

**PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2002 MINUTES**

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 16, 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
Terry Shank, Commissioner
Tom Johnson, Commissioner
Tom Coulson, Commissioner
Randy Royal, Commissioner
Glenn Bowen, Commissioner
Eugene James, Commissioner

Staff present:

Scott Elliott, County Manager
Susan Banks, Clerk to the Board
Melonie Bryan, Director of Financial Services
JoAnne Burgdorff, County Attorney
Wanda Yuhas, Development Commission Assistant Director
Phil Dickerson, Director of Facility Services
Deby Dihoff, Mental Health Area Director
Dwane Jones, Planning Department
Bobby Joyner, EMS Director
Thomas Lynch, Public Information Officer
Jeff Niebauer, Tax Collector
Ward Parker, Sheriff's Office
James Rhodes, Planning Director
Joel Scales, Director of Solid Waste/Recycling
Michele Whaley, Animal Control Director

Call to Order

Chairman Owens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present.

Invocation and Pledge

Information Provided with the Agenda

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Hammond.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner James.

Approval of Agenda

Motion:

Motion to approve agenda with the removal of Item for Decision #9 (Resolution to require Payment of Delinquent Taxes Prior to Recording Deed).

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Presentations

Recognition of Pitt County Girls 12 and Under Softball Team for Winning the 2002 Babe Ruth Softball World Series - Scott Elliott

Information Provided with the Agenda

A resolution and certificates will be awarded to the coaches and players for their winning the 2002 Babe Ruth Softball World Series.

Girls being recognized are as follows:

Allison Brown, Olivia Parrott, Suzanne Riggs, Meghan Lowery, Amy Godley, Carly Hobbs, Ann Clifton, Loren Bartz, Lindsay Roebuck, Caitlyn Wainright, Caroline Guard, Roxanne Wynne, Samantha Hulon and Suzanne Schultz

Coaches: Darryl Roebuck, Mickey Parrott and Jeff Riggs

Meeting Notes

Mr. Elliott presented the certificates to the players and coaches that were present. Mickey Parrott, Coach, stated the appreciation for the support of the community and parents. He said this has been a great group of girls. Ann Clifton and Roxanne Wynne were present to receive certificates for the team. The girls responded about what this had meant to them. A short reception was held for the Pitt County Girls 12 and Under Softball Team World Series Winners.

Public Hearings

Concentrated Needs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application - James Rhodes

Information Provided with the Agenda

Following the Board's authorization to proceed with the development of a Concentrated Needs CDBG application on August 19th, Planning staff with assistance from The Wooten Company has identified the western end of Pug Moore Road as the recommended project area. This area encompasses 13 homes along a ¼ mile segment of Pug Moore Road (see Attachment 1). The grant application requests funds to rehabilitate or replace 12 homes and to provide sanitary sewer service to the project area. The grant funds are to be used to install a pump station for the sewer line extension along Pug Moore Road. Authorization to connect to the Greenville Utilities Commission force main along NC 11 North is to be considered by City Council on September 12th.

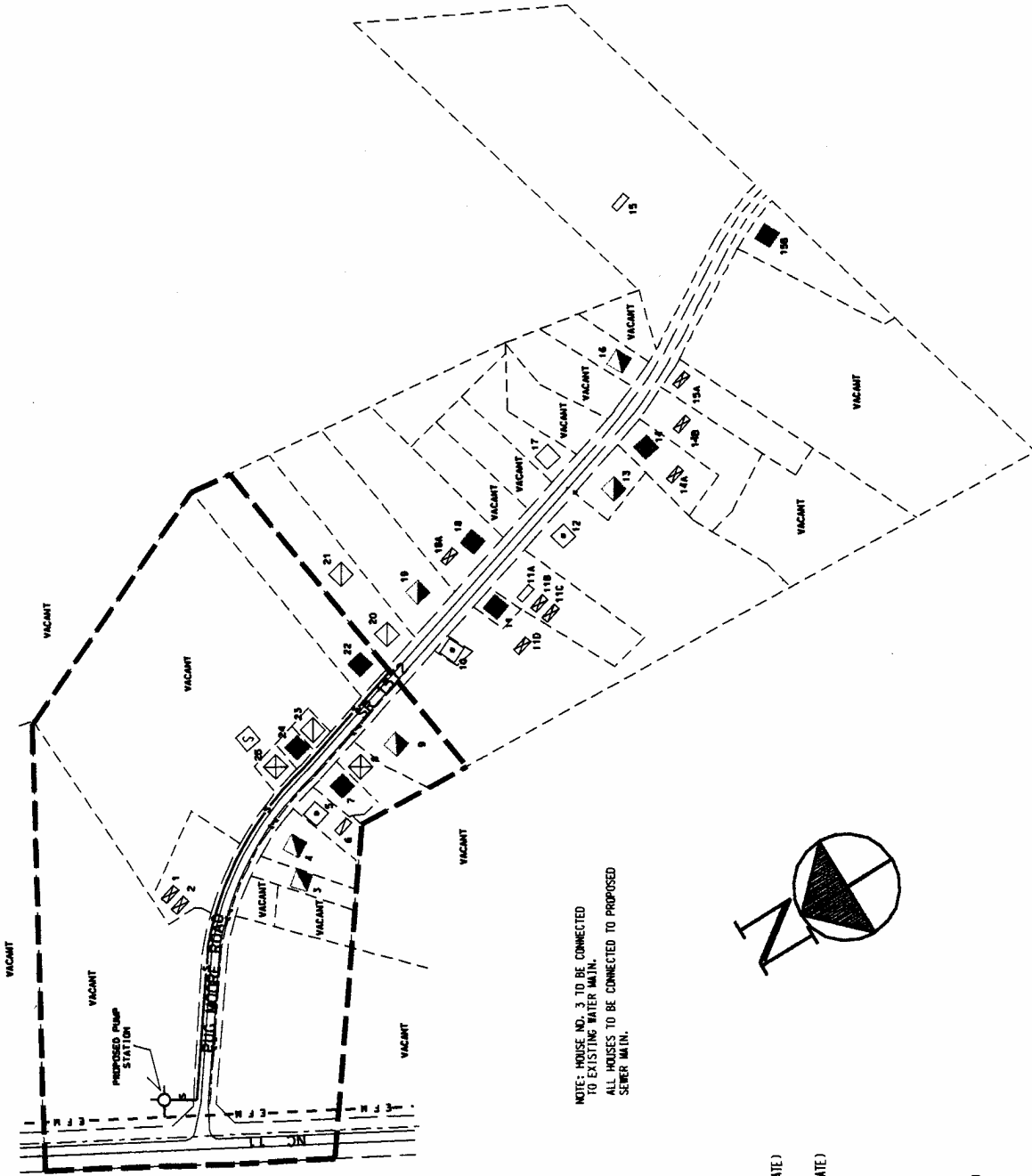
Prior to the public hearing, staff will provide a additional information about the current affordable housing programs and the grant application. Some of the highlights of the grant application include:

*Total grant request is \$700,000 with approximately 50% for housing rehabilitation/replacement and 50% for infrastructure improvements.

*A minimum local contribution of \$60,000 is recommended to reduce the cost of the pump station and to treat vacant structures.

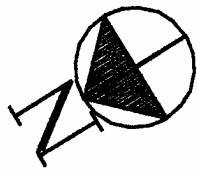
*Application due date is September 23, 2002, and, if awarded, funds will be available Spring 2003.

PITT COUNTY FY 05-04 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
PUG MOORE REVITALIZATION PROJECT
PROJECT MAP



- LEGEND**
- 3 HOUSE NUMBER
 - E EXTERIOR SEVERE
 - I INTERIOR SEVERE
 - FOR REFERENCE
 - STANDARD (MINOR/NON-NEED)
 - CHURCH
 - ⊕ COMMERCIAL
 - ⊓ STORAGE STRUCTURE
 - ⊗ ACQUIRE/CLEAR (SEVERE)
 - ▣ ACQUIRE/CLEAR/RELOCATE (SEVERE)
 - ▤ REHABILITATE (MODERATE)
 - ▥ REHABILITATE (SEVERE)
 - - - EXISTING FORCE MAIN
 - - - PROPOSED SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (MODERATE)
 - - - EXISTING WATER MAIN
 - - - PROPOSED WATER IMPROVEMENTS (MODERATE)
 - - - PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY (C-1)

NOTE: HOUSE NO. 3, TO BE CONNECTED TO EXISTING WATER MAIN.
ALL HOUSES TO BE CONNECTED TO PROPOSED SEWER MAIN.



Meeting Notes

The meeting was called back to order by Chairman Owens. He stated that Item for Decision #4 Street barricade would be moved up following this item.

Mr. Rhodes reported on the scattered site program stating that the good news is the scattered site CDBG monies will become annual funds. Urgent repair monies for specific needs will also come in. This item today is just one component of this program.

