

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RICHMOND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, 6:30 P.M.**

The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. with the following present: Chairman Kenneth R. Robinette; Vice-Chairman John B. Garner; 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 REVEREND JOEY BYRD OF TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKINGHAM, NC

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Joey Byrd of Temple Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Robinette requested Board approval to change the order of Item No. 13 so that RCC President Dr. Diane Honeycutt could be recognized immediately following the Open Forum.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dillman, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to change the order of Agenda Item No. 13 to be heard following the Open Forum.

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

- A) APPEARANCE BY MS. EDWINA GESING TO DISCUSS TAX CONCERNS (5-MINUTE PRESENTATION)**
- B) APPEARANCE BY MS. LISA FORE AND MS. GINGER AMMERMAN TO EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT HUMANE SOCIETY OF RICHMOND COUNTY (10-MINUTE GROUP PRESENTATION)**

Neither of the scheduled appearances during the Open Forum appeared.

ITEM NO. 4 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO CONVEY TWO ACRES OF RICHMOND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY TO RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FACILITY

Director of Development Rick Sago advised that Richmond Community College President Dr. Diane Honeycutt and staff have requested that the County convey two acres or land in Richmond County Industrial Park to RCC as a site for planned construction of an industrial training facility.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske and seconded by Commissioner Dillman to approve conveyance of the two acres of industrial park property to RCC.

Commissioner Watkins asked the location of the property in relation to the other industries in the park, and Mr. Sago advised that the site is located at the Northeastern corner of the South side of the industrial park.

Commissioner Maske asked Dr. Honeycutt the size of the building planned. Dr. Honeycutt advised that the facility would be as large as funds allow and that the focus of this facility will be on training. Dr. Honeycutt went on to advise that RCC has the highest enrollment in the history of the college. In discussion of funds available for the training facility, Dr. Honeycutt advised that there is currently \$395,000.00 available, the Rockingham Center has recently been sold for \$50,000.00, and Congressman Robin Hayes has pledged \$150,000.00 toward this project for equipment. Dr. Honeycutt advised that the total fund-raising goal for the project is \$1.5 million.

Mr. Sago advised that RCC provides the most training of any college in the area, and he commended the great job done by the college.

Commissioner Garner asked if the facility might be as large as a 20,000 sq. ft. building. Dr. Honeycutt advised that she hopes that facility will be between 15,000 and 20,000 sq. ft., depending on funds raised.

The motion to convey the two acres to RCC carried unanimously. Chairman Robinette thanked Dr. Honeycutt and the RCC Board and staff for all that they do for Richmond County. Dr. Honeycutt expressed appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their support.

ITEM NO. 5 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED TAX SCHEDULES, STANDARDS, AND RULES FOR 2008

The Public Hearing was declared open at 6:35 P.M. by Chairman Robinette, and Tax Administrator Butch Greene advised that this is the required advertised public hearing for the 2008 tax schedules. Mr. Greene also referenced the Land Use Schedules in the second book, based on state standards. Mr. Greene stated that no citizens have visited his office with questions or concerns regarding the schedules.

There were no other speakers, and the public hearing was declared closed at 6:39 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

ITEM NO. 6 – PUBLIC HEARING TO ANNOUNCE INTENT TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR A NEW METAL SHELL BUILDING IN ROCKINGHAM INDUSTRIAL PARK-WEST

The Public Hearing announcing intent to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant Funds for a new metal shell building in Rockingham Industrial Park-West was declared open at 6:40 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

Director of Development Rick Sago advised that this is the first of two required hearings, and this is a joint effort between the City of Rockingham, the County and Pee Dee Electric to construct a fourth shell building in Rockingham Industrial Park-West. Mr. Sago advised that application will be made for CDBG funds for this project, and the Pee Dee Electric loan would

be based on an interest rate of 2% for 5 years, with the first payment not due until a year after closing.

Commissioner Ussery inquired about the building size, and Mr. Sago advised that calculations will be made on both a 40,000 and a 50,000 sq. ft. building.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed by Chairman Robinette at 6:40 P.M.

