

**RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RICHMOND COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008, 6:30 P.M.**

The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met for the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 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, Thad Ussery, J. C. Watkins, and Paul Wilson, Jr.

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

**ITEM NO. 1 – INVOCATION BY REV. SCOTT CONNER OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMLET, NC**

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Scott Conner of Calvary Baptist Church, Hamlet, NC.

**ITEM NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Ussery requested permission to be excused from the meeting at 7:20 P.M. in order to chair the Board of Health Meeting at 7:30 P.M. By consensus, the Board authorized Commissioner Ussery to leave the meeting at 7:20 P.M., and the motion to approve the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

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

**A) APPEARANCE BY MR. THAD KELLY TO DISCUSS HOME REPAIRS AND PRIOR WORK PERFORMED THROUGH URGENT REPAIR GRANT IN 1998 (5-MINUTE PRESENTATION)**

Mr. Thad Kelly appeared before the Board to discuss problems that he is having with the house that he purchased in the 1990's. Mr. Kelly stated that the house was not in good condition when he bought it, and now it is in much worse condition. Mr. Kelly cited drainage problems, plumbing problems, heating and air conditioning problems, and structural issues that were never properly repaired whenever work was performed on the house in 1998 through an Urgent Repair Grant. Mr. Kelly asked that someone come out to inspect the problems with his house.

**ITEM NO. 4 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ROAD NAMES – LEVINER STABLE ROAD AND POND BROTHERS ROAD**

The Public Hearing to consider two proposed road names was declared open at 6:38 P.M. by Chairman Robinette.

Planning Director Jamie Armstrong introduced the two proposed road names as Leviner Stable Road and Pond Brothers Road. Mr. Armstrong stated that both roads are in compliance with state and county policies, and all property owners in the surrounding area have been properly notified.

Commissioner Ussery asked if these are new roads. Mr. Armstrong advised that the roads have been there but had not been named, and there are multiple houses on both roads.

Chairman Robinette offered the opportunity for additional speakers. There were none, and the hearing was declared closed.

Hearing no opposition to the proposed names, a motion was then offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried to approve the two road names – Leviner Stable Road and Pond Brothers Road.

**ITEM NO. 5 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REZONING REQUEST RZM-2008-4 FILED BY UNIMIN CORPORATION**

At 6:40 P.M. Chairman Robinette opened the Public Hearing to consider rezoning request RZM-2008-4 petitioned by Unimin Corporation.

Mr. Armstrong advised that Unimin has petitioned to rezone property that it currently has under contract from Agricultural Residential to Heavy Industrial. Mr. Armstrong noted that the property is located adjacent to existing Unimin property that is zoned H-1, and the Planning Board recommends approval of the request.

Mr. Greg Peterson represented Unimin Corporation, advising that the company operates a facility in Marston and they wish to rezone this 112-acre tract that is under contract for purchase from the James Family. Mr. Peterson added that Unimin is familiar with setback requirements, etc.

There were no other speakers, and the hearing was declared closed by Chairman Robinette.

By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Maske and unanimously carried, the Board approved Unimin rezoning petition RZM-2008-4.

**ITEM NO. 6 – MONTHLY PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT BY PLANNING DIRECTOR JAMIE ARMSTRONG**

Mr. Armstrong had no other business to report.

**ITEM NO. 7 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT RICK SAGO**

Director of Development Rick Sago updated the Board on his recent presentation to the Department of Commerce on July 28.

Mr. Sago advised that Congressman Hayes will be conducting an Economic Development Workshop on August 26 in Scotland County with Billy Ray Hall from the Rural Center participating. Mr. Sago advised that he will report back to the Board on this workshop.

Mr. Sago mentioned that Rich Garrett, who replaced Jim Chavis at RCC upon his retirement, is supervising the industrial training center. Mr. Sago further advised that he will be involved in interviewing candidates to replace Herb Smith in September. Mr. Sago noted that he has been taking Rich Garrett around to visit local industries, and he emphasized what a huge asset RCC is to Richmond County and to the economic development program.

Mr. Sago advised that the building pad on the shell building should be completed within two to three weeks, and a marketing campaign will begin right away.

