 34354			
NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			

BEACHAM, GRAY	1181287/0		167.87
REF: 34652			
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11591030, ROBERT LEE BEACHAM.			

BRADY, FLOYD THOMAS	9120152/2		145.08
REF: 34674			
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			

BRIXON, KAREN MICHELLE	9100885/9		187.88
REF: 34662			
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			

BULLOCK, JAMIE LITTLE	1159732/0	235.04
REF: 34386		
NOTE:1998 - DID NOT OWN 01-01-97.		
CARTEMPS FINANCING,	9060871/5	120.55
REF: 34335		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
COLEY, REATHA B	9110375/4	126.59
REF: 34358		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
COOK, WILLIE JAMES	9110513/4	138.83
REF: 34307		
NOTE:1999 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.		
CRAFT, MICHAEL KEVIN	9100823/1	163.49
REF: 34707		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
D.L. PETERSON TRUST	9120447/6	207.33
REF: 34629		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
DANIELS, KEVIN	1181200/0	288.72
REF: 34465		
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED DUE TO INCORRECT OWNER BILLED. CORRECT OWNER IS S STEVEN R. TAYLOR AND CHANNELL TAYLOR.		
ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120142/0	135.05
REF: 34509		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120142/1	135.05
REF: 34510		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120127/3	106.90
REF: 34505		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120141/9	135.05
REF: 34508		
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.		
ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120127/8	106.90
REF: 34507		

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 9120127/6 106.90
REF: 34506
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 9120127/1 106.90
REF: 34504
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

FUTRELL, MICHAEL TODD 1114038/0 153.87
REF: 34677
NOTE:1998 - MOBILE HOME CHARGED IN ERROR.

GAREY, RICHARD 1173824/0 210.43
REF: 34427
NOTE:1999 - MOBILE HOME DOUBLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GRADY, ANTHONY CHARLES 9060363/4 113.43
REF: 34516
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HARRISON, BOBBY L. JR. 1158917/0 130.25
REF: 34589
NOTE:1998 - MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED.

HART, RENEE 1165511/0 216.67
REF: 34449
NOTE:1998 - MOBILE HOME DOUBLE CHARGED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 1173828/0
(STANLEY, KEITH).

HART, RENEE 1165511/0 198.17
REF: 34448
NOTE:1998 - MOBILE HOME DOUBLE CHARGED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 1173828/0
(STANLEY, KEITH).

HOLLAND, JULIE JACKSON 1146788/0 52338 432.92
REF: 34533
NOTE:1999 - MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED IN 1998.

HOLLAND, LESLIE KAY 9040626/6 100.92
REF: 34498
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HOLLIS, DELPHIA 1175614/0 120.33
REF: 34551
NOTE:1998 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 10840760, WRIGHT, DELPHIA ANN.

JACKSON, STONEWALL 1181687/0 331.30
REF: 34475
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO LISTED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER
11795550, KATIE M. JACKSON.

KEYS, TRACY S 9120114/2 147.22
REF: 34704
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

KING, JESSIE 1182052/0 262.01
REF: 34651
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11810040, KING, JESSIE.

LITTLE, LILLIAN 1181630/0 167.96
REF: 34586
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11763110
LITTLE, LILLIAN D.

MCLAUGHLIN, DEBRA BAILEY 9100825/8 150.55
REF: 34331
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MCLOUD, JIMMY 1170112/0 206.69
REF: 34432
NOTE:1998 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11553460, JIMMIE MCCLLOUD.

MEWBORN, ADRIAN 1175072/0 138.52
REF: 34312
NOTE:1998 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 10935130, GENE HASSELL.

MORROW, JOHN WILLIAM 9020601/2 146.70
REF: 34631
NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MORROW, WANDA HESTER 9050560/4 119.54
REF: 34630
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

PARROTT, ROBERT DONALD 9120452/3 116.00
REF: 34684
NOTE:1999 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

POTTER, CONNIE 1181827/0 120.18
REF: 34350

NOTE:1999 - RELEASE MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11490530, HILL, IRENE W.

QUINN, TAMMY SMITH 9120135/9 147.63

REF: 34633

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

QUINN, TAMMY SMITH 9120135/9 147.63

REF: 34638

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED DUE TO CLERICAL BILLING ERROR.

