

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
MAY 20, 2002 MINUTES**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, May 20, 2002, at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Auditorium, Pitt County Office Building, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina.

**Commissioners present:**

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

**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  
Glenn Cutrell, Tax Assessor  
Scott Elliott, County Manager  
Jeff Niebauer, Tax Collector  
Ward Parker, Sheriff's Department  
James Rhodes, Planning Director  
James Tripp, Chief of Community Operation

**Call to Order**

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Chairman Owens called the meeting to order.

**Invocation and Pledge**

The invocation was offered by Vice Chairwoman Ward.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bowen.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Owens announced that Commissioner Shank was out due to illness.

**Meeting Notes**

Commissioner Johnson asked to add a proposal to honor Senators Ed Warren and Bob Martin for an appreciation day.

**Motion:**

**Motion to approve agenda as submitted.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.**

### **Public Addresses to the Board**

#### **Meeting Notes**

Ms. Meg Stancill stated there is free press in Pitt County as long as you own the newspaper. She addressed contracts awarded by the school system. She said the Daily Reflector declined to publish her letter and instead did a story on contracts. She noted a letter from May 9th to Phil Dixon and Carol Moore that their contracts pailed in comparison to Dr. Priddy's contract. She said that a newspaper from Guilford County wrote about Dr. Priddy doing marginal work and he had a \$115,000 salary. She stated that Dr. Priddy started as Pitt County Schools Superintendent with a salary of \$146,000 plus bonuses, benefits, and eleven months later his salary was up to \$160,000 and his contract was extended. She noted that his budget includes annual fees for subscriptions and other benefits. He receives actual expenses plus a \$13,000 travel reimbursement budget. The School Board may unilaterally be able to terminate his contract. Dr. Priddy's leadership has led to lawsuits. She quoted statements from the article concerning how Dr. Priddy would be remembered in Guilford County.

Nancy Colville commented on the meeting between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners tonight. She said the Education Compact or agreement increases communication with general public and corporate citizens and there are supposed to be semi-annual meetings on the Compact. On tonight's agenda there are five speakers from the corporate community, two from education and the County Manager. Dr. Priddy, Chairman Owens and Michael Dixon, Chairman of the Board of Education silenced the general public. She said the public would be observers versus participants. There are corporate citizens and the faith community including the Jarvis Memorial Church and Oasis Hope Church in Farmville on the program. She said corporate citizens have volunteered hours and funds to the school systems. However she voiced opposition to allowing the Chamber President and the Chamber Executive Director speaking considering the Schools have to pay a membership fee which increased \$1,000 to \$1,500. She spoke of concerns with the accuracy of Dr. Priddy's reports required by the Education Compact. Socials and corporate speakers cloud the issues. She commented on having Barbara Owens, current Board of Education member and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners wife leading the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that she is currently running for the Board of Education. She stated that Dr. Priddy and Michael Dixon are using the Owens' situation and the last thing the schools need is nepotism. The schools cannot continue to be sacred cows when it comes to cutting funds.

#### **Items for Report**

*Manager's Report - Scott Elliott*

#### **Information Provided with the Agenda**

Joint Meeting, Board of Commissioners and Board of Education, May 20 @ 6 p.m., South Central High School  
Budget Workshops, May 21-24, 8:30am-12: 30pm  
Recognition and Congratulations - James Rhodes graduation from County Administration Course, Institute of Government.  
Public Hearing on 2002-2003 Budget, Commissioners' Auditorium, June 11, 7pm  
RPO meeting, May 21st, Mid-East Commission, Washington, NC at 11am

#### **Meeting Notes**

Mr. Elliott stated there would be a 4pm ceremony for national certification of teachers. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Board will hold the public hearing and could decide to adopt the 2002-2003

budget at that meeting. The Secretary of Transportation will come down tomorrow to charter the local Rural Planning Organization.

Mr. Elliott informed the Board that on June 3<sup>rd</sup> a legislative breakfast will be held at the Development Commission. Commissioners and Legislators will meet at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast to discuss legislative concerns for Pitt County.

*Tax Collector's Report - Jeff Niebauer*

**Meeting Notes**

Mr. Jeff Niebauer gave the report. Commissioner James asked about growth of Pitt County. Mr. Niebauer said the Tax Assessor's office does that and he could report on it. Commissioner Bowen asked about Sheriff going after personal property. He said everyone has brought payments in since they have implemented this program and they have not had to pursue anyone's property.