Mr. Sago reported that the Development Team has been discussing the BRAC process for sometime, and in an effort to keep things on track with reporting on meetings, etc., Jim McCaskill has been asked to coordinate this effort for the County. Mr. Sago mentioned Mr. McCaskill's extensive military background as a retired Colonel in the National Guard and his financial experience as USDA Rural Development Director prior to his retirement, all of which make Jim an excellent coordinator to report to the Board on his attendance of BRAC meetings and activities.

Commissioner Dillman asked the possibility of having quarterly plant managers meetings. Mr. Sago advised that after a third attempt to organize quarterly plant managers meetings, the attendance by industries was still poor, so the meetings had been discontinued. Mr. Sago pointed out that the main priority among industries is cost cutting measures, so lunch meetings and golf outings have become somewhat a thing of the past. However, Mr. Sago assured that a good line of communication continues between his office and local industries.

Commissioner Maske noted that Industry Appreciation activities each year help to maintain a strong relationship with industries.

Chairman Robinette suggested a deviation in the agenda to Item No. 22 to discuss BRAC membership following Mr. McCaskill's presentation.

Commissioner Maske asked Mr. Sago for an update on SRB Holdings. Mr. Sago advised that he has recently talked with SRB representatives, and they are negotiating with grading contractors now to begin grading work right away.

Commissioner Watkins asked how many people leave Richmond County every day in order to work. Mr. Sago advised that he looks at these statistics routinely, and that the Employment Security Commission website out of Raleigh reflects changes in these numbers often. Mr. Sago also noted that a number of workers also commute into Richmond County daily. Mr. Sago remarked that jobs are available if the criteria is met – GED, background check, and drug test. Mr. Sago emphasized that these are minimum requirements, and that workers must be able to adapt and possess the ability to make decisions without direct supervision. Anyone with any skill can find work was Mr. Sago's opinion.

Commissioner Dillman expressed interest in attending the Economic Development workshop on August 26.

Mr. Jim McCaskill stated that he is very pleased to serve the Board of Commissioners and the County Manager in tracking BRAC activities. Mr. McCaskill referred to the list of BRAC Task Force members, and he referenced the various categories represented by members. Mr. McCaskill advised that he has just started a calendar of upcoming events beginning with September, and that his role will be to augment county staff in tracking activities and insuring that Richmond County is represented in these meetings and constantly looking for opportunities. Mr. McCaskill advised that he would bring this information back to Mr. Sago, County Manager Haynes, and to the Board of Commissioners to determine how Richmond County can best address those opportunities. Mr. McCaskill also noted that this does not imply that Mr. Sago and the County Manager would not attend meetings due to his attendance. Mr. McCaskill advised that he had attended a meeting earlier in the day in Spring Lake.

Commissioner Dillman stated that Moore County is projecting 2,000 new jobs from BRAC. Mr. McCaskill advised that he had just attended a meeting in Moore County addressed by BRAC, and they have not yet realized any jobs. Mr. McCaskill went on to say that one big job impact is projected to begin in 2010 when ForsCom relocation begins, with 3,000 to 4,000 substantial civilian and military jobs projected whenever the headquarters is built.

Chairman Robinette commented that in the preliminary BRAC report Richmond County was not mentioned for impact at all. Mr. McCaskill assured the Board that Richmond County will "have its time at the table."

Commissioner Ussery commented that not every industry is prepared or wishes to deal with the red tape involved in bidding on this military work.

Mr. McCaskill acknowledged that the work is primarily subcontract work and that there is red tape involved.

Commissioner Dillman thanked Mr. McCaskill for taking on this responsibility.

Chairman Robinette also thanked Mr. McCaskill for accepting the Coordinator position.

**ITEM NO. 8 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION TO N. C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH INSTALLATION OF NEW “WELCOME TO RICHMOND COUNTY – THE PROUD HOME OF ROCKINGHAM SPEEDWAY AND ROCKINGHAM DRAGWAY” SIGNS**

Mr. Sago advised that the Tourism Development Authority has requested that the Board consider adoption of a Resolution that would reflect the name change of the speedway on the “Welcome to Richmond County” signs. Mr. Sago advised that adoption of the Resolution is a D.O.T. requirement, and that the new signs to be installed would read “Welcome to Richmond County – the Proud Home of Rockingham Speedway and Rockingham Dragway.”