ROGERS, LARRY 1175800/0 107.79

REF: 34391

NOTE:1998 - NOT THE OWNER OF MOBILE HOME 01-01-98.

SIMMONS, JR. HOWARD RAY 1176367/0 271.23

REF: 34304

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11810200, SIMMONS, HOWARD RAY JR.

SIMMONS, LOUISE 1181986/0 287.33

REF: 34305

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11810200, SIMMONS, HOWARD RAY JR.

SMITH, MELVIN WAYNE 9110249/7 136.54

REF: 34442

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

SPIRIT RENT-A-CAR INC 8100852/5 164.35

REF: 34336

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

THOMPSON, MERLE ANNETTE 9110219/1 186.40

REF: 34514

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

UPTON, DANIEL KENDRICK 11414/8 155.47

REF: 34566

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

VADLAMUDI, SATYAPRASAD 9060817/5 150.37

REF: 34653

NOTE:1999 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

YOUNG, GEORGE DONALD 9100720/9 118.66

REF: 34377

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

TOTAL RELEASES: 49 \$8,263.10

RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
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BALLARD, BEVERLY	8110732/7		176.92
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REF: 34354

NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

BARROW, DAVID DANIEL	9110247/2		144.14
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REF: 34711

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

CARTEMPS FINANCING,	9060871/5		118.10
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REF: 34335

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

COLLINS, SHANNON DELOACH	9030098/1		100.10
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REF: 34454

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

D L PETERSON TRUST	11392/3		213.55
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REF: 34619

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

D.L. PETERSON TRUST	9120447/6		187.70
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REF: 34629

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120142/0		129.23
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REF: 34509

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120142/1		129.23
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REF: 34510

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120127/6		106.46
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REF: 34506

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120127/3		106.46
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REF: 34505

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING	9120141/9		129.23
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REF: 34508
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 9120127/1 106.46
REF: 34504
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

ENTERPRISE LEASING 9120127/8 106.46
REF: 34507
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

JONES, CYNTHIA SINGLETON 11445/6 114.16
REF: 34557
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

KING, JESSIE 1182052/0 163.37
REF: 34651
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11810040, KING, JESSIE.

LEGGETT JR, VIRGIL KEMP 9120629/2 116.53
REF: 34656
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

MCLAUGHLIN, DEBRA BAILEY 9100825/8 141.77
REF: 34331
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MORROW, JOHN WILLIAM 9020601/2 139.98
REF: 34631
NOTE:1998 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MORROW, WANDA HESTER 9050560/4 117.55
REF: 34630
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

POWELL, THOMAS 9120283/0 148.87
REF: 34563
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

SIMMONS, LOUISE 1181986/0 183.84
REF: 34305
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT
NUMBER 11810200, SIMMONS, HOWARD RAY JR.

TRIPP JR, JARVIS 9120427/7 151.84
REF: 34547
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

TRIPP, HAZEL GARRIS 9120375/0 199.36
REF: 34546
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

VADLAMUDI, SATYAPRASAD 9060817/5 122.28
REF: 34653
NOTE:1999 - PRORATE TAXES ON VEHICLE.

YOUNG, GEORGE DONALD 9100720/9 116.12
REF: 34377
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

TOTAL RELEASES: 25 \$3,469.71

Chairman Gaskins called for a five-minute break at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Gaskins called the meeting back to order at 10:10 a.m. with all commissioners present.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

Proclaim the Month of May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month” – David McGowan

Mr. Robinson spoke on behalf of this proclamation. Commissioner Bowen stated the City had already passed this proclamation.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Bowen, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted to unanimously approve the month of May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month”.

PITT COUNTY

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH 2000

BY THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, many Pitt County citizens enjoy the sun, wind and freedom of the open road by wheeling out their motorcycle and riding the highways. Yet, along with that enjoyment comes a responsibility to operate those motorcycles safely; and

WHEREAS, since motorcycles lack the protective armor of automobiles and trucks, their operators are at a greater risk for serious injury or death by accident. All motorists should be aware that motorcyclists will be sharing the road this summer and throughout the year with other transportation vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Concerned Bikers Association along with the North Carolina Motorcycle Safety Education Program, stresses the importance of educational programs designed to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents that end in injury, loss of life and destruction of property. These groups are doing their part to ensure that people who enjoy motorcycles for recreation and pleasure do so safely;

NOW THEREFORE, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2000 as “**MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina and urge our citizens to commend its observance.

