REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. _2_

DATE OF MEETING: February 1, 2016

REQUESTED BY: Melissa Pedersen, Clerk to the Board

SHORT TITLE: Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: January 19.

BACKGROUND: N/A.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: Review and approve the minutes.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

The Pender County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Commissioner's Public Assembly Room, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman George Brown, presiding; Vice-Chairman Fred McCoy; Commissioners Demetrice Keith, David Piepmeyer, and David Williams.

OTHERS PRESENT: Randell Woodruff, County Manager; Trey Thurman, County Attorney; Melissa Pedersen, Clerk to the Board; Kathy Brafford, Finance Director; other staff and members of the Press and public.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and thanked and welcomed all to the meeting.

INVOCATION
Commissioner McCoy offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE
Commissioner Piepmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Brown recognized all of the veterans and thanked them for their service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION
1. Presentation and Acceptance of the FY 14-15 County Audit.
Alan Thompson of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A. explained: Mr. Thompson presented the Board with the Audit Report and Presentation Summary for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Mr. Thompson added that he issued an Unmodified Report, or in other words a clean report. Mr. Thompson reviewed the significant audit findings first: There were no difficulties in preparing the audit; no uncorrected misstatements; no disagreements with management; management did provide a representation letter dated December 3, 2015; and the firm is unaware if the county consulted any outside audit firms. Mr. Thompson reviewed the Presentation summary including findings which he added were record keeping items that should clean themselves up during this current fiscal year. Mr. Thompson then turned to page four in the Presentation Summary and reviewed General Fund Balance, Transfers, other Fund Balances, Property Tax rates, collection percentages, Property valuation levy amounts, revenues and expenditures, and Total and Restricted Fund Balance. Mr. Thompson then showed charts to reflect the discussed numbers and percentages. The charts discussed included: Analysis of Fund Balance; Analysis of Fund Balance Available; Analysis of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures before Transfers; Cash vs. Accumulated Depreciation; Analysis of Cash and Fund Balance; Property Valuation and Levy Amount; Property Tax Rates and Collection Percentages; Debt Analysis including Schools; and a breakdown of General Fund Revenue and Expenditures. He ended

by noting that compared to the last few years, this is a great report and added that should any of the Commissioners have questions later on that they could contact him. Mr. Piepmeyer asked if there was anything negative found in the audit. Mr. Thompson stated that other than few record keeping items he mentioned at the beginning, there was nothing else negative. Mr. Williams asked to clarify that with the changes that have been made in the Finance office regarding personnel and procedures of how things are done, the noted issues will fix themselves. Mr. Thompson stated that that was correct and elaborated some on the different funds and placement of funds. Mr. McCoy thanked the finance staff for all that they've done because things are looking a lot better. Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Woodruff and Ms. Brafford for going the extra mile meeting with the LGC and making sure they were okay with the steps that Pender County was taking. The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his time. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the County Audit for Fiscal Year 2014-15. Ms. Keith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

2. Update on School Bond Construction and Renovation Projects.

Mr. Ken Fuller with Pender County Schools explained: Mr. Fuller stated that they will only be presenting the Penderlea Project and the smaller projects tonight. He further explained that it has taken some time to get answers regarding the Surf City Schools, specifically wetland mitigation, but that they will be bringing that project back as soon as they have more information. Mr. Fuller then turned over the podium to the architects:

1. Tom Hughes with SFLa for the Penderlea School:
    - Mr. Hughes began his presentation with the site plan for the new school. Mr. Piepmeyer stated that he noticed the square footage and asked about the student capacity. Mr. Hughes stated that the capacity of the school with this design is 550 students with a 650 student core. Mr. Hughes stated the student enrollment numbers showing a slight decline in the last three years with this year's enrollment being 514 students. Mr. Williams asked for clarity of what core capacity was. Mr. Hughes stated that this was the capacity of the gymnasium and cafeteria should the school expand, core capacity will allow that. Mr. Piepmeyer stated his concern for building a new school close to capacity adding that he does not want to deal with another build or expansion in the next 5-10 years. Mr. Hughes stated that this was recently a topic of conversation and they are working to address this issue. Mr. Piepmeyer asked if they were building a two-story facility for security and cost. Mr. Hughes stated that was correct. Mr. Hughes then showed a projected model of how the school should look on the site. Brief discussion ensued regarding the existing structures and what will stay with regard to the work needed and the repairs that have been made to date. Mr. Hughes then updated the Board regarding permitting and steps that were currently underway including: Geotechnical Exploration, Environmental Site Assessment, Surveying, Water Supply, and Conductivity Testing. The budget was also briefly discussed. Mr. Piepmeyer added that since temporary housing was no longer needed, they should be able to address the capacity issues. Mr. Hughes said that is what they plan to work on. Mr. Piepmeyer then asked the projected completion date. Mr. Hughes stated that Penderlea School should be completed in early 2018.
2. Tom Baucom with Little for the MISC School Upgrades
    - Cape Fear Elementary/Middle School: Mr. Baucom began his presentation with Cape Fear Elementary/Middle School. He showed the plans for eight new classrooms for both the schools as well as the addition on to both cafeterias. He showed a new slides

