

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 21, 2000**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, August 21, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

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

Others present were:

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

Absent:

Thomas B. Robinson, County Manager

**CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Gaskins**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

The invocation was offered by Vice Chairman Hammond.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**UPON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 2, 2000 minutes**

**UPON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously for approval of the August 2, 2000 minutes.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON FRANCHISE ORDINANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS  
LANDFILLS**

Mr. Bulow stated that Joel Scales would inform the Board about this public hearing. Mr. Scales said the Construction and Demolition landfill was at the EJE site on Highway 264 for demolition and remodeling material. The construction materials could be taken to this site instead of having to transport it to another County's landfill. Mr. Bulow stated that the fee was removed from the ordinance so that if the fee was changed at any time, the ordinance would not have to be amended. Commissioner James asked about the E.R. Lewis site. Mr. Scales said this is a staging area. Commissioner James said that debris was being buried at the E.R. Lewis

site. Mr. Scales said that the materials would be buried with sand and dirt. Commissioner James said that Mr. Whitehurst told him the debris put there would be covered with dirt.

Chairman Gaskins opened the public hearing for comments. Vice Chairman Hammond said that he was not supportive of taking the fee out of the ordinance because the public should have input on all fees.

- Richard Hicks, Town of Farmville Manager, said that if there is going to be a fee, not to put a specific fee on it until you see who is going to be using it. He said the \$2.00 fee is too high and local government will be using this landfill more than others. He said they would like notification prior to raising any fees for budgeting reasons.
- Ms. Colville spoke about the cost was too high and it should be all spelled out. She said the citizens have to pick up the tab. She spoke about Coastal Chemical and how the citizens had to pick up the cost of that problem.
- Leonard Lilley said he met with forty men at a Ruritan meeting and they all were in unanimous agreement that they would not like anything to be kept there but that it should be a recycling landfill. There is a creek in that area and a lot of people are on wells and they fear contamination.
- Judson Whitehurst, owner and operator of EJE Recycling, said they had nothing to do with Coastal Chemical. He said whatever materials they can not use would be piled up just like ER Lewis landfill. He said the State requires the monitoring wells and they would know it the same week if contamination had occurred. He said with this additional landfill it would drive prices down. He said EJE had not had a price increase in five years and they are looking at a \$5-\$8 reduction in tipping fee at this landfill. Commissioner Bowen asked about liability insurance. Mr. Whitehurst said he does have liability insurance. Commissioner Owens said the concept is not to move the debris. He said they can take in any building materials that is used in construction of a house.
- Vernon Morrison said he lives close to the ER Lewis site. When the Target site was cleaned up it was the Eveready Battery plant and this was hauled into the ER Lewis site and put into that site and never moved.

Ms. Burgdorff read the wording change in the ordinance where the fee was removed. This way the Board can revisit the fee each year.

Vice Chairman Hammond **motioned** to close the public hearing. Commissioner James seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Shank **motioned** to adopt the Franchise Ordinance for Construction Debris Landfills. Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion and it passed with an eight to one vote. Vice Chairman Hammond opposed the motion.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD**

- Vernon Morrison from across the river, said he wanted to see a report back to the Board on the Boss Thomas issue. He said he had all the available records for review. He said some people have property that can perk in the wetlands. He said there are houses being built in the wetlands and the Health Department is not being fair. He also spoke on Cox Communications, one of the cable franchises in Pitt County. He said that a lot of the County has no cable available. He spoke about the appointment of the Tax Collector and people that should have been considered but were not considered. He said everyone should have a chance.
- Mayor Bob Evans, Town of Farmville, spoke on space problems at Pitt Community College. He said they were delighted but not surprised that Pitt Community College was looking at leasing the Maxway building in Farmville. He said that Pitt Community College and the

Town of Farmville are still a good idea. He said they employ 25% of the industrial workforce in Pitt County. There is a need to expand in Farmville or move elsewhere by one of their industries. He said the location of the Maxway building would make for easy access for 209 citizens in a residential area located nearby to participate in classes. On August 10, they hosted a tobacco community gathering and on August 12, Dimon announced that they have sold a portion of their facility.

- Judy Ruddle, Director of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce, said that Farmville citizens need to have the education available to them. She said this would be the first satellite for Pitt Community College. She said they have used the back of their churches for classes. She said that they hosted a company that would bring 100 Engineers and Farmville should not be left out of this program. She said they need the minority activity also.
- Nancy Colville said that the landfills need to be regulated. She said that the public wonders why Commissioner James was appointed to PCMH Board of Trustees and that this was too little too late. There have been three rate increases since the Hospital went private. She said Commissioner Bowen served on that Board and did not say one word about the increases. She said it does not matter if a County Commissioner serves on the Hospital Board at this point. She said Commissioner James' son works for the Medical School and some people think this is a conflict. She asked if a commissioner is serving on the PCMH Board as a regular member, will they come off when they are no longer a commissioner or will they continue to serve.