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

Request to Reconsider Appeal on Braveheart Subdivision – Charles McLawhorn, Jr.

Mr. Robinson stated that Charles (Sonny) McLawhorn was not present when this item was previously brought before the Board. He stated the Board may vote to hear this item again, hear a report and then may decide to reconsider the item. The Board had voted on April 17, 2000 to deny the subdivision.

Commissioner Shank motioned to reconsider the Braveheart Subdivision issue at this time. Commissioner Bowen seconded the motion. Ms. Burgdorff stated that since the Board has already heard this matter, the Board needs to agree to revisit or reopen this item by a vote of the Board. She stated that representatives from Braveheart Subdivision were not present so the Board did not hear both sides of the issue. The Board needs to vote to reopen, allow them to present and then vote to reconsider.

Chairman Gaskins called for the vote on the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Braveheart Subdivision was a proposed subdivision located within a few hundred feet of a poultry industry. The proposed subdivision is located on Grover Hardee Road. Environmental Health staff provided a statement that there are no health regulations that could be used for denial of this subdivision.

Mr. McLawhorn stated he appreciated the Board rehearing this matter. He said there was a miscommunication on time of the last meeting which was why there was no one present to speak on behalf of the Braveheart Subdivision. He stated their concern was that the position that the County has taken is not supported by the constitution or case law on due process and equal protection of citizens. He said it is the law of the land and due process for every citizen and in this case the law is being violated. It will be a problem for the County if the County does not follow the law. He encouraged the Board to consult with their attorney and check out the law. The citizen who wishes to buy a lot in Braveheart Subdivision can see that there are chicken houses beside the subdivision. He stated there is an odor but it is not constant and the farmer dries the litter and it is spread on farmland which is not near the subdivision. The litter from this farm will be placed in another area. He said based on the constitution and case law on this situation and the nuisance law that has been around for centuries, the County has no grounds to deny this subdivision. He asked the Board to allow Mr. Ken Smith to build Braveheart Subdivision as planned. Commissioner Bowen asked about the capability of the land perking. Mr. Smith stated that there are areas that will not perk. Vice Chairman Hammond asked how much of his personal money he has spent on this plan. He said he has spent about \$10,000 on soil evaluation, engineers, and they are ready to start cutting the roads. Commissioner Shank asked if the legal items he presented had been shared with the Planning Board. Mr. McLawhorn said that they had not been shared because he was brought in after the decision by the Planning Board. He said in the absence of countywide zoning, this subdivision is a legal use of the property. Mr. Smith said he had lived in front of a chicken house for twelve years. The odor is only there five to six times a year when the houses are completely cleaned out. The litter should not be a problem since it will be spread elsewhere. Commissioner Shank said she and Commissioner Huggins went and visited the area and that some of the surrounding neighbors said that the odor was sometimes a nuisance. Mr. McLawhorn said that it is a matter of degree.

Commissioner Ward said the chicken houses are present and obvious to anyone looking at the lots in that area. Commissioner Huggins said that she agreed with Ms. Ward and that some of the neighbors they spoke with had complained of flies. They talked with some neighbors about what they did to keep the chicken houses from being built. Mr. McLawhorn said there is a right to use the land unless there is a clearly defined law that says you can not use it in a certain way and in this case there is no such law. Commissioner Bowen asked about people from out of state purchasing this property. Vice Chairman Hammond said he did not vote for this last time but the Board acted after the fact, since Mr. Smith already has spent so much money in working towards using his land. He was not comfortable denying anyone use of their land without a zoning ordinance to back up this decision. Mr. Smith said that he has already developed lots on the other side. He said he was going to put doublewide mobile homes on the other side of the property and he plans to owner finance the lots in order to help the people needing to purchase a home.

Commissioner Bowen motioned to allow Mr. Smith to do as the law allows him to develop his land. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion.

Commissioner James asked about the law and asked Ms. Burgdorff to address Mr. McLawhorn's comments. Ms. Burgdorff said there is no specific case law that the Board can use because all the cases that support this matter are in areas that have county-wide zoning. Commissioner James asked if there had been zoning would they have been able to stop this subdivision.