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Ussery and unanimously carried to endorse the new “Welcome to Richmond County” signs by adoption of the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION**

***WHEREAS**, the Richmond County Tourism Development Authority has requested authorization from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to revise the existing slogan to reflect the speedway name change on the “Welcome to Richmond County” signs throughout the County; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Tourism Development Authority as agreed to assume financial responsibility for installation of the signs; and,*

***WHEREAS**, a slogan panel to be included on each welcome sign has been recommended by the Tourism Development Authority with the message “The Proud Home of the Rockingham Speedway and Rockingham Dragway.”*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Richmond County Board of Commissioners does hereby endorse revision and installation of the “Welcome to Richmond County” signs to include the slogan panel as recommended by the Richmond County Tourism Development Authority.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Richmond County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation authorize and proceed with installation of signs which shall read “Welcome to Richmond County – The Proud Home of the Rockingham Speedway and Rockingham Dragway.”*

*Adopted by the Richmond County Board of Commissioners this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.*

**ITEM NO. 9 – MONTHLY STAFF REPORT BY COUNTY MANAGER JAMES E. HAYNES**

County Manager Haynes discussed the Solid Waste Report for July, advising that three illegal dump sites were investigated; tires were cleaned up; garbage burning was investigated; 15 miles of roadway was picked up, and 68 bags of trash were collected for a total of 1.2 tons of litter as reported by D.O.T.

In discussion of activities at the Aging Services Department, County Manager Haynes reported that during a month 140 congregate meals are served; 96 different clients are served; and 91 different homes are provided in-home services that enable people to stay at home. Mr. Haynes also noted that more than \$7,000.00 has been donated toward these services.

County Manager Haynes advised the Board that tax bills have gone out, and as a result of the 1% discount authorized by the Board for taxes paid during the month of August, \$15,118.00 has been refunded to taxpayers who have taken advantage of the discount option. Mr. Haynes further reported that \$57,822.00 in taxes has been collected through credit card payments thus far, and the total number of tax collection transactions reported thus far is 3,207.

County Manager Haynes commented that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference that will take place later this week in Craven County, and he advised that Commissioner Watkins will represent Richmond County in the presentation of county flags ceremony and as Voting Delegate. It was also noted that designation of the District 10 Board of Directors Position will rotate to Moore County at the conference, and Richmond County would designate the representative in two years.

Commissioner Maske inquired about the \$7,000.00 donation to the Aging Services Program, and County Manager Haynes advised that the funds are put back into the meal program.

Commissioner Ussery exited the meeting at 7:20 P.M. to attend the Board of Health meeting, which he chairs.

**ITEM NO. 10 – REQUEST BY RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR 2008-2009 GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT FUNDS**

Major James Clemmons of the Richmond County Sheriff's Department thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear. Major Clemmons requested Board approval of a Resolution to commit \$40,711.00 in local matching funds for the 2008-2009 Governor's Highway Safety Grant. Major Clemmons explained that the total grant request of \$80,422.00 is to be used for employee salaries through October 31, 2009.

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Local Governmental Resolution:

**ITEM NO. 11 – REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES B. K. JONES  
ON STATUS OF SOUTHEAST WATERLINE EXPANSION PROJECT**

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones reported that the main loop of water lines in the Southeast Waterline Expansion Project has been completed with \$750,000.00 in EPA Grant funds. Mr. Jones recapped the project, noting that the line expansion began on Airport Road, extended down Ghio Road to Springhill Church Road, and now to Hwy. 381 up to Hwy. 74 at the former Coca Cola Plant to the point that Hamlet could now connect to the system. Mr. Jones went on to report that a 300,000 gallon tank had been constructed at Oakridge Church Road and McGuirt Road, and that the line at Old Gibson Road is nearing completion. Mr. Jones stated that when the project began, the Board had wanted to address as many roads as possible, and he credited Maintenance Supervisor Terry Richardson and David Knight with getting the lines installed. Mr. Jones advised that currently \$39,000.00 remains in the grant project funds, and he asked where the Board would like to proceed from here. In summary, Mr. Jones advised that approximately 15 miles of water lines has been installed, most of which is 12" line, and that the cost for installation of waterline is approximately \$40,000.00 per mile.