**Motion:**

**Approve as Submitted**

**Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

<u>TAXING UNIT</u>	<u>APRIL 2002</u>	<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>
<b>Pitt County</b>		
<b>Current Taxes</b>	846,239.16	39,642,563.54
<b>Prior Years</b>	102,980.99	1,674,008.82
<b>Interest/Cost</b>	58,026.19	455,958.53
<b>Prepay</b>	57,980.90	143,804.34
<b>Total Collected</b>	<u>1,065,227.24</u>	<u>41,916,335.23</u>
<b>Landfill Fees</b>	55,997.32	3,315,253.43
<b>Ayden Rescue</b>	276.65	6,401.04
<b>Ayden Fire</b>	1,156.50	41,688.56
<b>Bell Arthur Fire</b>	1,252.52	43,407.25
<b>Bell Arthur Rescue</b>	330.23	7,242.18
<b>Black Jack Fire</b>	649.21	16,715.63
<b>Clarks Neck Fire</b>	753.41	16,928.90
<b>Eastern Pines Fire</b>	2,294.98	91,649.72
<b>Eastern Pines Rescue</b>	603.90	18,927.82
<b>Falkland Fire</b>	1,087.49	51,065.83
<b>Farmville Fire</b>	1,002.77	28,752.57
<b>Fountain Fire</b>	509.77	13,731.97
<b>Grimesland Fire</b>	774.71	21,879.23
<b>Pactolus Fire</b>	1,367.61	36,299.88
<b>Red Oak Fire</b>	1,016.63	43,598.71
<b>Simpson Fire</b>	1,790.33	46,379.56
<b>Staton House Fire</b>	2,191.07	104,523.27
<b>Stokes Fire</b>	796.10	25,601.78

Winterville Fire	1,912.42	68,411.34
Grifton Fire	1,117.20	45,039.95
Gardnerville Fire	916.75	23,283.19
Ayden Town	12,697.68	126,719.43
Bethel Town	10,365.17	256,143.03
Falkland Town	769.56	10,525.28
Farmville Town	16,116.26	117,696.25
Fountain Town	1,763.00	12,543.17
Greenville City	434,631.96	17,119,240.55
Grifton Town	5,493.13	61,525.37
Grimesland Town	1,955.18	38,769.63
Simpson Village	3,407.73	64,731.93
Winterville Town	13,397.20	119,237.66
GRAND TOTAL	1,643,621.68	63,910,249.34

**COMPARISON OF PERCENTAGES COLLECTED**

Apr-02	Apr-01
93.50%	93.60%

OCCUPANCY FOR MAR 2002 - 93,675.55  
 BANKRUPTCY FOR APR 2002 - 5,185.32  
 GARNISHMENTS FOR APR 2002 - 216,513.74  
 GROSS RECEIPT FOR MAR 2002 - 11,841.78

**Items for Consent**

*Approve consent agenda*

**Motion:**

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.  
 Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.  
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.  
 Motion Passed Unanimously.

*Refunds Greater Than \$100 - Glenn Cutrell*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Total Number of Refunds Greater Than \$100 -  
 Dawe, Gregory John - \$ 205.53

**Motion:**

Approve as submitted.  
 Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.  
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.  
 Motion Passed Unanimously.

*Budget Amendment - Former EMS Districts - Melanie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

This budget amendment, totaling \$11,700, recognizes revenue receipts from back taxes and their distribution to former EMS Districts to which they are applicable

**Motion:**

**Approval of budget amendment as submitted.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Budget Amendment - Fire Districts - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

This budget amendment, totaling \$68,025, recognizes revenue receipts from back taxes and their distribution to Fire Districts to which they are applicable.

