

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RICHMOND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2008 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, J. C. Watkins and Paul Wilson, Jr.

Commissioner Thad Ussery was absent due to illness.

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

Chairman Robinette expressed his regrets that Commissioner Ussery was unable to attend due to illness, and he asked that everyone keep Commissioner Ussery in their thoughts and prayers.

ITEM NO. 1 – INVOCATION BY REV. JASON MOORE OF HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKINGHAM, NC

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Jason Moore of Heritage Baptist Church, Rockingham, NC.

ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the Agenda as presented.

Vice-Chairman Garner requested Board approval to abstain from voting on Item No. 8 so as to avoid the appearance of conflict. A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously approved to authorize Commissioner Garner to abstain from voting on Item No. 8.

The motion to approve the Agenda carried unanimously.

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

A) APPEARANCE BY NATHAN EZZELL TO DISCUSS THE “PEOPLE TO PEOPLE STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM” (5-MIN. PRESENTATION)

Ellerbe Jr. High School student Nathan Ezzell appeared before the Board to discuss the “People to People Student Ambassador Program” in which he has been selected to participate this summer. Nathan advised the Board that he has been active in the 4-H Program since the age of 5, and that he has been very active in community activities. Nathan provided a history of the program, noting that the program first began in 1956 under the administration of President Eisenhower. Nathan assured the Board that he would represent Richmond County well as he travels in six European countries this summer. Nathan

expressed appreciation for support of his participation in the program and his fund-raising efforts for the \$7,000.00 tuition and travel expenses.

Commissioner Dillman commended Nathan for representing the County so well.

Commissioner Watkins also commended Nathan for his participation in the program

Chairman Robinette thanked Nathan for his presentation and wished him well.

ITEM NO. 4 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF RICHMOND COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND AGREEMENT

The Public Hearing to consider the proposed conveyance of Richmond County Industrial Park property was declared open at 6:40 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

Director of Development Rick Sago advised that the proposal is to convey 29 acres of property in Richmond County Industrial Park to a prospect and for the Board to consider approval of an agreement for proposed incentive to the client. Mr. Sago advised that the proposed conveyance would consist of 29 acres on Hwy. 74 located on the North side of the by-pass.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed at 6:42 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

A motion was then offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to authorize conveyance of the property and to approve the incentives agreement as proposed.

Mr. Sago advised the Board that SRB Holdings would use the land to develop a 300,000 sq. ft distribution center with an investment of approximately \$10,000,000.00. Mr. Sago further advised that creation of 120 new jobs is projected. Mr. Sago felt that Richmond County's roads helped to make this announcement possible, and he advised that he had been working closely with this client since April 2007. In further discussion of the client, Mr. Sago expressed appreciation to Chairman Robinette and County Manager Haynes for their help with this client. Mr. Sago further noted that Chairman Robinette had been gracious enough to host this client at The National, and he commended RCC for their assistance in providing workforce training information for the client. On a recent visit to the County, Mr. Sago acknowledged that Attorney Bill Webb had graciously entertained the client at his hunt preserve in Ellerbe. In summation, Mr. Sago commended North Carolina Southeast for referral of the client, and he thanked the Board of Commissioners and the County Manager for their help and support in working with this client.

Commissioner Maske expressed appreciation to N. C. Southeast for contributing \$25,000.00 toward this project to assist company executives in relocating to Richmond County.

Chairman Robinette noted that this lead is 12 months old, but Mr. Sago and County Manager Haynes had maintained constant contact with the client during that time. Chairman Robinette commended Mr. Sago's presentation and his dedicated efforts to this project, and he further commended the voters of the County for having approved Economic Development bonds that enabled the County to purchase the land and develop an industrial park on the by-pass.

