

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RICHMOND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007, 6:30 P.M.**

*The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. with the following present: Chairman Kenneth R. Robinette; Vice-Chairman John B. Garner; Commissioners Pamela N. Dillman, Jimmy L. Maske, Thad Ussery, J. C. Watkins, and Paul Wilson, Jr.*

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinette at 6:30 P.M.*

**ITEM NO. 1 – INVOCATION BY PASTOR MARSHALL L. NORRIS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY, ROCKINGHAM, NC**

*The invocation was delivered by Pastor Marshall L. Norris of the Church of God of Prophecy, Rockingham, NC.*

**ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*The Agenda was approved as presented by a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried.*

**ITEM NO. 3 – OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT – 6:30 – 7:00 P.M.**

**A) APPEARANCE BY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT KATHY C. GAINY**

*Clerk of Court Kathy C. Gainey appeared before the Board in behalf of Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Michael E. Beale. Mrs. Gainey advised the Board that Judge Beale was on vacation and asked that she read and present his letter to the Board concerning construction of a judicial center. The Judge's letter requested that the Board enter a Memorandum of Understanding to set forth a specific timeline for bidding and building a judicial facility in order to avoid issuance of a Writ of Mandamus ordering construction of the facility.*

*Chairman Robinette thanked the Clerk of Court for her appearance.*

**ITEM NO. 4 – CONSENT AGENDA**

*A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillman, who raised a question regarding the March 12 minutes and why her copy did not contain information that would have accounted for a delay in writing a letter regarding the 1% Land Transfer Tax.*

*County Manager Haynes explained that the Board's March 12 and March 20 meetings had fallen just one week apart, and that before any correspondence had been drafted following the March 12 meeting, further discussion had ensued during the March 20 Mid-Month Meeting on the Land Transfer Tax and all of the potential options for alternative sources of revenue as*

outlined in information and sample resolutions provided by the N. C. Association of County Commissioners.

The Clerk advised that the March 12 draft minutes as included in the April 2 Agenda packets reflected the Board's discussion and action, as understood, concerning the proposed revenue options during that meeting.

There was no further discussion, and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

- A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2007 AS SUBMITTED BY THE CLERK**
  
- B) APPROVAL OF TAX RELEASES TOTALLING \$12,691.28 AND TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$41.93 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATOR AND ARE HEREBY MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES BY REFERENCE.**
  
- C) APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISION TO APPROPRIATE ONE-TIME BONUS FAMILY PLANNING FUNDS FOR TITLE X ACTIVITIES**

**Revenue:**

**Family Planning – State Reimb.      0115130-333010      Increase by      \$3,375.00**

**Expenditures:**

**Family Planning – Drug Supplies      0115130-4225      Increase by      \$3,375.00**

**ITEM NO. 5 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF \$12,000,000.00 IN SCHOOL BONDS AS PRESENTED BY BOND COUNSEL ROBERT M. JESSUP, JR.**

Bond Counsel Robert M. Jessup, Jr. appeared before the Board to present the Resolution authorizing the sale of \$12,000,000.00 in school bonds. Mr. Jessup requested Board approval of the Resolution to serve the following purposes:

- \*Formally authorizes the sale of \$12,000,000.00 in school bonds*
- \*Formally pledges the County's taxing power to provide for payment on the bonds*
- \*Approves the proposed form of the bonds*
- \*Approves the form of the draft official statement for use in offering bonds to investors*
- \*States the County's agreement to comply with the relevant provisions of federal tax law*
- \*States the County's agreement to comply with federal rules for continuing disclosure to the securities markets*
- \*Authorizes County staff to complete the process of issuing the bonds and approves the steps to that end previously taken, including authorizing determination of final principal payment schedule*

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to approve the following Resolution:

**ITEM NO. 6 – APPEARANCE BY MS. APRIL DAWKINS TO REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2007 AS “PURPLE RIBBON MONTH” IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

*Ms. April Dawkins appeared before the Board as Chairperson of Relay for Life Activities and to request Board approval of a Resolution to Designate April as “Purple Ribbon Month” in Richmond County.*

*By a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution:*

**R E S O L U T I O N  
TO DESIGNATE APRIL 2007  
AS “PURPLE RIBBON MONTH” IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service; and*

*WHEREAS, Richmond County has joined in the fight to rid society of this dread disease by making a commitment to be informed, stay healthy, become involved in the community, and to continue to support the American Cancer Society; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society has chosen Relay for Life as the signature event to raise funds for research, support, educational programs, and advocacy to change laws on how these programs are funded; and*