## **ITEMS FOR REPORT**

### **Manager's Report – John Bulow**

Mr. Bulow stated that Mr. Robinson asked that he notify the Board that County staff is working on the grants that are being offered as a result of the tobacco settlement. He said that PCMH and Agriculture Extension are looking at projects to help the farmers.

Mr. Bulow said that the County is preparing for hurricane season by reorganizing the storm team and partnering with other agencies. He said workers are being trained for the shelters.

### **Monthly Financial Report for July – Melonie Bryan**

The County audit should be in by the end of this month. Vice Chairman Hammond commended Ms. Bryan and her department and stated that they are being recognized all over the State for their exemplary work.

Commissioner Bowen asked why PCMH was involved in the tobacco settlement. Mr. Bulow said the funds are regional and the Hospital qualifies for those grants. Commissioner James said it is up to the Board to get in there and get Pitt County's fair share of these funds. He said Pitt County needs to do something quickly because it will be on a first come first serve basis. Ms. Bryan said the applications on the Golden Leaf program have gone out and the County is on the list. Mr. Bulow said the staff is working on this project and trying to get in there first and be organized. Commissioner James said that PCMH has already put up two people to be on this committee and they are working on getting the money. Commissioner Shank said it sounds like the Board does not have all the information and requested a report. Mr. Bulow said he would inform Mr. Robinson, who would report at the next meeting.

### **Monthly Tax Report – Jeff Neibauer**

### **Debris Removal from Drainageways - Tim Etheridge/James Rhodes**

Mr. Rhodes said snagging efforts have already taken place and provided maps showing areas of work. He reported that Planning, Engineering and Pitt Soil and Water have been working together on the snagging efforts. This project is funded 75% by federal dollars and 25%

by State dollars. Tim Etheridge presented maps of the drainageways in Pitt County. He said they looked all over Pitt County for drainage problems. They worked through two different processes because some of the drainageways were established drainage districts that applied for FEMA assistance. Contentnea Creek is currently having debris removal done. Other projects have been identified. There are contracts pending and some underway to be done. He said they do have some flexibility in the contracts and can modify contracts if they find an adjacent area with problems. Seven or eight of the twenty-six projects have been completed. Eighteen of the projects dealt with debris removal and the other eight are stream bank stabilization.

**ITEMS FOR CONSENT**

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

1. Budget Amendments – Various Funds

The following budget amendments are submitted for review and approval

(a) \$21,578 – General Fund – Emergency Services – The Emergency Services Department received a donation from Catalytica to be used to purchase emergency incident tracking/reporting software and laptop computers. This donation was a result of the chemical spill earlier this year, which highlighted the need for this type of equipment.

(b) \$178 – Health Fund – Environmental Health – This department received a supplemental funding from the State to carry out a summer inspection program. This amendment recognized the additional funds realized from the State over and above the department's initial allocation.

(c) \$37,946 – Grant Fund – Domestic Violence Victims Asst. – Represents the second year funding for a domestic violence position stationed in the District Attorney's Office. A County match of \$9,486.50 is included within the amendment and was budgeted as a part of the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 budget process.

(d) \$35,000 – Grant Fund – Abuse You Lose Program – Funding from the State for a domestic violence abuse program. No cash match is required from the County. Funds will be used for training and travel.

(e) \$625,000 – Grant Fund – River Debris “Snagging” Grant – Funding from the 25% match of the federal grant program. The State has obligated to cover the match but the payments run through the Local County office.

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Title of Account</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
102800 484000	Contributions/Donations	21,578	
104335 552000	Hardware	10,685	
104335 542200	Software	10,893	
153112 436512	DENR Funds	178	
155112 560002	Summer Food	178	
245630 512000	Salary	24,155	
245630 512200	Overtime	1,160	
245630 518100	FICA	1,937	
245630 518200	Retirement	1,235	
245630 518300	Hospitalization	3,240	
245630 518500	Unemployment Insurance	99	
245630 526000	Office Supplies	2,000	
245630 531200	Travel	2,000	
245630 532100	Telephone	1,140	
245630 532900	Other Communications	180	
245630 534100	Printing	800	
243630426400	Federal Share	28,459.50	

243630 498502	Local Share	9,486.50	
109910 599101	Grant Match		9,486.50
109810 598024	Interfund Transfers	9,486.50	
243635 436000	Non Federal Categorical Grant	35,000	
245635 531200	Travel	5,500	
245635 526000	Supplies	2,000	
245635 532500	Postage	500	
245635 534100	Printing	7,000	
245635 561000	Contracted Services	10,000	
245635 539500	Training	10,000	
243647 436000	Non Federal Cat. Grant	625,000	
245647 561000	Contracted Services	625,000	