Commissioner Shank said since she had been made aware of the legal ramifications, she needed to change her vote on this item. Ms. Burgdorff said there are two sides to this matter and Mr. McLawhorn's information brings new facts which clarify this matter.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Adoption of Community Development Block Grant Project Ordinance and Program Initiation Manual – Don Harvey, Wooten Company

Mr. Rhodes reported that the Community Development Block Grant program is beginning with ten residences in the scattered site plan. He said these properties are for demolition and relocation of these homes. There are two items for the Board's consideration to be presented by Don Harvey, Wooten Company and Grant Administrator. Mr. Harvey stated that the Grant Project Ordinance establishes the expenditures and revenues for the project. The County is contributing \$17,500 to project. He said the Initiation Manual presented reflects the policies and procedures for administration of the grant program.

UPON MOTION by Commissioner Ward to adopt the Grant Project Ordinance and Initiation Manual, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted to unanimously for adoption of the Grant Project Ordinance and Initiation Manual.

PITT COUNTY FY 00 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development Project described in the work statement contained in Grant Agreement 00-C-0668 between the County and the North Carolina Department of Commerce. This project is more familiarly known as the Pitt County Scattered Site and Pitt County A-1 Project.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Community Development Block Grant	\$ 350,000
Community Development Block Grant (Additional Option)	29,000
County Funds	<u>17,500</u>
Total	\$ 396,500

Section 4. The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

Acquisition	\$ 11,000
Clearance Activities	17,500
Relocation	65,000
Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Dwellings	226,500
Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Dwellings-County Funds	17,500
Rehabilitation of Privately Owned Dwellings (Additional Option)	26,750
Administration	30,000
Administration (Additional Option)	<u>2,250</u>
Total	\$ 396,500

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grantor agency required by the Grant Agreement and Federal and State regulations.

Section 6. Funds will be requisitioned from the State after submission of documentation to the County. The County upon actual receipt of CDBG funds will make disbursement of funds from the State. Compliance with all federal and state procurement regulations is required.

Section 7. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this County.

Section 9. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted this 1st day of May 2000.

Charles P. Gaskins, Chairman

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board

PITT COUNTY FY 00 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PROGRAM INITIATION MANUAL RESOLUTION

A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Program Initiation Manual for the Pitt County Community Development Program.

Be it Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Pitt County, North Carolina, That:

WHEREAS, the County is participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the following documents are required under this program;

- Fair Housing Plan
- Equal Employment and Procurement Plan
- Local Economic Benefit For Low And Very Low Income Persons Plan
- Section 504
- Citizen Participation Plan
- Residential Anti-Displacement And Relocation Assistance Plan
- Optional Coverage Relocation Plan
- Code Of Conduct/Hatch Act Policy
- Acquisition Guidelines
- Relocation Guidelines
- Clearance Guidelines
- Rehabilitation Guidelines
- Complaint Procedure
- Contracts Officer Designation
- Labor Standards Officer Designation
- Verification Officer Designation
- Just Compensation Officer Designation
- Financial Management Procedure

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Pitt County, North Carolina, hereby adopts the Program Initiation Manual to be used throughout the implementation of the Pitt County FY 00 Community Development Program.

Adopted this 1st day of May, 2000.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board

Real Estate Appraisers and Land Surveyors Contracts for Buy-Out Program – James Rhodes

Mr. Robinson stated that staff has solicited proposals from Real Estate Appraisers and Land Surveyors for the Buy-Out Program. Mr. James Rhodes reported that they have 184 properties in the first grant application. There are some issues involving State and Federal funds. He stated that there is \$19.4 million for funds in the application process. Staff sent out request for proposals to local surveyors and appraisal firms with five surveyors and ten appraisal firms responding. They selected five appraisal firms. Staff met with the appraisers and surveyors as a group. In the County, there are also some commercial operations that were damaged and they have a few add-ons which added additional fees because of special needs. Mr. Rhodes stated that staff recommended five real estate appraisers and five land surveyors. Mr. Rhodes said he is asking for authorization to enter into contracts, when funding is made available by the State or Federal Government. Ninety-five percent of the lots are typical lots. One mobile home lot will cost more because of the size and nature of the lot. There is one warehouse/residential unit which will be treated differently. Mr. Rhodes said they have to appraise properties for pre-flood value so they can offer fair market value. Mr. Rhodes said the County has looked at all damaged property. These properties are mostly in the flood plain. Commissioner Owens asked how they arrived at these few appraisers and surveyors. Mr. Rhodes said \$400 is what they agreed to provide the services for and they were the ones qualified and willing to do the work for that price. Commissioner Owens asked if they can pay less if it is a smaller lot.