Commissioner Watkins commended the Water Department for the work that has been done on this project and for coverage of this basic area.

Commissioner Maske noted the savings to the County by performing the waterline installation with in-house crews, and Mr. Jones advised that by performing the work in-house an additional 5 miles of line was installed. County Manager Haynes added that through the grant funds for this project the County had been able to purchase a trackhoe. Mr. Jones noted that the County has a guarantee of the quality of this work performed by in-house crews.

Commissioner Garner stated that Boyd Lake Road area should be a top priority for the next installation of waterlines because of the house count and the need for water in this area. Mr. Jones advised that the County is constantly seeking grant funds for water projects.

Chairman Robinette mentioned that wells have been found to be contaminated in the Fox Road area of the County. County Manager Haynes advised that provisions will be made to provide water to any of those citizens that have been affected, and that plans are being made to close the loop out Hwy. 177 to Fox Road where 40 contaminated wells have been identified. Mr. Haynes added that this would help to reach the Boyd Lake Road area.

**ITEM NO. 12 – REQUEST FOR BOARD ADOPTION OF AUTHORIZING  
RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FUNDS PER REQUIREMENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA  
RURAL CENTER CLEAN WATER PARTNERS SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT  
APPLICATION**

County Manager Haynes requested that the Board consider adoption of a Resolution to commit local matching funds if the County accepts Rural Center funds. Mr. Haynes advised that future plans are to expand the water plant by approximately 4 MGD to maintain the flexibility that the County has.

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

**ITEM NO. 13 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF BID FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW ROOF ON BUILDING HOUSING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, AND PLANNING-ZONING OFFICES**

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones presented the following bids for a roofing project at the building where GIS and Board of Elections Offices are located:

Owen Roofing	\$80,322.00
Radco Construction Services, Inc.	\$81,300.00
Weathergard, Inc.	\$79,100.00

Mr. Jones recommended award of the bid to Weathergard, Inc. as low bidder at \$79,100.00, and he advised that the work would be guaranteed for 25 to 28 years.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson to award the bid to low bidder Weathergard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Maske, who asked if this would be a composition roof. Mr. Jones advised that the roof would be like the one on the County Administration Building, and County Manager Haynes confirmed that funds for this project are budgeted.

**ITEM NO. 14 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF BID FOR RESURFACING ASPHALT AT CORDOVA BOX SITE**

Director of Development B. K. Jones presented the following bids for resurfacing of asphalt at the Cordova compactor site that is at least 15 years old:

Barnhill Contracting	\$41,714.50
Hudson Paving	\$20,624.00

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to award the bid to Hudson Paving as low bidder at \$20,624.00 as recommended.

**ITEM NO. 15 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF BID FOR CORPORATE HANGAR AT RICHMOND COUNTY AIRPORT AND ACCOMPANYING BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT**

Director of Community Services B. K. Jones presented the following tabulation of bids for construction of a corporate style hangar at Richmond County Airport:

Mr. Jones advised that this hangar will be available for lease, and he recommended award of the bid to low bidder Henley's Construction at a Base Bid of \$238,000.00. Mr. Jones also asked that the Board approve the following Budget Amendment as necessary to budget the DOT grant funds toward this project:

Expenditures

114530-5120	Buildings	Increase by \$205,128.00
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Revenues

114530-336008	N. C. DOT Grant	Increase by \$199,999.80
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119900-399001	Appropriated Undesignated Fund Balance	Increase by \$ 5,128.20
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A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Maske to award the bid for construction of a corporate hangar to low bidder Henley's Construction, and to approve the above Budget Amendment necessary to appropriate grant funds. Commissioner Watkins asked how many planes the corporate hangar would accommodate, and Mr. Jones advised that it could house one large jet or 4 small planes. Mr. Jones further advised that we do not yet know who would occupy this hangar, but a local industry that has purchased a jet may have interest in leasing the hangar. County Manager Haynes noted that while the County does not yet have a tenant for the hangar, all but \$5,000.00 of the cost of this hangar was from grant funds.