**ITEM NO. 7 – REQUEST BY LUMBER RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAMES B. PERRY FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Ms. Margaret Kelly of Lumber River Council of Governments appeared before the Board to request Board approval of what she hoped would be the last amendment required for the Interlocal Agreement authorizing the COG to borrow funds to construct a new office facility. Ms. Kelly advised that the requested change as required by the Local Government Commission would eliminate the reference in the previous agreement to the specific dollar amount of \$1.2 million since the actual bid amount for the building is unknown at this time.

There was discussion of the projected \$1.2 million cost for the new office facility, and Ms. Kelly confirmed that land for the building has already been purchased in Pembroke.

Commissioner Watkins assured that the building will be a nice facility of which they can all be proud, and that there is very minimal risk to the member governments for the COG to borrow the funds for the facility. Ms. Kelly added that new legislation had just been approved allowing councils of government to borrow funds for such projects and that this is part of the reason for the changes that have been required in the format for the Interlocal Agreement.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to approve the LGC required amendment to the Lumber River COG Interlocal Agreement.

**ITEM NO. 8 – APPEARANCE BY ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT GLENN WARE
FOR UPDATE ON JUDICIAL CENTER PROJECT**

Architectural consultants Glenn Ware and Pete Cayado of Ware Bonsall Architects appeared before the Board to display a model of the judicial center and to present interior and exterior finishes for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Cayado referred to the different interior wall finishes and carpeting, recommending earth-tone colors so that finishes are compatible from office to office.

Chairman Robinette asked that the board of samples be left so that board members could examine colors and textures after the meeting.

Commissioner Garner asked how much of the building would be carpeted, and Mr. Ware and Mr. Cayado estimated 50 to 60% of the building would be carpet.

Commissioner Ussery asked if recommendations would be provided on finishes, and the architects advised that all selections would be based on durability. Mr. Cayado added that Union County has been happy with these finishes, including tile on walls in high traffic areas. Mr. Ware recommended tile up to doorway height.

In discussion of exterior finishes, it was noted that an older-look, standard red brick has been recommended up to this point. In further discussion, Commissioner Dillman asked the difference in brick costs. Mr. Cayado advised that there was no difference in the samples represented, but that the cost of stone is much more expensive - \$60.00 to \$70.00 per foot.

Commissioner Maske confirmed that courthouse elected officials and staff have had input in selecting materials from the samples.

Chairman Robinette asked the consultants to provide comparison cost information for a flat roof compared to a pitched roof design for the judicial center.

Mr. Ware advised that in discussing roof designs with a cost consultant, a pitched metal roof would require additional structure and a sprinkler system, at an estimated additional cost of \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00.

In further discussion of the estimated life of the different roof designs, Mr. Ware advised that the life of a membrane roof is estimated at 15 to 20 years, and with the more expensive seamed metal roof, the duration of the roof is estimated at 50 years.

ITEM NO. 9 – PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Ms. Erin Blanke and Mr. Paul Parker appeared before the Board in behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Moore County. Ms. Blanke and Mr. Parker described the 20-year history of the Moore County Program and advised that their goal is to build 3 homes in Richmond County. Mr. Parker advised that \$175,000.00 is needed to build the homes; \$50,000.00 in materials; and he advised that 4 lots are available and 3 families have been selected.

In further discussion of the Habitat Program, Mr. Parker advised that qualified participants must meet income guidelines and need criteria, and that the homeowner must be willing to commit to a 20-year non-profit mortgage. Mr. Parker summarized his comments, emphasizing that these families would pay taxes in Richmond County, and through the support of the Habitat Program they hoped to end substandard housing in Richmond County.