Commissioner Bowen motioned to accept the staff recommendation to authorize staff to enter into contracts, pending grant approval from NCDEM and FEMA, with selected Appraisers and Surveyors to assist with the Buy-Out program following the fee schedule as specified below. Vice Chairman Hammond seconded the motion and praised Mr. Rhodes for using local people for these services. Commissioner Bowen said he wanted to approve the real estate appraisers and the surveyors as recommended by staff and would like the five not accepted to be notified and told the reason that they were not being recommended and the contracts will be pending upon grant approval and an accepted fee schedule.

The motion passed with a seven to two vote. Commissioner James and Commissioner Owens opposed the motion. Commissioner Owens said he did not like the way they set the fees.

REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS:

Appraisal Associates, Greenville, NC
Appraisers Inc., Greenville, NC
Dews Appraisal, Winterville, NC
Stokes Appraisal, Greenville, NC
Rasberry & Associates, Greenville, NC

LAND SURVEYORS:

Burgess Land Surveying, Greenville, NC
Jarvis & Associates, Washington, NC
Spruill & Associates, Greenville, NC
Stroud Engineering, Greenville, NC

McDavid Associates, Farmville, NC

The fees were as follows:

Land Survey of typical residential lot:	\$400
Additional Fees: Draftsmen (hourly fee)	\$35
Staff Surveyor (hourly fee)	\$50
2 person survey crew (hourly fee)	\$75
Residential real estate appraisal for typical property:	\$275
Duplex real estate appraisal:	\$400
Additional fees: Commercial or Agricultural appraisal (hourly)	\$75

Commissioner Bowen asked about a copy of a letter that was sent to Barbara Fenner of West Greenville Development Corporation. Mr. Rhodes stated there were two outstanding issues at this time. There are repair and replacement grants being sent to the State and asking for assistance from them for people that were not in the buy-out program. He said they needed to include them in their list. He said the housing counselors that are being supplied by Ms. Fenner with West Greenville Development Corporation are not working on the agreed schedule. It is a problem for the people showing up for meetings when the housing counselors are not available. Commissioner Bowen asked if he was unhappy with their performance. Mr. Rhodes said he had not been pleased.

Commissioner Bowen **motioned** that the Board instruct the County Attorney to find out who the board members are for this corporation and to send a letter informing them of the County's displeasure in their performance. Commissioner James seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Hammond voted in opposition. The motion passed with an eight to one vote.

Commissioner James explained how he was trying to help a disabled couple that was flooded out of their home. He said they came to meet with the housing counselors and waited to see someone that never showed up. The Planning Department has not been getting the help that has been needed and scheduled.

Mr. Rhodes stated that another agency, South Lee Street-Ayden Neighborhood Improvement, Inc. has been providing staff support in the Recovery Operations Center and they have done a very good job.

Commissioner Ward motioned, seconded by Commissioner James, to send a letter thanking this group for their assistance in the Recovery Operations Center. The motion was approved unanimously.

PATS Transportation for FEMA Sites – John Bulow

Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Bulow had informed him that the FEMA funds were no longer going to be available to provide the transportation services from the FEMA sites to other locations. Mr. Bulow said PATS has been providing transportation for FEMA sites. The County is providing service but now there is no more funding. It was averaging \$1500 and last month it was over \$400. PATS vans are going to the sites numerous times, but there are not many riders. Commissioner James asked for Mr. Bulow's recommendation on this matter. Mr. Bulow said they are providing transportation but it is not at peak times. They are going to the sites at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. He suggested that if there is a specific need it may be more economically feasible to supply the need versus sending regularly scheduled van trips. Commissioner Huggins suggested a notice be sent to the residents in the FEMA park letting them know that this service is being stopped. Vice Chairman Hammond asked about the Greenville bus system. Mr. Bulow stated they only go outside of the city limits if there is an agreement and someone pays for the service. Mr. Bulow said he would not recommend continuation of the scheduled runs and if there is extra capacity then they could do pick ups.