2. Tax Releases Greater than \$100

July 2000	Total County Releases (Greater than \$100) – 41	\$	8,072.79
July 2000	Total Greenville Releases (Greater than \$100) – 20	\$	2,494.30

RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
BABCOCK, DAVID O	92013/0		175.58
REF: 35719			
NOTE:1991 - TAXPAYER CHARGED FOR VEHICLE IN ERROR.			
BACH, GEORGE MICHAEL &	1159997/0	25557	168.66
REF: 35851			
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE FIRE AND RESCUE CHARGE PER CITY ANNEXATION.			
BOYER, RICHARD DANIEL	30386/4		119.22
REF: 35705			
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			
BRYANT, STEVE	1181698/0		166.13
REF: 35913			
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED. SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11573250, BARBARA J. WINE.			
CAUDILL JR, HOWARD DAVIS	30508/6		126.21
REF: 35905			
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			
CRISP, DIANA PERRY	40850/8		135.05
REF: 35708			
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.			
CUNNINGHAM, SHANNON	1180989/0		231.75
REF: 35822			
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT			

NUMBER 11771870, SAME NAME.

DAVIS, DEBORAH                    1175281/0                    215.89

REF: 35839

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT  
11526930, MARTI, SECHIQUITA RATLIFF.

DIXON, BRIAN                    1156782/0                    135.53

REF: 35755

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SAME ACCOUNT  
NUMBER, SAME NAME.

EVANS, WILTON                    31848/0                    158.79

REF: 35883

NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED. MOBILE HOME  
PICKED UP AS REAL ESTATE ON PARCEL NUMBER 7310.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120367/2                    133.98

REF: 35891

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120367/4                    133.98

REF: 35890

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120561/8                    106.04

REF: 35893

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120367/3                    133.98

REF: 35892

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120293/7                    166.72

REF: 35886

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9120293/8                    166.72

REF: 35887

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9110299/6                    167.94

REF: 35884

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP                    9110360/2                    119.76

REF: 35888  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GREENVILLE READY MINCRETE INC. 11463/1 532.14  
REF: 35667  
NOTE:1999 - ADJUST VALUE ON VEHICLE.

HILL, CAROLYN MOORE 30768/1 119.27  
REF: 35702  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HILL, MARGARET 1183138/0 332.91  
REF: 35972  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 10831000.

HOWELL, WILLIAM CURTIS 30935/1 118.80  
REF: 35907  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HUDSON, JONATHAN ALVIN 30308/6 145.93  
REF: 35669  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

KENNEDY, SAMUEL REED 10936/5 107.82  
REF: 35861  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MARTI, SECHUQUITA 1181523/0 188.67  
REF: 35844  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 11526930, MARTI, SECHIQUITA RATLIFF.

MAYO, TERRY SUE 9050752/6 182.90  
REF: 35771  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

MOORE, COLLICE C ETALS 1163081/0 56799 108.57  
REF: 35788  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE FIRE DUE TO ANNEXATION.

OSHEA, JAMES J. 1172846/0 35985 317.48  
REF: 35873  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE PORTION OF TAXES DUE PER FLOOD DAMAGE.

PATE, DEREK A. & 1155863/0 33282 323.94

REF: 35936  
NOTE:2000 - ADJUST VALUE ON RESIDENCE DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE.

ROMERO, RENEE 1181017/0 188.67

REF: 35831  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11818750, ROMERO, ALBINO.

ROUNTREE, REGINAL EARL 1173934/0 326.27

REF: 35872  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO PICKED UP AS REAL ESTATE ON SAME ACCOUNT NUMBER, PARCEL NUMBER 43149, SAME NAME.

RUFFIN, TIMOTHY & 1176895/0 201.90

REF: 35751  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED DUE TO MOBILE HOME OWNED BY TIMOTHY RUFFIN ONLY. REBILLED TIMOTHY RUFFIN.

SCHMIDT JR, ROBERT STEVENS 40698/4 121.98

REF: 35950  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

SCOTT, KENNETH 1182594/0 193.67

REF: 35975  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO LISTED ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 11651210, SCOTT, KENNETH RAY.

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 1144681/0 28120 481.49

REF: 35787  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASE AND RECHARGE TO ACCOUNT NUMBER 1185002/0 (LINCOLN TRUST CO.,CUSTODIAN).

SHAW, THOMAS 1154133/0 52144 193.20

REF: 35970  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO PICKED UP AS PERSONAL AND REAL SEE PARCEL NUMBER 52144.