*WHEREAS, Richmond County has chosen to respond to society’s needs by holding a Relay for Life Event each year as part of the ongoing battle against cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the people of Richmond County have chosen April as “PURPLE RIBBON MONTH” in a show of support for the continued effort by the teams participating in this event.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim April as “PURPLE RIBBON MONTH” in Richmond County and encourages its citizens to participate in our local Relay for Life Event in support of the people of Richmond County who continue their fight against cancer.*

*Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2007.*

**ITEM NO. 7 – POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY FIBROWATT**

*Mr. Terry Walmsley appeared before the Board in behalf of Fibrowatt, an industry that may have interest in locating a power plant in Richmond County that would use chicken litter to convert into electricity. Mr. Walmsley advised that this industry would create approximately 100 new jobs in Richmond County and would represent a \$200,000,000.00 investment in the County. Mr. Walmsley stated that Fibrowatt has interest in locating three such power plants in different*

*locations in North Carolina, and that they currently operate a facilities in England and in Minnesota.*

*Mr. Walmsley then provided detailed information in a PowerPoint presentation, which concluded at 7:40 P.M.*

*Mr. Walmsley noted that he has made presentations in nine other communities by invitation. Mr. Walmsley discussed the success of the poultry industry in Richmond and other counties, and he described Fibrowatt as a great opportunity for the management of chicken litter and as a means of sustaining the poultry industry. The PowerPoint information emphasized the credibility of Fibrowatt and its ability to develop, finance, and construct these power plant facilities. In discussion of the source of litter to fuel the plant, Mr. Walmsley noted that the Piedmont Region of North Carolina has been identified as a generator of 1.2 million tons of chicken litter. Mr. Walmsley further advised that a North Carolina project would be based on a long-term power purchase agreement, and as much as 20,000 tons of litter may be on-site at any one time for processing. Mr. Walmsley discussed the benefits of such a facility to farmers by helping growers to comply with state and federal regulations, and he projected the creation of 300 construction jobs, 90 to 100 permanent jobs, and 100 part-time indirect jobs. Mr. Walmsley stated that a an investment of \$8,000,000.00 to \$10,000,000.00 would be made in the community, with a \$150,000,000.00 investment in local infrastructure.*

*In discussion of processing the litter, Commissioner Maske inquired about volume to run the facility. Mr. Walmsley estimated that the plant would process 500,000 to 550,000 tons per year and that the goal would be to locate this volume within a 50-mile radius, with approximately 25% of the litter produced in Richmond County.*

*Commissioner Dillman inquired about ash disposal. Mr. Walmsley advised that the ash is a very concentrated form of phosphate with high nutrient content that might be used in forestry application. Mr. Walmsley valued the ash by-product at \$50.00 to \$100.00 per ton. Commissioner Dillman asked the projected start-up date for the Minnesota facility, and Mr. Walmsley advised that testing of this facility would begin within 3 to 4 weeks, with actual start-up in early to mid-summer. Mr. Walmsley went on to explain permitting processes, air quality standards, etc.*

*Commissioner Watkins asked if a location has been approved for the facility. Mr. Walmsley advised that they would work with the Economic Developer and then with landowners to determine a suitable site, based on the wishes of the County.*

*Commissioner Ussery questioned odor control methods. Mr. Walmsley advised that odors are burned away with very low emissions. Mr. Walmsley confirmed that the plant would operate 7 days per week with 5-day per week receipt of litter in 20 to 25 ton truckloads, and an estimated 100 to 110 trucks per day, based on Minnesota plant operations.*

*Commissioner Garner questioned the volatility of phosphorous, and Mr. Walmsley advised that it is not volatile at all.*

*Commissioner Ussery asked if the plant would process material from sewer plants, and Mr. Walmsley stated that the plant would not, and that they use material with 20 to 25% moisture content.*

Commissioner Dillman asked how the facility would compare to a coal burning facility. Mr. Walmsley stated that these facilities are equipped with substantial pollution controls with strict emission control standards.

In response to a question by Commissioner Maske concerning U.K. plants, Mr. Walmsley advised that there are 3 facilities; the first two having become operational in 1992 and 1993, and the third in 1998.

Chairman Robinette thanked Mr. Walmsley for his informative presentation.

