

October 3, 2011

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, Kemp and Lanier were present. Rev. Kenneth Reaves, Balfour Baptist Church, Asheboro, NC, gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Randolph County 4-H youth. The Randolph County 4-H youth also recited their pledge to the 4-H flag.

Retirement Recognitions

Chairman Holmes recognized Lisa Royal for 27 years of service to the County Department of Social Services and presented her with an engraved clock on behalf of the Board.

Debra Hill, Tax Collector, paid tribute to Barbara Andrew for 20 years of service to the County Tax Department, and Ms. Hill accepted an engraved clock from Chairman Holmes on Barbara's behalf due to Barbara's inability to attend.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment.

Joseph Sand, 2555 George York, Rd.; Randleman, spoke regarding the proposed regional landfill. He said that he is concerned about the 15,000 tons/day of garbage that is proposed to be accepted at the landfill. Mr. Sands equated this to about what the City of Los Angeles takes in.

Chairman Holmes informed Mr. Sand that the projected tonnage at the proposed landfill is **1,500/tons** per day, not 15,000.

Mr. Sand said that he lives in the area of the proposed landfill, so he especially takes this to heart. He said that the area is more populated than it might first appear. He stated that he had talked to David Townsend, the County's Public Works Director, who was very knowledgeable about the project, providing Mr. Sands with a lot of information. He asked the Board to look at other sites to locate the landfill.

Changes to Consent Agenda

Chairman Holmes announced the addition of *Item N-Adopt Resolution of Support for DOT's Installation of a Temporary Traffic Signal at Intersection of Hwy 311 & Beckerdite Rd.* to the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Kemp said that he did not feel he had enough information concerning the Recommended Feasibility Study for the Proposed NC International Terminal at Southport to be able to vote in favor of a resolution in support of the study. Other members of the Board agreed. By consensus, this item, *Item F. Adopt Resolution in Support of the Recommended Feasibility Study for the Proposed NC International Terminal at Southport* was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Holmes read aloud the Proclamation Designating 4H Week (October 2-8) in Randolph County.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, and as follows:

- *approve minutes of regular meeting of 9/6/11;*
- *approve Firemen's Relief Fund Appointments: Coleridge- Benny Beck, C.E. Teague; Eastside- Jim Pell; David Creason; Farmer- Roger King, Steven Hughes; Franklinville- Kyle Dixon, Johnny Hicks; Guil Rand- Dustin Smith, Mike Bradshaw; Level Cross- David Davis, H. Kenneth Adams; Northeast- Larry Williams, William Flowe, Jr.; Randleman- Melissa Blalock, Charles Byerly; Seagrove- Patty Gatlin, Bernard Needham; Sophia- Edwin W. Beeson, Chuck Powell; New Hope (Southwest)- Troy Powell, Wiley Hurley; Staley- Yancy King, Terry Williams; Tabernacle- Darrell Owenby, Joy Ann Sexton; Ulah- Norris Whatley, Ted Scott; Westside- Wesley Garner, James Lamonds;*
- *adopt Proclamation Designating 4H Week (October 2-8) in Randolph County, as follows:*

***WHEREAS**, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures; and*

***WHEREAS**, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation with over six million participants; and*

***WHEREAS**, 4-H in North Carolina claims 218,669 youth members and 21,413 volunteers, while Randolph County's 4-H program reaches more than 4000 youth and more than 300 volunteers; and*

***WHEREAS**, 4-H, as part of the NC Cooperative Extension System of NC State University and NCA&T State University, is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship; and*

***WHEREAS**, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 101 years;*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2-8, 2011, as National 4-H Week in Randolph County and urge the citizens of this county to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Randolph County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.*

- *approve DOT Resolution for the Abandonment of a Portion of Parker Mill Road from the State Roads System, as follows:*

***WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation has investigated 0.66 mile of SR 1316, Parker Mill Road in Randolph County for purposes of abandonment; and*

***WHEREAS**, it has been determined that this portion of subject road should be abandoned from the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that 0.66 mile of SR 1316, Parker Mill Road in Randolph County be abandoned from the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.*