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
287000 569912	Falkland	5,150	
287000 569914	Staton House	8,375	
287000 569923	Stokes	3,000	
287000 569924	Pactolus	3,600	
287000 569931	Grimesland	1,200	
287000 569932	Simpson	6,250	
287000 569934	Eastern Pines	9,000	
287000 569935	Black Jack	2,100	
287000 569941	Winterville	7,400	
287000 569942	Ayden	3,000	
287000 569943	Grifton	1,700	
287000 569945	Garnderville	3,150	
287000 569951	Red Oak Fire	4,500	
287000 569952	Bell Arthur	5,000	
287000 569953	Farmville	3,000	
287000 569954	Fountain	1,600	
282112 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	5,150	
282114 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	8,375	
282123 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	3,000	
282124 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	3,600	

282131 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	1,200	
282132 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	6,250	
282134 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	9,000	
282135 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	2,100	
282141 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	7,400	
282142 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	3,000	
282143 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	1,700	
282145 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	3,150	
282151 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	4,500	
282152 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	5,000	
282153 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	3,000	
282154 410001	Taxes Ad Valorem	1,600	

**Motion:**

**Approval of budget amendment as submitted.  
 Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.  
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.  
 Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Budget Amendment - State Grants Shepherd Project - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

This budget amendment appropriates the revenue and expenses for the Shepherd Project Grant for Real Crisis that is a direct pass-through type grant. No county funding required.

<b>ACCOUNT NO.</b>	<b>TITLE OF ACCOUNT</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>243614 426400 Rev</b>	<b>Real Crisis Shepard Project: Federal Categorical Grant</b>	<b>48,170</b>	
<b>245614 560107 Exp</b>	<b>The Shepard Project</b>	<b>48,170</b>	

**Motion:**

**Approval of budget amendment as submitted.  
 Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.  
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.  
 Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Policy Requiring Payroll Direct Deposit - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Direct deposit of the employee payroll will enable Pitt County to reduce the cost and time involved in processing and reconciling payroll. Approximately 83 percent of County employees currently use direct deposit. Another long-range goal of the department to go to electronic advice of pay would result in more savings to the County in the future.

For employees who are not currently affiliated with a banking institution, the County's bank for payroll services, Wachovia, would hold on-site sign-up of direct deposit for employees at various convenient locations. Employees would be eligible for a free checking account or a "Direct Money" account, which would allow withdrawals or purchases.

Benefits to the County include:

- Long term savings on administration
- Elimination of payroll check costs
- Reduction in reconciliation time and expense
- Elimination of risk and expense of forgery or lost checks
- Elimination of special handling for absent employees
- Reduction in employee time away from work to cash and/or deposit checks

Benefits to the employees include:

- Savings in time of cashing and depositing checks
- Ensures regular deposit of funds in the event of absence from work
- Elimination of lost, stolen, or misdirected checks
- Ensures funds are available on payday morning

**Motion:**

**That a policy requiring all County employees to utilize direct deposit for payroll be adopted, to be phased in with new hires beginning July 1, 2002, and all existing employees by September 30, 2002.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Approval of Fund Balance Use - Pitt Community College - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Several years ago, the County established a recommended minimum fund balance (county funds) that the Community College should maintain. Due to funding constraints, the reversion of a portion of this year's County appropriation and a general increase in the cost of operations, the Community College needs to appropriate much of its County fund balance for use. Should all of the expenditure estimates for the balance of the year occur, the Community College would have a fund balance in the range of \$5,000.

While this is not optimal, in order to continue operations, this action is necessary. I have attached a copy of the College's letter asking for the Board's consideration of this request.

**Motion:**

**Acknowledge and approve of the appropriation and possible spend down of the County funded fund balance currently on hand at Pitt Community College.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Interlocal Agreement between Pitt County and the Town of Bethel for E-911 Addressing - James Rhodes*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

On May 7, 2002, Bethel Town Commissioners approved the Interlocal Addressing Agreement between Bethel and Pitt County for E-911 address assignment by the County (See

Attachments 1 and 2). As part of this agreement, Bethel adopted the Pitt County Addressing Ordinance and requested that Pitt County Planning Department assign addresses within its corporate limits using Pitt County's E-911 Addressing System. The Planning Department anticipates the initiation of the addressing project in July, with an estimated completion date of October.

The County's addressing system is designed to assist in providing fast and efficient emergency response. Address conversions were initiated in the mid 1990's to provide E-911 addresses for rural route and box numbers in the County's addressing jurisdiction. The County then proceeded with address changes for requesting municipalities. Bethel will be the eighth municipality to have Pitt County assign E-911 Addresses, leaving Farmville and Greenville as the only two municipalities that have not converted to Pitt County's E-911 Addressing system. The Pitt County Planning Department, through the 911 Surcharge Fund provides this service.