Commissioner Owens motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bowen, to approve Mr. Bulow's recommendation to provide the PATS vans as an on-demand service. Commissioner Ward said the FEMA representative at each park could call in for on-demand transportation and then the County can find a way to fund this expense. Mr. Bulow said the funds would be used more efficiently in this way. Commissioner Huggins asked to include a notice be sent to residents of FEMA parks that this service will change. Mr. Bulow said he would report to the Board on an ongoing basis of the expenses for this transportation services. The motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of Resolution to Secure Funding from State Agencies to Support the Operation of JobLink Centers – John Bulow

Mr. Bulow stated that the law changed in February 2000 to workforce monies and mandated JobLink services sites. The site in Pitt County is at Pitt Community College. The entire financial burden is on the federal side. Mr. Bulow stated that they are asking the Board to approve a resolution of support for the State government to pay their fair share of the expenses of operating the JobLink centers.

Mr. Lee Armstrong reviewed the Workforce Investment Act stating that all partners are supposed to share in the funding of the program. He said the local agencies are doing a fine job in providing personnel. The resolution is being presented to all of the Region Q County Commissioners and has received positive responses. The resolution asks for the Governor to mandate these State agencies provide their portion of the funding.

Commissioner James motioned, seconded by Commissioner Shank, to approve the resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PITT COUNTY SUPPORTING THE REGION Q WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CONSORTIUM'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A ONE-STOP JOBLINK CAREER CENTER SYSTEM IN BERTIE, BEAUFORT, HERTFORD, MARTIN AND PITT COUNTIES

Whereas, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; and

Whereas, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 became effective in North Carolina on January 1, 2000; and

Whereas, the primary purpose of the Workforce Investment Act is to collocate, coordinate and improve employment, training, literacy and vocational rehabilitation programs in the United States; and

Whereas, the Workforce Investment Act requires the establishment of a One-Stop system for the delivery of employment and training services, such system in North Carolina known as the JobLink Career Center system, for the delivery of employment and training services; and

Whereas, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires that the following programs collaborate to provide services through the One-Stop system: programs authorized under the Workforce Investment Act Titles I, II and III; Wagner-Peyser Act (Employment Security Commission); Title I of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Vocational Rehabilitation); Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Welfare to Work); Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965; post secondary vocational education activities authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act; activities authorized under Chapter 2 Title II of the Trade Act of 1974; activities authorized under Chapter 41 of Title 38, United States Code (Veterans Employment Service); employment and training activities carried out under the Community Services Block Grant Act; employment and training activities carried out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and programs authorized under State unemployment compensation laws (in accordance with applicable federal law); and

Whereas, the Workforce Investment Act vests authority in local Workforce Development Board to plan, implement and oversee the One-Stop (JobLink) system.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners in regular session duly assembled, as follows:

1. Pitt County requests the Governor of North Carolina to require all appropriate State agencies to cooperate with the Region Q Workforce Development Board in the implementation of a One-Stop (JobLink) Career Center system in Region Q.
2. Pitt County requests the Governor of North Carolina to require the appropriate State agencies to contribute staff and funds for operating expenses to support the memoranda of understanding in place for the JobLink Centers.
3. Pitt County requests that the Governor of North Carolina require the appropriate State agencies to provide for core services required by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to be delivered at all the One-Stop (JobLink) Career Centers in Region Q, specifically, in the case of Pitt County, the JobLink Center operated by Pitt Community College in Greenville, North Carolina.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2000.

