

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 18, 2002 MINUTES**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, March 18, 2002, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

Commissioners present:

Beth Ward, Vice Chairwoman
David Hammond, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Randy Royal, Commissioner
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Eugene James, Commissioner
Mark Owens, Jr., Chairman

Commissioners Absent:

Terry Shank, Commissioner

Staff present:

Susan Banks, Clerk to the Board
Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Services
John Bulow, Assistant County Manager
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
John Chaffee, Development Commission Director
Glenn Cutrell, Tax Assessor
Phil Dickerson, Interim Manager
Deby Dihoff, Mental Health Area Director
Edward Garrison, DSS Director
Dwane Jones,
Glen Moore,
John Morrow, Director/Health Department
Jeff Niebauer, Tax Collector
Ward Parker,

Call to Order

Summary of Information

Chairman Owens called meeting to order at 9:02

Commissioner Shank excused

Chairman Owens asked for a moment of silence for Linwood Mercer who passed away.

Invocation and Pledge

Summary of Information

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Randy Royal

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by ViceChair woman Ward

Approval of Agenda

Summary of Information

Agenda approved with changes.

Rev. Parker will speak after public address to Board

ABC Board Resolution

BA for Health Department

Items for Discussion removed to next agenda (April 1, 2002)

Commissioner Coulson - asked that he be given time to review the information provided to them regarding the ABC Board

ABC Board Resolution - removed

Motion:

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Agenda approved with items for discussion removed - these items were requested by Commissioner Shank who was excused from this meeting.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Presentations

Employee Recognition - Phil Dickerson

Summary of Information

When the monetary incentive policy was presented to the Board, we stated that we would follow up with a non-monetary employee recognition program. The staff has developed such a program. The program consists of the following:

- 1) Another employee or citizen recommends the employee for recognition.
- 2) A simple application is completed and endorsed by supervisors up through the department head.
- 3) Management makes a decision as to whether the applicant should be recognized.
- 4) A certificate similar to the attached is prepared and presented to the employee by the Chairman at a regular board meeting.

Recognition may be for an important task that is well done or for an on going level of performance and achievement.

It is our feeling the employee recognition will help to show the public that the County does have excellent employees who work doing an excellent job. If employees are doing a good job, that reflects favorably on management and the Board of Commissioners.

Today we have two employees who have been recommended for recognition. The Chairman will now present the "Chairman's" Circle of excellence Award to these employees.

Chairman Owens presented award to Thomas Y. Lynch
Chairman Owens presented award to Felicia Abrams-Taft

Public Hearings

Budget and Statement of Activities for FY 2002-2003 HOME Funds - Glen Moore

Summary of Information

James Rhodes came report ~ Glen Moore absent.

Currently, the HOME Program provides additional monies to supplement the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Last year the program provided \$50,840 which is being used to rehabilitate two additional homes as part of the CDBG. This year the program provided \$87,500, which may be used to rehabilitate up to three homes.

The proposed HOME funding for 2002-2003 is \$818,000, of which \$64,625 will be allocated to Pitt County to rehabilitate three homes with severe needs that qualify for the program. The County's match requirement will be \$16,157 or 25% of the allocation for a total of \$80,782. To take advantage of these funds, a Resolution of Adoption and Program Budget and Statement of Activities must be approved no later than March 18, 2002 (see attachments). The remaining funds will be distributed among members of the Pitt County HOME Consortium which includes Town of Ayden, Town of Bethel, Town of Farmville, Town of Grifton, Town of Winterville, and City of Greenville, which serves as the lead agency.

The Wooten Company assisted with this grant program in the past and it is requested that the contract be amended to allow The Wooten Company to continue with administrative assistance.

An update on current CDBG and HOME projects will be presented to the Board (see attached status report).

Motion:

Following the public hearing for the HOME Grant, adopt Resolution and Program Budget and Statement of Activities, including \$16,157 in matching funds for the FY 2002-2003 HOME Grant. Also, authorize staff to amend the contract with The Wooten Company for program administration assistance.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner David Hammond.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Public Addresses to the Board

Summary of Information

Nancy Colville addressed the board.