Mr. Don Harvey stated that on August 19th, the Board decided to move forward with this application. They have identified a specific area on Pug Moore Road which is in need of a pump station off of Highway 11 headed to Greenville at this time. It includes 13 units. He stated that due to budget constraints, all needs cannot be addressed in that area. The project proposes homes and sewer services to the area. The grant request is for \$700,000, 50% housing rehabilitation and replacement while the other 50% is for infrastructure. A local contribution of \$60,000 is required which will reduce the cost of the pump station and it will serve the vacant structures in this area. On September 10, Greenville Utilities Commission recommended and authorized their participation in this project. On September 12, the City of Greenville authorized the forced main on NC Highway 11 North. The State has extended the application deadline to October 23 and will then rank the applications. Funding would come forth in the Spring of 2003.

Chairman Owens declared the public hearing open. He asked if anyone wanted to speak. No one came forward to speak. He then recognized the Commissioners for questions or discussion. Commissioner Bowen asked for more direction and who owns the nearby property. Commissioner James said it is the first road to right after Country Mart. Mr. Dickerson said that Country Mart would be eligible to tap on to the pump station. Commissioner James said this is a special project and since there is no planning and zoning there this is all that will be served. He said those people do need this support. Mr. Harvey said the area being addressed is the first 13 homes. They will have to phase this project because it is such a large area of need for repair. The pump station is sized to cover the Pug Moore Road area. Mr. Harvey said the County could upgrade the pump station. Commissioner Bowen asked about the water for this area. Greenville Utilities serves water for this area. Mr. Harvey said the water lines are one mile back and then there is vacant land. The cost of \$350,000 is for sewer improvements. Commissioner Coulson asked what the change out cost would be if the water lines were upgraded. He asked to have this information to be supplied to the Board. Country Mart store has tied on to the forced main to North Pitt High School. There are some homes between Country Mart and North Pitt High School. Commissioner Hammond said the people in the homes should be allowed to tap on to this system. Mr. Dickerson said it is fairly easy to upgrade the pump stations but to triple the amount would require a new pump station. Commissioner Johnson said there was an opportunity to have direct input by zoning the Highway 11 corridor which eliminated the upgrading of this corridor. He said he wondered where the Board will get the money for this project. Commissioner Shank said there is a consultant working on water and sewer for the County.

Mr. Elliott asked Mr. Dickerson to update the Board on the water issue. Mr. Dickerson said he has an agenda item to discuss in this meeting concerning water.

Motion:

- 1) Obligate a local contribution of \$60,000 to offset pump station expenses.**
- 2) Authorize submittal of grant application.**

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Staff reported that the \$60,000 match can be spread over two fiscal years. Commissioner Royal said there needs to be a policy on these issues. He said work was done to outline these needs

and ways to do these things. The concept of zoning has kept citizens and the Boards from seriously looking at this type of project.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

ITEM FOR DECISION

Street Barricade on Jay Circle – moved up prior to public addresses - James Rhodes

Information Provided with the Agenda

At its July 17, 2002, meeting, the Pitt County Planning Board voted to require the removal of the street barricade on Jay Circle located within Stonegate Subdivision (see Attachments 1 & 2). The Planning Board's decision has been appealed to the Board of Commissioners by Ms. Farrah Mitchum, on behalf of the residents of the subdivision (see Attachment 3).

This street barricade has a long-running history spanning back to November 1998 when Don Speight, the developer of Stonegate Subdivision, erected a temporary barricade in an attempt to reduce burglaries and to stop speeding traffic from the adjacent neighborhood of Edwards Acres Subdivision. Attachment 4 provides a chronology of events since the Planning Board's consideration of the barricade on November 18, 1998.

Staff has contacted several affected agencies concerning the existing barricade. The Pitt County Emergency Services Department has recommended the removal of the barricade to allow better access to a nearby fire hydrant and to facilitate through traffic for emergency vehicles (see Attachment 5). The North Carolina Department of Transportation and Eastern Pines Water Corporation have indicated that additional improvements to the street and water lines would be required if the street is permanently terminated (see Attachment 6). In addition, the Greenville Post Office and Pitt County Schools have voiced concerns about the barricade (see attachment 7).

Meeting Notes

Farrah Mitchum neighborhood representative from Stonegate, said this matter has been going on for four years. The barricade was put up in an effort to address the increased traffic, crime and littering in this area. She stated that since the Trade Station had been built at the entrance of the neighborhood teenagers and adults are walking through their neighborhood to the Trade Station because its an easy cut through. If the barricade comes down, the problem will be worse. She said emergency services should not have a problem because the barricade has separated Eastern Pines and Simpson Fire Departments. She said it is easily accessible to the fire hydrant. She said that Don Speight wants the roads taken over by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. North Carolina Department of Transportation has put flags out. If barricade comes down and two cul-de- sacs are built, the road name will change. Citizens have signed a petition against the barricade coming down. They want to continue to have two separate neighborhoods.

Sheriff Manning said the problems in the subdivision have been ongoing break-ins. The barricade helps deter the break-ins but has not stopped the walk through crimes. Trespassers, vandalism and petty thefts is still a problem. The problem is teenagers at home right after school. He said they have put in special patrols in this area but don't have manpower to stay with it forever. He said he agreed with the homeowners about the barricades because they need to stay up to deter the walk through traffic. He said they are having a substantial number of crimes in this area. He offered his support.

Mr. James Rhodes said the barricade is between Stonegate and Edwards Acres. It was constructed by the developer. It was not originally authorized but the County did not require it to

be taken down. There have been petitions for street maintenance and improvements will have to be made to the road. The street was developed and constructed to tie into Jay Circle. This is a State maintained road, Jay Circle, and it has been a private maintained road in Stonegate. He said that NC 33 east is now five-lanes. There is a pretty large ravine in Stonegate. He said they did not want to have a subdivision designed where the flooding of roads would be an issue. This request started in 1998. Since then, the Planning Board has revisited it. In 1999, Hurricane Floyd came through and this item was temporarily deferred. The Planning Board requested the barricade be removed within six months. Ms. Mitchum was given more time. In July 17, 2002, the Planning Board reviewed this matter and it was appealed by Ms. Mitchum and brought to this Board. There are other issues. Emergency Services has concerns about the fire service. The barricade limits the accessibility of emergency vehicles to the fire hydrant. Major improvements will need to be made on both sides of barricade. Eastern Pines Water Corporation says the water line will most likely have to be moved. Pitt County Schools spoke about the school buses having to go back out on Highway 33 for pick up of students. The Post Office also has concerns. Mr. Rhodes said that the request today is for the Board of Commissioners to support the Planning Board's recommendation. Chairman Owens asked if the barricade is on private property. Mr. Elliott asked if this is public right of way. Mr. Rhodes said it is a public right of way but is privately maintained. Commissioner James asked about the fire response. Mr. Joyner said both fire departments would respond but this could effect their fire rating for insurance. Vice Chairwoman Ward asked about the Hardee Acres neighborhood also. They both have had one entrance but there is interconnectivity between the Hardee Acres and Edwards Acres neighborhoods. Ms. Mitchum said it is not really a through street. The barricade was up prior to the people purchasing property and they were not informed that it would come down. This could affect property values in the neighborhood. She asked who would be responsible for paying for the cul-de-sac. She said Edwards Acres never had one so does not understand why a cul-de-sac would be needed. Ms. Mitchum said one option was to do a homeowners association. She said that this is usually done when the neighborhood is being developed. Ms. Mitchum said the majority of the neighbors are supportive of the costs for the cul-de-sac but are also going to push the developer since he did not disclose this information when selling the property. Ms. Burgdorff said this road has been turned over to the State and the property owner turned it over to the state for maintenance but the State won't take it over until something is done about the barricade. The right-of-way has been dedicated for public use. Commissioner Johnson said he had studied the area and believes that Mr. Joyner should not say the fire rating would be hurt by the presence of the barricade. The dedication would not occur until the highway department would take over the road. Commissioner Bowen said he talked to the homeowners in the neighborhood. Mr. Rhodes said the developer wants the State to take over the road maintenance.

Commissioner Bowen asked who wanted the barricade removed. Mr. Rhodes said the Planning Board was who was asking for this Board's support. He stated they should give the homeowners the opportunity to have a cul-de-sac there.

Commissioner Coulson asked if this area flooded during Hurricane Floyd. He asked why this Board would not stand with the Planning Board because that would be micromanaging the Planning Board. He spoke about a sidewalk along Highway 33. He said there is no way the barricade is going to stop crime.

Recommended Motion: Uphold the Planning Board's decision to have the street barricade on Jay Circle removed.

Motion:

Commissioner James motioned to instruct the Planning Department to work with Stonegate residents to assist them to construct the cul-de-sac.