ITEM NO. 10 – MONTHLY PLANNING/GIS REPORT BY PLANNING DIRECTOR JAMIE ARMSTRONG

Planning Director Jamie Armstrong requested Board action on the following five items:

- A) RZM-2007-4 – A motion was offered by Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing during the October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting to consider the rezoning request by Robert L. Edwards and Dianne R. Edwards.*

- B) *Special Assessments for Demolition and Removal of Condemned Property* – A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing during the October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting to consider implementing special assessments for the costs incurred in demolition and removal of condemned property. Mr. Armstrong advised that a total cost of \$31,035.50 has been incurred for removal of 12 condemned properties in East Rockingham and 3 properties in Cordova.
- C) *Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 20, Article VI (Manufactured Homes and Trailers)* – A motion was offered by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing during the October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting to consider amendments to Chapter 20, Article VI concerning manufactured homes and parks.
- D) *Consideration of Proposed Amendments to Chapter 20, Article IV – Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance* – A motion was offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried to hold a public hearing during the October 1, 2007 Regular Meeting to consider amendments to the Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance in accordance with state regulations.
- E) *Consideration of Stay on Previous Order to Demolish and Remove House Located on Safie 1st Street* – Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board that a stay had been previously issued a stay of the Demolition Order on property owned by Mr. Larry England on 1st Street in Safie. Mr. Armstrong advised that the Board may consider three options: 1) rescind the original Demolition Order and allow Mr. England to move forward with repair work; 2) allow the stay to lapse; or 3) to issue a new stay to allow Mr. England additional time to make repairs.

There was further discussion of the work that has been done on Mr. England's property, the projected completion date, etc., and Mr. England advised the Board that he is doing much of the work himself as money allows, and he did not actually obtain deed to the property until June. Mr. England estimated that he should complete the work within 90 to 120 days, and that he hoped to obtain a plumbing permit with two weeks, and then hire an electrician to re-wire the house.

There was discussion of allowing Mr. England an additional 90 days to complete the work, and then after further discussion, a motion was offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to issue a new stay through January 1, 2008.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned a September 24 meeting of the Census Complete County Committee.

ITEM NO. 11 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES B. K. JONES

Community Services Director B. K. Jones summarized various water improvements projects in the County totaling \$5,163,842.50 as a combination of EPA grant funds, CDBG funds, Rural Center funds, Golden Leaf funds, and county funds.

Mr. Jones advised that 5 borings have been completed by Bill's Backhoe at a cost of \$102,000.00, and in-house crews will now complete the Hwy. 381 line. Mr. Jones also mentioned that a waterline extension has been completed for a citizen who paid out of pocket in accordance with the County Water Line Extension Policy for extension of water service.

Mr. Jones advised that only three miles of line is yet to be installed, and another 5,000 ft. of 12" line is to be purchased. After the loop is complete, Mr. Jones advised that work will continue as money allows and the work will move to Airport Road Extension and Eddie's Lane.

Mr. Watkins inquired about the number of taps, and Mr. Jones advised that 54 taps have been made thus far on the Southeast Project, for a total of \$864.00 per month in additional revenue based on minimum monthly bills. Mr. Jones estimated that 200 taps will have been made upon completion with a 19-year payback on the County's 48.2% share of the cost of the line.

Commissioner Maske suggested that it might become more cost effective for the County to purchase its own boring equipment for future water projects.

Commissioner Watkins asked confirmed that limited funds are available, but extension of waterlines down side roads where the density is the greatest would be pursued. Mr. Jones noted that there is no guarantee of the number of taps that would be made, but the policy has been to extend lines in areas of greatest density.

Commissioner Ussery added that lines should be extended as feasible in those areas of the most dire need.

County Manager Haynes added that there is an incentive for customers to tap on during construction of lines at a reduced rate.

Commissioner Maske inquired about the Hook-Up grant funds, and Mr. Jones advised that 32 of the 54 taps were made possible due to the \$50,000.00 Hook-Up Grant.

Commissioner Garner stressed the importance of the Water Treatment Plant as the other critical element to the county water system and as a key to economic development efforts.

Mr. Jones discussed at length the Trinity and Viking Pools water improvements projects, noting that the total cost for both projects is \$2,793,670.00, with 64% of the project paid in grant funds. Mr. Jones explained that the County had netted approximately \$5,000,000.00 worth of infrastructure with a county investment of only about \$2,000,000.00.

Commissioner Watkins emphasized that none of these funds are tax dollars; all funds are generated from the sale of water.