SMITH, TRACY LYNN 30040/7 154.11

REF: 35675  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

TILLERY, IRVIN L. 1145002/0 49035 320.54

REF: 35964  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME, LISTED AS PERSONAL AND PICKED UP AS REAL ON PARCEL NUMBER 49035, SAME NAME.

WEBB, RALPH DAWSON 9100685/7 128.17

REF: 35914  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

WHITE, ABBIE BOWEN & WF 1081797/0 42568 165.28

REF: 35939

NOTE:2000 - ADJUST VALUE ON MOBILE HOME CHARGED AS REAL DUE TO APPRAISAL ERROR.

WHITEHURST, MICHAEL D. & 1082467/0 59864 357.15

REF: 35762

NOTE:2000 - DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME BURNED. MOVE TO MOBILE STORAGE & RELEASE LANDFILL. SUPPLE BILL MOBILE STORAGE.

TOTAL RELEASES: 41 \$8,072.79

RELEASES GREATER THAN \$100.00

NAME	ACCOUNT #	PARCEL	AMOUNT
BEAL, WENDY DIANE	9070921/5		100.86

REF: 35706

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

CASH, TRACY BROOKS 9070624/9 168.40

REF: 35940

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

CUNNINGHAM, SHANNON 1180989/0 137.51

REF: 35822

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT NUMBER 11771870, SAME NAME.

DAVIS, DEBORAH 1175281/0 120.43

REF: 35839

NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT 11526930, MARTI, SECHIQUITA RATLIFF.

DAVISON, JERMAINE FITZPATRICK 40673/5 100.08

REF: 35918

NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP 9120293/8 155.31

REF: 35887

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP 9120561/8 106.22

REF: 35893

NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9120367/2            128.81  
REF: 35891  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9120293/7            155.31  
REF: 35886  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9110360/2            117.49  
REF: 35888  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9110299/6            156.45  
REF: 35884  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9120367/4            128.81  
REF: 35890  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

GMAC LEASING CORP            9120367/3            128.81  
REF: 35892  
NOTE:1999 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

HOWELL, WILLIAM CURTIS        30935/1            116.09  
REF: 35907  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN ERROR.

JACKSON, JEFFERY THOMAS       30739/0            108.28  
REF: 35741  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

MARTI, SECHUQUITA            1181523/0            102.63  
REF: 35844  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 11526930, MARTI, SECHIQUITA RATLIFF.

ROMERO, RENEE                1181017/0            102.63  
REF: 35831  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED MOBILE HOME DUE TO DOUBLE LISTED, SEE ACCOUNT  
NUMBER 11818750, ROMERO, ALBINO.

RUFFIN, TIMOTHY &            1176895/0            113.30  
REF: 35751  
NOTE:1999 - RELEASED DUE TO MOBILE HOME OWNED BY TIMOTHY RUFFIN ONLY.

REBILLED TIMOTHY RUFFIN.

SCHELLER, RUDOLF HANS            40489/2            118.51  
REF: 35917  
NOTE:2000 - VEHICLE CHARGED IN CITY LIMITS IN ERROR.

TYSON, SHARON                    1181030/0            128.37  
REF: 35977  
NOTE:2000 - RELEASED CITY, CHARGED IN ERROR.

TOTAL RELEASES:    20       \$2,494.30

3.       Resolution Calling a Public Hearing in Connection with an Installment Financing for the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of a New High School

In accordance with the requirements for the issuance of Certificates of Participation (COPS) a public hearing is required. The County anticipates issuing COPS in October 2000 to fund the construction and equipping of the new high school on Forlines Road. Staff requests that September 11, 2000 be designated as the official Public Hearing date to allow public comment on the proposed project.

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pitt, North Carolina, was held in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, Greenville, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2000.

Present: Chairman Charles Gaskins, presiding, and Commissioners Glenn Bowen, David Hammond, Ann Huggins, Eugene James, Tom Johnson, Sr., Mark W. Owens, Jr., Theresa Shank, and Beth Ward.

\_\_\_\_\_ Absent: None.

Also Present: John Bulow, Assistant County Manager; Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Assistance; JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney; Susan Banks, Clerk to the Board.

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John K. Bulow, Assistant County Manager, introduced the following resolution the title of which was read and copies had been previously distributed to each Commissioner:

**RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the County of Pitt, North Carolina (the "County") is considering entering into an installment financing contract pursuant G.S. 160A-20 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to pay the costs of the acquisition, construction and equipping of a new high school; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with G.S. 160A-20(g), the County is required to hold a public hearing on such installment financing contract;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners for the County hereby fixes 9:00 a.m. on September 11, 2000 in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 West Fifth Street, Greenville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing on such installment financing contract and hereby directs the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners to publish notice of such public hearing once in The Daily Reflector not later than the 10th day before said date.