- *designate Clerk to the Board as the officer to issue licenses to operate closing-out sales in the unincorporated parts of Randolph County, pursuant to NCGS 66-77;*

- *reappoint David Caughron and Mary Joan Pugh and appoint Jerry Neal to fill the unexpired term of Eddie Causey to the Tourism Development Authority;*
- *approve Budget Amendment #8 for Health Dept. (Women’s Health TANF Funding), as follows:*

2011-2012 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #8		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 12,301	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$ 12,301	

- *approve Budget Amendment # 1 for the 2009 CDBG-R Stimulus Housing Program, which effects the transfer of \$33,774 in unused grant funds back to the Division of Community Assistance, as follows:*

FY CDBG-R Stimulus Scattered Site Grant Ordinance Budget Amendment # 1		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Program Income</i>		\$33,774
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Rehabilitation</i>		\$39,420
<i>Administration</i>	\$5,646	

- *appoint Sue Myers to fill unexpired term of Lisa Royal, who has retired, on Juvenile Crime Prevention Council;*
- *approve proposed changes to the Retiree Health Insurance Benefits Policy and the Health Insurance Policy for Randolph County Commissioners, summarized, as follows:*

Old Policy Statement: *There was no deadline by which retirees had to notify HR of the fact that they wanted to stay on the County medical plan after retirement.*

New Policy Statement: *Application for early or full retirement benefits or retirement disability benefits must have been made by the time of termination for this policy to apply.*

This change is immediately effective for all employees.

Old Policy Statement: *Those retiring with at least ten (10) but less than twenty (20) years of service, of which the last ten (10) were continuous, in Randolph County government and who are 50 years of age or older shall be eligible to continue to be covered by the County medical plan until the individual becomes eligible for Medicare. The full cost of premiums will be paid by the retiree.*

New Policy Statement: *This section has been eliminated. An employee will have to have a minimum of twenty years of service with Randolph County to maintain coverage under the County’s Medical plan.*

This change applies to full-time regular employees (those currently eligible for/receiving health insurance benefits) with a hire date of 10/4/11 and after. All Randolph County employees hired prior to 10/4/11 will continue to be covered under the old policy, which allows retirees to stay on the medical plan after ten years of employment at their own expense, for the duration of his/her employment. This change also applies to Randolph County Commissioners.

Old Policy Statement: Those retiring with a disability retirement will have 100% of the County's current contribution to the monthly premium paid for a maximum of two (2) years. The premium payment will cease if the retiree becomes Medicare-eligible during the two (2) years.

New Policy Statement: Those retiring with a disability with less than 20 years of service will be offered continuation of coverage via COBRA.

This change applies to full – time regular employees (those currently eligible for/receiving health insurance benefits). Current employees (hired prior to 10/4/11) will continue to receive the old benefit should they be disabled under the NC Retirement System prior to 10/4/2013. As of October 4, 2013, the new policy will be in place for all employees. Any employee hired 10/4/11 and after only receives the new policy benefit.

Old Policy Statement: A retiree's spouse who was enrolled in the plan at least six (6) months prior to the retirement date may continue in the plan at the retiree's expense, until he becomes eligible for Medicare.

New Policy Statement: A retiree's spouse who was enrolled in the plan at least one (1) year prior to the retirement date may continue in the plan at the retiree's expense, until he becomes eligible for Medicare.

This change is immediately effective for all employees, including Randolph County Commissioners.

Old Policy Statement: Any insured person who is over 60 days delinquent in payment of his insurance premiums shall have his insurance terminated without notice and shall not be eligible for reinstatement.

New Policy Statement: Premium payments are due to the Randolph County Finance Department by the 25th of the month preceding the coverage dates. If premiums are not received within 30 days of the due date, coverage will be terminated. E.g. The December premium is due November 25. If not received by December 25, coverage will be terminated without notice and shall not be eligible for reinstatement.

This change is immediately effective for all employees and retirees, including Randolph County Commissioners.