Typed Name – Chairman, Pitt County Board of Commissioners

Signature of Chairman, Pitt County Board of Commissioners

As to form:

County Attorney

Approval of 2000-2001 Criminal Offender Reparations Program (CORP) Budget – John Bulow

Commissioner Owens motioned to approve the 2000-2001 CORP budget as presented by the Assistant Manager. Commissioner James seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bowen asked if CORP is really working in Pitt County. Mr. Bulow said it is working as a deterrent to imprisonment. He said he does not support County government being brought into the corrections part of the process because the County has no authority over the workers. He said there has been no increase in their budget, because he has had to compensate within their budget for increases in salaries and other incurred costs. Next year it will require County money. He said the success of this program depends on the Judge. Commissioner Shank asked who was responsible on a county level. Mr. Bulow said each year he writes a grant and the Board appoints a board that is responsible for this program. Mr. Bulow said their goal is to serve 33 individuals annually. These are tough individuals to work with and they are difficult to work with in this way. Commissioner Shank asked for copies of this CORP board's membership and attendance. Mr. Bulow said the chairman is Judge Haigwood and they have been trying to schedule their meetings around his availability. Commissioner Bowen asked if Mr. Willie Gray, Coordinator, has any control over these people. Mr. Bulow said they have very little authority. Mr. Bulow said this would be a better State run program than a County program. Commissioner Ward said this is a State program but this budget has not been increased in the past five years since its been put into place.

Commissioner Ward said she would like to see a breakdown of services before asking for any more funds from the State. Mr. Bulow said they were funded for 32 inmates and served 29 inmates. Commissioner Ward asked about the expenses? Mr. Bulow said the funds were mainly going to salaries. Commissioner James called for the question. Commissioner Bowen asked how many people were on the bus on a typical day. Mr. Gray said there are 40 people assigned to be on the bus but they may not be working that many. Mr. Bulow said if that the people are not on the bus, it is the responsibility of Probation/Parole. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bulow said that other counties have local funds in this program. Commissioner Bowen asked for a success rate of this program.

Resolution Calling for State Investigation on Gasoline Prices – Tom Robinson

Mr. Robinson said Commissioner James had expressed concern about the price of gasoline in Pitt County. It does appear that gas prices are higher for residents in Pitt County. Ms. Burgdorff provided a resolution requesting the Attorney General call for an investigation in this differentiation in gasoline prices for Pitt County. Commissioner James said he wanted to know about County's contract with Trade Oil Company. Mr. Phil Dickerson responded that the County is paying two percent below pump price.

Commissioner James motioned to approve the resolution. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PITT COUNTY, NC RELATING TO GASOLINE PRICE FIXING IN PITT COUNTY

COUNTY OF PITT
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Pitt County citizens have made known their concerns regarding gasoline prices in Pitt County being inconsistent with those prices for gasoline in other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, information gathered shows that the price of gasoline recently charged by dealers in Pitt County was an average of \$1.459 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, information gathered shows the price of gasoline recently charged by dealers in the Raleigh area was approximately \$1.299 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, information gathered shows the price of gasoline recently charged by dealers in the Morehead City area was approximately \$1.289 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 130,000 residents in Pitt County with 30,000 vehicles who use at least 15 gallons of gasoline per week; and

WHEREAS, the difference in gasoline prices amounts to at least an extra \$76,000 a week that Pitt County residents must pay for gasoline; and

WHEREAS, considering the fact that Pitt County is located in close proximity to these other locations, it does not appear equitable that our citizens are being charged higher prices for gasoline; and

WHEREAS, this situation gives the appearance that somehow the prices for gasoline in Pitt County are being fixed at an artificial and exorbitant rate by someone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners meeting this 1st day of May, 2000, in Pitt County, North Carolina, does hereby request that the Attorney General investigate this appearance of price fixing in Pitt County, North Carolina.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2000.

Charles P. Gaskins, Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Resolution Requesting Federal Sharing of Disaster Related Databases – Tom Robinson

Mr. Robinson reported that there has been a problem of accessing information on citizens from FEMA. Camden County provided a resolution and requested county governments be partners in these programs so the counties could have accessibility of information on citizens.