Upon motion of Vice Chairman Hammond , seconded by Commissioner James, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Chairman Charles Gaskins, presiding, and Commissioners Glenn Bowen, David Hammond, Ann Huggins, Eugene James, Tom Johnson, Sr., Mark W. Owens, Jr., Theresa Shank, and Beth Ward.

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Noes: None.

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I, Susan J. Banks, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pitt, North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board at a regular meeting held on August 21, 2000, as it relates in any way to the calling of public hearings upon an installment financing contract and that said proceedings are recorded in Minute Book No. 31 of the minutes of said Board.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that a schedule, stating that the regular meetings of said Board are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 West Fifth Street, Greenville, North Carolina, was on file with me for a least seven calendar days prior to said meeting, all in accordance with G.S. 143-318.12.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said County this 21st day of August, 2000.

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Clerk to the Board

[SEAL]

#### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

##### **Pitt Landfill Gas, LLC Amendment to Landfill Gas Rights Agreement – Joel Scales**

Mr. Scales said this amendment allows the gas company to qualify for tax credits. It has been recommended by the County Manager, County Engineer and County Attorney to approve this request to amend the Landfill Gas Rights Agreement. This company extracts methane gas from the Pitt County Landfill, cleans it up and sells it to the hospital. Commissioner Owens asked for financial background on this program.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Ward, the Board voted unanimously to follow the staff recommendation on the amendment to the Landfill Gas Rights Agreement.

##### **Solid Waste Management Plan – Joel Scales**

Mr. Scales said the Board has been provided with a revised Solid Waste Master Plan which includes all the interlocal agreements. The Master Plan has to be updated every three years and this plan is the latest update for approval.

**UPON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Shank,

the Board voted unanimously to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan.

### **Uninsured Health Care Plan for Pitt County – Dr. Thomas Irons/Dr. John Morrow**

Dr. Tom Irons said there are a large number of collaborators in this Uninsured Health Care Plan for Pitt County. Some of the partners are as follows:

- UHS Health
- Community Care Plan of Pitt County - 19,000 enrolled, improving school attendance for asthmatic children
- Future Eastern Regional Community Care
- Pitt County Health Department
- Pitt County Indigent Care Inc.
- PCMH Community Health Division
- Medical Faculty Practice Plan, Brody School of Medicine
- Clinical Information and Support Office
- Pitt County Medical Society
- NC Medical Society
- NC Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Health Program Development

This group has been looking countywide at ways to help the uninsured public and not just one medical problem group. He said they are looking at about 12,000 people for this program. He reviewed all the resources that they have available for these people and this program. He said they believe they will have to go to the communities to make an impact. Dr. Irons said that they have looked at the needs following the flood. Bertie and Edgecombe counties would be the first counties they would expand into if the federal funds are available. He stated that the citizens would be from families with incomes below 150% of federal poverty guidelines and have no source of health insurance coverage. These citizens have been uniquely impacted by the 1999 flood, and have limited access to relief funds. This is a Health Plan for the uninsured with minimum charges, in community resource centers in Greenville and small municipalities. They would provide volunteer free care by practicing health professionals. There will be a Medication Assistance Plan also.

Dr. Irons said that Care Management means people in place that help coordinate services to people. East Carolina School of Medicine is looking at providing full-time services. This is a model program for the State and the State will oversee this program. A person can go to the drug store fill a prescription for a minimal fee and there is a claims processing program. They will utilize the free pharmaceutical programs. He stated that there is a possible two-year expansion to the plan but it would require additional federal and private foundation funding. Dr. Irons stated that the Medical Assistance Plan expands the program of the Brody School of Medicine faculty practice plan, currently serving over 1,000 patients. Formulary focuses on lowest cost effective agent for condition. It extensively uses pharmaceutical company free drug programs and the drugs will be available in community pharmacies. Community Resource Centers will be located in Grimesland, Grifton, Greenville Belvoir and tentatively Fountain. The Duke Endowment may require ownership by Pitt County Health Department, but allow for reversion in five years to the community or agency as need dictates. They will provide a wide variety of services and resources. He stated that the Community Volunteer Groups that have already been involved are:

- Grifton – Town of Grifton
- Grimesland – Firstborn Community Development Center
- Greenville – JOY Center (currently operates soup kitchen and day shelter)
- Belvoir – Volunteer Fire Department
- Fountain – Community Development Corporation

He said the plan is for the centers to belong to the communities. He said there would be four computers at every site. There will be bilingual group health education; computer training and Internet access, care management and intermittent direct medical services. These people will be able to rely on someone for their medical care. They will be teaching people to

manage for themselves. There will be specially trained nurses or social workers as care managers. They have asked all doctors in the area to take on ten patients for no charge or a minimal fee for a year. Specialty physicians have been asked to accept 20 visits per year. This will be coordinated by Pitt County Medical Society, which has strongly endorsed the program. Dr. Irons said all the doctors have agreed at this point. He said the School of Medicine would have to buy two physicians and two assistants to move around. They have space if they can provide the staff. Direct services will be provided by the School of Medicine, hospital and community health professionals at the community sites.