**ITEM NO. 8 – CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 14-28, 2007 AS “SPRING LITTER SWEEP” IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Proclamation designating April 14-28, 2007 as “Spring Litter Sweep” in Richmond County:

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP 2007 PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual Spring statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spring 2007 "LITTER SWEEP" roadside cleanup will take place April 14 - 28, 2007, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families, and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during "LITTER SWEEP" and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our State and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2007 Spring cleanup will celebrate the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 6,000 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

**WHEREAS**, the "LITTER SWEEP" cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this Great State regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 14-28, 2007 as "**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**" time in Richmond County, and encourage all citizens to take an active role in making their community cleaner.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the County of Richmond, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007.

**ITEM NO. 9 – CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE WEEK OF APRIL 22-28, 2007 AS “NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK”**

*By a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Proclamation to designate the week of April 22-28, 2007 as “National County Government Week” in Richmond County:*

**NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK  
APRIL 22–28, 2007  
“PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT”**

*WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,066 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways; and*

*WHEREAS, many county government initiatives involve the protection of valuable and vulnerable environmental resources in communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States, provides essential services to the nation’s counties, advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public’s understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money; and*

*WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties first celebrated National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and*

*WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the nation’s counties,*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the Richmond County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 22-28, 2007 as **“NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK”** in Richmond County.

*Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007.*

**ITEM NO. 10 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 9-14, 2007 AS “PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK” IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

*By a motion of Commissioner Dillman, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution to designate April 19-24, 2007 as “Public Safety Telecommunications Week” in Richmond County:*

**R E S O L U T I O N**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**  
**APRIL 9 – 14, 2007**

*WHEREAS, dedicated public safety telecommunications personnel daily serve the citizens of Richmond County by answering their telephone calls for police, fire, rescue, and emergency medical services and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and*

*WHEREAS, the critical functions performed by professional public safety telecommunications personnel also include those related to many operations performed by federal, state, county and municipal government agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, professional public safety telecommunications personnel work to improve the emergency response capabilities of these communications systems through their leadership and training programs; and*

*WHEREAS, the third week in April has been set aside to recognize public safety telecommunications personnel and their crucial role in the protection of life and property.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth R. Robinette, Chairman of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of April 9 - 14, 2007 as “**PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK**” in Richmond County, North Carolina in honor and recognition of our public safety telecommunications personnel and the vital contributions which they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.*

*Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2007.*

**ITEM NO. 11 – CONSIDERATION OF PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE MAY 3, 2007 AS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

*By a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following Proclamation to designate May 3, 2007 as “National Day of Prayer” in Richmond County:*

**PROCLAMATION**  
**2007 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

*WHEREAS, National Days of Prayer have been part of our country’s heritage since the first one was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775; and*

*WHEREAS, 2 Chronicles, Chapter 7, verse 14 reads “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land”; and*

*WHEREAS, leaders of our Nation have relied upon the power of prayer throughout American history; and*

*WHEREAS, May 3, 2007, marks the 56<sup>th</sup> consecutive observance of the National Day of Prayer, as mandated by both Congress and by our President in Public Law 100-307; and*

*WHEREAS, it is good that we acknowledge that we are all God's handiwork and that it is appropriate to call upon Him in prayer; and*

*WHEREAS, "America, Unite in Prayer" is the theme for the 2007 National Day of Prayer;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Kenneth R. Robinette, Chairman of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2007 as a "Day of Prayer" in Richmond County and urge our citizens to join together in homes, places of work and places of worship, to pray for the unity of the hearts of all mankind, and to continue in prayer for our Nation.*

*Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007.*

**ITEM NO. 12 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO DECLARE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL**

*By a motion of Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution to declare various equipment at Cooperative Extension Service as surplus property for disposal:*

**RESOLUTION  
TO DECLARE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT  
AT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY  
FOR DISPOSAL**

*WHEREAS, it has been determined that the following equipment is no longer beneficial to the operations of the Cooperative Extension Service:*

- (1) NCD EXPLORA 451 X-TERM – SN: 0699AC020929
- (1) NCD NC900 X-TERM – SN: 0303BX227825
- (3) LTSP-T150 DISKLESS WORKSTATIONS –  
SN: 81043108688; SN: 81043108692; SN: 81043108693
- (1) LEXMARK E320 B&W PRINTER – SN: 890GQ55
- (1) BMI POSTAGE SCALE – SN: 7236411
- (1) MICRO GENERAL POSTAGE SCALE – SN: 113110001237
- (1) NCD THINSTAR 300 COMPUTER X-TERMINAL – SN: 1099AL233300
- (1) SAMATRON MONITOR – SN: AH17HCAW200416J
- (1) NCD MONITOR – SN: T10061500763
- (1) CTX 17" MONITOR – SN: CG9-40400291
- (1) CTX 17" MONITOR – SN: CG9-34303691
- (1) METAL FILE HOLDER – COUNTY I.D. #245
- (1) WOODEN FILE CARD BOX – COUNTY I.D. #255