Commissioner Shank motioned, seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the Resolution requesting Federal Sharing of Disaster Related Databases. The motion was approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PITT COUNTY, NC
RELATING TO WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY (FEMA)**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency asks counties to assist them in urging citizens affected by disasters to call the toll-free FEMA Disaster Assistance telephone number to register for disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, information to call this toll-free number for disaster assistance is distributed on a local level, as well as by FEMA Community Relations workers who go door-to-door for weeks after a disaster has occurred, in an effort to make sure that everyone gets the necessary information; and

WHEREAS, although FEMA asks for local cooperation, the names of citizens who register with FEMA are not shared with the county government so that local services can be immediately provided to these citizens; and

WHEREAS, County government as a political subdivision of the State is ultimately responsible for planning and implementing disaster recovery measures; and

WHEREAS, the lack of sharing federal disaster related databases greater hinders County efforts to develop recovery services; and

WHEREAS, FEMA claims the reason for this lack of sharing of information is a privacy issue and they are, therefore, unable to release the registration information pursuant to federal law; and

WHEREAS, all government officials both federal , state and county have the same goals and responsibilities to the citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners meeting this 1st day of May, 2000, in Pitt County, North Carolina, does hereby urge the Pitt County Congressional Delegation to support federal legislation that would allow a federal or state agency to disclose to a local government the name, address and phone number of citizens registered for aid following a federally-declared disaster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the North Carolina County Commissioners Association and the National Association of County Officials for introduction as a policy of each association and that this Resolution be transmitted to all counties in North Carolina.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 1st day of May, 2000.

Charles P. Gaskins, Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks
Clerk, Board of Commissioners

Mosquito Program - Paul Andrews and Dr. John Morrow

Commissioner Owens said he had received an inquiry and sent it to the County Manager about mosquito problems in the County. He said with the latest surge of water indicates we will have mosquito problems and it needs to be addressed now and not wait for the new budget approval. Mr. Paul Andrews, Environmental Health Coordinator, said the spraying of mosquitoes in rural areas is only a small part of attending to the problem. Staff has been working on educating the public on how prevent mosquitoes. They distributed \$15,000 of larvaside to citizens that they acquired during the flood. Mr. Andrews said they requested a staff person for a mosquito program in the 2000-2001 budget. They have requested staff to drive truck, look for mosquito beds, buy pesticides, etc. He said they need people with experience in mosquito control but if they wait until July to start the program then they will miss the mosquito season. Commissioner James said one person is not enough to control the problem. Mr. Andrews discussed a virus that hit New York last year that was spread by mosquitoes and the only way to prevent is to keep it from getting started. The people have to work with drainage, larvaside, spraying, and this staff person could look for hot spots or trouble spots.

Dr. Morrow said there are contract employees that could do the applications. The person overseeing this program would be responsible for educating homeowners. Commissioner Ward asked if the Board instructed the staff to move forward with this plan right now, how quickly could it be put in place. Commissioner Shank asked if the staff thought that this is a crisis. Mr. Andrews stated that the County could be on the verge of it being a crisis. Commissioner Shank asked what needed to be done to get this program immediately.

Commissioner Owens motioned to appropriate up to \$50,000 from contingency for the Health Department to address the problem with mosquitoes in Pitt County. Commissioner Shank seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

- Vice Chairman Hammond reported on the conference he attended in Clark County, Nevada. He said he was commended for being the Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Association of Black County Commissioners. Commissioners, Supervisors, Attorney, Clerks from all over the US were in attendance. He said they spoke of the digital divide difference between people who have computers and people who do not have computers. He said they encouraged everyone to work collectively on common goals. He said there is a probability of

needing a computer in order to access information and to use email. He said they had a great workshop on affirmative action with equal opportunity. He stated that the County Manager encourages the Board to attend conferences because this is an excellent opportunity to network with people in other counties where they share their wisdom and education.

- Commissioner Ward reported a May 3rd meeting of Education Compact at 2:00 p.m. was scheduled and invited everyone to attend. Teachers and Principals will be coming to the meeting. The Committee includes members from the Board of Commissioners, members from the Board of Education and staff from both areas. A very important proposal will be presented that need to be heard. The County Commissioners on the committee have asked that the measurements come from the School System.
- Commissioner Huggins reported that Department of Social Services Board requested that funds that had been cut be restored and they have been restored by the State.
- Commissioner Bowen asked if it was proper for a county commissioner to function as the chairman of one of the other boards.
- Commissioner Bowen said two citizens say they have been mistreated by Pitt County Government and he believed they had been mistreated. The past Mayor of Ayden, said that the Tax office staff wrote a personal threat to garnish his wages from his salary in his late notice of his tax bill. Mr. Robinson said he would look into this matter. Commissioner James said he would like a report back to the Board on this matter.

ADJOURN

Commissioner James motioned, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board