The program financing will come from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration. Approximately \$1.0 million would be appropriated for a program director, volunteer coordinator, care managers, medication assistance program, and share of JOY center.

The grant will be to NC Office of Research, Demonstrations, and Rural Programs, with funding possibly recurring. The Duke Endowment will appropriate \$500,000 for community resource center construction, equipment, infrastructure such as phone and utilities. Funds designated from the Duke Endowment are specifically for flood-affected citizens in Grifton, Grimesland, Belvoir, and Greenville. The Joy Center will be funded by the US Health Resources Services Administration. A site visit was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional funding will be given by the Pitt Memorial Foundation in the following appropriations:

- \$200,000 to support Medication Assistance
- \$50,000 to support 1 year position for executive director, Pitt County Indigent Care
- \$50,000 to support facility improvement in Fountain

The one of the final two funding sources comes from University Health System – PCMH for \$250,000 in the form of in-kind support from employees, space, infrastructure, and other miscellaneous expenses. One funding source is the Brody School of Medicine which will provide medical leadership, direction and operation of medication assistance plan, physician and nurse practitioner and leadership of university-wide volunteer effort. The physician and nurse practitioner will be full-time equivalents and the remainder of the services will be in-kind.

Dr. Irons stated that if any of the financing entities does not come through, the program components could be implemented as stand alone programs and services. Alternative funding sources will be pursued. He stated that if or when the grant funding is over or gone they may eliminate nonessential positions. The outcomes will be measured and used to approach the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance for financial support.

Dr. Irons stated that Pitt County needs to approve an agreement to allow Pitt County Health Department to own the facilities in Grifton, Grimesland and Belvoir for five years, with \$1 per year triple net five year lease to Pitt County Indigent Care Inc. who will be responsible for all expenses. At the end of five years, the buildings will revert to community ownership.

Dr. Irons said they will do this with whatever funding they get. They will be measuring the outcome. They are preparing to lobby with the State for the uninsured citizens.

Commissioner Owens thanked Dr. Irons, Dr. Morrow, and all that have participated.

Commissioner Owens **motioned** that Pitt County take ownership of the three community resource centers and lease them to Pitt County Indigent Care Incorporated for a period of five years, at which time ownership would revert to the communities. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.

Commissioner Shank said this was a dream come true project because of the collaborative efforts. Commissioner James said that there are people in his area that can not even read, much less operate a computer. He said they are not going to lease any property in the Belvoir area. He said if they are going to deal with the flooded victims then they need to go where the people are located. Dr. Irons said that the Pictolus community is next on their list.

Dr. Irons stated that it is preferred that the centers are owned and operated by the community. They will build buildings on the same property and then revert to the community. Mr. Bulow said the operation of the programs is not under the County. The County will have no liability. Commissioner James asked about future funding. Vice Chairman Hammond called for the question. Commissioner Huggins commended Dr. Irons on this program. She said they would be out beating the bushes for additional funding if the initial funding runs out. Dr. Irons said these are hardworking people who can not afford healthcare. Commissioner Ward said they would not be waiting for the money to run out before they look at other options. Commissioner Ward called the question.

Commissioner Owens restated his motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve Commissioner Owens' motion.

#### **Award Bid on Mobile Dental Unit – Dr. John Morrow**

Dr. Morrow presented a copy of a bid for the Mobile Dental Unit. Dr. Terry Lawler, member of the Health Board, was also present. Dr. Morrow stated that they have identified the unmet needs for Pitt County children. He said there are dentists that see Medicaid and Health Choice insured children. This plan takes the dental office to the children in school. Pitt County Schools, John Bulow and Commissioner Huggins have been involved, as well as Commissioner Johnson, who serves on the Board of Health. They visited several similar programs. They applied for grant funds and received the following:

PCMH foundation - \$272,000  
Duke Endowment - \$180,380  
with matching funds by Kate B. Reynolds of \$180,380  
Pitt Medical Society - \$10,000