Substitute Motion:

Commissioner Bowen offered a substitute motion to give six months to the Stonegate neighbors to work with North Carolina Department of Transportation on what can be done

about the street barricade and this situation. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Shank said it should be up to the private homeowners to work on the cul-de-sac and the County should not be involved. Commissioner James said the Planning Board will have to be involved. Commissioner Bowen stated the County should let the residents work with North Carolina Department of Transportation and come up with a plan.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Public Addresses to the Board

Nancy Colville stated concerns about the scheduling of the joint meeting between the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners falling on November 25 which is six days prior to the installing of new commissioners. She stated that this meeting was scheduled with two County Commissioners who will no longer be on the Board as well as and two Board of Education members. She also noted that both Boards would be electing new chairmen. She stated she would like this meeting date reconsidered. The new commissioner-elects can come but cannot participate. These meetings need to be held here (in the Commissioners' auditorium) so people can see it. She spoke of Mental Health and the three options to consider today. She spoke of the certification and concerns about not doing it until July 2004. She said they are dragging their feet. She stated that in order to be nationally certified, they had to hire two consultants hired which they paid \$49,000 at \$85 per hour, plus expenses. She said Mental Health reform will happen and this is not the way to stop it.

Items for Report

Progress on Animal Shelter - Michele Whaley

Information Provided with the Agenda

Michele Whaley, Manager of Animal and Mosquito Control will report on the progress made by the Animal Shelter since the County assumed operational control on July 1, 2002.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Whaley provided statistics on the activities at the animal shelter stating they have only been in operation for two months. Ms. Whaley stated that they have changed the operating hours to Monday through Friday- 1:00pm-6:00 pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. She informed the commissioners of the individuals on staff and their positions: Autry Bowen, Assistant Manager, Joseph Harris, Johnny Barnhill. Lee Spain and Fred Wade, Clifton Woods, Ashley Gaskins (volunteer). She invited the commissioners to come by the shelter and that will get bigger and better as they progress.

Commissioner Johnson said this is an example of where the County can do a better job and offered recognition to Phil Dickerson for this achievement. Commissioner Bowen said he had visited the shelter and it was very clean. He said he was very impressed. Commissioner Hammond asked about the euthanizing of animals. Ms. Whaley said they are still doing a lot of animals each month but it depends on the amount of space they have to house them.

A five-minute break was called for by the Chairman.

The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman.

Martin County Community Action, Inc. - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Clerk received a request from Reginald Speight, Executive Director of Martin County Community Action, Inc. to come before the Board to make a presentation.

Meeting Notes

Mr. Speight introduced himself as the Executive Director of the Martin County Community Action, Inc. He stated that Martin, Pitt and Beaufort Counties are served by this agency. They are looking at a merger. They are merging with NEED which is an incorporated program that is in Rocky Mount. There will be no job loss or loss of benefits. There should be no interruption of services. He stated they currently provide Headstart for Pitt County and will be opening a center at the Eastern Carolina Vocational Center to serve 24 children with extended day services. He reviewed resources provided for Pitt County. He reviewed the savings of \$39,600 from the merger. He said he writes grant applications and hopes to hire a planner/grant writer once they complete the merger. In 1978, Pitt County applied for Community Action services for the county. Martin County was already formed so they provided the services. He said the agency will also be considering a name change to be more inclusion.

Commissioner Shank asked about the counties they are serving and the new counties. The new counties include Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson. Commissioner Royal thanked the Chairman for appointing him to this board. Mr. Speight is doing an excellent job serving families and children. He said he is happy they are branching out which shows their efficiency by being able to branch out.

Manager's Report - Scott Elliott

Information Provided with the Agenda

Local Government Reimbursements - attachment
Education Summit - September 18, 2002, Rock Springs Center - Need to notify Clerk if planning to attend
Pre-Hearing Open House and Public Hearing on US 17 Highway Improvements -
September 23 at 4:30 Pre-hearing and 7pm Public Hearing
- At Beaufort Community College, Continuing Education Building
Agenda Packages are now on the Pitt County website @ www.co.pitt.nc.us
Joint Meeting with Board of Education, November 25 @ 7pm (location to be determined)
At the September 18, 2002, Planning Board meeting, Dr. Richard Spruill will discuss various water supply issues facing Pitt County and Eastern North Carolina.

Meeting Notes

Mr. Elliott reported on the letter to the County from Governor Easley stating the \$2.9 million in reimbursements not being sent to the County. He said there is some talk of a followup bill for a half cent sales tax for short term help. He said the Board and staff will need to look at spending down fund balance, freezing positions, and other options. He said that he and the Finance Director could monitor what is going on in Raleigh. Commissioner Coulson said that he had investigated the State budget and there were many duplications of services and that he could save \$1 billion, with \$160 million from duplicate services. He said his proposal does not raise taxes. He asked why the Legislature cannot figure that out.

Commissioner Shank said she does not understand why the counties are taking it so calmly. With \$2.9 million to come out of the general fund, the citizens need to be made aware and they need to speak up to Raleigh. She asked if the Board could do anything more to emphasize their feelings to the Legislature. Mr. Elliott said that the Mayor's Association asked for people to come to Raleigh to show support for the half-cent sales tax. Commissioner Johnson said that at every turn this Board has taken a stance, by going to Raleigh and communicating with

the Legislators. He said the state should not be taking advantage of the counties. Commissioner Hammond said wait until budget session next year, because it will be more critical next year. Mr. Elliott said the NCACC is working on this item. Commissioner Coulson said they need to look at duplication of services instead of raising taxes. Commissioner Johnson said the Governor and the Legislature has carried out significant cuts.

Mr. Elliott announced that the Board of County Commissioner meeting agenda packages are now live on the Pitt County website. He thanked MIS staff for getting this up and running. Vice Chairwoman Ward said in reference to the agenda being package being on the website she asked that the Board to implement a plan that is currently in place to charge per page for any additional copies. She said that the policy is already in place in the county but had not been implemented on the agenda packages. She said that in light of the budget, the office should charge for any additional copies of the agenda. She stated that by law a copy has to be supplied to the public when its requested but a charge for copies can be implemented. This agenda package was 205 pages, and with it now on available on the website, staff could do away with making all the additional copies of this package. She stated that staff should discontinue making copies. Commissioner Bowen said he called Wanda Elks, Clerk with the City of Greenville and their policy is the first seven pages are free and there is a .25 per copy charge after seven pages. He agreed that since the agenda is on the website, there should be a charge for copies. Chairman Owens asked the Finance Director and the Manager to come up with a proposed policy. Mr. Elliott noted that the county can only charge for actually cost of the copies and that there is currently a charge of five cents per page in the Administrative Policy and Procedures manual.

Mr. Elliott spoke about the Joint meeting with the Board of Education being held on November 25. He noted that new members will be allowed to sit in meeting and that the Clerk has checked with the Board on several dates. Other dates were proposed but there were not enough commissioners available on the previous dates.

Tax Collection Report - Jeff Niebauer

Information Provided with the Agenda

SUMMARY OF 2002/2003 INFORMATION: SUMMARY OF 2001/2002 FOR COMPARISON:

Tax collection activity Pitt County:	Difference	% Chg
Total Aug 2002 Collections: \$16,347,798		
Total Aug 2001 Collections: \$15,822,015	525,783	3.32
Total to Date 2002/2003: \$17,569,142		
Total to Date 2001/2002 \$16,860,813	708,329	4.20
Pitt County Levy:		
Aug 2002 Levy: \$39,892,503		
Aug 2001 Levy : \$38,025,459	1,867,044	4.91
Aug 2002 Percent Collected: 43.71		
Aug 2001 Percent Collected: 44.02		
Original Levy 43.4		
Original Levy 43.3		
Supplemental & Vehicle 48.8		
Supplemental & Vehicle 57.1		

Total collection activity all units including Pitt County:

Total Aug 2002 Collections:	\$25,123,009		
Total Aug 2001 Collections:	\$24,265,173	857,836	3.54
Total to Date 2002/2003	\$27,020,724		
Total to Date 2001/2002	\$25,840,347	1,180,377	4.57
Garnishments for Aug 2002:	\$95,346		
Garnishments for Aug 2001:	\$95,094	252	0.27
Bankruptcy for Aug 2002:	\$7,097		
Bankruptcy for Aug 2001:	\$3,113	3,984	
Occupancy for July 2002:	\$102,197		
Occupancy for July 2001:	\$93,106	9,091	9.76
Occupancy Total to Date 01/02:	\$102,197		
Occupancy Total to Date 00/01:	\$93,106	9,091	9.76
Gross Receipts July 2002	\$14,284		
Gross Receipts July 2001	\$15,103	(819)	-5.42
Gross Receipts Total to Date	\$14,284		
Gross Receipts total to Date	\$15,103	(819)	-5.42