Nancy Colville gave a hand out to the Board and she spoke about four new positions the School board had added. These positions are being funded by the County. Two principals are being moved to the central office. Charles Long's base salary is \$94,944. He will make \$128,000 or more including local supplement. Dr. Nelson will no longer be a principal but will retain in salary of \$60, 948. she stated that it is becoming a pattern for Principals to retire and get an offer to work at the central office or ECU. It is costing \$3,000 to move the legal liaison here. Pitt County Schools will pay for her to take the bare course and the North Carolina exam and will pay for all fees to join the bar association. Revenues from Fines and Forfeitures (a variable) are included in the State formula to calculate per pupil expenditures under "local effort". The School System budget projection for Fines and Forfeitures during the last 3 years have received over one million dollars above projections. This amount goes into the school budget general fund and is not included in the "local effort".

Items for Report

Manager's Report - Phil Dickerson

Summary of Information

Challenge House Completed

During the budget crisis we have looked for ways to save funds – employees have volunteered to work at the polls.

Reception for Scott Elliott

Appreciation from Pitt County Memorial Hospital

Summary of Information

Attached is a letter from Mr. Dave McRae requesting time on the agenda for Mr. Andy Warren to express appreciation to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners for their support.

Andy Warren - Chairman Pitt County Hospital Board. Thank you for the two members who serve on our board. Delighted to have Ms. Ward as our liaison. If you have question after reviewing the compliance report, I will be glad to address them. Thank you for your continue support.

Tax Collectors Report - Jeff Niebauer

Summary of Information

Occupancy for Jan 2002 – 68,014.68

Bankruptcy for FEB 2002- 3,019.39

Garnishments for Feb 2002 – 222,230.31

Gross Receipt for Jan 2002 – 11,654.86

Motion:

Approve Report as Submitted

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Update on Expanded Beaver Management Assistance Program - Dwane Jones

Summary of Information

As a result of numerous landholder complaints about beaver damage problems in western Pitt County (Farmville, Fountain and Falkland areas) in November 2001, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to enter into a six-month contract with the USDA for beaver control services (January 02-June 02). The Board also established an oversight committee to direct the employee's efforts to areas of most critical need. During the first two months (January-February 2002), the expanded Beaver Management Assistance Program has saved participating landowners over \$29,700 in resources (see attached).

The expanded Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) conducts beaver control services on both public and private lands. The County agreed to use the same cost-share as the existing BMAP whereby participating landowners pay \$10 per site visit and \$75 for explosive removal of a dam. At the March 18 meeting, staff will update the Board on current and future activities of the program.

James Rhodes introduced WC Sutton - full time trapper.

Monthly Financial Report - February 2002 - Melonie Bryan

Summary of Information

The attached Monthly Financial Report is submitted for your review. It reports the County's financial condition as of February 2002 month-end.

Releases & Refunds - \$100 or Less
February 2002

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-381(b), the Finance Officer has approved and is reporting the following release and refund information:

Total County Releases:	379	\$11,943.15
Total City Releases:	188	\$6,238.54
Total Tax Refunds:	31	\$982.31

The General Operating Funds had revenues for the month of February totaling \$10,231,328 (net of fund balance appropriated).

This is an increase when compared to February 2001 as shown in the above chart. The significant area to note is the increase in revenues generated by the Mental Health Center - which is up almost \$1million dollars over past year activity.

The General Operating Funds had expenditures for the month of February totaling \$9,324,720. or 7.23% of the budget. This is

typical for this point in the fiscal year. We will continue to closely monitor revenues and expenditures throughout the balance of the year to ensure that the County's budget stays on target. As we mentioned in previous reports, the County implemented an expenditure reserve system to hold funds and help offset potential deficits and ensure we end the year as positively as possible.

Items for Consent

Summary of Information

Budget Amendment for the Health Department added.

Motion:

Approve consent items as presented

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Budget Amendment - Social Services - CP&L Energy Funds - Edward L. Garrison

Summary of Information

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
165488-560501	CP&L ENERGY ASSISTANCE	704	
162400-423000	SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	704	

The Department has received notification from the NC Division of Social Services of an additional allocation of \$704.00 of CP&L Energy Funds. These funds will be used to assist clients that do not qualify for other Federal funds with their heating and cooling bills. These are 100% funds donated by CP&L and its customers to assist clients and additional County funds are not requested.