- approve RCC Capital Project Ordinance Amendment #1 for the Continuing Education/Industrial Center Renovation Project at the Former Klaussner Building, as follows:

2011-2012 Budget Ordinance RCC Capital Project Ordinance—Budget Amendment #1		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Transfer from General Fund	\$1,296,820	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Equipment	\$230,000	
Construction	\$1,207,820	
Site Improvement		\$141,000

- reappoint Dr. Robert Dough, Mike Honeycutt, Dr. Eric Helsabeck, Paula Lineberry, Amy Callicutt, Sandy Smith, Donovan Davis, Lewis Schirloff, Mark Robbins, Raphael Beech, Benny Lopienski, Steven Staley, Brent Powell, Cheryl Ivey, Cynthia Grantham, Thomas Brown, Brandie Brundage, and Jason Phillips to the EMS System Quality Management Committee.

- adopt resolution of support for DOT's installation of a temporary traffic signal at intersection of Hwy 311 & Beckerdite Rd., as follows:

**Resolution Supporting Installation of "Temporary" Traffic Signal at
US 311 at SR 1524 (Beckerdite Road) in Randolph County**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has investigated the intersection of US 311 and SR 1524 (Beckerdite Road); and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned investigation found that based on existing traffic, the intersection did meet necessary signal warrants; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT will install a "temporary" fully actuated traffic signal at the intersection of US 311 and SR 1524 (Beckerdite Road); and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT will fund the survey, design, right-of-way and construction costs associated with said road improvements; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT will reevaluate the intersection of US 311 and SR 1524 (Beckerdite Road) once the US 311 Bypass is opened to determine if the signal is still warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that, in the best interest of the traveling public, NCDOT will fund and construct the aforementioned traffic signal.

DOT Secondary Roads Improvement Program (2011-2012) Public Hearing and Adoption of Resolution

Reuben Blakley, Department of Transportation District Engineer, presented the 2011-2012 Secondary Roads Improvement Program, which includes the anticipated allocation of \$1,251,177.80 and the remaining funds of \$445,306.16 from the previous Secondary Road Improvement Program for a total of \$1,696,483.96. Mr. Blakely said that \$1,630,000 is proposed to widen and resurface SR 1193 (Old NC Hwy 49). He also said that NCDOT anticipates an allocation of \$939,828.78 and the remaining funds of \$145,333.33 for Randolph County from the NC Highway Trust Fund, for a total of \$1,085,162.11; these funds are proposed to be used to pave the following roads down the priority list as far as possible: SR# 2835 (Ross Harris Rd.), SR# 2104 (Hockett Country Lane), and SR# 1301 (Valley Farm Rd.).

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing and closed it after hearing no comments.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution approving the proposed DOT Secondary Roads Improvement program for 2011-2012, as follows:

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*WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates an allocation of \$1,251,177.80 and remaining funds of \$445,306.16 from the previous **Secondary Road Improvement Program**, a total of \$1,696,483.96 is proposed for Secondary Road Improvements in Randolph County for fiscal years 2011-2012. A public meeting was held on October 3, 2011 in the Randolph County Commissioners Meeting Room on the expenditures of said funds:*

WHEREAS, it is proposed to utilize approximately \$1,630,000 to Widen and Resurface SR 1193 (Old NC Hwy 49):

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

<u>Priority No.</u>	<u>SR #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Paved Road Improvement	1193	Old NC Hwy 49	NC 49	NC 49	10.1	Widen and Resurface	\$1,630,000

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$66,483.96 of the total allocation for road additions, property owner participation paving, volunteer fire department and rescue squad driveways, old subdivision improvement program, overruns, county-wide surveys, and Right of Way acquisition.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation anticipates an allocation of \$939,828.78 and remaining funds of \$145,333.33 from the North Carolina **Highway Trust Fund**, a total of \$1,085,162.11 is proposed for Secondary Road Improvements in Randolph County for fiscal years 2011-2012. A public meeting was held on October 3, 2011 in the Randolph County Commissioners Meeting Room on the expenditures of said funds:

WHEREAS, it is proposed to utilize approximately \$971,250 to construct roads down the priority list as far as possible, provided rights of way are available:

<u>Priority No.</u>	<u>SR #</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1 Rural Hold	2835	Ross Harris Road	Pavement Joint	SR 2835	1.46	B&P	\$365,000
2 Rural Hold	2104	Hockett Country Lane	SR 2103	0.25 mi north	0.25	GDBP&EC	\$106,250
22 Rural	1301	Valley Farm Road	NC 47	SR 1303	1.84	GDBP&EC	\$500,000

WHEREAS, it is proposed to retain \$113,912.11 of the total allocation for property owner participation paving and overruns.

BE IT RESOLVED that all of the above be carried out by the Department of Transportation.

Randolph County Nursing Home & Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committees (NH/ACHCAC) Report and Adoption of Proclamation in Support of Residents' Rights

Alice Dawson, NH/ACHCAC Chair, explained that October is National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions and sacrifices many long-term care residents have made to better our community and to call attention to the rights of residents in long-term care facilities. Ms. Dawson recognized Marquita Massenburg, Randolph County's new ombudsman from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments, who provides training and technical assistance to the committees. The Randolph County Adult Care Home and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee volunteers work to promote residents' rights, assist with complaints, and provide information to those who need to find a long-term care facility. In Randolph County, the committees serve 6 nursing homes and 12 adult and family care homes.

Ms. Dawson encouraged everyone to involve residents of long-term care facilities in their activities and to visit those residents they know in the facilities. She also encouraged citizens to volunteer in a facility or inquire about becoming a member of one of the committees.

Ms. Dawson asked the Board to adopt a proclamation declaring October as Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month in Randolph County.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Proclamation Concerning Residents' Rights, as follows;

National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month 2011 Proclamation
Welcome Home: Creating Connections Between Residents and the Community

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.6 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes; and 1 million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality, and to reaffirm their rights as community members and citizens, including the right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme –“Welcome Home: Creating Connections Between Residents and the Community”– to emphasize the importance of affirming these rights through facility practices, public policy and resident-centered decision-making that impacts quality of care and quality of life.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 2011 as **National Long-Term Care Residents' Rights Month**, in Randolph County, and encourages all citizens to participate in this important observance.*

Tourism Development Authority Annual Report

Tammy O’Kelley, Randolph County Tourism Development Authority (RCTDA) Director, reviewed the TDA’s 2010 Annual Report. She reviewed the impact of tourism on Randolph County, saying that in 2010, Randolph County’s travel and tourism industries once again experienced gains in travel expenditures (8.28%), payroll (0.90%), and state and local tax revenues (9.80%), at a time when many other sectors of the economy continued to languish. There were nearly 900 jobs (not including the Seagrove potters) in Randolph County attributable to the travel and tourism industry in 2010. Ms. O’Kelley stated that, included among the TDA’s 2010 marketing initiatives, was a greater emphasis on family-friendly markets within a closer proximity of the Piedmont Triad as the recession kept travelers looking for destinations and attractions closer to home.

Ms. O’Kelley pointed out that The Heart of North Carolina Visitor Bureau’s marketing and advertising initiatives are completely funded through the collection of the County’s hotel/motel occupancy tax. The net proceeds, gross proceeds minus three percent (3%), the cost to the County for administering and collecting the tax, is remitted to the Authority annually. No County or Municipal property taxes are contributed and no County/City resident has any share of their taxes paid into the occupancy tax fund.

Several attractions posted increases in visitor attendance in 2010, including Asheboro Copperheads, Goat Lady Dairy, John Deer Vintage Tractor Museum, Millstone Creek Orchards tours, North Carolina Zoo, Richland Creek ZipLine, Sunset Theatre, Toms Creek Farm tours, Victory Junction Camp tours, W.H. Moring Arts Center exhibits, Zimmerman Vineyards, and Zoo City Motorsports Park.

Ms. O’Kelley provided a list of industry highlights in which the TDA participated in 2010, including tours, meetings, sports events, grand openings, sponsorships, television features/commercials, and web site/social networking initiatives.