Mr. Sago added that Planning Director Jamie Armstrong and the GIS/Planning Department have assisted in providing information to this client, as well as Airport staff Doyle and Sam Haigler, who assisted in making the client welcome for meetings at the airport. Maintenance staff, Building Inspector Gary Williams, and Solid Waste Enforcement Officer Allen Hodges were also acknowledged for their assistance in preparing for the client's visits to the County.

ITEM NO. 5 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FUNDING REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF RITZ CRAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

The public hearing to consider funding reallocation of a portion of Ritz Craft CDBG funds were declared open by Chairman Robinette at 6:50 P.M. Director of Development Rick Sago discussed the 2005 CDBG funds for installation of an access road for the Ritz Craft plant, for water and sewer for the project, and for a 300,000 gallon elevated tank under construction on Oak Ridge Church Road. Mr. Sago went on to advise that the original utility construction portion of the project was less expensive than estimate, but the elevated tank exceeded original cost estimates. Therefore, in order to reallocate more than 10% of the total grant funds to the more expensive portion of the project, construction of the elevated tank, a public hearing is required.

There were no other speakers, and the public hearing was declared closed by Chairman Robinette at 6:54 P.M.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to authorize the reallocation of CDBG funds for the Ritz Craft Project.

ITEM NO. 6 – CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RICHMOND COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER BUILDING – DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES B. K. JONES

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones presented a recap of bids for construction of the Judicial Center, and he advised the Board that Hudson Paving should complete both parking lots later in the week. The recap of Judicial Center bids opened on March 4 were as follows:

| <u>CONTRACTOR</u> | <u>BASE BID AMOUNT</u> | <u>ALTERNATE I</u> |
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| <i>American South General Contractors, Inc. Sanford, NC</i> | <i>\$15,549,000.00</i> | <i>\$250,000.00</i> |
| <i>Barnhill Contracting Company Raleigh, NC</i> | <i>\$15,980,000.00</i> | <i>\$ 50,000.00</i> |
| <i>Bordeaux Construction Company, Inc. Durham, NC</i> | <i>\$14,441,700.00</i> | <i>\$ 50,000.00</i> |
| <i>DeVere Construction Company, Inc. Alpena, MI</i> | <i>\$15,098,000.00</i> | <i>\$ 15,000.00</i> |
| <i>J. M. Allen, Inc. Asheboro, NC</i> | <i>\$15,669,000.00</i> | <i>\$ 67,000.00</i> |

County Manager Haynes confirmed that the funds to be borrowed would include the cost of furnishings, inspections, architectural fees, etc. Mr. Haynes further stated that up to \$24,000,000.00 would be borrowed, but it may be that \$18,000,000.00 would be the maximum amount needed since construction bids had actually been lower than anticipated. Mr. Haynes advised that the total number would be finalized before the closing, and he added that fortunately interest rates are very attractive at this time.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed by Chairman Robinette at 7:00 P.M.

ITEM NO. 8 – CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING PROPOSALS FOR RICHMOND COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER PROJECT AND RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE RENOVATIONS

County Manager Haynes presented the following three proposals for financing of \$24,000,000.00 for the Richmond County Judicial Center and RCC improvements projects:

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| Branch Bank & Trust Charlotte, NC | \$24,000,000.00 @ 20-yr. term | 4.15% |
| RBC Centura Bank Raleigh, NC | \$24,000,000.00 @ 20-yr. term | 4.15% |
| SunTrust Bank | \$24,000,000.00 @ 20-yr. term | 4.270% |

Mr. Haynes recommended that the bid be awarded to BB&T as low bidder at 4.15% interest rate and \$5,250.00 in loan fees. Mr. Haynes also noted that there would be no pre-payment penalty after the first 10 years of the loan.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried to approve the bid award for financing of the judicial center through BB&T at an interest rate of 4.15%.

ITEM NO. 9 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FINAL APPROVAL OF TERMS AND AGREEMENTS – FINANCING OF 2008 JUDICIAL CENTER AND RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECT

County Manager Haynes requested Board approval of a Resolution Providing for Final Approval of Terms and Agreements for Financing of the Judicial Center and RCC Projects. Mr. Haynes noted that these are official documents necessary for approval prior to Local Government Commission approval of the project.