**Motion:**

**Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Bethel to authorize E-911 Address conversion through the Pitt County Planning Department.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

*Transfer of \$2,000 of DOT ROAP funding from the Department of Social Services to the Council on Aging - John K. Bulow*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Staff has determined that the Department of Social Services will not use \$2,000 in Rural Operation Assistance Funding for FY 2001-2002. This State money is restricted to be spent upon transportation of elderly and handicapped individuals. The Board of Commissioners allocated the funds to the various agencies on June 18, 2001. The Council of Aging is asking that the excess \$2,000 be allocated to their agency for medical transportation of eligible clients. This transfer is within the County's authority and has been verified with the regional DOT consultant. If the money is not expended it will revert to the State.

**Motion:**

**Recommend that \$2,000 in FY 2001-2002 ROAP funding from the Department of Social Services be allocated to the Council on Aging.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

*Resolution Asking that the Criminal Justice Partnership Act Program (CORP) be Retained by the North Carolina Department of Corrections - John K. Bulow*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

The North Carolina Department of Corrections has publicly announced that all programs funded under the Criminal Justice Partnership Act will not be included in the budget recommended to the General Assembly as part of the ongoing State budget reductions. Pitt County's Criminal Offender Reparation Program commonly known as CORP, will be eliminated under this proposal. This program has proven to be a valuable asset that enables offenders who

have no work history to be assigned to public projects until gainful employment is found and restitution is paid to victims. Two County employees would be eliminated if this program loses State funding.

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**MAY 20, 2002**

**Resolution Asking that the Criminal Justice Partnership Act Program (CORP) be  
Retained by the Department of Corrections**

**Whereas**, the County of Pitt in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Corrections implemented the Pitt County Criminal Offenders Reparations Program (CORP) under the auspices of the Criminal Justice Partnership Act in July of 1995.

**Whereas**, this program has proved to be an effective alternative to incarceration and has provided the judiciary with a viable option under the structured sentencing program implemented by the State, and;

**Whereas**, the CORP program provides education, victim restitution, substance abuse treatment, and employment to offenders who do not have a positive work history, and;

**Whereas**, the CORP program provides valuable labor to work on public projects for the County and the municipalities of Pitt County, and;

**Whereas**, the CORP program by being a valuable component of the correctional system helps improve public safety by keeping serious offenders off the streets and developed into productive employed taxpayers.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners hereby petitions the North Carolina Department of Corrections and the North Carolina General Assembly to retain the Criminal Justice Partnership Act Program, CORP for the betterment of all citizens of Pitt County.

**Adopted** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May.

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**Mark W. Owens, Jr.  
Chairman**

**ATTEST:**

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**Susan J. Banks, CMC  
Clerk to the Board**

**Motion:**

**Adopt the attached resolution and send it to the Secretary of the N.C. Department of  
Corrections and all Pitt County legislators.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Authorize the Pitt Soil & Water Conservation District Authority to Purchase a Truck with Unanticipated Funds Earned by Participation in Lagoon Closures - John K. Bulow*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

For many years the Federal Government has provided vehicles for use by the County paid employees assigned to the Pitt Soil & Water Conservation District. The Federal Government has informed the District that it will no longer provide any replacement vehicles except for the one Federal employee and further that it may take vehicles from our local fleet if there are needs in other districts for Federal employees. Our District employees have assisted in several lagoon closures that have resulted in \$17,000 in unanticipated revenues being realized this fiscal year and with \$3000 additional dollars to become available in the new fiscal year. As you know, all new vehicle purchases have been frozen for next year. The District is asking that their unanticipated revenue be used to purchase a vehicle.

**Motion:**

**Authorize the Manager to allow purchase of a truck to be paid from funds earned from technical assistance with lagoon closures.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Resolution Asking the North Carolina Department of Corrections Not to Eliminate the Work Release Prisoner Work Program - John K. Bulow*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

The North Carolina Department of Correction has publicly stated that it intends to eliminate the Prisoner Work Release Program as part of the State budget reductions. The elimination of this program would negatively impact Pitt County's Solid Waste and Building & Grounds Departments. Each day 8-12 inmates are transported to the County to work in these Departments. To replace this labor with County employees would cost between \$250,000 to \$300,000 annually. If this program is not available to the County it will negatively impact the effectiveness of both Departments.