regarding the elevation and aesthetics of the additions. Mr. Brown asked about the additional seats citing the core addition of 72 students. Mr. Baucom explained that the core is the cycle through the lunch periods because the cafeteria will be adding 72 seats, but that this expansion allows for 230-250 additional students per school.

- West Pender Middle School: Mr. Baucom discussed West Pender Middle updates. Ms. Keith asked about improvements for safety and security. Mr. Baucom explained that the Board of Education requested to enclose the canopies, but the funding did not allow for that. The main security concern was the front door and that issue is being corrected through this project. Mr. Baucom showed the plans for the media center and science labs and then explained the renovation to the entrance and showed a 3D rendering of the renovation.
- Pender High School: Mr. Baucom started by explaining the updates to the entrance and showing how it is being reworked. Mr. Baucom also showed what the new entrance will look like. He then went on to show the plans for the new fieldhouse which was a change from the last update where they were going to renovate the old one. Mr. Baucom also showed plans for a canopy system and explained which buildings it will connect.
- Burgaw Middle School: Mr. Baucom explained that this project includes a new media center and science rooms, entry way and administrative center, and a new parking scheme. Mr. Baucom also showed what the new view of the front door will look like. He also showed a walk way system that is being proposed to connect the new building with the existing buildings.

Mr. Baucom then turned the podium over to Justin Whitley with Barnhill Contracting Company who is the project manager for these projects to talk about the budget. He showed a chart to the Board and explained the numbers adding that so far they are in good shape. He further explained that they are going to bid these out in packages adding that this will make the bidding process easier. Mr. Whitley reviewed the project schedule. Mr. Piepmeyer asked about the impact this would have on the students. Mr. Whitley stated that these are all active campuses. He added that the goal is to have bids in on May 11 so that they can take advantage of the summer while the kids are not in. With these mainly being additions versus renovations, it will help reduce the impact on the students by starting over the summer and getting parameters set up.

The Board thanked everyone for their time and stated that they are eager to see the update for Surf City.

3. Quarterly Report on the Pender ABC System Involving Financial Information and

Ms. Diane Chadwick, General Manager of the Pender County ABC stores explained: This is the quarterly report for July through September regarding income and expenses that is being presented today. Ms. Chadwick added that all of the stores had better sales than the previous quarter. She stated that the only store without a profit was Rocky Point but that it has come a long way. A lot of the reason that this store is not profiting has to do with all of the money that has been put into it. Mr. McCoy stated that it needed better signage. Ms. Chadwick stated that when the Castle Hayne store reopened it hurt Rocky Point some. Ms. Chadwick ended by stating that overall, Pender ABC is in good shape. The Board thanked Ms. Chadwick for all that she does.

4. Pender County Collector Street Plan Update.

Planning and Community Development Director Kyle Breuer explained: Mr. Breuer introduced Mr. Josh Lopez with the WMPO who has worked alongside him and his staff on this project. He updated the Board on the efforts that have taken place thus far with the effort of the steering committee, public outreach, and staff. Mr. Breuer discussed spacing standards. He first showed a map of the current collector streets noting that only Hampstead was included with the last study and since then the WMPO boundary has been extended to include southern Pender County. Mr. Breuer also showed maps on zoning, both current and future to explained spacing standards. Mr. Breuer then showed the final Land Use Intensity Map that was created as part of this project and are still in draft form. Mr. Breuer also reviewed the Project Deliverables. Mr. Piepmeyer noted that NCDOT at both the regional and upward levels have been involved to ensure that we turn these roads over. Mr. Breuer added that these collector streets do not function as a private road. Mr. Piepmeyer made a point that all streets need to be built to DOT standards so that they can be turned over for maintenance. He added that it is hard to build roads but even harder to maintain them. Mr. Breuer added that the Highway 17 median project has been approved. To end his presentation, Mr. Breuer mentioned the upcoming informational meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Hampstead Annex. Mr. Williams asked about who mows the grass in the median. Mr. Breuer stated that DOT handles mowing. Discussion ensued regarding the median project and collector street amenities. Mr. Breuer once again invited everyone to Thursday's informational meeting from 5-7 p.m. at the Hampstead Annex.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak under Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Brown presented the items on the Consent Agenda and asked for any discussion or questions. Mr. Piepmeyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus Item 5. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