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

ITEM NO. 10 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RZT-2007-3 – OUTDOOR ADVERTISING REGULATIONS

The public hearing to consider RZT-2007-3, Outdoor Advertising Regulations, was declared open at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

Planning Director Jamie Armstrong stated that the hearing is a continuation of the February 4 hearing, at which time the Board remanded the ordinance back to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment with a recommendation to consider the use of wooden poles. Mr. Armstrong advised that the ordinance is now being re-submitted to the Board of Commissioners with a recommendation to include use of wooden salt-treated poles for sign support; the number of sign faces increased from 2 to 4; and sign maintenance requirements clarified as being ultimate responsibility of the property owner.

Commissioner Maske asked who is responsible for maintenance of a sign if the business ceases to operate. Mr. Armstrong advised that if a sign becomes out of date, then the property owner should contact the sign company for maintenance, and normal code requirements would apply. Commissioner Maske asked if a cover of out of date signs could be used, and Mr. Armstrong advised that the sign owner would be asked to cover the out of date sign.

Mr. Tony Martin addressed the Board and asked if any sign is grandfathered for those signs already in place. Mr. Armstrong advised that such signs could be considered pre-existing uses but that maintenance rules would still apply. Mr. Martin inquired about signs that must be moved as a result of highway construction. Mr. Armstrong advised that signs being moved for highway right-of-way have been treated as Conditional Uses in the past and that the County has no authority over D.O.T. regulations. Mr. Martin stated that he has a sign within the City Limits of Rockingham that must be moved to meet the 500 ft. right of way requirement. Mr. Martin explained that this is not practical since the City's 500 ft. right of way requirement would mean placement of the sign behind his building. Mr. Martin felt that the City's ordinance is unfair. Mr. Armstrong advised that the County ordinance does not include a 500 ft. requirement.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed at 7:12 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

A motion was then offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to approve RZT-2007-3 for the County's Outdoor Advertising Ordinance.

ITEM NO. 11 – PUBLIC HEARING TO NAME OR RENAME ROADS CHANGED DURING CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. 220 BY-PASS

The public hearing to consider naming or re-naming of roads changed during construction of the Hwy. 220 By-Pass was declared open by Chairman Robinette at 7:15 P.M.

Planning Director Jamie Armstrong advised that due to opening of the new Hwy. 220 By-Pass, several roads were re-created, and as advertised, names for 9 roads are to be considered. Mr. Armstrong referred to Donna Wright of 911 Addressing, who has researched the 9 roads ready for naming and met with residents of those roads.

Mr. Ralph Carriker addressed the Board, advising that he and his wife live on one of the other two roads not being considered at this time. Mr. Carriker advised that they were on Crawford Road, but opening of the by-pass has now resulted in crossing of the by-pass to access his property. Mr. Carriker advised that since the road on which he lives leads to Derby, and he and the other 7 families located on the road have agreed on the name Derby Way. Mr. Carriker asked that the Board consider the name Derby Way. Donna Wright advised further research and advertisement of the suggested name would be required before returning to the Board for a decision.

Mr. J. B. Carriker advised that he lives on Crawford Road, and that as a result of changes, the name Plainview Road has been considered. Mr. Carriker recommended the name be changed to Jimmy Carriker Road rather than Plainview Road between Hwy. 73 East and the current Jimmy Carriker Road. Donna Wright advised that approximately 20 residences would have to be re-addressed, but there are no residents affected at the 90-degree turn. Mr. Carriker recommended that the entire road be named Jimmy Carriker Road rather than changing at the turn. Mr. Armstrong explained that addresses for all residents would have to be changed, and that every effort is being made to impact residents as little as possible. Donna Wright advised that she had not met with residents on Jimmy Carriker Road. Commissioner Garner confirmed that this is a new road.