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners is hereby requested to authorize disposal of said equipment in accordance with the requirements and procedures for disposal of county property as set forth in North Carolina General Statute 160A-266.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the above listed equipment is hereby declared as surplus county property by official action of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Manager is hereby authorized to dispose of said equipment as described herein in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2007.

**ITEM NO. 13 – CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD FOR 300,000 GALLON ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK**

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones presented bids opened on March 1, 2007 for a 300,000 gallon tank that is to be constructed to provide additional water for the industrial park, the Southeast waterline project, and additional pressure for East Hamlet. Mr. Jones recommended award of the bid to Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors as low bidder at \$836,295.00. Mr. Jones noted that the project is being funded by CDBG and county funds.

Based on the following recap of bids for the 300,000 gallon water tank, a motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried to award the bid to low bidder Phoenix Fabricators as recommended:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALTERNATE 1</u>	<u>ALTERNATE 2</u>	<u>ALTERNATE 3</u>
<i>Caldwell Tanks, Inc. Louisville, KY</i>	<i>\$1,461,200.00</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>\$1,550,640.00</i>	<i>NO BID</i>
<i>Phoenix Fabricators &amp; Erectors, Inc. Avon, IN</i>	<i>\$1,296,295.00</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>
<i>R. E. McLean Tank Company, Inc. Gastonia, NC</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>	<i>NO BID</i>

**ITEM NO. 14 – CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO ESTABLISH BUDGET FOR RITZ CRAFT WATER TANK**

By a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Budget Amendments to establish the budget for the Ritz Craft Elevated Water Tank Project by appropriation of revenues from various sources:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<i>354930-5140</i>	<i>Improvements</i>	<i>\$836,295.00</i>	
<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<i>354930-336007</i>	<i>CDBG Revenue</i>	<i>\$592,546.00</i>	
<i>354930-398101</i>	<i>Transfer from Water-Sewer Fund</i>	<i>\$243,749.00</i>	
<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<i>617120-8168</i>	<i>Transfer to Ritz Craft Fund</i>	<i>\$243,749.00</i>	

<u>Revenues:</u>	<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
617110-399002	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$243,749.00	

**ITEM NO. 15 – CONSIDERATION OF PETITION BY TOWN OF MCDONALD FOR MEMBERSHIP IN LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

*In accordance with Lumber River Council of Governments by-laws, the Town of McDonald has petitioned the other member governments to join the COG.*

*By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board voted to accept the Town of McDonald as a member of Lumber River Council of Governments.*

**ITEM NO. 16 – DISCUSSION OF DRAINAGE ISSUE ON ROSCOE PROPERTY ACROSS FROM ENTRANCE TO RICHMOND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK**

*Chairman Robinette suggested that the County Manager meet with an engineering firm to discuss all options on the drainage problem on the Leonard Roscoe property across from the entrance of the Richmond County Industrial Park.*

*A motion was offered by Commissioner Garner to retain an engineer to evaluate options to address the drainage problem on the Leonard Roscoe property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillman. Commissioner Maske agreed that the problem should be addressed. Chairman Robinette stressed that the County has not changed the flow of water in this area, and D.O.T. had designed the drainage pipes that were installed. Commissioner Ussery noted that the County Attorney has cautioned the Board not to accept responsibility for this problem, and Commissioner Maske added that D.O.T. had actually caused the problem. Chairman Robinette felt that there should be a means of containing the water. Commissioner Ussery noted that the County could only perform work on the industrial park property owned by the County.*

*The motion to retain an engineer to study the Roscoe drainage problem and make recommendations carried unanimously.*

**ITEM NO. 17 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY PLANNING DIRECTOR JAMIE ARMSTRONG**

*Planning Director Jamie Armstrong advised that the City of Hamlet is requesting extension of the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to include the firing range.*

*A motion was offered by Commissioner Dillman to authorize extension of the ETJ as requested by the City of Hamlet to include the wastewater treatment plant and adjoining firing range. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ussery and unanimously carried.*