6. Approval of a Budget Amendment to Approve an Increase in Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Migrant Farm Workers' Grant Program $6,653.
7. Approval of a Budget Amendment to Approve a Decrease in Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Maternal Health $2,034.
8. Approval of a Budget Amendment to Approve an Increase in Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Family Planning $14,022.
9. Approval of a Budget Amendment to Approve an Increase in Health Department Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015-2016: Migrant Farm Workers' Grant Program (340B Drug Pricing) $3,500.
10. Approval of a FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment to Re-Allocate the Budget for Retiree Health Insurance for Current County Retirees under the Age of 65.
11. Approval of a FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance Amendment to Appropriate Fund Balance in Fund 49: AE&P (Automation Enhancement & Preservation) Fund for Technology at the Register of Deeds Office.

5. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting: January 4.

Mr. Piepmeyer explained: Mr. Piepmeyer asked that the Minutes from January 4 be amended to include his question regarding the Penderlea School enrollment as it relates to the capacity of the new school. Mr. Piepmeyer also wanted to include the discussion regarding the Surf City School

projections that were not included in the report. Lastly, Mr. Piepmeyer asked that the minutes should show that he stated that we should never submit a report to the state that is not complete and accurate. Mr. Piepmeyer added that even with the substitute report, there were still some errors because it did not include Surf City or have the correct numbers for Penderlea. Ms. Pedersen stated that she would make the changes and send them to the Board for review. Mr. Brown stated that most all of the Board members had issues with the report and explained them. There being no further discussion, Mr. Piepmeyer made a motion to approve the minutes contingent upon implementation of the remarks made tonight. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVALS AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Approval of a Purchase Order to Winthrop Resources Corporation for Multi-year Technology Lease Agreement in the amount of $125,000.00.

In 2013, Pender County entered into a leasing agreement with Winthrop Resources Corporation to upgraded its' Cisco core network infrastructure and various IT equipment, such as: firewalls, routers, voice gateways, switches, phone sets, hardware, equipment, licensing, and phone system to the Cisco Unified Computing System. Due to the age of the County's previous 2002 network infrastructure, the need for increased redundancy and failover, additional data storage, the need to address aging IT equipment "End-of-Life" support, and backup and disaster recovery needs, the County is being challenged with ways to fund County technology needs. In addition, the lease agreement covers IT equipment needs such as: computer and network technology replacement plans, IT professional services, software licensing, and the required power requirements, hardware, and software components to upgrade the County's core network infrastructure to the Cisco's Unified Computing System. Mr. Piepmeyer asked what the specific deliverables of the Purchase Order were. Mr. Harvey explained that this is for storage capacity, a computer replacement plan, and security. Mr. Harvey stated that this lease covers Professional Services, Hardware, Licensing, Software, and Replacement. Support and maintenance is also included in this lease. Mr. Harvey noted that we are in year three of a five year lease. Mr. Piepmeyer asked how much money this lease is saving the County. Mr. Harvey stated that a lot of the equipment and software were at the end of life and this was a cost savings with the ever changing technology. Mr. Piepmeyer added that before going into another lease agreement, we should look and understand what we are utilizing and look and understand the benefits of why this is needed. There being no further questions, Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the item. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

13. Approval of Appointments to the Pender County Planning Board.

Ms. Pedersen explained: Hiram Williams has served six years on the Planning Board representing the technical position. Mr. Williams's term expires January 31st and he wishes to be re-appointed. Elaine Nalee has served three years on the Planning Board representing the AG/environmental position. Ms. Nalee's term expires January 31st and she wishes to be re-appointed. Theatrice McClammy has served three years on the Planning Board representing an at-large position. Mr. McClammy's term expires January 31st and he wishes to be re-appointed. Walter Baker has served three years on the Planning Board representing the environmental position. Mr. Baker's term expires January 31st and he wishes to be re-appointed. Mr. Williams requested that Ms. Pedersen give an

extra meeting between re-appointments and term expirations to allow more time for consideration of these reappointments. There being no further discussion, Ms. Keith made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Mr. Piepmeyer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