Mr. Tommy Blue requested that the Board consider naming of a new segment of road which terminates at the interstate right of way as Old Blue Road rather than Webb Road.

Ellerbe Mayor Lynn McCaskill addressed the Board and requested consideration of 3 things: 1) the new part of Hwy. 73 from old Hwy. 220 to the by-pass be named in memory of former Ellerbe Rescue Squad Chief John Moore; 2) a portion of the by-pass should be named in memory of long-time Ellerbe Mayor Joe Comer; and 3) the portion of old Millstone Road where Jimmy Frazier lives should be named Frazier Drive.

Donna Wright advised that the Fergusons and the Fraziers live on Millstone Road, and in her last meeting with both families, a neutral name – Cimarron Drive, had been suggested and agreed upon by both families.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed at 7:28 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

There was discussion of which roads should be considered for naming tonight after hearing the comments during the hearing. Commissioner Garner commented that all requests heard were understandable, and he felt that some road should be named in memory of Benny Parsons. Commissioner Dillman agreed.

Chairman Robinette stressed that only the roads advertised for the public hearing should be considered tonight. Chairman Robinette further stated that the Board could later consider naming of roads in memory of individuals.

Mayor McCaskill asked that the Board consider naming of bridges on the bypass in honor or in memory of several people. Chairman Robinette noted that D.O.T. reserves the right to name bridges in memory of fallen law enforcement officers.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to name 7 of the 9 roads advertised for consideration, with Webb Road and Plainview Road not being included for naming tonight.

Mr. Armstrong confirmed that more community meetings can be held and then return to the Board of Commissioners with a recommendation. Commissioner Watkins confirmed that there had been objection to the naming of Plainview Road and that Webb Road was dissected by the by-pass.

Commissioner Dillman felt that more input from the residents is needed.

Commissioner Maske confirmed that Webb Road, Crawford Road and Plainview Road are the names in question.

The suggested name of Canton Road was then questioned.

Chairman Robinette recapped that 6 of the recommended road names now seem to be acceptable and with no controversy, with Crawford, Plainview and Webb Roads all being contested.

A substitute motion was then offered by Commissioner Dillman to approve the first 6 road names on the list for consideration during the hearing. The substitute motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Robinette thanked Mr. Armstrong and his staff for their work.

Commissioner Garner emphasized that due to the inconvenience to residents as a result of changes in traffic patterns, the community should be involved in naming of these roads.

ITEM NO. 12 – MONTHLY REPORT BY PLANNING DIRECTOR JAMIE ARMSTRONG

Planning Director Jamie Armstrong presented the following items for the Board's consideration:

- 1) **Special Assessments for Demolition and Removal of Condemned Property** – request that Board of Commissioners set a public hearing date to consider assessments of \$24,840.00 for the cost of demolition of 5 properties in East Rockingham.*

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to advertise the public hearing to consider special assessments on April 7, 2008 during the Board's Regular Meeting.

- 2) **Award of Bid for Demolition and Removal of Condemned Structures** – Mr. Armstrong advised that of the 5 structures in Cordova scheduled for demolition, 4 are to be burned by Cordova Fire Department once the burning ban is lifted, and the other is to be demolished. Mr. Armstrong also advised that Affordable Septic Service had asked to be removed from consideration for the demolition bid.*

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dillman and seconded by Commissioner Maske to approve the cost of removal of the condemned structures. Commissioners Watkins confirmed the following costs for demolition of the structures: \$1,200.00; \$5,650.00; \$3,500.00; \$3,000.00; and \$3,150.00. The motion carried unanimously.