**ITEM NO. 18 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT RICK SAGO**

*Director of Development Rick Sago announced the BST groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 11:30 A.M. on April 12 and encouraged everyone to attend. Mr. Sago noted that during the previous week, Commissioners Dillman, Maske, and Garner had joined him in attending a*

*meeting on Thursday at North Carolina Southeast to discuss their role in economic development in North Carolina.*

*Mr. Sago reported that both the Viking Pools and the Trinity Manufacturing projects are progressing well; APG Meridian is now in production; and Owens Illinois is in full production with the Gatorade cap expansion of \$1,000,000.00.*

**ITEM NO. 19 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER JAMES E. HAYNES**

*County Manager Haynes noted that a mailing has been sent to the residents of Old Cheraw Highway regarding participation in the cost of water expansion to this area, and to date, 10 yes responses and 2 no responses have been received.*

*Mr. Haynes noted that April 23-27, 2007 has been designated as “County Government Week”, and Public Information Officer Crystal Cagle will incorporate activities with the schools and the media to promote County Government Week and to call attention to our roles.*

*In discussion of the County web site, Mr. Haynes advised that firms are being interviewed to maintain and update the site.*

*Mr. Haynes advised that May 2, 2007 has been scheduled as County Assembly Day in Raleigh and is the day set aside for county officials from all over North Carolina to lobby the Legislature for desired legislation.*

*In reporting on clean-up efforts in the County, Mr. Haynes advised that scheduling of Community Service Workers has become easier, with 184 hours worked in the past month, and almost 12 tons of garbage picked up. Mr. Haynes went on to stated that Litter Enforcement Officer Allen Hodges has been asked that felons not be referred for Community Service work since the County would be responsible for their actions.*

*County Manager Haynes reported that as of March 30, the Tax Office has collected 92.88% of taxes, which is .8% more than at this same time last year. Mr. Haynes remarked that this rate is higher than total collections for the entire year in 2001.*

*County Manager Haynes reported that a letter is being written based on the Board’s action on March 12 concerning NCACC goals to solve Medicaid problems. Mr. Haynes acknowledged that there was some confusion as to what took place and what the Board intended in the form of a letter and to whom it should be addressed. Mr. Haynes went on to explain that during the time between the Regular meeting of March 12 and the Mid-Month Meeting of March 20, he had minor surgery; he met with architectural consultant Glenn Ware; he wrote a letter to Judge Beale; he attended a funeral in the western part of the State; his computer crashed; he met with representatives of Ellerbe Telephone Company; and then the Board met on March 20 at Dobbins Heights. At that time, the Board took specific action to adopt a Resolution to not support the land transfer tax as a revenue option. Mr. Haynes emphasized his policy that all Board members receive the same information at the same time, and that he endeavors to keep all Board members informed by sharing newspaper articles and other pertinent information.*

*Chairman Robinette thanked County Manager Haynes for the information that he distributes to keep all Board members informed, and he stressed that the County Manager should be considered a clearinghouse for receiving and distributing information for Board members.*

**ITEM NO. 20 – OTHER BUSINESS**

*The Board confirmed the reschedule date for the Mid-Month Meeting as April 23, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. preceding the 2007 Equalization and Review Meeting.*

*Commissioner Dillman stated that she would like to meet with the Chairman and County Manager to discuss the organization of County Administration.*

*Commissioner Maske asked if action should be taken on the Judge Beale's request to enter a Memorandum of Understanding.*

*Commissioner Ussery stated that he did not feel that the Board could commit to dates in a Memorandum of Understanding, and that the Board must be very careful how tax dollars are spent. Commissioner Ussery went on to state that it concerned him that the Judge does not seem to trust the Board.*

*Commissioner Watkins reminded Board members of the Human Relations Banquet scheduled for the evening of April 21 at the Cole Auditorium and encouraged Board members to support this event.*

*Commissioner Dillman asked about the cost of televising the Mid-Month Noon Regular Meetings of the Board, and County Manager Haynes advised that the cost is \$600.00 per meeting as quoted by Time Warner.*

*A motion was offered by Commissioner Ussery and seconded by Commissioner Maske to not film the Mid-Month Meetings. Commissioner Garner asked how many times the Board's meetings are replayed during the month, and County Manager Haynes advised six times. The motion carried unanimously.*

*There being no further business for discussion, a motion was offered by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M.*

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*Marian S. Savage, CMC  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners*