

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

The Pender County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2010 at the Commissioner's meeting room, 805 S. Walker St., Burgaw, NC 28425.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jimmy Tate, presiding; Vice Chairman Norwood Blanchard; and Commissioners George Brown, F.D. Rivenbark and David Williams.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Rick Benton, County Manager and Clerk to the Board; Trey Thurman, County Attorney; Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board; other staff and members of the Press and public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tate called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and thanked and welcomed all to the meeting.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Williams offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE

Commissioner Blanchard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Introduction of New Pender County Housing Director.

Mr. Benton explained the New Housing Director was recommended for the position by a search committee of the Pender Housing Initiatives Board, including members Reverend Elberta Pugh-Hudson, Chairman, and Scott Redinger, board member. Mr. Benton recognized Reverend Pugh-Hudson to introduce Ms. Judith Herring as the County's new Housing Director. Rev. Pugh-Hudson reviewed the press release which had been presented, which included Ms. Herring's employment history/background and qualifications. Rev. Pugh-Hudson introduced other members of the Housing Initiatives Board. Ms. Herring thanked the Board for selecting her and said she is looking forward to working with Pender County Housing. Mr. Tate added comments welcoming Ms. Herring to the County.

2. Dr. Eric McKeithan, President, Cape Fear Community College: Assessment of Cape Fear Community College Capital Facility Needs in Pender County.

Mr. Tate introduced Dr. McKeithan. Dr. McKeithan delivered a Power Point which included: Record Enrollment for Fall 2010-9,500 now enrolled; Goal of CFCC Board of Trustees and NCCCS is 100 ASF per FTE-How Does CFCC Compare; Pender Information & Space Needs Projections; Pender Population Growth; Pender 8th Fastest Growing N.C. County; Projected Pender County Population Growth 2010-2019; Annual Earnings by Education Level Attained; Educational Attainment Rate (Pender Comparison to State, New Hanover County and the U.S.) 2008 Median Household Income; Classes Currently Offered in Pender County; Pender Early College High School; Two District Areas of Pender County Enrollment for Last 10 Years-Surf City & Eastern and Burgaw and Western; Pender Enrollment Growth at CFCC; Community Colleges with Less Enrollment than

Pender at CFCC; Community Colleges with less FTE than Pender at CFCC; 49 North Carolina Counties with Populations Less than Pender & with a Community College Campus in County; Projected Pender County Enrollment Growth at CFCC 2010-2019; Pender Residents at Community Colleges other than CFCC; Pender FTE at CFCC up 88% since 2005; Pender Current Space Needs; Pender County Projected FTE 2010-2019; and Pender County Space/Cost Projections & Space Needs Projection. Dr. McKeithan explained each category separately. He said the statistics given are estimated figures and Board members can change any figure they wish. Board members asked questions and made comments throughout the presentation. Mr. Blanchard asked if we lose students to Onslow County and Dr. McKeithan responded affirmatively. Mr. Brown asked if we lose other students on the western side of the County to other schools, such as James Sprunt Community College. Dr. McKeithan responded affirmatively and said it depends on where the students live and what type of classes they want to take. There was some discussion of programs for training for industries. Mr. Tate noted people are always saying they want to take classes, and we need to look seriously at how we can help CFCC to accommodate potential students, such as a bond referendum. Dr. McKeithan made closing remarks and introduced his assistant Kim Lawing, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness.

3. Rachael Swartz, Wildlife Officer: Presentation Regarding the USDA Wildlife Services Program.

Ms. Swartz explained: this update covers the 12-month period October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010; she resolved beaver damage problems at 53 sites throughout the County; the BMAP was created by state legislative action in November 1992 with the express purpose of helping manage ever-increasing damage problems caused by beaver on private and public lands; the BMAP is overseen by an Advisory Board made up of representatives from various agencies, including state and federal agencies; BMAP activities in Pender County prevented the loss of, or damage to, \$252,393 in various resources; Pender County first joined BMAP in October 1994; of the forty-one participating counties, Pender is the only one paying the cost share for private landowners; and other facts and statistics. There was discussion of whether to charge citizens for these services. Mr. Blanchard was concerned that of all the 41 participating counties, Pender is the only one that doesn't charge a fee. He said he is in favor of charging a small fee to help bring in more resources. He asked Mr. Thurman if the Board could come up with something to charge the fees and make it so adjustments can be made. Mr. Thurman said the Board can structure something and make it say whatever the Board wants. There ensued discussion on whether the number of requests will decrease if we start charging fees. Mr. Williams said we should investigate the pros and cons and see what other counties do. Mr. Tate said he meets so many people who need the services that can't afford to pay. Mr. Blanchard said they could exempt those people who can't afford to pay. There was discussion of how the fees would be collected. Mr. Brown asked what does Ms. Swartz do with the beaver and Ms. Swartz replied "relocate them." Staff was directed to investigate what other counties do with respect to collecting fees.