Mr. Jones concluded his remarks, noting that Director of Development Rick Sago is to be commended for his work with the Viking and Trinity Projects to obtain grant money for infrastructure.

ITEM NO. 12 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE, DELIVERY AND ERECTION OF 10 NESTED T-HANGARS FOR RICHMOND COUNTY AIRPORT

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones advised the Board that there are currently four t-hangars at the airport and one used by the Forestry Service. In discussion of plans to construct new hangars, Mr. Jones noted that new hangars would provide an opportunity for revenue of approximately \$300.00 per month per hangar for rent of the hangars, and the large hangar would be moved.

Mr. Jones shared the following recap of bids received and opened on August 28, 2007 for construction of 10 nested t-hangars:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Alternate A</u>	<u>Bid Alternate B</u>
<i>Sedberry Construction</i>	<i>\$326,023.00</i>	<i>\$326,995.00</i>
<i>Tim Hayden Construction</i>	<i>\$630,000.00</i>	<i>\$630,000.00</i>
<i>Thomas Wilkes</i>	<i>\$359,712.42</i>	<i>\$362,789.35</i>

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Ussery and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the bid for hangar construction to low bidder, Sedberry Construction, at \$326,023.00 for Alternate A and \$326,995.00 for Alternate B.

ITEM NO. 13 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT RICK SAGO

Director of Development Rick Sago advised that he and Regional Development representative from the Fayetteville Regional Office of the Department of Commerce had met with new local industry Von Drelle last week to make the company aware of what might be available to the company. Mr. Sago noted that Von Drelle is re-building the older of the two paper machines at the former Laurel Hill Paper Plant.

Mr. Sago also advised that he continues to work with local industries on potential expansions, and several potential clients have recently visited the County.

In discussion of North Carolina Speedway, Mr. Sago advised that Andy Hillenberg has not reached an agreement with the track owners to purchase the track as had been implied.

ITEM NO. 14 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-28, 2007 AS “INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK”

Director of Development Rick Sago advised that this is the tenth year of the designation of “Industry Appreciation Week”, and he mentioned events planned at the dragway and a golf tournament in recognition of local industries. Mr. Sago asked that the Board consider adoption of a Resolution to proclaim September 24-28, 2007 as “Industry Appreciation Week” in Richmond County.

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

RESOLUTION

***WHEREAS**, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners recognizes the role of existing businesses and industries in the thriving economy of Richmond County; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners joins with the Richmond County Chamber of Commerce, the municipalities, and the major utilities to proudly support the local industries in Richmond County; and*

***WHEREAS**, existing businesses and industries provide essential employment opportunities for the citizens of Richmond County, while making significant contributions to promote educational opportunities and a variety of activities to enhance the quality of life in Richmond County; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners realizes that industries in Richmond County are critical in sustaining the community through the creation of jobs, providing products and services, and making many other contributions to the County, both charitable and in general; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the **Tenth Annual Industry Appreciation Week** as our way of saying “Thank You” to our local industries for the investment that they have made in Richmond County.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond County Board of Commissioners does hereby pledge support for the continued success of **Industry Appreciation Week** designated as **September 24 - 28, 2007**.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution designating **Industry Appreciation Week** is recognized as one of Richmond County’s most outstanding events and shall be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners.*

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2007.

ITEM NO. 15 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER JAMES E. HAYNES

County Manager Haynes commented on the status report on water improvements projects by Community Services Director B. K. Jones, reiterating that not only does Water Fund money come from the proceeds generated with water sales, but the funds go back into the Water Fund as a separate fund that operates independently.

Mr. Haynes reported that the Solid Waste Officer continues to work with Community Service workers to clean up roadways, and 9.6 tons of waste was picked up along roadways last month; 2 burning violations were investigated; 28 miles of roadway was picked up by county employees; and 17 other portions of roads were picked up. Mr. Haynes encouraged participation in Fall Litter Sweep, designated on Saturday, September 22 on Crawford Road.

Mr. Haynes noted that the Tax Office is ahead in collections compared to this time last year by .6%, and collections are currently at a rate of 11.74%.