<u>TAXING UNIT</u>	<u>AUGUST 2002</u>	<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>
Pitt County		
Current Taxes	16,070,023.63	16,964,138.76
Prior Years	240,371.47	529,547.48
Interest/Cost	37,403.16	75,455.77
Total Collected	16,347,798.26	17,569,142.01
Landfill Fees	1,400,803.71	1,465,901.88
Ayden Fire	12,105.02	13,509.87
Ayden Rescue	121.40	284.59
Bell Arthur Fire	24,757.29	26,137.00
Bell Arthur Rescue	119.96	398.00
Black Jack Fire	6,096.86	6,921.31
Clarks Neck Fire	3,475.95	4,308.80
Eastern Pines Fire	47,961.10	51,851.54
Eastern Pines Rescue	426.75	743.51
Falkland Fire	19,560.93	21,300.14
Farmville Fire	8,241.97	9,427.11
Fountain Fire	2,840.10	3,338.13
Grimesland Fire	6,657.00	7,505.33
Pactolus Fire	12,306.63	13,705.18
Red Oak Fire	24,757.29	27,627.44
Simpson Fire	27,639.61	30,249.77
Staton House Fire	39,601.40	40,959.36
Stokes Fire	6,347.15	7,581.87
Winterville Fire	31,101.49	33,165.56
Grifton Fire	24,165.66	25,413.49
Gardnerville Fire	9,989.33	10,859.49

Ayden Town	8,839.96	18,357.78
Bethel Town	81,312.56	92,938.79
Falkland Town	2,514.27	2,975.00
Farmville Town	11,027.58	24,605.36
Fountain Town	782.19	2,252.27
Grifton Town	5,367.25	12,637.94
Grimesland Town	15,221.38	17,372.13
Simpson Village	29,059.77	32,040.02
Winterville Town	9,434.92	21,179.17
City of Greenville	6,902,574.72	7,426,034.12
GRAND TOTAL	25,123,009.46	27,020,723.96

COMPARISON OF PERCENTAGES COLLECTED

Aug-02	Aug-01
43.71%	44.02%

OCCUPANCY FOR JUL 2002 - 102,196.74
 BANKRUPTCY FOR AUG 2002 - 7,097.07
 GARNISHMENTS FOR AUG 2002 - 95,346.20
 GROSS RECEIPT FOR JUL 2002 - 14,284.11

Motion:

Approve Report as Submitted.
 Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Items for Consent

Approval of consent items - Susan Banks

Motion:

Motion to approve items for consent.
 Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
 Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Refunds Greater Than \$100 - Glenn Cutrell

Information Provided with the Agenda

Total Number of Refunds Greater Than \$100 - (2) - \$ 803.87

Flanagan, Jery & Eula - \$ 247.65
 Soli, Teri C. & wf Nimette J. - \$ 556.22

Motion:

Approve as submitted.
Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Social Services - Budget Amendment - LINKS (Independent Living) - Edward L. Garrison

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Department did not include the full allocation of Federal funds available to the County in the original Budget Ordinance. The Department is requesting an amendment to appropriate the total allocation of Federal funds available to the County. These funds will be used to assist foster children's transition to independent living as they approach 18. These are 100% Federal funds.

No additional County funds are requested.

Department: SOCIAL SERVICES

Date of Request: 08/12/02

FY Budget: FY 02/03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
162400-423012	Independent Living	16,500.00	
165411-540109-	LINKS - REGULAR	16,500.00	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate the full, allocation available to the Department based on the previous FY expenditures and funds available to the County.

Motion:

Staff recommends approval.
Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Social Services - Budget Amendment - Special Adoption Incentive Fund - Edward L. Garrison

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Department of Social Services requests a budget amendment to appropriate the balance of the remaining funds in the Adoption Incentive program. The Pitt County Department of Social Services received advanced funding from the N. C. Division of Social Services to expand and enhance the Department's adoption program. These are 100% State and Federal funds. These funds will have to be returned to the N. C. Division of Social Services if they are not spent. The Department is requesting a \$10,000.00 budget amendment to re-appropriate the balance of funds remaining from FY 01/02. These funds will be spent to expand the Department's adoption program.

Department: SOCIAL SERVICES

Date of Request: 08/12/02

FY Budget: FY 02/03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
165421-540108	SPECIAL CHILD ADOPTION	10,000.00	
165421-540111	FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED	10,000.00	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate the balance of the remaining Special Childrens Adoption fund. These are 100% State & Federal funds that were advanced to the County. The funds will have to be returned to the State if they are not spent. Funds need to be reappropriated in FY 02/03.

Motion:

Staff recommends approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment-Abuse You Lose Grant - Ward Parker

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Sheriff's Office has received approval from the state for the Abuse You Lose grant which was approved by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to apply on May 6, 2002. The budget amendment to appropriate the \$39,000.00 in federal funds is attached. The Sheriff's Office will provide the in-kind match of \$9,750.00.

Department: Sheriff-Abuse You Lose Grant

Date of Request: 8/16/02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
245635 526000 03	Office Supplies	9000.00	
245635 531200 03	Travel General	5500.00	
245635 532500 03	Postage	500.00	
245635 534100 03	Printing	6000.00	
245635 539500 03	Training/Conference	4000.00	
245635 561000 03	Contracted Services	12000.00	

245635 551000 03	Equipment	2000.00
243635 43600 03 -	Non Fed Categorical Grant	39000.00

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate funds for the Abuse You Lose Grant which will begin September 30, 2002.

Motion:

Approve the acceptance of the Abuse You Lose Grant and approve the budget amendment as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment-Sheriff's Office - Ward Parker

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Sheriff's Office has received \$3000.00 in contributions to purchase a small boat for the water rescue team. These funds need to be appropriated in the Sheriff's budget for this purchase.

Department: Sheriff's Office

Date of Request: 8/16/02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECF
104310 553001 - Expense	Law Enforcement Equipment	3000.00	
102800 484000 - Revenue	Contributions & Donations	3000.00	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate \$3000.00 to the Sheriff's Budget received from contributions to purchase boat for the water rescue team.

Motion:

Approve budget amendment as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment and Acceptance of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Award. - Ward Parker

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Sheriff's Office has received grant approval for the Local Law Enforcement Block (LLEBG) grant. The federal funds total \$67,595.00 (90% match) while the county's cash match is \$7,511.00 (10%). These funds will be used to purchase mobile data terminals for patrol vehicles. County funds are included in the contingency fund for grants in the current budget.

Department: Sheriff-Law Enforcement Block Grant **Date of Request:** 8/16/02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
109910 599101	Reserve for Grant Match		7511.00
109810 598024	Fund Transfer - Fund 24	7511.00	
243612 498501 03 - Rev.	Local Match	7511.00	
243612 426400 03 - Rev.	Federal Categorical Grant	67595.00	
245612 552000 03 - Exp.	Computer Equipment	75106.00	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate \$75,106.00 for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG for FY 2002-03.

Motion:

- (1) Approve the acceptance of the LLEBG grant**
- (2) approve the budget amendment as presented**
- (3) schedule a public hearing for comment to be held on October 7, 2002 as required by the grant agreement**

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment-Abuse You Lose Grant - Ward Parker

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Sheriff's Office has received an additional \$3000 from the state for the Abuse You Lose grant. The additional funds will be used to purchase items to promote awareness of domestic violence in the county. No local cash match is required.

Department: Sheriff-Abuse You Lose Grant **Date of Request:** 8-15-02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
245635 526000 02	Office Supplies	3,000	
243635 436000 02	Revenue	3,000	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate additional funds received from the state for the Abuse You Lose Grant administered by the Sheriff's Office.

These funds will be used to promote awareness in the county about domestic violence. There are no county match dollars required.

Motion:

Approve the budget amendment to appropriate an additional \$3000 to the Abuse You Lose Grant within the Sheriff's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment - Domestic Violence Prevention Unit II Grant - Ward Parker

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Sheriff's Office has received additional funding from the NC Dept. of Crime Control for the Domestic Violence Prevention Unit II grant which began July 1, 2002. These funds will be used to cover personnel costs. No local cash match is required.

Department: Sheriff-Dom. Viol. Prev. Unit II Grant **Date of Request:** 8/15/02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
245616 512000 03	Salary -Dom. Viol. Investigator	3,433	
245616 512000 03	Salary-Evidence Technician	2,473	
245616 518100 03	FICA	452	
245616 518200 03	Retirement	282	
245616 518201 03	401-K	296	
245616 518300 03	Hospitalization	636	
245616 518400 03	Life Insurance	14	

243616 426400 03	Revenue	7,586	
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Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

To appropriate additional funds received from the NC Dept. of Crime Control to cover personnel changes. There are no county match dollars for this grant.

Motion:

Approve budget amendment to appropriate additional funds of \$7586 to the Domestic Violence Prevention Unit II grant within the Sheriff's Office.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment - State Grants - Home and Community Care Block Grant - Melonie Bryan

Information Provided with the Agenda

This amendment appropriates funds for the Home & Community Care Block Grant received in FY 02-03 for the FY 01-02 budget year. This appropriates \$55 to the Council on Aging and \$\$3,342 to the Creative Living Center. The local match of 10% (\$334) for the Creative Living Center will be appropriated from the County's Grant Match Reserve account.

Department: State Grants

Date of Request: 8-20-02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREAS
109910 599101	Reserve for Grant Match		334
109810 598024	Transfer to Fund 24	334	
243640 436018	HCCBG Mid East	3,063	
243640 498010	Transfer from General Fund	334	
245640 569013	Council on Aging	55	
245640 569015	Creative Living Center	3,342	

Motion:

Approval of budget amendment as submitted.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Health Department - Budget Amendments - Health Promotion and IAP - John H. Morrow

Information Provided with the Agenda

(1) Increase Health Promotions budget - additional grant money, in the amount of \$17,680 for Healthy Carolinians Micro-Grant awarded to the Health Department.