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**Resolution Asking the N.C. Department of Corrections Not to Eliminate the Work Release Prisoner Work Program**

**Whereas**, the County of Pitt has successfully used inmate labor from the North Carolina Department of Corrections Maury Correctional Facility for many years, and;

**Whereas**, the County of Pitt has found this labor source to be cost effective and essential to the operation of the County's Solid Waste and Maintenance Departments, and;

**Whereas**, the work skills of inmates who would likely be released back into the local community are enhanced by this experience and thus are better able to support themselves and their families in ways that are not detrimental to society, and;

**Whereas**, the County of Pitt will be forced to employ labor for these departments costing the County thousands of dollars annually and thus cost shift any savings for the Department of Corrections to increased cost at the local level.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the Pitt County Board of Commissioners petitions the North Carolina Department of Corrections and the members of the North Carolina General Assembly to retain this valuable program and not place additional burdens on the County of Pitt.

**Adopted** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

**Attest:**

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**Mark W. Owens, Jr.**  
**Chairman**

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**Susan J. Banks, CMC**  
**Clerk to the Board**

**Motion:**

**Adopt the attached resolution and send a copy to the Secretary of the Department of Corrections and to all County legislators.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

*Approval of Minutes - Susan Banks*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

April 25, 2002 Workshop

May 6, 2002 regular meeting

**Motion:**

**Approve minutes from April 25, 2002 workshop and May 6, 2002 regular meeting.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

*Budget Amendment - Bureau of Justice Assistance Program - Sheriff Dept. - Ward Parker*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

The Sheriff's Office has received funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Program for the purchase of bulletproof vests. These funds need to be appropriated in the correct line items for reimbursement.

**Motion:**

**Approve the budget amendment as presented.**

**Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

## **Motion Passed Unanimously**

### **Items for Decision**

*Extension of Technical Assistance Contract for Flood Recovery Programs - James Rhodes*

### **Information Provided with the Agenda**

On June 5, 2000, Pitt County entered into a two-year contract with The Wooten Company for assistance with the flood recovery programs (see Attachment 1). Due primarily to County staff members' active involvement with the day-to-day program administration, just over one-third of the total contract funds has been expended through March, 2002. Planning staff recommends extending this contract for the duration of the flood recovery efforts.

Staff will also provide a brief report on the status of the various flood recovery programs. Attachments 2 and 3 include current information for both the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("Buyout") and the State's Crisis Housing Assistance Programs.

### **Meeting Notes**

Mr. Rhodes gave a status report on flood recovery. He stated that Stephen Smith with the Planning Office was present and had been assisting with that program.

#### Hazard Mitigation Program

73 applicants withdrawn for various reasons.

129 participating and 117 completed.

12 closings pending.

\$7.5 million expended.

#### Demolition Progress

18 homes completed

10 homes under contract

Some homes still under progress.

Mr. Rhodes said that the lease agreement arrangements have been very popular. The County does not have to maintain these areas. He gave also report on Repair and Replacement. Mr. Rhodes said that since the caseload is so large, they request the contract be extended until September, 2003 to complete this program. One-third of the total contract with Wooten Company has been expended. Wooten Company is assisting with the develop of bid packages, oversight of contractors, housing estimates, offers to purchase, and work on environmentally safe homes. The staff's goal is to have the program completed by the end of this year. Commissioner Hammond said David Kelly was here last week. Commissioner Hammond said he went to Raleigh with a flood victim to find out why it is taking so long to get the job done. James Rhodes said it is a long process to qualify people. All aspects have to be completed before they get the money but they are meeting the State guidelines. Commissioner Hammond said he wants oversight of contractors to be done better and this needs to be completed. Mr. Rhodes said there will be some unmet needs because some renters especially will not qualify for these programs. Commissioner James said it should not take 2 1/2 years to complete this program. Mr. Rhodes said the individuals have to take care of liens and judgements, which is on their timeframe not the County's. He said they are trying to get the people in homes as quickly as possible but they have to meet certain guidelines. Commissioner James asked about Edgecombe County. Mr. Rhodes said they are no further along than Pitt County is with this program. The people are given an eligibility notice and it is up to the people to move forward. He said they are a having to hold people's hands to work through this in some situations. Commissioner Royal said he thought the agency that was working as a buffer was helping these people. South Lee Street Association was moved out last summer. Commissioner Royal said they were a great group to help the clients. Mr. Rhodes said that was a State funding issue and their funding was reduced. Commissioner James asked how many homes were not destroyed. Mr. Rhodes said there have