Motion:

The staff recommends approval

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Budget Amendment - Law Enforcement Block Grant - Ward Parker

Summary of Information

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
24512 552000 00 expense	Data Processing Equipment	258.71	
243612 449100 00 revenue	Interest Earnings	258.71	
245612 552000 01 expense	Data Processing Equipment	302.15	
243612 449100 01 revenue	Interest Earnings	302.15	
245612 552000 02 expense	Data Processing Equipment	136.68	
243612 449100 02 revenue	Interest Earnings	136.68	

The Law Enforcement Block Grant (LEBG) requires that interest be appropriated to the original grant amount until the grant period ends. This budget amendment, as presented will help meet this requirement.

Motion:

Approve Budget Amendment as presented.
Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:
Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Budget Amendment - Abuse You Lose Grant - Ward Parker

Summary of Information

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
245635 510000 00 expense	Equipment	5000.00	
243635 43600 00 revenue	Abuse You Lose	5000.00	

The Sheriff's Office has received an additional \$5000 from the State for the Abuse You Lose grant. A budget amendment is needed to appropriate these funds. No local cash match is required.

Motion:

Approve the budget amendment to appropriate additional \$5000 received from the state for the Abuse You Lose grant.

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Refunds Greater Than \$100 - Glenn Cutrell

Summary of Information

Total Number of Refunds Greater Than \$100 - 4 - \$ 2,445.35

Bailey, Jason D. - \$ 351.77

Firststar Bank NA - \$ 106.49

JBL Investors - \$ 1,113.29

Mitchell, David N. & wf Kathryn C. - \$ 873.80

Motion:

Approve as submitted.

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Set a Public Hearing on April 1, 2002 to hear comments on the proposed utilization of Rural Operating Assistance Program Funding. - John K. Bulow

Summary of Information

For many years, the Board of Commissioners has asked the PATS Board to forward a recommendation on how to allocate Rural Operating Assistance Program funding to the various agencies. Once a recommendation is developed, a public hearing is required to prior to the Board's consideration. Staff recommends that this be accomplished on April 1, 2002 in order to meet the State's deadline for submission.

Motion:

**Establish and advertise a public hearing on April 1, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. to hear public comments on the allocation of Rural Operating Assistance Funding.
Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Approval of Minutes - Susan Banks

Summary of Information

February 25, 2002

February 27, 2002

Motion:

**Motion to approve of minutes from February 25 and 27, 2002 board meetings.
Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Budget Amendment - Healthy Start - John H. Morrow

Summary of Information

Account No.	Title of Account	Increase	Decrease
153141-436500	DHHS Funds	18,347.00	
155141-53100	Transportation Clients		2,606.00
*155141-531705	Incentives	1,000.00	
*155141-537000	Advertising	3,000.00	
*155141-523000	Med. Tech Supplies	7,600.00	
*155141-523100	Educational Materials	1,000.00	
155141-549999	Reserve: Fixed Charges/OPE	8,353.00	

\$18,347.00 - Healthy Start - The State has increased its appropriation for the program for continuation through March 31, 2002.

Motion:

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Items for Decision

Appointment to Pitt County Mental Health Area Board - Deby Dihoff

Summary of Information

The Executive Committee of the Area Board reviewed the full listing of interested applicants as posted on the County System for the Mental Health Area Board. After review, they made a recommendation to the full board to fill two vacant at-large positions, which have been vacant since December 31, 2001. At their regular meeting on February 27, 2002, the Pitt County Mental Health Area Board voted unanimously to recommend the following for appointment:

Ramona Hart
Clifton Boyd

These appointments will bring the Pitt County Mental Health Board to full membership of 19 members.

Motion:

We recommend the appointment of Ramona Hart and Clifton Boyd to the Pitt County Mental Health Area Board.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Schedule Dates for Board of Equalization and Review for Appeals of Property Values - Glenn Cutrell

Summary of Information

Regular scheduled dates of April 15 and May 6 at 8:45 a.m. Prior to regular Board of Commissioners meeting hear appeals that have asked to do so formally. The Pitt County Board of Commissioners have sat as the members of the Board of Equalization and Review panel in past years.

Board voted to schedule meeting for April 15.

Motion:

Tax Assessor recommends date and time as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Resolution Authorizing the Pitt County Tax Collector to Direct Execution Against Personal Property to The Sheriff - Jeff Niebauer

Summary of Information

The Tax Collector's office currently has several legal remedies to collect delinquent taxes. The most commonly used methods are garnishment of wages, rent attachment, and bank attachments. While the

County's total collection rate has remained fairly constant over the years, the effort and level of enforcement to collect the delinquent taxes has risen tremendously. For example, the total amount of garnishment payments received in Feb 1997 was \$33,399 compared to Feb 2002 collections of \$222,230. This represents an increase of 665% in enforcement action to maintain the same overall collection rate.