(2) Increase Immunization Action Plan by \$12,483.00. This was grant money left over from FY 01/02.

Department: Health - IAP

Date of Request: 09-04-02

FY Budget: 02/03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREAS
153171-484000	Contributions & Donations	12,483.00	
155171-561090	Other Contracted Services	12,483.00	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

Increase Immunization Action Plan by \$12,483.00. This was grant money left over from FY 01/02.

Motion:

Staff recommends approval of budget amendments as submitted

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

North Carolina Department of Transportation Request For Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System Bilks Way in Sterling Trace Subdivision. - James Rhodes

Information Provided with the Agenda

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (North Carolina Department of Transportation), after receiving a petition for road addition to the State Maintained Secondary Road System, investigates the situation to determine if the road meets their requirements. If after this investigation it is determined that the road meets certain criteria, the North Carolina Department of Transportation District Engineer will request the County's endorsement for the addition by way of a resolution.

Attached are letters from Danny R. Taylor, District Engineer, requesting the addition of Bilks Way within Sterling Subdivision to the state system. Included with the letters are resolutions for your endorsement as well as copies of the North Carolina Department of Transportation Investigation Reports, the petitions from the property owners and a map illustrating the location of the roads.

Motion:

**Approve the request and adopt the resolutions.
Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

Information Provided with the Agenda

On August 6, 2002, Farmville Town Commissioners approved the Interlocal Addressing Agreement between Farmville and Pitt County for E-911 address assignment by the County (See Attachment). As part of this agreement, Farmville 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 within the next year. The Pitt County Planning Department is currently working on the Town of Bethel E-911 address conversion with an anticipated completion date of January, 2003.

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. Farmville will be the ninth municipality to have Pitt County assign E-911 addresses, leaving Greenville as the only municipality that has not converted to Pitt County's Addressing System. This service is provided by the Pitt County Planning Department through the 911 Surcharge Fund.

Motion:

**Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Farmville to authorize E-911 address conversion through the Pitt County Planning Department.
Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

August 19, 2002

Motion:

**Approve minutes of August 19, 2002 Board meeting.
Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.**

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Radio Maintenance Contract Renewal - Melonie Bryan

Information Provided with the Agenda

Radio maintenance for the Sheriff, Fire, and Rescue units is performed under an annual contract. A renewal contract totaling \$67,008.60 with Coastal Electronics to perform radio maintenance for these agencies is submitted for your consideration. The contract period is for one year beginning July 1, 2002. Service with this vendor has been satisfactory in the past, and funds are budgeted to cover the costs of this contract.

Motion:

Approval of contract with Coastal Electronics and authorize County Manager to sign contract agreements on behalf of Pitt County.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Items for Decision

Request for Financial Support - Grifton Community Historical & Arts Society - JoAnne Burgdorff

Information Provided with the Agenda

Frances Mewborn is requesting to come before the Board to solicit financial support for the Grifton Community Historical & Arts Society to help with the costs of saving a historically important house from demolition. The house was damaged in the flood and has been condemned. A community group has been formed (a non-profit) and funds have been raised from citizen donations, the Pitt County Historical Society and Winterville Historical Society and grants have been applied for to move this house to donated land in the City of Grifton where it will become a museum. It was the home of Dr. Dawson who practiced medicine there. The Victorian house was built in 1896.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Mewborn informed the Board of their Grifton Historical Society board members and stated the Secretary/Treasurer was present as well as the Grifton Town Manager. She spoke of a house which was owned by Dr. Dawkins. The Town does not have the funds at this time. She said the timeframe is crucial. They have to clear the area that FEMA has bought out. Other civic groups are willing to help with this project. They are requesting \$14,500 for moving, towing, survey, tax exempt number, and incorporation fees. She said their members will also contribute. They are trying to move the house out of the flood zone. They had an individual give them a lot to move the house to which is out of the flood zone. A retired building contractor has volunteered to supervise the restoration of this house. She said they will charge a fee and it will be open for tourists. This property was sold to a family and there is a lot of history in this house. She said if the County would help them move this house, they will not come back to the County for funds to maintain the house. The family members are members of their historical society. She said Dr. Dawkins would get up at night and make house calls. He left a lot of history behind. She said they want to have this house where people can view it and appreciate it. She asked that the Board please help them get this house moved. They are asking for \$20,000 to help get the house moved. Chairman Owens thanked Ms. Mewborn and the people who are working on this project. He said he does not see how the County can help fund this at this time. Vice Chairwoman Ward asked if there was any damage to the house from the flood. Ms. Mewborn said that water did come up to the house and under the floors. Vice Chairwoman Ward asked about the FEMA deadline. Commissioner James asked how much money FEMA was giving them to move the house. Commissioner Hammond asked if they have sought any assistance from Lenoir County. Ms. Mewborn said the house sits in Pitt County so they have not asked Lenoir County for funds. Commissioner Bowen said they have been working hard to get this house moved and FEMA would have paid to have the house torn down instead of moved.

Commissioner Bowen said a few weeks ago, the County gave Greenville \$100,000 for a historical house. Ms. Lewis said they set the amount was set at \$20,000 because they were aware of the other situation. She said they did need more money but didn't ask for more.

Commissioner Shank said the County and the City owned the Humber House together and those funds were to relieve the county of its obligations on that house. Ms. Mewborn said they have friends and neighbors who expect this project to be a success and appreciate any consideration this Board would give to this project.

Motion:

Motion to turn down the request for funds for the Grifton Historical Society at this time.

Motion by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Substitute Motion:

For County to pay 1/2 of the requested \$20,000 to help in the start of moving of the historical Dawson House in the Town of Grifton.

Motion by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Seconded by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Vote Record:

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

Total Yes Votes: 5

Total No Votes: 4

Motion Passed.

Application For Grant From the Rural Center To Do Additional Planning For Water Supply and Distribution - Phil Dickerson

Information Provided with the Agenda

The staff plans to apply for a grant to further plan for water supply and distribution. It is anticipated that the planning effort will estimate costs of the alternatives, recommend locations and types of interconnections, and address other matters of importance relative to meeting the challenges that lie ahead. It is estimated that the cost of this phase of planning will come from the following sources:

NC Rural Center	\$ 40,000
Eastern Region (Global Transpark)	10,000
Budget for Water Planning	17,000
Grant Local Match by Pitt County	13,000
Grand Total	80,000

As you can infer from the above the County will be required to match funds granted by the Rural Center.

In addition to accomplishing necessary planning, the document will improve Pitt County's chances to receive Rural Center funds to actually do construction work.

We have met with the Rural Center staff and we are confident that the grant will be funded in March, 2003. In the meantime we will prepare a Request for Proposals and get ready to begin work as soon as the funds are approved.

Meeting Notes

Mr. Dickerson said that they presented a water resources management plan in March. Dr. Richard Spruill is in the process of revising that plan to take in consideration the water providers comments. Today they are presenting a plan and they are looking to apply for a grant to put some lines in the ground. Mr. Dickerson said they expect to receive \$40,000 from Rural center funds, \$10,000 GTP eastern region funds, \$17,000 in water budget and the remaining \$13,000 could be local match. There will be \$80,000 to refine water resources grants programs.

Motion:

Authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application.

Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Waste Industries Contract for Waste Disposal - Joel Scales

Information Provided with the Agenda

The County's contract for solid waste hauling and disposal calls for a negotiated price adjustment annually. The Consumer Price Index is used as a guide for negotiating this increase. Waste Industries has requested a 3.5% increase in the current price. Waste Industries has cited increased costs in workers compensation insurance and employee insurance as the primary reason for the request.

The Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget allows for an increase in the rate and the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund is in solid financial condition.

Meeting Notes

Mr. Scales said that the adopted budget does have an allowance for a rate increase. They negotiated a 5% increase down to 3.5%. Mr. Scales said they had put the service out to bid for a better price. Commissioner Coulson asked about the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and how they came up with the increased figure. Mr. Scales said it had to do with workers compensation increases and other increases they had included. Commissioner Coulson said this is inflation. Mr. Dickerson said the CPI was 1.1% and he had told Waste Industries that if they went that high, it would have to be re-bid. The contract does not call for an adjustment by the CPI but the CPI is used as a guide. Mr. Dickerson said he does not agree with 3.5% increase but recommends to go with it for through the contract period of 12-31-02. Commissioner Coulson spoke about the cost of fuel. Commissioner Johnson said Mr. Dickerson has done a good job on solid waste. Commissioner Johnson said that there is no landfill in Pitt County and if Pitt County had a landfill, it would be more expensive. Commissioner James asked how much more it would cost the County. The increase would equate to \$11,000 per month based on tonnage. Commissioner James asked the Attorney if the County has to pay this amount. Ms. Burgdorff said there is a six-month period where they need to agree. They may have to mediate this out if it goes over six months. Commissioner James said if the County is not legally responsible, what would be wrong with pulling out and bringing in a less expensive company. Commissioner Bowen asked why the County is even negotiating this contract. Mr. Scales said this has been a five-year contract and we're in the last three months of the contract. Stan Matthews is the branch

manager for Waste Industries. Mr. Matthews stated that the 3.5% was based on the transportation index of the CPI. He said the economy has hit the transportation industry very hard. The 5% increase was based on the cost of providing the service. He stated that they had studied this issue very, very hard.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about the citizens not wanting a landfill, so the expense is higher.