been 80 completed. They are having to assure asbestos testing has been done. Commissioner James asked if these properties could be used for training for firemen. Mr. Rhodes said they looked into that but the debris has to be moved off and it would require more funds. Commissioner Hammond said he heard the money is here so he does not understand why people are not getting their homes completed. Mr. Rhodes said there was a ten month time period in the beginning of the recovery process when the funding was not be available. Mr. Elliott stated that this program is moving ahead of other counties and County staff is on top of the situation. The State is putting pressure on other counties who are not moving as quickly as Pitt County.

**Motion:**

**Amend Section III of the Technical Assistance Services Contract with The Wooten Company to extend the agreement through September, 2003.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.**

**Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Budget Amendment - Revaluation - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

This budget amendment appropriates fund balance from the Revaluation Fund for operational costs for the startup of the Revaluation operation through the remainder of this fiscal year.

**Meeting Notes**

Ms. Bryan stated this budget amendment was to appropriate some of the set aside funds.

**Motion:**

**Approval of budget amendment as submitted.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
252900 499100	Fund Balance Appropriated	11,000	
255700 512000	Salaries	5,000	
255700 526000	Office Supplies	6,000	

*Budget Amendment - Medical Examiner - Melonie Bryan*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

This budget amendment appropriates \$5,000 in contingency funds to cover anticipated costs for autopsy services through the end of the fiscal year. This is an uncontrollable expense on the part of the county and fluctuates based on actual services rendered.

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
109910 599100	Contingency		5,000
104360 539921	Autopsy Services	5,000	

**Motion:**

**Approval of budget amendment as submitted.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.  
Motion Passed Unanimously**

*Clarification of Mental Health Governance Motion - Tom Johnson*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Commissioner Tom Johnson requests that the Board reconsider the motion on Mental Health Governance from the May 6, 2002 Board meeting. Following a committee meeting, Commissioner Johnson determined that the motion previously made needed to be made clearer or more definite.

**Meeting Notes**

Commissioner Johnson offered the motion.

**Motion:**

**Motion to instruct the Committee forming a Business Plan for the Pitt County Mental Health Center be directed to write the business plan for a single county department of county government mental health program.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

Commissioner Hammond asked where the confusion was on the last motion. Commissioner Johnson said the Mental Health Director felt there was still room to discuss and propose other options. Commissioner Royal said the direction in the last meeting, was that the committee had time to offer a recommendation to this board. He did not think they were limited or restricted to one option. Commissioner James said his is also on that committee and feels they need the instruction and direction under this County government. Commissioner Coulson said they did say they would keep an open mind. If they come up with something between now and July, that's one thing. Commissioner Hammond said he wants the language changed. The State has said that by September this decision between a multi county and a single county program.

**Vote Record:**

Tom Coulson	Yes
Beth Ward	Yes
Glenn Bowen	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Tom Johnson	Yes
Mark Owens, Jr.	Yes
Randy Royal	No
David Hammond	No

**Total Yes Votes: 6**

**Total No Votes: 2**

**Motion Passed.**

*Resolution Requesting Local Government Revenue Sources Be Made Secure  
(Constitutional Amendment) - Scott Elliott*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Mr. Elliott received the attached Memo from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners requesting legislation to protect local revenues. Please see the attached information.

**A Resolution Requesting That Local Government Revenue Sources Be Made Secure**

WHEREAS, the County of Pitt is required by North Carolina law to operate and maintain a balanced budget and comply with the provisions of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; and

WHEREAS, the County of Pitt is required to maintain a sufficient fund balance to operate in a fiscally sound manner and to have adequate reserves in case of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners have a responsibility to provide for the health, safety and well being of the citizens of this community by providing necessary services; and

WHEREAS, the ability of county governments to borrow for capital infrastructure needs is dependent on reliable revenue sources for repayment; and

WHEREAS, adequate revenues are required to carry out the above mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pitt County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the General Assembly enact legislation that will secure the local government revenue sources and ensure that these revenues are distributed to local governments on a timely basis as set forth by the state's General Statutes.