14. Approval of Appointments to the Council of Community Affairs.

Ms. Pedersen explained: Bob Holm has served on the Council of Community of affairs for the last year in an At-Large Position. Mr. Holm lives in District Four but that seat had been filled so he has requested to represent the open At-Large position. Mr. Holm has been a resident of Pender County for about 9 years. This appointment will be for three years. Nathan Coleman has served on the Council of Community Affairs for the last year and is seeking reappointment. Mr. Coleman lives in District three but can be appointed to an At-Large position. Mr. Coleman has been a resident of Pender County for about 6 years. This appointment will be for three years. There being no discussion, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Ms. Keith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

15. Approval of Appointment to the Tourism Development Authority.

Ms. Pedersen explained: Matthew Woods is applying to serve on the Tourism Development Authority for the first time. Mr. Woods lives in District 4 which is currently vacant. Mr. Woods has been a resident of Pender County for about 9 years and currently works for the National Park Service at Moores Creek National Battlefield. This appointment will be for three years. Karen Burton is also applying to serve on the Tourism Development Authority for the first time. Ms. Burton lives in District 5 which is currently filled. There is a vacancy for District 3 and could be appointed to that seat if the Board wishes to do so. This appointment will also be for three years. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to see Ms. Burton serve for District three since it is vacant even though she does not live in District three because she would be an asset to the TDA. There being no further discussion, Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Mr. Piepmeyer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Thurman stated there are items for Closed Session, Items # 3 and 6.

ITEMS FRIOM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Woodruff stated that the RFP is out for audit services and will remain out until February 1. Mr. Woodruff added that he will update the Board once those proposals come in and make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Woodruff also commented on several upcoming meetings listed in the update he sent out on Friday. He reminded the Board to take a look at that list. Lastly, Mr. Woodruff added that he was still working on the agenda for the retreat if the Board would like to talk more about the retreat.

ITEMS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Piepmeyer – Mr. Piepmeyer began by requesting a report on the Shooting Range stating he had received a question about the completion of the Range. Mr. Piepmeyer then asked where the surplus revenue from the auction gets deposited. Mr. Woodruff stated that since the surplus funds were not budgeted for he would suggest it be put toward the courthouse. Discussion ensued on what would be done at the courthouse with these funds such as security and aesthetics. Mr. Piepmeyer requested that in the future the Board designate the funds prior to the auction to ensure the funds are spent on

beneficial projects. Mr. Williams clarified that in defense of former boards he has sat on, he has never agreed to spend auction money on anything that was not beneficial. Mr. Woodruff also stated that he and Pat will work to sell vehicles as they become surplused so that additional value is not lost while waiting for an action. Mr. Piepmeyer then talked about a meeting that he and Mr. Williams attended with Pluris representatives. Discussion ensued regarding capacity and opportunities this plant brings to Hampstead. Lastly, Mr. Piepmeyer stated that he will be attending the Tourism meeting tomorrow, the WMPO meeting next Wednesday, January 27, 2016, and that he will be attending the Pender Municipal Association Meeting Friday night in Burgaw.

Mr. Williams – Mr. Williams spoke regarding the Hampstead Bypass. He thanked Mr. Piepmeyer for stepping up and serving on the WMPO Board. He also strongly urged residents to talk to the legislators in Raleigh to help bring the Bypass to fruition.

Mr. Brown – Mr. Brown added that he will be attending the Municipal Association Dinner and Annual meeting Friday. Mr. Brown also noted that he attended a meeting with Congressman Jones today and that Congressman Jones does not sound too optimistic on the condition of Washington DC. Lastly, Mr. Brown mentioned Dr. Shiver's retirement party on Friday, January 29, 2016 at noon at the Burgaw Middle School gymnasium and asked if any commissioner would be able to attend and speak. Ms. Keith stated that she would be attending and would make comments on behalf of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:56 p.m., Mr. Williams made a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11: 3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded; 6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy matters may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting. Mr. Piepmeyer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The Board exited the Closed Session at approximately 7:00 p.m. There were no announcements made upon exiting closed session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: SPECIAL USE PERMITS/ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS/ RESOLUTIONS

16. Resolution Requesting Approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) for the Construction and Operation of a Solar Farm.

Chairman Brown opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Thurman swore in witnesses.