4. Wes Davis, Director, Pender Adult Services: Presentation Regarding Upcoming Meals on Wheels Auction.

Mr. Davis explained: this is the 7th annual auction for the Meals on Wheels program; they deliver meals to over 100 people every day; there are more than 100 people on the waiting list to receive these services; and since PAS receives limited funding, they have set up this fundraiser in order to provide these meals to support this program. Mr. Davis invited all to support this effort and attend the fundraiser. Mr. Tate added it is important that we provide quality care to our elderly citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak under public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Tate presented the eleven items on the Consent Agenda and asked for any discussion or questions. There being none, Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

5. Approval of Minutes: Regular & Closed Session Meeting of October 18, 2010.
6. Resolution Approving Tax Releases and Refunds as Listed Herein.
7. Resolution Authorizing Refund for Overpayment of North Carolina Real Estate Excise Tax to Pender County Register of Deeds in the Amount of \$672.18.
8. Resolution Approving Purchase Order for Contracted Services between the Pender County Board of Health and Alton Wayne Raynor: \$4,650/Month.
9. Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to McClamrock Business Forms for Mailing of 2011 Solid Waste Stickers in the Amount of \$5,000.
10. Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Rogers Manufacturing Company for a Storage Building to House Recyclable Electronics at the Rocky Point Convenience Site: \$5,183.
11. Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order to Professional Mail Services, Inc., for Mailing of 2011 Solid Waste Stickers in the Amount of \$9,000.
12. Resolution Authorizing Funding for Training and Exercises Using Homeland Security Grant Funds FY 09 in the Amount of \$8,490.20.
13. Resolution for Purchase Order to Gregory Construction Company for the Installation of Pilings for Overlook Deck at Miller's Pond Park; \$9,400.
14. Resolution Approving an Access Easement to Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. for the Construction, Maintenance, and Operation of Primary and Temporary Electrical Power to the Water Treatment Plant Site.
15. Resolution Approving FY 10-11 Budget Amendment to Transfer \$175,000 from Fund Balance to the Capital Improvement Program for Industrial Property Acquisition.

APPOINTMENTS

16. **Resolution to Consider Appointment to the Pender County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board & the Pender County Tourism Development Authority Advisory Board.**

Ms. Pridgen explained that there is only one position open for the EMS Advisory Board for District 5 and both Mr. J.L. Giddeons and Mr. Al Owens are applying for the position. However, Mr. Giddeons resides in District 5 and Mr. Owens resides in District 4. Mr. Blanchard made a motion to appoint Mr. Giddeons as District 5 representative on the EMS Advisory Board, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Ms. Pridgen explained that both Ms. Ryan and Mr. Wharton are re-applying for their respective districts on the TDA Advisory Board. Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Ryan to serve a three-year term on the TDA Advisory Board representing District 2, with term expiring on August 31, 2013; and to re-appoint Mr. Wharton to serve a three-year term on the TDA Advisory Board representing District 4, with term expiring August 31, 2013. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Benton reminded the Board about the groundbreaking event for the new surface water treatment plant to be held on November 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Thurman informed the Board about a lawsuit filed on Friday concerning certain voting machines. He said the lawsuit was filed against the State Board of Elections, and so far, the County has not been brought into it.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Rivenbark reminded folks to vote early and often.

Mr. Blanchard asked Mr. Mack who pays for water and sewer in the districts this County in the districts. Mr. Mack said the users pay, and the goal is to make the districts self sufficient.

Mr. Tate said he wants to go into closed session to discuss the results of the Manager and Attorney's evaluations.

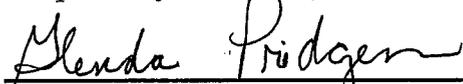
CLOSED SESSION

At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to enter into closed session, pursuant to NCGS 143318:11: (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 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. Williams seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved going into closed session. At 11:47 a.m., Mr. Blanchard made a motion, Mr. Williams seconded it and it was unanimously approved to come out of closed session. There were no announcements made upon exiting the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Glenda Pridgen, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By:



Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board