Commissioner Dillman asked about hangar rental fees, etc., and Mr. Jones and County Manager Haynes pointed out that the average value of a jet is \$10,000,000.00, which would generate \$83,000.00 in county taxes if based in Richmond County.

**ITEM NO. 16 – CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A) APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 7, 2008 AS SUBMITTED BY THE CLERK**
  
- B) TAX RELEASES TOTALLING \$175,548.74 AND TAX REFUNDS TOTALLING \$362.63 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 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE REVENUE TO BE GENERATED BY HOFFMAN FIRE FEES IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008**

**Expenditures:**

**674340-9150 Hoffman Fire District Expense Increase by \$28,465.00**

**Revenues:**

**674340-311003 Current Fire Protection Fees Increase by \$28,465.00**

**ITEM NO. 17 – CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENT**

County Manager Haynes requested that the Board formally accept \$180,974.95 in federal grant funds from the Governor's Crime Commission through a Dual Jurisdiction Improvement Grant and to authorize the budget amendment necessary to appropriate the grant funds in the DSS budget.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to accept the \$180,974.95 in Dual Jurisdiction Improvement grant funds and to approve the following budget amendment necessary to appropriate the funds in the DSS Budget:

**Expenditures**

Dual Jurisdiction Improvement Grant:	
Professional Services	Increase by \$54,638.98
Contractual	Increase by \$17,750.00
Travel	Increase by \$ 9,092.10
Supplies	Increase by \$ 7,245.22
Equipment	Increase by \$ 4,609.00

**Revenues:**

Dual Jurisdiction Improvement Grant	Increase by \$93,335.30
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**ITEM NO. 18 – CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTATIVE TO ASSIST WITH 2009-2010 WORK FIRST PLAN**

Chairman Robinette recommended that Commissioner Maske serve as the Board's representative to assist with the 2009-2010 Work First Plan.

Commissioner Maske agreed to serve, and a motion was offered by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to appoint Commissioner Jimmy L. Maske to assist with the 2009-2010 Work First Plan.

**ITEM NO. 19 – CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO RICHMOND COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

Chairman Robinette read the list of individuals recommended by Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Chairman Ronald Tillman for appointment to the JCPC. County Manager Haynes noted that these individuals represent various criteria as indicated.

Commissioner Maske noted that there is not a County Commissioner representative on the Council.

By a motion of Commissioner Dillman, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried, Commissioner Maske was added to the following list of appointees to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council:

<i>Glenn Alexander</i>	<i>School Superintendent Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>James Clemmons</i>	<i>Sheriff's Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Jimmy Craig</i>	<i>Chief Court Counselor</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Robbie Hall</i>	<i>DSS Director Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Jimmy L. Maske</i>	<i>County Commission Representative</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Crystal Cagle</i>	<i>County Manager's Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Mercedes Brown</i>	<i>Student Under 18</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Ryan Little</i>	<i>Student Under 18</i>	<i>2008-2010 (2-year term)</i>
<i>Richard Burgin</i>	<i>District Court Judge Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Dawn Layton</i>	<i>District Attorney's Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Brian David</i>	<i>DSS Board Representative</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Brenda David</i>	<i>Substance Abuse Professional</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Paulette Moore</i>	<i>Health Director Designee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Evonne Moore</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Curtis Ingram</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Lawana Covington</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (2-year term)</i>
<i>Lavonda Jones</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Shane Rogers</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Kathy Bethea</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Richardo Leak</i>	<i>Member of Faith Community</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Denise Goins</i>	<i>Member of Business Community</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Delores Foreman</i>	<i>Non-Profit Organization</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Dorinda Robinson-David</i>	<i>Mental Health Unit Manager</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Melanie Wade Goodwin</i>	<i>Juvenile Defense Attorney</i>	<i>2008-2009 (1-year term)</i>
<i>Ronald Tillman</i>	<i>County Commission Appointee</i>	<i>2008-2009 (2-year term)</i>

Commissioner Watkins noted that the County supplements some of the programs at Leak Street Center, and that new adjudicated juveniles are assigned to Leak Street Center every week after court.