Motion:

Staff recommends increasing the tonnage fee paid to Waste Industries from \$30.45 to \$31.52. The Waste Industries contract expires 12/31/2002. Staff is currently preparing a bid to accept proposals for a new contract.

**Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Terry Shank.**

Vote Record:

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

Total Yes Votes: 7

Total No Votes: 2

Motion Passed.

Adopt Resolution Establishing A Committee To Represent Local Franchising Authorities In Response To Adelphia's Communication Chapter 13 Filing - Thomas Lynch

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Piedmont Triad Council of Governments in cooperation with the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners are soliciting the support of local governments who hold franchise agreements with Adelphia Communications. Since Adelphia filed for Chapter 13 reorganization the bankruptcy court established an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. The committee oversees and protects the interests of the creditors. Since franchising authorities have a greater investment than regular creditors, the aforementioned agencies will petition the bankruptcy Judge to appoint a Committee to represent the local franchise authorities. The attached Resolution will be forwarded to the office of the Bankruptcy Judge who is handling Adelphia's filing.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF PITT EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATING IN A COALITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT ARE LOCAL FRANCHISING AUTHORITIES IN COMMUNITIES WHERE ADELPHIA COMMUNICATIONS IS A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISEE, WHICH COALITION WILL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY FOR PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ITS RESIDENTS, AND ALL ADELPHIA CABLE TELEVISION SUBSCRIBERS IMPACTED BY THE ADELPHIA BANKRUPTCY

WHEREAS, Adelphia Communications, hereinafter referred to as Adelphia, has a cable television franchise agreement with our community; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, Adelphia has undergone well-publicized financial difficulties, including the disclosure of approximately \$3.1 billion in previously undisclosed off-balance sheet obligations, the commencement of a Securities and Exchange Commission and two federal grand jury investigations, allegations of widespread corporate fraud, substantial defaults on bondholder debts, numerous shareholder lawsuits against Adelphia, and the arrest of five former Adelphia corporate executives; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2002, Adelphia, and more than two hundred (200) of its subsidiaries, filed for bankruptcy protection; and

WHEREAS, recent press reports and other information indicate that Adelphia attempted to sell many of its franchises to third-parties within the two weeks prior to the bankruptcy filing, but those negotiations failed; and

WHEREAS, recent press reports and other information indicate that Adelphia has obtained \$1.5 billion in debtor-in-possession financing to sustain its operations while the bankruptcy is proceeding; and

WHEREAS, in the context of a bankruptcy, Adelphia will be required to assume, assign, or reject the current franchise agreement with our community, and during that process, the County of Pitt should play an active and important role so as to ensure that all franchise obligations are satisfied and local cable television subscribers receive the highest quality, uninterrupted, cable television service; and

WHEREAS, complicated legal and practical issues will arise during the course of the bankruptcy, which will require: (i) extensive analysis of local government's rights and obligations; (ii) preparation of financial documents and correspondence explaining the practical ramifications of the various proposals, including debt and equity restructurings that may arise; and (iii) a careful attention to the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, the quality and range of cable television services, and the financial and performance based rights of local government; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated bankruptcy may result in tension between local government's authority to control its public rights-of-way and duty to protect subscribers, Adelphia's creditors' desire to obtain maximum value from the Adelphia franchises with minimum delay, potential asset purchasers' desire to pay the lowest possible price and incur the minimum possible obligation when seeking to buy cable franchises from the bankruptcy estate, and the bankruptcy court's desire to quickly administer the case and confirm a bankruptcy plan; and

WHEREAS, by forming a coalition, local government can present a united front in the anticipated bankruptcy case, which will likely allow local government to assert more influence over the ultimate conditions under which Adelphia or some other cable operator will provide services to cable subscribers on a going-forward basis; and

WHEREAS, bankruptcy law provides, in some circumstances, for the formation of "committees" of parties sharing like interests in a bankruptcy proceeding; and

WHEREAS, press reports and other information indicate that Adelphia's management, as well as Adelphia's major creditors, are currently mapping out their respective bankruptcy

strategies and committee formations, which are not likely to align with the fundamental objectives of local government with respect to cable television franchises; and

WHEREAS, if an official committee of local government entities were appointed by the United States Trustee, the professional fees incurred by the committee would be paid by the bankruptcy estate; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2002, the Executive Director of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (hereinafter referred to as NATOA) and the President of the States of California and Nevada Chapter of NATOA (hereinafter referred to as SCAN NATOA) sent a letter to Adelpia's General Counsel soliciting Adelpia's support before the United States Trustee to appoint a local government committee; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2002, the County of St. Port Lucie, Florida, filed a motion in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York for the creation of an official committee of local franchise authorities and a hearing date has been set for September 17, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2002, Adelpia responded to the NATOA/SCAN NATOA letter and indicated that Adelpia would remain neutral (neither support nor oppose) on the formation of a local government committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, Pitt County does hereby resolve as follows:

1. Based upon and through the actions described in the above Recitals it is hereby determined that Pitt County will benefit from participating in a coalition of cities, counties, and special districts that act as the local government committee, which would strive to protect local government, its residents, and all Adelpia cable television subscribers impacted by the Adelpia bankruptcy.
2. Pitt County hereby expresses support for the appointment of an official committee of local government entities by the United States Trustee.
3. Pitt County approves participation of the County of Pitt in the event such an official committee of local government entities is appointed by the United States Trustee and recommends that a representative from the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, 2216 West Meadowview Road, Suite 201, Greensboro, NC 27407, telephone 336-294-4950 be appointed to such an official committee to represent our interests in this matter.

Adopted this 16th day of September 2002.

Chairman Mark W. Owens, Jr.

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board Susan J. Banks

Meeting Notes

Mr. Lynch spoke about the need to join this group in support of this resolution.

Motion:

Adopt Resolution Supporting Establishing A Committee To Represent Local Franchising Authorities In Response To Adelpia's Communication Chapter 13 Filing.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendment - State Grants-JCPC Power of One - Melonie Bryan

Information Provided with the Agenda

This amendment brings forward unspent fund balance from last year from the JCPC Power of One program that must be returned to the State.

Department: State Grants

Date of Request: 8-13-02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREASE
243668 499100	Fund Balance	2,003	
245668 569399	Prior Year Refund	2,003	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

Bringing unspent fund balance from the JCPC Power of One program forward to new year in order to return to the State.

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 - JCPC Alternative Education - Melonie Bryan

Information Provided with the Agenda

This amendment brings forward unspent fund balance from the prior year from the JCPC Alternative Education (Home Based Services) program that is to be returned to the State.

Department: State Grants

Date of Request: 8-14-02

FY Budget: 02-03

ACCOUNT NO.	TITLE OF ACCOUNT	INCREASE	DECREAS
243660 499100	Fund Balance	1,327	
245660 569399	Prior Year Refund	1,327	

Department Justification: (Please provide detailed explanation)

Bringing unspent fund balance from the JCPC Alternative Education program forward to new year in order to return to the State.

Motion:

**Approval of Budget Amendment as submitted.
Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.**

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Grant for Local Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program Administration - Dwane Jones

Information Provided with the Agenda

On December 18, 2000, the Board authorized Planning staff to submit a grant application to the State for funds made available to assist with and improve the administration of the Pitt County Local Soil Erosion and Sedimentation program. At this meeting the Board also agreed to use General Fund monies, including review fees collected for program administration, for local match (see attachments 1 and 2). Following a series of administrative delays, the State approved grant monies to Pitt County in the amount of \$5,040, for a total of \$12,600 with the 60% match (\$7,560) required by the County.

Originally staff had requested funds to offset direct staff expenses (i.e. salaries) for program administration. However, the State refused to approve the grant application since the County previously received a grant to pay personnel. The Planning Department then submitted a revised application that included items to enhance the local program. Although funds to help pay for coordinated permitting software were denied, the grant will provide funding for computer equipment and software, travel, and office printing costs (see Budget Amendment).

Meeting Notes

Commissioner James asked if this grant would cost any additional funds. Mr. Jones said it would actually offset the costs. In the original grant, he was hired but there is no additional personnel requested in this grant application. Commissioner Johnson said the developers have agreed to pay higher costs for the County enforcing these regulations.

Motion:

- 1. Approve attached budget amendment which includes General Fund monies for local match.**
- 2. Authorize the Chairman to acknowledge acceptance of grant monies by signing contract.**

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

Motion Passed Unanimously.