Approval of Bid Award for Jail Renovations and Related Budget Amendment

Allen McNeill, Sheriff’s Office Business Manager, said that planning for the jail renovation project to net additional beds has been ongoing for over three years. The project is very important to the

jail especially in light of the fact that beginning January 1, 2012, the State will no longer keep misdemeanants with sentences less than six months in State prison. This most likely will create an even more serious overcrowding problem at our jail than we currently have. On August 12, 2011, at a pre-bid conference for the proposed jail renovation project, twelve contractors were present who showed interest in bidding on this project. Sealed bids were opened on August 31, and there were eight construction companies who placed bids on this project, as follows:

CONSTRUCTION	COMPANY ADDRESS	BID AMOUNT
WC Construction Company	Winston Salem, N.C.	\$304,200.00 *
Holden Building Co.	Greensboro, N.C.	\$319,100.00
Lomax Construction	Greensboro, N.C.	\$320,700.00
H.M. Kearn Corp	Greensboro, N.C.	\$335,800.00
Progressive Contracting Co	Charlotte, N.C.	\$336,800.00
J Wayne Poole Inc	Greensboro, N.C.	\$343,600.00
Fabco Construction Inc	Kernersville, N.C.	\$367,000.00
Structure Services, Inc	Winston Salem, N.C.	\$370,600.00

* low bidder

Mr. McNeill said that the architect firm feels the bids were about 1.5 times what they should have been and conducted post bid interviews to determine what drove the cost of the project up. Feedback from those interviews revealed that material costs, furniture costs, and security controls were mostly to blame. Following negotiations with the low bidder to find acceptable ways to lower the cost of this construction project without sacrificing quality, WC Construction Company has agreed, upon pending Commissioners approval, a base bid price of \$276,100, a decrease of \$28,100 to their original bid. The Commissioners originally authorized \$200,000 for this project, as follows: \$24,800 for architects fees and \$175,200 for construction. The lowest negotiated price is now \$276,100, which would create a need for an additional \$100,900 to complete the project. In anticipation of the possibility of other changes, Mr. McNeill requested that another \$24,100 be added to the construction budget as a contingency fund. This would make the total additional money needed to complete the project \$125,000. He said that the Sheriff’s Office will continue to monitor this project carefully for costs savings.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to allocate an additional \$125,000 (includes \$100,900 in additional construction cost plus \$24,100 in contingency) to complete the jail renovation project, the amount to be split equally with 50% coming from Law Enforcement Restricted Funds and 50% from the General Fund; and to award a contract for jail renovation to WC Construction in the amount of \$276,100; and to approve Budget Amendment #9, as follows:

2011-2012 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #9		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>	
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance – restricted law enforcement</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>\$150,000</i>	

Approval of the Use of Law Enforcement Restricted Funds for Equipment Purchase & Related Budget Amendment

Allen McNeill, Sheriff’s Office Business Manager, presented Sheriff Reid’s request to spend \$76,418 for various law enforcement-related items needed to improve our officers’ ability to provide good law enforcement to our citizens. Items include 1) a golf cart for use by the School Resource Officer at Providence Grove High School in patrolling the parking lot and campus of the school and for other special events in the county; 2) six Segway patrolling devices for the use of the School Resource Officers at the other five high schools and Randolph Community College; 3) four new in-car cameras for the Traffic Interdiction Unit; 4) uniform coats for the Sheriff’s Honor Guard Unit.