Dr. Morrow stated that it is a trailer unit that is upfitted with dental equipment and x-ray equipment. The staffing required is a project coordinator, dentist, dental hygienist, and receptionist. He reviewed the planned schedule of visits. Commissioner Bowen asked about the tractor to pull the trailer. Mr. Bulow stated that the County has a tractor than can be utilized for moving the mobile dental trailer on an as needed basis. The unit may sit at a school for two or three weeks while they treat children at one school. Commissioner Owens said there was only one bid for this amount of money. He said he had talked with Mr. Charles Mayo at the Hospital about this project and equipment. Commissioner Owens said the County should not buy anything of this cost with only one bid. Commissioner Owens asked if they would lose the grants if awarding the bid was delayed. Dr. Lawler said she has worked on this project for three and one-half years. She said there are only seventeen companies in the country that builds mobile vans. She explained some of the options they worked with prior to deciding on this bid. She said there are only three companies in the United States that make a unit that can be separated from its hauling unit. Lifeline, Medical Coach and one to two other companies that can even provide this service.

Vice Chairman Hammond said he had contacted a company that he uses for vehicles for his funeral business to see if they could build one of these mobile units and they said that they could. Commissioner Bowen asked if the bid was sent out to all the companies. Dr. Morrow stated that Phil Dickerson handled the bidding process and he could not verify who received the bids. Commissioner Shank said that these are not county funds and all the funds have been approved. She stated her support of the project and awarding the bid. Dr. Morrow said the company that submitted the bid has the most experience and has done the same job for other counties in the surrounding area. Vice Chairman Hammond asked about how the local dentists have received this project. Dr. Lawler said the local dentists have been very supportive. Commissioner Ward said the dentists have been going into the schools for years and looking at the children. She said the dentist would write out a plan for the children that they take home to the parents but then the program is not followed through. She said the dentists are frustrated because the parents do not follow through. Commissioner James said they should have asked for bids from all the companies. Mr. Bulow said that Mr. Dickerson handles all the County large equipment bids and he was sure the proper bidding procedure was followed. Commissioner

Huggins also spoke in support of the project. She said the dentists schedule the appointments and the parents are not keeping the appointments. JoAnne Burgdorff said that Mr. Dickerson would not be selective in the bidding process, but would always follow proper procedures.

Commissioner Bowen **motioned** to approve the acceptance of the bid with Lifeline Inc. from Groveport, Ohio for 53-foot mobile, three chair dental operatory fully equipped for a total price of \$367,407.00. as proposed. Commissioner Shank seconded the motion. Commissioner Bowen said that he does not like one bid but since it is in line in would support the proposal. The motion passed with an eight to one vote. Commissioner Owens opposed the motion.

Chairman Gaskins called for a short break.

### **Amendments to the Pitt County Manual of Fees – Melonie Bryan**

Ms. Bryan reviewed the changes in fees that are located in the Administrative Policies Manual. She stated that the fee for returned checks would be increased from \$20 to \$25 based on the General Statutes. The MIS Department has requested that the following fees be added or amended:

#### GIS Fees:

Administrative Fee, per request	\$20.00
Media Fees-	
CD ROM	\$5.00
8MM Tape	\$100.00
GIS Data Layers-	
CD ROM/8MM Tape/Electronic Transfer (each layer)	\$100.00
CD ROM/8MM Tape (entire county)	\$500.00

#### MIS Fees:

Main Frame Access public Disply – Tax Records Year/Per ID Delete this Fee

Commissioner Bowen **motioned to table** this item until the public can be notified. Vice Chairman Hammond seconded the motion. Commissioner Shank asked about the MIS Administrative Fee. Michael Taylor, MIS Director, explained that the administrative fee covers the processing fees. Mr. Bulow asked if it would be satisfactory to place the fees in the County news page. Commissioner James called for the question. Commissioner Huggins asked about the availability of the fees. Mr. Taylor said all the fees are located in the Administrative Policy Manual which is available to the public. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adopt Resolution of Support for November Higher Education Bond Referendum – JoAnne Burgdorff**

Ms. Burgdorff presented a resolution of support for the bond referendum for the Community College and the University. Commissioner James asked about the figures on the resolution. He asked about the local match required by the County for these bonds.

Commissioner Owens **motioned** to approve the Resolution of Support for November Higher Education Bond Referendum. Commissioner Ward seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bowen said he was not going to vote on this issue because the government should not be telling the citizens how to vote on such items. He said the County should provide the public with information but not tell them how to vote. He said it does not tell the people how the County will pay the funds back. Commissioner Owens said he respects Commissioner Bowen's opinion but that the Resolution tells the people, that if the funds do not come from the State, then the County will need to provide all of the funds for the Community College, not just the local match. Commissioner James said the County will have to use property tax money to come up with the local match. Commissioner Shank said this Board is responsible for the schools and community college and are partners with the State. If the Board

does not support this they would not have a leg to stand on with the citizens when needing to raise the funds for the community college.