3) RZM-2008-1 – Milliken Rezoning Request

Mr. Armstrong advised that Robert Christopher Milliken, R. A. and Advila Milliken, and Robert A. Milliken II and Rita have requested a zoning change of property location on U.S. Hwy. 1 North of Richmond Pines Country Club from County Residential to Rural Residential. Mr. Armstrong advised that the request had been denied by the Planning Board based on nonconformity with Zoning Ordinance standards. Mr. Armstrong advised that the Board of Commissioners may choose to schedule a public hearing on the rezoning request, or the petition may be summarily denied.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Dillman to schedule a public hearing during the Regular Meeting of April 7. The motion carried unanimously. A citizen asked to speak to this issue, and Chairman Robinette advised that the April 7 public hearing would provide an opportunity for speakers.

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

Director of Development Rick Sago discussed the grand opening event at the speedway the prior week to welcome new track owner Andy Hillenburg. Mr. Sago noted that the event was well attended, and he encouraged attendance of the upcoming May 4 race.

ITEM NO. 14 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF LOAN AGREEMENT WITH N. C. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR CDBG LOAN FOR SHELL BUILDING #4 AND BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS

Director of Development Rick Sago reminded the Board of authorization to file an application with the N. C. Department of Commerce in the amount of \$300,000.00, the difference in the cost of the shell building project remaining after the \$500,000.00 loan committed by Pee Dee Electric toward Shell Building #4. Mr. Sago requested that the Board approve the loan agreement with the N. C. Department of Commerce based on a 2% interest rate for a 5-year term. Mr. Sago also requested approval of a Budget Amendment to accept the Department of Commerce CDBG loan of \$300,000.00 and to redirect the funds to Richmond Economic Development Corporation. The Budget amendment would also appropriate \$15,000.00 from Fund Balance for miscellaneous REDC expenses.

Commissioner Maske confirmed that the Pee Dee Electric loan is at no interest and with no payments required for the first 4 years.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to approve the loan agreement with the Department of Commerce for Shell Building #4 and the following budget amendment necessary to appropriate the funds:

ITEM NO. 15 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT CDBG LOAN FUNDS AND THEN ALLOCATE TO RICHMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SHELL BUILDING #4

Director of Development Rick Sago advised the Board that the State requires Board approval of a Sub-Recipient Agreement to confirm the agreement with Richmond Economic Development Corporation and to accept the CDBG Loan which will be allocated to REDC for construction of Shell Building #4.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Dillman, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried. Commissioner Dillman expressed appreciation to Mr. Sago and stressed the importance of the shell building program.

ITEM NO. 16 – MONTHLY REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER JAMES E. HAYNES

County Manager Haynes referenced the Solid Waste Report, noting that during the month of February, 3 tons of debris was picked up along 24 roads in the County.

Mr. Haynes referred to the \$10,000,000.00 industry announcement by Director of Development Rick Sago, noting that Rick worked with this client for months at the time an maintained constant communication with them.

In discussion of tax rates and Revaluation, Mr. Haynes advised that citizens have now received Revaluation notices. Mr. Haynes explained that the General Statutes require counties to revalue property at least every 8 years to establish a value for properties. Mr. Haynes further explained for the benefit of the taxpayers, that counties utilize property taxes as operating funds for government services and that there is no alternative menu of revenue sources for counties; counties must operate with property tax revenues. Mr. Haynes further noted that most services provided by county government are required, and since counties are subdivisions of the State, the General Assembly dictates what counties can do. In further explanation of Revaluation, Mr. Haynes advised that many counties choose to perform Revaluation more often than every 8 years in an effort to avoid sticker shock on property values. In explanation of utility valuations, Mr. Haynes advised that utilities are valued by the State, and the law allows these values to be adjusted downward during the first, fourth, and seventh years. If utility values are reduced, then this can result in an increased county tax rate to make up the difference. Mr. Haynes advised that shorter revaluation schedules protect taxpayers by preventing utility reductions in valuation on the designated years allowed for adjustment. Ideally, all properties are reflected at 100% of fair market value. In discussion of setting tax rates, Mr. Haynes advised that whenever values go up, the tax rate comes down. Since the schools' budget request, Medicaid projections, and departmental operating costs are not yet known, the tax rate is not yet known. Mr. Haynes estimated that the tax rate would come down to .80 or .85 per \$100.00 of valuation. Mr. Haynes noted that some citizens will pay less in taxes, but for those taxpayers who appeal valuations, these appeals will be heard by the Board of Equalization and he added that auto values are not determined by the County and vehicle taxes will be reduced as the tax rate comes down.