Foreclosure on real property is handled primarily through the Legal Department with assistance from the Tax Collector's staff. An enforcement action that is used only on occasion is levying on personal property. This method of collection could be used against a business or an individual that has delinquent taxes and owns personal property. Examples of personal property subject to levy are inventory, motor vehicles, boats, etc.

To improve the collection of delinquent taxes, I recommend that this enforcement method to used more actively. North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) Sect. 105-366 authorizes the Tax Collector to levy on personal property and NCGS Sect. 105-367 requires a resolution from the Board to authorize the Tax Collector to direct such levy to the Sheriff. I have discussed this with Sheriff Mac Manning and he has officers within the department that currently handle executions on personal property. I would like to rely on the Sheriff's department's expertise and experience to improve the process for the Tax Collector's office.

Several counties are currently using their respective Sheriff's Departments for executions against personal property and have had success in collecting delinquent taxes owed. I feel this could produce additional revenues for the County and Municipalities that we are responsible for collecting taxes. Therefore, following the requirements of NCGS 105-367, I am asking the Board to adopt a resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to direct the executions against personal property to the Sheriff's department.

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE PITT COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO
DIRECT EXECUTION AGAINST PERSONAL PROPERTY
TO THE SHERIFF**

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 105-366 of the Machinery Act authorizes the Tax Collector to proceed against personal property to enforce the collection of taxes; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 105-367 of the Machinery Act, governing the procedure for levying against tangible personal property to enforce the collection of taxes, requires authorization of the governing body if the Tax Collector desires to direct a levy and execution to the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners by this resolution desires to authorize the Pitt County Tax Collector to direct the levy and execution against personal property to the Sheriff on such occasions as the Tax Collector deems such procedures to be in the best interest of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that from and upon the date of this resolution, the Pitt County Tax Collector be and he hereby is authorized to direct the levy and execution

against personal property to the Sheriff of Pitt County as provided by N.C. Gen. Stat. Section 105-367(b).

Commissioner _____ moved for the adoption of the forgoing resolution. Commissioner _____ seconded the motion.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

PITT COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA

I, _____, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for the County of Pitt in the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board as of _____, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the said County this the _____ day of _____, 2002.

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners for
Pitt County, North Carolina

Motion:

Adopt Resolution as Presented
Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Vote Record:
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes
Tom CoulsonNo

Total Yes Votes: 7
Total No Votes: 1
Motion Passed

Budget Amendment - Pitt County Development Commission - Technology Center - John Chaffee

Summary of Information

Account No.	Title of Account	Increase	Decrease
262900 499100	Fund Balance	10000	
269300 598050	Transfer – Fund 50	10000	
501000 498026 60000	Interfund Transfer	10000	
506000 558100 60000	General Construction	10000	

The Development Commission would like to request a transfer of \$10,000 from the Commission's Fund Balance to the Technology Center's General Construction line because of: 1) a cost overrun on the installation of the HVAC system in the MindTel area; 2) the cost to remedy fire protection issues identified in a recent fire inspection; and 3) need for funds to construct another tenant demising wall.

Motion:

Staff recommends approval.
Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.
Motion seconded by Commissioner David Hammond.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8
Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Revised 911 Local Legislation - JoAnne Burgdorff

Summary of Information

Pitt County introduced a local bill in the 2001 General Assembly to expand the uses of the 911 surcharge fund to include ALL communications equipment.

This was deemed necessary because we needed to use those funds to assist with the funding of the new countywide communications systems needed by all emergency personnel and law enforcement. The current statute is not clear and is subject to interpretation. Five other bills were introduced by other Counties which expanded the uses even further. All bills were sent to a study committee for reporting to the General Assembly in the 2002 session. This new revised bill incorporates some of the changes in the original statute that are not opposed by the telecommunications industry and therefore are more likely to be passed by the General Assembly. These revisions will still allow Pitt County to use the funds for the purposes we intend.