*Resolution to Require Payment of Delinquent Property Taxes Prior to Recording Deed
- JoAnne Burgdorff (This item was removed from the agenda.)*

Information Provided with the Agenda

N.C.G.S. 161-31 allows the Board of Commissioners to direct the Register of Deeds to require a certification from the Tax Collector that all delinquent property taxes have been paid or the Register of Deeds shall refuse to record the deed conveying property. The Resolution attached includes the form for the certification by the Tax Collector. This process shall begin immediately upon the Resolution being passed by the Board and notification to the Register of Deeds. This is simply another tool to assist in the collection of delinquent taxes.

Resolution Requesting the Establishment of a Tobacco Quota Buyout Program - Tom Johnson

Information Provided with the Agenda

Commissioner Johnson requested that this resolution be adopted to establish a tobacco quota buyout program. The resolution has been adapted from a draft resolution from the NC House of Representatives.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE PRESIDENT TO SUPPORT AND ENACT LEGISLATION TO
ESTABLISH A TOBACCO QUOTA BUYOUT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners:

WHEREAS, the system of growing and marketing burley and flue-cured tobacco currently in place in the United States faces many challenges and changes due to contracting, lawsuits, governmental regulation and foreign competition; and

WHEREAS, quota owners, tobacco growers, and the tobacco industry agree that a transition from the current system is needed; and

WHEREAS, a plan of transition which is fair and equitable to all quota owners and tobacco growers is needed to provide stability, uniformity and certainty for quota owners, growers and the tobacco industry; and

WHEREAS, protecting family farmers and minority farmers, and preserving the production of tobacco for economic viability in rural communities is an important goal of the State; and

WHEREAS, a buyout of the quota owners and tobacco growers would provide a significant and needed economic stimulus over a period of time in the State of North Carolina during a time of economic distress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners that:

- 1) The Congress of the United States and President support and enact legislation that would establish a fair and equitable transition program for quota owners and tobacco growers and the tobacco industry that would buyout quota owners and tobacco growers.
- 2) This resolution be spread across the minutes of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and copies shall be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the

Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from North Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of September, 2002.

Mark W. Owens, Jr., Chairman
Pitt County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting Notes

Commissioner Johnson said this is a resolution in terms of the Bright Leaf Tobacco situation. He said if the United States Congress approves this buyout program for five years, \$1 billion per year would come back to North Carolina. A large portion would come to Pitt County. He said it would greatly benefit Pitt County.

Commissioner James said that he thought the County was jumping the gun by passing the resolution at this time. He said there are about six bills being produced. He said Senator Jesse Helms would come up with a bill. He said they need to wait for Senator Helms to get everyone together and put our support behind the one that they think will pass. Vice Chairwoman Ward said she does not think this resolution would bother that and it would let them know Pitt County is studying this and is being proactive. Commissioner Johnson said the House of Representatives is proposing a similar resolution and this is in support of what they have under discussion. Commissioner James said we need to consolidate our efforts and wait until Senator Helms presents a bill.

Motion:

Adopt Resolution to establish a tobacco quota buyout program.

Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Substitute Motion:

Postpone until additional information is gotten on the buyout of tobacco.

Motion made by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Chairman Owens called for a vote on the substitute motion. There was a four to four vote. The Chairman asked the Attorney what the policy was for this type of outcome on a vote. The Attorney stated that the absent vote would go to the affirmative count. The Chairman called for a new vote. The Clerk stated that there was a three to four vote with two commissioners (Owens and Royal) not voting so the motion failed with a three to six vote because the non-voting members go with the majority as follows:

Vote Record:

Tom Coulson	Yes
David Hammond	Yes
Eugene James	Yes
Beth Ward	No
Glenn Bowen	No
Terry Shank	No

Tom Johnson No
Randy Royal No
Mark Owens, Jr. No
Total Yes Votes: 3
Total No Votes: 6
Motion Failed.

Chairman Owens called for a vote on the original motion to adopt the Resolution to Establish a Tobacco Quota Buyout Program.

Vote Record:
Beth Ward Yes
Randy Royal Yes
Glenn Bowen Yes
Terry Shank Yes
Tom Johnson Yes
Mark Owens, Jr. Yes
Tom Coulson No
David Hammond No
Eugene James No
Total Yes Votes: 6
Total No Votes: 3
Motion Passed.

Mental Health System Reform - Phase Selection - Deby Dihoff

Information Provided with the Agenda

Pitt County Mental Health is in the process of preparing the Local Business Plan in accordance with the new Mental Health System Reform legislation. Implementation of the State Plan for Mental Health Reform will be done on a phase in basis. Designation or selection of a phase indicates the public system's readiness to initiate full requirements and responsibilities of the Local Management Entity (LME). One of the requirements of the new legislation is for counties to decide what phase their local system will implement the LME model. This decision must be submitted in writing to the Division of Mental Health by October 1, 2002. The state has identified 3 phases for implementation:

- Phase One: LME certification is anticipated by July 1, 2003
- Phase Two: LME certification is anticipated by prior July 1, 2004
- Phase Three: LME certification is anticipated by July 1, 2004

During their Friday August 30th meeting, the Core Committee of the Local Business Plan voted unanimously to select Phase Three of the implementation cycle. The primary reason for this selection is to allow the Mental Health Center more time to clearly define the elements of the plan. There are still a lot of unanswered questions and plans in development at the state level. It is the feeling of the Core Committee that with of more time, Pitt County will be better prepared for LME implementation. The Core Committee is recommending to the Board of County Commissioners to select Phase Three of the State Plan implementation.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Dihoff said they are asking for more time because the state is defining the providers. She said the Mental Health Advisory Committee and staff recommended to go with Phase III to implement business plan on July 1, 2004. Commissioner James asked about the delay from January 2004. Ms. Dihoff said they are choosing willfully to determine what meets their needs

best. Commissioner Shank asked for clarification. Ms. Dihoff said that the January 1, 2004 should say July 1, 2004.

Commissioner Bowen asked who recommended the consultant. Ms. Dihoff said they are using the same consultant that worked for them on the national accreditation. She said the consultant was hired and felt she would be in tune with their agency. There were three timeframes put forth to mental health agencies by the State. The consultants help staff by working with the committees and subcommittees. The written policies are what they are working on. The groups vote on things and then the consultant goes back and writes it up. Consultants are to help staff while staff is also trying to work on certification and reform. They are being paid \$85.00 per hour and there is a cap on the contract. Mr. Elliott said the contract is for \$35,000 and he has met with the consultant. They have met with the committees and they will help expedite the process. He said the staff is fully engaged in this process.

Motion:

Approve request for Phase III.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Vote Record:

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

Total Yes Votes: 8

Total No Votes: 1

Motion Passed.

Appointment to the Pitt County Mental Health Advisory Committee - Deby Dihoff

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Advisory Committee is recommending appointees for two vacancies:

They are recommending the appointment of Mike Raisig for the position Sharon Bradley is currently serving in. This appointment has been recommended by the hospital. If Mr. Raisig is appointed, his term will expire 6/30/2006.

The committee is also recommending the appointment of Ms. Debra Sermons in the position vacated by Dr. David White. That position was revamped to meet the new requirements of HB 381 for a consumer with developmental disabilities. If Ms. Sermons is appointed, her term will expire 6/30/2005.

Both of these appointments are filling unexpired terms.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Dihoff stated that one position is not a statutory position but is with Pitt County Memorial Hospital. The other position is a statutorily required position. Mike Raisig is with the Inpatient section at the Hospital. Ms. Sermons has a mild disability.

Motion:

Recommend appointment of Mr. Raisig and Ms. Sermons to the Pitt County Mental Health Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Commission Appointments - Bobby Joyner

Information Provided with the Agenda

The attached list of individuals is recommended to be appointed to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Commission. All of the representatives from the EMS squads were submitted by the respective squads. Applications of all candidates are on file with the Clerk to the Board. The citizens-at-large candidates and the doctor representative completed applications and submitted them to the Clerk to the Board. The representative for the town managers was recommended by the Pitt County Mayors Association. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners is asked to appoint a County Commissioner to this Commission.

Motion:

The recommended individuals be appointed to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Commission with Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward serving as the county commissioner appointee.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Appointment to Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

Ms. Koesling has stated that Vice Chairwoman Ward recently resigned due to scheduling conflicts. She asked that the Board of Commissioners appoint another County Commissioner, ex officio, or the Commissioners' designee" to serve on their Board of Directors. They meet the last Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the office on Eastbrooke Drive, Greenville.

Motion:

Motion to appoint Glenn Bowen to serve on the Martin/Pitt Partnership for Children.

Motion made by Commissioner James.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Hammond.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Appointment to the Global Transpark Development Commission - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

Previously Mr. Bowen suggested that John Chaffee, Director of Development Commission, serve as his replacement on the Global Transpark Commission. The Clerk has contacted Mr. Chaffee who would like to have a member from the Development Commission appointed. The Chairman of the Development Commission cannot serve in this capacity. Mr.