Planning and Community Development Director Kyle Breuer explained: Innovative Solar 67, LLC, applicant, on behalf of Maxine C. Cartwright, owner, is requesting approval of a Special Use Permit for the construction and operation of a solar farm (NAICS 221119). The property is zoned RA, Rural Agricultural zoning district and according to the Pender County Unified Development Ordinance §5.2.3 Table of Permitted Uses; other electric power generation (NAICS 221119) is permitted via Special Use Permit. There is one (1) tract associated with this request totaling approximately ± 424.5 acres and is located south of Shiloh Road (SR 1209) between Penderlea HWY (SR 1332) and Horse Branch Road (SR 1336). The subject property may be further identified by Pender County PIN 2391-98-3013-0000. Mr. Breuer reviewed the specifications and conditions of the Special Use Permit. Ms. Keith stated that she had questions for the applicant.

- Lance Roddy, on behalf of the applicant approached the podium to answer question regarding the Special Use Permit. Ms. Keith stated her concerns regarding the impact on the environment a solar farm of this size would have. Mr. Roddy stated that solar farms are safe and that this solar farm should not have an impact on the environment since solar is clean energy. Ms. Keith asked about the life of the solar farm. Mr. Roddy stated that this solar farm is slated to be for forty (40) years and that after the use of this solar farm in complete, everything will be removed and the land will be restored to agricultural use. Ms. Keith then asked the process to return this farm back to its natural state. Mr. Roddy explained the process. Ms. Keith asked about ground water contamination. Mr. Roddy stated that these solar panels are completely sealed and that nothing would leak into the ground. Ms. Keith asked about property values. Mr. Breuer stated that he was not an expert on property values and only an expert could answer her questions. Mr. Williams asked to clarify that this was the same technology as the ones already approved in Pender County and surrounding counties. Mr. Roddy stated that they are currently building in Hope Mills on 500 acres and this will use the same technology as that solar farm. Mr. Brown asked if there was any by product from a solar farm that would need to be disposed of separately. Mr. Roddy stated there was not. Mr. Roddy then further explained the benefits that the solar farm brings to Pender County.
- Clayton Chadwick of 420 Shiloh Road, Watha – Mr. Chadwick stated that he had several questions for the applicant. Mr. Brown stated that Mr. Chadwick needed to ask the Board questions and that the applicant could come to the podium to answer. Mr. Chadwick began by asking where on the property the solar farm would be located at. Mr. Roddy used the pointer to show the back side of the land. Mr. Chadwick then asked about the buffer zone with regard to location and aesthetics. Mr. Breuer explained the B2 buffer as proposed. Further discussion ensued regarding buffers. Mr. Chadwick then asked about the effect this solar farm will have on property values. Mr. Thurman clarified that there was no one present that was qualified to answer the question explained that the Board can only go on evidence presented during this hearing. Mr. Chadwick then asked about who is responsible for dismantling the equipment should the company go out of business. Mr. Breuer explained that there is a condition stating that it would have to be removed if not being used for more than twelve months. Mr. Thurman stated that this condition goes with the land and that ultimately the land owner would be responsible should the company not remove the equipment. Lastly, Mr. Chadwick asked about

wildlife and how they will be impacted. Mr. Roddy stated that there will be a six foot fence with barbed wire so that no wildlife or person could get it. Mr. Chadwick ended by stating that he nor any of the neighbors that he knows of are opposed to this solar farm. They just came tonight for clarification on who is responsible, environmental concerns, and removal of the equipment should the project cease. Mr. Brown asked if the buffering that is required is the best that could be put out. Mr. Breuer explained the different types of buffers. Mr. Chadwick stated that the neighborhood would prefer a green scape buffer in lieu of a wood fence. Mr. Breuer clarified that prior to approving any electrical of CO, the buffers must be in place.

- Reverend Dr. Eva Merritt of 2950 Shiloh Road, Watha – Dr. Merritt asked about health concerns regarding this proposed solar farm. She stated that according to her understanding, radiation is a possibility with solar farms and she is concerned that this is a forty (40) year project. Mr. Thurman stated that there is no one present to answer that question. Discussion ensued regarding government subsidized programs regarding energy and issues with those other types of energy. Mr. Thurman stated that he does not feel that Mr. Roddy has the qualifications to answer Dr. Merritt's question based on his background. Discussion also ensued regarding the options the Board have. Discussion then ensued regarding the other solar farm special use permits. Mr. Thurman stated that since those witnesses were not present to speak tonight that the Board could not consider that testimony. Dr. Merritt asked that the Board please look in these concerns so they could be sure of what they are voting for.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Brown closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. Ms. Keith made a motion to table this meeting until someone could be present to answer these questions regarding the health concerns. There being no second, the motion fails. Mr. Williams then made a motion to approve the special use permit. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion and it was approved 4-1 with Ms. Keith voting in opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Pedersen

Melissa Pedersen, Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By:

Ann Coombs, Administrative Assistant II