On motion of Lanier, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to use Law Enforcement Restricted funds for equipment purchase, as requested, and to approve budget amendment #10, as follows:

<i>2011-2012 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #10</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance-LE Restricted Funds</i>	<i>\$ 76,418</i>	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Sheriff’s Office</i>	<i>\$ 76,418</i>	

Annual Report of the Child Fatality Prevention/Community Child Protection Team

MiMi Cooper, Public Health Director, presented the Child Fatality Prevention/Community Child Protection Team annual report to the County Commissioners in accordance with NCGS 143-576.1(a)(2), including recommendations for systems improvements that may prevent child fatalities in Randolph County. The CFPT/CCPT met 10 times from July 2010 – June 2011. The team reviewed 12 child deaths and 10 current cases of children under the protection of Social Services. Causes of death were:

Perinatal Conditions.....	4
Birth Defects.....	2
Illness.....	1
SIDS.....	1
Undertermined.....	1
Accidents.....	3

Ms. Cooper said that the purpose of the Child Fatality Prevention Team is to review the deaths of all children to determine if system problems exist that contribute in any way to the delay of or lack of services that might have prevented this death. If gaps exist, the team works to improve/add services that will prevent problems for families in the future. She said that while there were no system problems identified during this reporting period, the death of one child will result in an intensive review along with the State Intensive Death Review Team.

Ms. Cooper said that the purpose of the Community Child Protection Team is to review current cases selected by the DSS staff that are particularly complex or that the case worker would like a review of the services provided. The CCPT makes suggestions to staff that may improve the care for that child. The CCPT reviewed 10 cases concerning children during July 2010—June 2011. The following gaps/recommendations were identified: 1) Long-term in-home

support for mentally challenged parents; 2) Bi-lingual female therapist needed; 3) Only County funds are available to help children not eligible for Medicaid; 4) Tutor needed for child who was functioning on a 2nd grade level but at the age of a 9th grader; 5) Support group needed for young children with parents who are substance abusers. The CCPT also reviews any deaths to children who were in the custody of DSS at the time of death or had had contact with the agency in the 12 months previous to the child's death. There was one death to a child who had been reported to the DSS. That intensive review is scheduled for October of 2011.

Approval to Allocate Grant-Funded Positions at DRC & Related Budget Amendment

Pam Smith, Day Reporting Center Director, stated that on September 6, 2011, she presented a grant opportunity to the County Commissioners; the Commissioners approved the Randolph County DRC's submission of an application for grant monies through the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for intense Level II adjudicated juvenile programs. If approved, the grant award money is for \$125,000 and will begin on October 1, 2011 and end September 30, 2012, with the possibility of two additional years of funding available for programs that prove successful. The program is called *Pathway to Change*, which will provide intensive therapeutic family and substance abuse treatment for the juvenile and the primary family member or care giver.

Ms. Smith said that she had been informed by the Dept. of Juvenile Justice's Piedmont Area Consultant Rich Smith that the program has to be in place by November 1, 2011, even though clients will not be in place at this time, since they have to come through the courts. In order for this program to be functional, DRC will require two full-time positions and one part-time position. These positions will be completely grant-funded and will end when the grant ends and would be effective immediately. These positions are as follows:

1. Human Services Coordinator III- full time Grade 69--\$37,690 - \$41,371
2. Human Services Coordinator I – full time Grade 64--\$29,910 - \$32,802
3. Driver (Transportation Aide) - I - part time \$8.00/hour

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to allocate grant-funded positions at DRC for the program Pathway to Change, as requested, and contingent upon grant approval; and approved Budget Amendment #11, as follows:

2011-2012 Budget Ordinance		
General Fund—Budget Amendment #11		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 125,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Day Reporting Center</i>	\$ 125,000	

Adoption of Resolutions Concerning Establishment of Fire Service Districts for Climax and Guil-Rand and Capping Property Tax Rate

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, reminded the Board that she had appeared before the Commissioners at the September meeting with an update of the current status of fire protection in Randolph County and a recommendation regarding two of the existing fire protection tax districts. She stated that the majority of the fire protection tax districts in Randolph County are capped at a rate of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation. However, Climax and Guil-Rand are capped at ten (10) cents. In order to remove this inequity, she suggested that county service districts

be created for fire protection under North Carolina General Statute 153A-309.2. This would allow these two districts to be capped at fifteen (15) cents like the other districts in the County. The Commissioners directed her to proceed with the process to establish these two service districts.