**ITEM NO. 20 – CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF BRAC TASK FORCE**

Prior discussion under Item No. 7.

**ITEM NO. 21 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF CORDOVA FIRE AND RESCUE PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF THE STATION**

County Manager Haynes advised that Cordova Fire and Rescue plans a \$204,000.00 expansion to the fire station, they have a \$50,000.00 downpayment, and the department Treasurer, Jeff Hamilton has confirmed the department's ability to incur the debt. In accordance with the County's policy, the department is requesting that the

Board authorize the capital improvement since the department is funded as a fire tax district.

By a motion of Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the expansion project for Cordova Fire and Rescue.

**ITEM NO. 22 – REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO RENEW CONTRACTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES WITH EAST ROCKINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; DERBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; NORTHSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; MOUNTAIN CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; CORDOVA COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MT. GILEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PEKIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried, the Board approved renewal of the following contracts for fire protection services: EAST ROCKINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; DERBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; NORTHSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; MOUNTAIN CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; CORDOVA COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MT. GILEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PEKIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**ITEM NO. 23 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MISCELLANEOUS NORTH CAROLINA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR DISPOSAL**

A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Watkins to approve the following Resolution to declare miscellaneous equipment at Cooperative Extension as surplus property for disposal. Commissioner Maske confirmed that these items may be sold at public auction along with other accumulated items. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

*Dell Laptop-Latitude C640  
Property ID No: 9929*

*(3) Cameras  
Property ID No: 7081, 7082, 7403*

*Omega Zip Drive  
Property ID No: 8647*

*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 19th day of August, 2008.*

## **ITEM NO. 24 – CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE MILLION FATHER MARCH**

By a motion of Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following Resolution to endorse the Million Father March to emphasize the importance that fathers plays in the role of a child's life:

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS, the Million Father March has grown out of recognition of the power of male involvement in the education of students; and**

**WHEREAS, the Million Father March is an opportunity for men to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children on the first day of school and throughout the school year; and**

**WHEREAS, a father who actively participates in the educational and social development life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable; and**

**WHEREAS, research shows that children whose fathers take an active role in their educational lives earn better grades, get better test scores, enjoy school more and are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college and have fewer behavior problems when fathers speak and listen to them regularly and are active in their lives; and**

**WHEREAS, a good father is part of a good parent team and is critical to creating a strong family structure that produces children who are more academically proficient, socially developed and self-assured to become adults who are valuable assets to their communities; and**

**WHEREAS, men of all races and backgrounds are encouraged to take their children to school on the first day of school.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Commissioners supports the yearly Million Father March and encourage all citizens to play a significant role in the success of the March.**

**Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.**

**ITEM NO. 25 – CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS ENERGY EASEMENT FOR ELECTRICAL CHANGES AT FAIRVIEW SCHOOL IN HAMLET**

County Manager Haynes advised that the County temporarily holds title to Fairview Heights School while work is underway, so the Board is asked to approve an easement for Progress Energy to convert utilities to underground service.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Maske, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried to approve the Progress Energy Easement for Fairview School in Hamlet.

**ITEM NO. 26 – CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE IN DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 REGULAR MEETING DUE TO CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 16 MID-MONTH NOON MEETING DATE**

Due to the September 1 Labor Day Holiday, Chairman Robinette suggested that the Board postpone the Regular Meeting until September 8th or 16th.

A motion was offered by Commissioner Garner to postpone the Board's September 1 Regular Meeting until the following Monday, September 8 at 6:30 P.M. and to cancel the September 16 Mid-Month Noon Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillman and unanimously carried.

Commissioner Watkins commented on the NACo Prescription Drug Card Program, noting that apparently more than 1/3 of all counties nationwide have participated to provide a 10% savings on prescriptions for qualified individuals. Chairman Robinette asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

Commissioner Dillman encouraged a recycling program for Richmond County and emphasized the importance of becoming a "green county."

There being no further business for discussion, a motion was offered by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Watkins and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

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Clerk to the Board of Commissioners