Commissioner Dillman stressed that people should appeal tax valuations if they have concerns. Mr. Haynes noted that state law does not allow the Board of Commissioners to make exceptions for people whose only argument is inability to pay.

ITEM NO. 17 – 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) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2008 AND PLANNING RETREAT OF FEBRUARY 18-19, 2008 AS SUBMITTED BY THE CLERK**
- B) **TAX RELEASES TALLING \$20,918.28 AND TAX REFUNDS TALLING \$6,479.82 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 DSS BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING**

Expense Account #115372-6131 – Crisis Intervention Program – Increase from \$147,101.00 to \$165,984.00

Revenue Account #115310-333012 – Crisis Intervention Program – Increase from \$147,101.00 to \$165,984.00

- D) **APPROVAL OF DSS BUDGET AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNTS TO DISBURSE DONATED FUNDS FROM WAL MART TO GROUP HOMES**

Expense Account #TBA - \$750.00

Revenue Account #TBA - \$750.00

- E) **APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISIONS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDS FOR HIV SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**

Revenue:

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| <i>HIV/STD State</i> | <i>115120-333038</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 996.00</i> |
| <i>HIV/STD Substance Abuse</i> | <i>Acct. to Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 5,500.00</i> |
| <i>CDC TB Control</i> | <i>115121-333032</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$13,431.00</i> |
| <i>Family Planning</i> | <i>115130-333010</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 3,788.00</i> |

Expenditures:

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| <i>HIV/STD State:</i> | <i>115120-4210 Office Supp.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 200.00</i> |
| | <i>115120-4220 Medical Supp.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 600.00</i> |
| | <i>115120-4310 Telephone</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 196.00</i> |
| | | | <i>\$ 996.00</i> |

HIV/STD Substance Abuse:

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| <i>Salaries Regular</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 4,000.00</i> |
| <i>Fringes</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,150.00</i> |
| <i>Office Supplies</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 150.00</i> |
| <i>Medical Supplies</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 50.00</i> |
| <i>Travel</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 100.00</i> |
| <i>Postage</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 25.00</i> |
| <i>Telephone</i> | <i>Acct. To Be Est.</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 25.00</i> |
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Tuberculosis:

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| <i>Salaries Regular</i> | <i>115121-4100</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 5,000.00</i> |
| <i>Fringes</i> | <i>115121-4110</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,150.00</i> |
| <i>Vaccines</i> | <i>115121-4222</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 5,000.00</i> |
| <i>Purchases Subj. to Inv.</i> | <i>115121-4275</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,681.00</i> |
| <i>Travel</i> | <i>115121-4300</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 500.00</i> |
| <i>Postage</i> | <i>115121-4305</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 100.00</i> |
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Family Planning:

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| <i>Office Supplies</i> | <i>115130-4210</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,000.00</i> |
| <i>Travel/Conf.</i> | <i>115130-4300</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,000.00</i> |
| <i>Purchases Subj. to Inv.</i> | <i>115130-4275</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,788.00</i> |
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F) APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISIONS TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO 3 SMART START BUDGETS TO MEET ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES FOR REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR

Revenue:

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| <i>Smart Start – Into the Mouths of Babes</i> | <i>115200-333136</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 7,300.00)</i> |
| <i>Smart Start – Child Care Health Cons.</i> | <i>115208-333138</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 7,000.00</i> |
| <i>Smart Start – bilingual Health Check Coord.</i> | <i>115219-333142</i> | <i>Dec. by</i> | <i>(\$ 7,800.00)</i> |