Short Title: Expanded Use of 911 Funds for Pitt County

(Local)

Sponsors: Marian McLawhorn

Referred to: _____

A LOCAL ACT ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND PERMITTED USES OF 911 SURCHARGE FUNDS, KNOWN AS THE EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM FUND, IN PITT COUNTY

An act to clarify and expand the permitted uses of the 911 Surcharge Funds to provide for the purchase of all types of communications equipment. This includes transmission towers, mobile/portable transceivers, base stations, and maintenance of all communications equipment used in the service of emergency communications to ensure interconnectivity between all Public Safety Agencies.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G. S. 62A-8 reads as rewritten:

§ 62A-8. Payments from Fund.

(a) Money from the Emergency Telephone System Fund shall be used to pay for:

(1) The lease, purchase, maintenance of emergency telephone equipment, including, but not limited to, mobile/portable radio equipment - both receivers and transmitters, base stations, communications towers, and other equipment necessary for interconnectivity between all Public Safety Agencies; necessary computer hardware, software and database provisioning.

(2) Addressing, nonrecurring costs of establishing a 911 system; and

(3) The rates associated with the service supplier's 911 service and other service supplier recurring charges.

(b) The following expenses are not eligible for payment from the Fund:

(1) The lease or purchase of real estate;

(2) Cosmetic remodeling of emergency dispatch centers;

(3) Hiring, training, and compensating dispatchers;

(4) The purchase of mobile communications vehicles, ambulances, fire engines, or other emergency vehicles.

(c) A local government may contract with a service supplier for any term negotiated by the service supplier and the local government and may make payments from the Emergency Telephone System Fund to provide any payments required by the contract.

(d) The Board of County Commissioners is authorized to determine the amount of surcharge to be set, which shall not exceed \$3.00 per month per telephone line.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2002

1. SECTION 2. This act applies only to Pitt County.
2. SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2002, and applies to charges billed on or after that date.

Motion:

To submit this revised Bill to the General Assembly through our legislative delegation.

Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes

Beth WardYes

Randy RoyalYes

David HammondYes

Glenn BowenYes

Eugene JamesYes

Tom JohnsonYes

Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Commissioner Bowen asked that the resolution for the ABC Board be brought back to the board.

ABC Board Resolution - Phil Dickerson

Summary of Information

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

WHEREAS, the people of Pitt County voted to permit the sale of spirituous liquor through the establishment of the Pitt County ABC Board, which is a part of the State's control system for the sale of spirituous liquors; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County ABC Board makes spirituous liquor available to consumers through local ABC stores while curtailing the intemperate use of alcohol through control over the distribution, sale and advertisement of spirits; and

WHEREAS, the State's ABC system is self-sufficient in that consumers of spirits pay for the costs of operating the State ABC Commission and for the distribution and sale of spirits; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County ABC Board generates substantial revenue for the general fund of for Pitt County and contributes substantial funds for alcohol education and rehabilitation, and alcohol law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly recently created the Legislative Alcoholic Beverage Control Study Commission (ratified Senate Bill 166) which is required to study and address, among other things, the benefits of a "control" system and a "license" system for spirituous liquor, are including privatization of alcoholic beverage sales.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Pitt County supports the present control system for the sale and distribution of spirituous liquor and desires to retain the Pitt County ABC Board.

By: _____
Chairman Mark W. Owens, Jr.

Attest:

_____ Date _____

Motion:

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.**

Vote Record:

Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes
Tom CoulsonNo

Total Yes Votes: 7

Total No Votes: 1

Motion Passed

Commissioners' Comments

Summary of Information

Commissioner Bowen spoke about the Global Transpark meeting and voting 27-6 to give the Executive Director a \$34,000 raise over the next 3 years. Commissioner Bowen wanted to go on record to say he is against this action.

Commissioner Coulson wanted it to go on record that he against the 1/2 cent tax being made permanent.

Commissioner Hammond commented on the new County Manager coming into office. Commissioner Hammond also wanted our Interim Manger Phil Dickerson to know that he had done a great job and we should take this into consideration at budget time.

Closed Session

Attorney-Client privilege - potential litigation - JoAnne Burgdorff

Summary of Information

Attorney provided general statute. 143-318.11(a) (3)

Motion:

Motion to go into closed session.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Summary of Information

Motion:

Motion to return to open session.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Vote Record:

Tom JohnsonYes
Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0

Motion Passed

Adjourn

Summary of Information

Motion:

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Vote Record:

Tom CoulsonYes
Beth WardYes
Randy RoyalYes
David HammondYes
Glenn BowenYes
Eugene JamesYes
Tom JohnsonYes
Mark Owens, Jr.Yes

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 0
Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Staton
Deputy Clerk to the Board