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Mark W. Owens, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

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Susan J. Banks, Clerk

**Meeting Notes**

Mr. Elliott explained the need for this resolution to not allow the Governor to withhold these revenue sources to the local governments. Commissioner Hammond asked if the Governor has constitutional powers under crisis situations. Mr. Elliott said this would only affect the reimbursements back to the local governments. Commissioner Coulson reminded the Board that the Governor wanted the 1/2 cent sales tax and now withholding. Agrees with resolution. Commissioner James said that anyone who puts a sales tax on and withholds tax on alcohol.

**Motion:**

**Motion for adoption of Resolution Requesting That Local Government Revenue Sources Be Made Secure.**

**Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.  
Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.  
Motion Passed Unanimously.**

*Budget Amendment - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - James E. Tripp*

**Information Provided with the Agenda**

Total Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funds Allocated by the State	\$355,256.00
Less Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Operating Expenses	15,500.00
 Total Juvenile Funds available for Programs	 \$339,756.00

We received fifteen program proposals for funding that requested a combined total of \$813,183.00. The following programs with the funding amount were recommended for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding:

Program	Amount Suggested
Teen Court	\$ 27,637.00
Resolve	64,908.00
Adolescent Outreach Service	96,468.00
Sex Offender Treatment	
Home Base Services	40,100.00
Juvenile Restitution	65,450.00
Community Service	
Psychological Services	
Rights of Passage	45,193.00
 Total	 339,759.00

**Meeting Notes**

Mr. Tripp asked for acceptance of funding for 2002-2003 budget year. He reviewed the materials that were submitted with the agenda. All program requests were taken before the committee.

**Motion:**

**Approve Recommendation**

**Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Commissioners' Comments**

Commissioner Johnson said the Clerk said that as long as Senator Ed Warren and Senator Bob Martin have served Pitt County, the Board should endorse an appreciation day for them.

**Motion:**

**Motion to schedule an Appreciation Day for retiring Senators Bob Martin and Ed Warren.**

**Commissioner Bowen added to have Commissioner Johnson organize the day.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson.**

**Motion was seconded by Commissioner Royal.**

**Commissioner Bowen amended the motion to have Commissioner Johnson organize the appreciation day.**

**Commissioner Hammond seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Johnson said he has already started raising funds from the business community for the event.**

**Motion with amendment passed unanimously.**

Mr. Elliott reminded the Board of the Legislative Briefing on May 29. He stated that Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hammond, Ms. Banks, Ms. Burgdorff and himself will be attending the briefing. He said that all of the General Assembly has been invited to the luncheon at the briefing. He said staff felt that this Board wanted a private meeting with the legislative delegation so the breakfast was scheduled. Invitations have gone out to the local delegation and three have confirmed so far. Representatives Edith Warren, Marian McLawhorn and Eugene Rogers have indicated they would attend the breakfast on June 3.

-Commissioner Johnson said Mr. Elliott and himself attended the Grimesland Town Board meeting and they are also having difficulty with the Governor withholding funds. They are proposing a six cent tax increase because of that the reimbursements being withheld.

- Commissioner James said he has a concern about the meeting tonight with the Board of Education. He said if they are going to learn anything they need to be able to question the Board of Education and do not need people there as propaganda. They have already sold education and they do not need to sell it to this Board. If it is open to the Chamber of Commerce to speak and the Hospital and others, it should be opened up to everybody. The private sector is more important than any of the others who wish to speak. The public should be involved.

-Commissioner Coulson said he would be at the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

-Chairman Owens reminded everyone of the budget workshop at 8:30 a.m. here tomorrow.

**Closed Session - JoAnne Burgdorff**

#### **Meeting Notes**

Ms. Burgdorff read the General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6).

#### **Motion:**

**Motion to go into closed session for attorney-client privilege and personnel. NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to protect attorney-client privilege and (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

#### **Motion:**

**Motion to return to open session.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

**Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

#### **Adjourn**

#### **Motion:**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

**Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.**

**Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:35am.**

**Chairman Owens announced that he was told that following the closed session when the Board motioned to adjourn, the telecasting of the meeting was back on but the public had not had a chance to re-enter the room. Consequently, he called the meeting back to order and repeated the adjournment motion.**

**Motion:**

**Motion was made again to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.**

**Commissioner Hammond motioned.**

**Commissioner Royal seconded the motion.**

**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC  
Clerk to the Board