Expenditures:

Smart Start – Into the Mouths of Babes

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| <i>Salaries</i> | <i>115200-4100</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 4,985.00)</i> |
| <i>Fringes</i> | <i>115200-4110</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 1,848.00)</i> |
| <i>Office Supplies</i> | <i>115200-4210</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 467.00)</i> |
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Smart Start – Child Care Health Consultant

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| <i>Salaries</i> | <i>115208-4100</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 4,600.00</i> |
| <i>Fringes</i> | <i>115208-4110</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,027.00</i> |
| <i>Travel</i> | <i>115208-4210</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,373.00</i> |
| | | | <i>\$ 7,000.00</i> |

Smart Start – Bilingual Health Check Coordinator

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| <i>Salaries</i> | <i>115219-4100</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 1,900.00</i> |
| <i>Fringes</i> | <i>115219-4110</i> | <i>Increase by</i> | <i>\$ 400.00</i> |
| <i>Office Supplies</i> | <i>115219-4210</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 2,300.00)</i> |
| <i>Purchases Subj. to Inv.</i> | <i>115219-4275</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 4,300.00)</i> |
| <i>Travel/Conf.</i> | <i>115219-4300</i> | <i>Decrease by</i> | <i>(\$ 3,500.00)</i> |
| | | | <i>(\$ 7,800.00)</i> |

G) APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVISION TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HIV/STD BUDGET

Revenue:

AIDS State Reimbursement Acct. # 115120-333038 Increase by \$ 996.00

Expenditures:

AIDS State:

Educational Materials Acct. # to be Established Increase by \$ 832.14

Medical Supplies Acct. # 115120-4220 Increase by \$ 163.86

\$ 996.00

ITEM NO. 18 – REQUEST BY TAX ADMINISTRATOR TO CONSIDER DATES FOR 2008 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW MEETINGS TO HEAR TAX APPEALS

County Manager Haynes referred to the Tax Administrator's memo requesting that the Board establish dates for the 2008 Board of Equalization and Review Meetings, which in accordance with General Statute requirements, must be held between the first Monday in April and the first Monday in May. Mr. Haynes advised that there may be as many as 100 to 150 appeals, so he recommended setting four or five dates.

Commissioner Watkins asked if the Tax Office has an idea of exactly how many appeals might be expected, and Mr. Haynes estimated that 15 to 20 appeals per meeting might be scheduled, but the total exact number is not yet known.

By a motion of Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to set the following dates and times for the 2008 Board of Equalization and Review Meetings:

- Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. until 11:30 A.M..
- Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 1:30 P.M.
- Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.
- Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

ITEM NO. 19 – REQUEST BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES B. K. JONES FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO ADOPT CURRENT COUNTY POLICIES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS TO INCLUDE A PROCUREMENT POLICY, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, AND WRITTEN CODE OF CONDUCT

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones requested Board approval of policies necessary for future Community Development Block Grants.

By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Procurement Policy, Citizen Participation Plan, and Written Code of Conduct.

****OMIT - ITEM NO. 20 – CONSIDERATION OF LEASE-PURCHASE BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT ROLLING STOCK**

ITEM NO. 21 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AGING SERVICES GRANT FUNDS

County Manager Haynes requested that the Board authorize the Department of Aging Services to accept a grant of \$7,289.00 each for program operation of East Rockingham, Ellerbe, and Rockingham Senior Centers.