Mr. Haynes reported that Public Information Officer Crystal Cagle has been working on a county newsletter that should soon be ready for mailing.

Mr. Haynes discussed the new legislation approved by the General Assembly offering counties the option to propose a .4% Land Transfer Tax or a .25% additional sales tax in a referendum to the voters. Mr. Haynes projected that sales tax would generate more money in Richmond County than a Land Transfer Tax, and generally high growth counties are those that have indicated interest in the Land Transfer Tax. Mr. Haynes confirmed that the consensus of our Board seems to have been to wait until Spring or Fall 2008 once Revaluation numbers are available to consider placing these options on the ballot. In further discussion, County Manager Haynes estimated \$500,000.00 in additional revenue for the added sales tax, and he advised that there is a waiting period of a quarter before receipt of additional tax proceeds.

ITEM NO. 16 – CONSENT AGENDA

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following items of the Consent Agenda:

- A) **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2007 AND REGULAR MID-MONTH NOON MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY THE CLERK.**
- B) **TAX RELEASES TALLING \$31,184.95 AND TAX REFUNDS TALLING \$2,695.16 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 SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE \$6,335.00 IN STATE GRANT FUNDS AWARDED TO WORK FIRST PROGRAM FOR FY 2007-2008**
- D) **APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISION TO ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR INSPECTION OF SUMMER FOOD SITES IN RICHMOND COUNTY**

Revenue:

Summer Food	005186-333130	Increase by	\$2,660.00
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Expenditures:

Summer Food			
Salaries Regular	115186-4100	Increase by	\$2,135.00
FICA	115186-4110	Increase by	\$ 525.00
			<u>\$2,660.00</u>

- E) **APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISION TO DECREASE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDING FOR THE TARGETED INFANT MORTALITY REDUCTION BUDGET**

Revenue:

Targeted Infant Mortality Reduction 115207-336021 Decrease by (\$31,910.00)

Expenditures:

Targeted Infant Mortality Reduction:

Salaries Regular	115207-4100	Decrease by	(\$20,950.00)
FICA	115207-4110	Decrease by	<u>(\$10,960.00)</u>
			\$31,910.00

ITEM NO. 17 – REQUEST BY HEALTH DIRECTOR TO DECLARE 1987 MOTOR HOME AS SURPLUS PROPERTY BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Dillman to approve the following Resolution to declare a 1987 Motor Home as surplus Health Department property. Commissioner Maske confirmed that the vehicle would be auctioned, and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION
TO DECLARE HEALTH DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
AS SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY
FOR DISPOSAL**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the following vehicle is no longer beneficial to the operations of the Richmond County Health Department:

**1987 Bounder Motor Home
Serial #GBKP37WXH3310056**

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners is hereby requested to authorize disposal of said motor home 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 vehicle 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 vehicle as described herein in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160A-266.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption this 10th day of September, 2007.

ITEM NO. 18 – REQUEST BY DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID IN FIRE PROTECTION

By a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement for fire protection between Richmond County and the Department of the Army.

ITEM NO. 19 – REQUEST BY NORTH CAROLINA FOREST RESOURCES FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 AGREEMENT FOR PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF FOREST LANDS IN RICHMOND COUNTY

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the 2007-2008 Agreement for Forest Fire Protection Services with the N. C. Division of Forest Resources. Commissioner Maske confirmed that the County funding portion of the budget - \$105,531.00 represents 40% of the total Forest Resources budget and is the same percentage of funding as prior years.

The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM NO. 20 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

County Manager Haynes advised the Board that in order to insure that Richmond County has continued eligibility to receive Federal Disaster Relief funds and Homeland Security Funds, emergency responders in the County must be trained at the nationally recognized standard – NIMS (National Incident Management System). Mr. Haynes advised that Richmond County's emergency responders have received NIMS level training, and he asked that the Board adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the officially recognized method of managing disaster situations in Richmond County.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried to adopt NIMS as the accepted method for disaster response in Richmond County.

ITEM NO. 21 – OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. by a motion of Commissioner Ussery, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried.

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