Chaffee has no further recommendation. Attached you will find a list of applicants for the Global Transpark Commission as well as the current Development Commission members.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Banks informed the Board that Mr. Bowen had resigned from the Global Transpark Commission. She had contacted John Chaffee about serving in Mr. Bowen's place. However, Mr. Chaffee had originally suggested one of the Development Commission members might like to serve on the GTP Commission. When Mr. Chaffee contacted this individual, who said they were not able to serve, so he stated he would be willing to serve if that was the Board's pleasure.

Motion:

Motion to appoint John Chaffee to serve on the Global Transpark Development Commission.

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Reappointment to the Ayden Planning Board, ETJ member - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

Jimmy Walls term expired 8/31/2002. The Town of Ayden recommends Mr. Walls be reappointed to serve another three-year term as an ETJ member of the Ayden Planning Board. Please find attached the current members of the Ayden Planning Board. A list of interested applicants for the Ayden Planning Board is attached.

Motion:

Follow recommendation of Ayden Town Board and reappoint Jimmy Walls.

Motion made by Commissioner Glenn Bowen.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Reappointment to the Pitt-Greenville Convention & Visitors Authority - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Greenville City Council unanimously voted to recommend the reappointment of Stephanie Davenport for a second three-year term and Dawn Boyd for a first three-year term to expire July 2005. Please see attached letter from the City of Greenville.

Motion:

Motion to follow the recommendation of the Greenville City Council and appoint Stephanie Davenport and Dawn Boyd to the Convention & Visitors Authority.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion seconded by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Pitt County Juvenile Crime Prevention nominated the following people for appointment to serve on the JCPC at their June 24, 2002 meeting. Brian Stewart, Vice-Chair is requesting that their names be presented to the Pitt County Board of Commissioners for appointment.

Kelvin Yarrell was nominated to replace Bobby Short as the representative of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Julie Rawls was nominated to replace Peggy Chandler as the representative from Pitt County DSS.

Barbara Turcotte was nominated to replace Linda Mattocks as the designee of the Pitt County Schools Superintendent.

Gwyn Hilburn was previously nominated to serve as the representative of the Chief District Court Judge.

Motion:

Follow recommendation by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Appointments to the Pitt County Planning Board - Susan Banks

Information Provided with the Agenda

The current terms for four members of the Planning Board will expire in September.

Frank Bradham-District 4 (Served one full term, interested in reappointment)

Lyman Hardee-District B (Served one partial term, interested in reappointment)

Bryant Tripp-District A (Served one full term, interested in reappointment)

William Wooten-District C (Served two full terms, not eligible for reappointment)

The Planning Board terms will be effective 10/01/02, and will expire 09/30/05.

A list of applicants is attached.

Meeting Notes

Ms. Banks informed the Board that there were three members eligible for reappointment.

Motion:

Motion to reappoint Frank Bradham, Lyman Hardee and Bryant Tripp to the Pitt County Planning Board.

Motion made by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Coulson.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

More Meeting Notes

Ms. Banks stated that there was one vacancy on the Planning Board. Mr. William Wooten has served two full terms and is not eligible for reappointment. Commissioners began making nominations. Ms. Banks clarified that this position had to be filled by a resident from District C.

Vice Chairwoman Beth Ward nominated Stencil Larry Dilda.

Commissioner Terry Shank nominated Lynn Evans.

Chairman Owens called for a vote on the individuals. Lynn Evans received votes from Commissioner Shank, Commissioner Johnson, and Commissioner Coulson. Stancil Larry Dilda received votes from Vice Chairwoman Ward, Chairman Owens, Commissioner Bowen, Commissioner Royal, and Commissioner Hammond.

Mr. Stancil Larry Dilda was appointed to the Pitt County Planning Board representing District C.

Items for Discussion

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Commission Work Plan - Bobby Joyner

Information Provided with the Agenda

The Pitt County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advisory Commission was established to provide technical advisement and citizen respect to the Board of Commissioners on issues pertaining to the provision of EMS services in Pitt County. Pitt County has undergone dynamic change in the manner in which EMS services have been provided to citizens and in manner in which the costs for these services have been paid over the last several years. Much has been accomplished and yet much still remains to be done. This commission, that meets monthly, has several important tasks to be completed for the Board's approval. Attached is a recommended plan for this commission for the remainder of the fiscal year.

EMS Advisory Commission Work Plan

September 16, 2002

1. Review Bell Arthur EMS's request to hire their own employees and remain at the Intermediate level vs. County employees at Paramedic level service.

The EMS Advisory Commission will report to Pitt County Commissioners by October 7, 2002 with a recommendation on how to proceed.

2. Review the draft plan for implementation of County EMS System due to be submitted to the State of North Carolina Office of EMS by December 31, 2002, and make changes or corrections. Attached are the requirements for the plan.

Submit plan to Pitt County Commissioners by December 2, 2002 for approval.

3. Submit the County EMS System Plan to the State of North Carolina Office of EMS by December 17, 2002.

4. Develop standard specifications for equipment and vehicles to be used by all County EMS providers.

Submit these standard specifications to Pitt County Commissioners by January 6, 2003.

5. Prepare EMS budget for 2003-2004 budget year.

Submit budget to the Emergency Services Director by March 17, 2003.

6. Review EMS districts and make recommendations about the consolidation and redistricting of the EMS squads.

Report to Pitt County Commissioners by March 17, 2003.

7. The EMS Advisory Commission needs to monitor the EMS squads and assure that Pitt County is in compliance with the requirements of the Safe Harbor Regulations in order to continue to receive supplies from Pitt Memorial Hospital.

This is an ongoing requirement of the EMS Advisory Commission.

8. The EMS Advisory Commission will look at the possibility of using a consultant to assist with the Phase II planning for EMS in Pitt County.

Meeting Notes

Mr. Joyner stated that the proposed plan was in the agenda package.

Motion:

Commissioner Johnson said he had concerns about item #4 on the EMS Advisory Commission Work Plan and motioned to remove item #4 concerning developing standards about equipment and vehicles.

Motion seconded by Commissioner James.

Mr. Elliott said that they had met with the rescue squads and they had said that if new equipment was moved from one squad to another they need to have similar equipment. Commissioner Johnson said the County should not be telling them what kind of equipment to purchase. Commissioner James spoke about needing the volunteers to operate the rescue functions. He said that some rescue squads were misled that the County was taking over the whole program but the money is not there for the County to run the whole program. Vice Chairwoman Ward said that a standard should be developed on equipment, but it does not mean that they can not go above the standard. Commissioner Shank said they just need to identify the minimum standards. Commissioner Hammond said that if they are spending their own money, then the County should not dictate to them what they can buy.

Commissioner Royal said that at some point there is going to be a Pitt County EMS. He said we heavily rely on volunteers but we need to steer people towards what's best for Pitt County. Commissioner Johnson said the County does not have the money to operate the full EMS program and this has the EMS units upset. They feel that Mr. Joyner's office is going to take over their operations.

Commissioner Shank asked about item #7. Mr. Joyner said it should read instead of needs to monitor it should read that they "will" monitor the squads. Mr. Joyner said the squads do not have the money to purchase equipment. The Commission is trying to set up a minimum standard for what is purchased so when they are working together at a location and are looking for specific pieces of equipment they will be able to locate it. He said the squads did not have any problem with this requirement.

Commissioner Shank said she understood this to be a future goal to develop minimum standards. Commissioner Bowen asked why the EMS Advisory Commission is not presenting this to the Board. Mr. Joyner said this plan was developed by the Commission that was appointed by this Board. Chairman Owens asked if there was a resolution to this matter.

Commissioner Johnson said that when the squads received this type of information they feel that it is a requirement when it has been adopted by this Board and presented by Bobby Joyner. Mr. Joyner said he did not demand them to do anything. Commissioner Hammond said he wished the County could stay out of the business of the volunteers. Vice Chairwoman Ward said that this is a plan. This plan lets the commission know that these are the things they need to address and bring back to the Board.

Substitute Motion:

Motion to approve the EMS Work Plan with the exception of item #4.

**Motion by Commissioner Bowen.
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson.**

Vote Record:

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

Total Yes Votes: 6

Total No Votes: 3

Motion Passed.

Commissioners' Comments

Meeting Notes

Commissioner Johnson requested that staff prepare a resolution for the next meeting in honor of Lyman Hardee for Outstanding Fireman of the Year award.

Commissioner Coulson asked Joanne Burgdorff to report to the Board on the Board's Rules of Procedure concerning voting and asked that the Board rule that the County Attorney be the official Parliamentarian for the Board.

Closed Session

Closed Session - Industrial Development - G.S. 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. - John Chaffee

Information Provided with the Agenda

Wanda Yuhas will be presenting item for John Chaffee.

Motion:

Move to go into closed session 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.

Motion made by Commissioner Terry Shank.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Tom Johnson.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Move to return to open session.

Motion made by Commissioner David Hammond.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion made by Commissioner Randy Royal.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Eugene James.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan J. Banks, CMC
Clerk to the Board