Dr. Russell said the County has already put up \$8 million and would have to provide \$6 million more as a local match if the bond referendum passes. Commissioner Huggins said it is this Board's responsibility to educate the citizens on this matter and also to provide the facilities for the schools including the community college. Commissioner James said he was not supportive of raising his taxes for the community college. He said Pitt Community College is going to have to charge more because of the out of county students. Vice Chairman Hammond said that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is asking that the County Boards endorse the concept because this is a Statewide problem not just a County problem. He said if this resolution does not pass, then the problem will come back to the County. He said it is an exciting time to be in North Carolina and this Board should show its support. Vice Chairman Hammond called the question.

The motion passed with a seven to two vote. Commissioners Bowen and James opposed the motion to approve the following resolution:

### ***Resolution in Support of Community College and University Bonds***

**WHEREAS**, The North Carolina General Assembly has approved Senate Bill 912, signed by the Governor and enacted as Session Law 2000-2, placing on the ballot a proposal to issue \$3.1 billion in general obligation bonds, proceeds from which are to be used to improve facilities within the state's university system (\$2.5 billion) and community college system (\$600 million); and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's community colleges and universities provide our citizens with the opportunity to learn the skills and educational experience that improve the quality of our cultural and economic life; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Hunt and other high ranking officials have stated that there are more high paying jobs than there are skilled workers to fill these positions; and

**WHEREAS**, an additional 57,000 students will seek to enter North Carolina public universities and 50,000 students will seek to enter North Carolina community colleges in the next ten years for which space will not be available unless new facilities are constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the existing college and university structures are old, outdated and in bad need of renovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities within these universities and community colleges-including laboratories, classrooms and other training facilities- must be improved and modernized if our institutions are to retain the capacity to provide the training and education our students deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, chapter 115 D of the North Carolina General Statutes place on Boards of County Commissioners responsibility for appointing community college trustees and providing funds to create and maintain community college facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, proceeds from the bond issue will provide great assistance to North Carolina counties in improving these community college facilities and in assuring quality facilities for our citizens attending the state's universities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pitt Community College would receive \$16,393,265 in new construction and \$1,632,443 in repair and renovation money from the bond issue; and

**WHEREAS**, Pitt Community College has identified needs well in excess of \$30,000,000 that without these state bonds will fall totally to the Citizens of the County of Pitt to meet.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that the Pitt County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the passage of the community college and university bonds on the ballot November 7.

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED**, that the County of Pitt urges individual Boards of County Commissioners to pass similar resolutions of support for the bonds and educate their constituents about the economic and educational benefits of these bonds to their counties.

**ADOPTED** this 21 day of August, 2000.

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Charles P. Gaskins, Chairman  
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Susan J. Banks, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

**Appointments to Boards – Susan Banks**

Ms. Banks explained that Carlton Hardee, who was the local Manager for Vocational Rehabilitation, had retired, consequently leaving vacancies on three boards. Ms. Debra Butler has been appointed as Mr. Hardee's replacement at Vocational Rehabilitation. The Regional Director, Charles D. Bodiford, has requested Ms. Butler's appointment to the following boards, representing Vocational Rehabilitation:

- a. Pitt County Employment of People of Disabilities
- b. Mid-East Workforce Development Board
- c. Pitt Area Transit System Board

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner Shank, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted to appointment Ms. Debra Butler, Vocational Rehabilitation Manager to the Pitt County Employment of People with Disabilities, Mid-East Workforce Development Board and the Pitt Area Transit System Board.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

- Commissioner James asked for a plan from the Board of Education on the new high school. Mr. Bulow stated that Mr. Dickerson could review these plans and report to the Board.
- Vice Chairman Hammond spoke about the new early voting law and procedures in North Carolina. He would like to know if people who voted early would have some type of receipt saying that they voted early.
- Commissioner Ward asked that Ms. Margaret Hardee, Board of Elections come back and report on the voting procedures. Commissioner Bowen said nothing has changed because you could vote early before but you had to have a reason for the early voting.

**CLOSED SESSION - The County Attorney stated the following General Statutes for closed session items:**

- Economic Development - pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body.

- Property Negotiations – pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning negotiations of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property.

**UPON MOTION** by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Shank, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session as advised by the County Attorney.

**UPON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Huggins, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Vice Chairman Hammond informed the Board that he had submitted a letter to the Chairman giving his resignation from the Northwest Bypass committee and Mental Health Area Board.

Mr. Bulow then informed the public that the Board had appropriated \$200,000 annually for three years from fund balance to Pitt Community College for leasing property.

#### **ADJOURN**

**UPON MOTION** by Vice Chairman Hammond, seconded by Commissioner James, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC  
Clerk to the Board