By a motion of Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried, the Board authorized acceptance of Aging Services grant funds and approved the following budget amendment to appropriate the funds:

Expenditures:

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| 114270-4476 | Rockingham Senior Center-General Purposes | Increase by | \$7,289.00 |
| 114270-4477 | E. Rockingham Senior Center-General Purposes | Increase by | \$7,289.00 |
| 114270-4478 | Ellerbe Senior Center-General Purposes | Increase by | \$7,289.00 |

Revenues:

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| 114270-336040 | Ellerbe Gen. Purposes Revenue | Increase by | \$7,289.00 |
| 114270-336041 | E. Rockingham Gen. Purposes Revenue | Increases by | \$7,289.00 |
| 114270-336042 | Rockingham Gen. Purposes Revenue | Increase by | \$7,289.00 |

TEM NO. 22 – REQUEST TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY ONE BANK AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF RICHMOND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

County Manager Haynes asked that the Board designate Community One Bank as an official depository of Richmond County for deposit of funds up to \$100,000.00.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to approve Community One Bank as an official depository of Richmond County Government.

ITEM NO. 23 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO DECLARE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL

By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution to declare designated computer equipment at Cooperative Extension Service as surplus county property:

**RESOLUTION
TO DECLARE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL**

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

*Northgate PC, Keyboard, and Monitor
Property I.D. #10306
Serial #LP31900645*

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 computer 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 10th day of March, 2008.

ITEM NO. 24 – CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COUNTY UNITY IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CENTENNIAL

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution to commemorate the NCACC Centennial:

**Joint Resolution
Celebrating 100 Years of County Unity
1908 - 2008
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is an advocacy and service organization made up of all one-hundred (100) North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, the active participation and engagement of all 100 counties have directed, strengthened and enhanced our Association; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and talents of individual county commissioners and county staff have led our Association's success in advocacy, county-centered services and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, an informal agreement to form our Association was made by a handful of county commissioners who, at the behest of Craven County Commissioner C.E. Foy, met in New Bern in 1908, to discuss county issues of common interest; and

WHEREAS, the first session of our unofficial Association was held at the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City on August 19, 1908, where C.E. Foy was elected as president; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed an act on March 8, 1909 establishing our Association on behalf of counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and each Board of County Commissioners jointly recognize and celebrate “**100 Years of County Unity**” in tribute to our Association’s Centennial.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association communicate its copy of this joint resolution to each Board of County Commissioners.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of County Commissioners communicate its copy of this joint resolution to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2008.

ITEM NO. 25 – REQUEST FOR BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FY 2008-2009

By a motion of Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Criminal Justice Partnership Program to submit the application for continuation of implementation funding for 2008-2009.

ITEM NO. 26 – DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SOUTH CAROLINA REGIONAL LANDFILL

County Manager Haynes advised that Commissioner Dillman has provided maps and information pertaining to the proposed site of the Marlboro County landfill, and it appears that the entrance road to the proposed facility would originate on Osborne Road. Mr. Haynes stated that if the Board would like to go on record in opposition to this facility, a letter could be written.

Commissioner Maske suggested writing a letter to the Department of Transportation to request assistance.

Commissioner Dillman reiterated that Richmond County is the only entrance into the proposed site.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to write a letter in opposition to the proposed Marlboro County landfill.

ITEM NO. 27 – OTHER BUSINESS

A) CONSIDERATION OF MARCH CALENDAR – MID-MONTH MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to cancel the March 18 Mid-Month Noon Meeting.

Commissioner Dillman discussed discount prescription cards that can be made available through NACo and suggested that Richmond County pursue this option for our citizens.

County Attorney Futrell expressed concern that in his review of the NACo discount prescription program materials, there is no fee information and it cannot be determined how to budget for the cost of the program. Therefore, statutorily, Mr. Futrell stated that the Board cannot set a budget for the program.

Commissioner Dillman suggested further investigation of the NACo program.

Commissioner Watkins noted that he too had heard this information at the recent NACo Legislative Conference, and he understood that any citizen is eligible to use these cards and that pharmacists absorb the cost of the discount.

Commissioner Maske commented that the Health Department also offers discount prescriptions through the pharmacy program, based on income.

There being no further business for discussion, a motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Garner and unanimously carried at 8:36 PM.

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