Ms. Scotton provided a fact sheet to the Commissioners for each district (Climax and Guil-Rand) containing the following information that is required to be considered by the Commissioners before the process can continue in establishing a service district:

- a. the resident or seasonal population and population density of the proposed district;
- b. the appraised value of property subject to taxation in the proposed district;
- c. the present tax rates of the County and any cities or special districts in which the district or any portion thereof is located;
- d. the ability of the proposed district to sustain the additional taxes necessary to provide the services planned for the district; and
- e. any other matters that the Commissioners believe to have a bearing on whether or not the district should be established.

Ms. Scotton said that the Board may approve the resolutions that make certain the findings, which follow below (a-d), calls for the creation of a report that must be made available for public inspection and sets public hearings on the creation of the respective districts for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2011. The resolutions also state that the tax levied in the proposed district for fire protection may not be in excess of a rate of fifteen (15) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of property subject to taxation.

- a. there is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the district;
- b. it is impossible or impracticable to provide these services on a countywide basis;
- c. it is economically feasible to provide the proposed services in the district without unreasonable or burdensome tax levies; and
- d. there is a demonstrable demand for the proposed services by persons residing in the district.

Commissioner Frye stated that these two departments have always provided audited financial statements to the County without being asked, adding that he felt that showed their responsibility and accountability to the citizens in their respective districts.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Capping Climax Fire Service District's Property Tax Rate, direct the Associate County Attorney to prepare the required report referenced in the resolution, and to set a public hearing on the matter for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2011, as follows:

RESOLUTION CAPPING CLIMAX FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX RATE

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-309.2 allows a County to establish a county service district for fire protection services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners create a county service district for fire protection for the Climax Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the population of the proposed district, the appraised value of property in the proposed district, the present tax rates in effect in the proposed district, the ability of the

proposed district to sustain the taxing of the proposed district, and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the proposed Climax service district; and
2. It is impossible or impracticable to provide fire protection services on a countywide basis; and
3. It is economically feasible to provide fire protection services in the proposed Climax service district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
4. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection services in the proposed Climax service district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the creation of a county service district for fire protection that mirrors the existing Climax Fire Protection District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the proposed district, a statement that the proposed district meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the proposed district; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that, after the public hearing referenced above, if the proposed Climax county service district for fire protection is created, property taxes for fire protection within said district may not be levied in excess of a rate of fifteen (15) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of property subject to taxation.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution Capping Guil-Rand Fire Service District's Property Tax Rate, direct the Associate County Attorney to prepare the required report referenced in the resolution, and to set a public hearing on the matter for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2011, as follows:

RESOLUTION CAPPING GUIL-RAND FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX RATE

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 153A-309.2 allows a County to establish a county service district for fire protection services with a tax rate limitation of fifteen (15) cents per one hundred dollar (\$100) valuation; and

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the Board of County Commissioners create a county service district for fire protection for the Guil-Rand Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the population of the proposed district, the appraised value of property in the proposed district, the present tax rates in effect in the proposed district, the ability of the proposed district to sustain the taxing of the proposed district, and other matters that the Board deemed relevant; and

WHEREAS, the Board, having considered such matters, makes the following findings:

1. There is a demonstrable need for providing fire protection services in the proposed Guil-Rand service district; and
2. It is impossible or impracticable to provide fire protection services on a countywide basis; and
3. It is economically feasible to provide fire protection services in the proposed Guil-Rand service district without unreasonable or burdensome annual tax levies; and
4. There is a demonstrable demand for fire protection services in the proposed Guil-Rand service district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board intends to pursue the creation of a county service district for fire protection that mirrors the existing Guil-Rand Fire Protection District and therefore sets a public hearing on the matter for 6:30 p.m. on December 5, 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report shall be prepared containing a map of the proposed district, a statement that the proposed district meets the findings contained herein, and a plan for providing fire service to the proposed district; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that, after the public hearing referenced above, if the proposed Guil-Rand county service district for fire protection is created, property taxes for fire protection within said district may not be levied in excess of a rate of fifteen (15) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of property subject to taxation.

January Meeting Date Set

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to set the regular January meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2012, due to holiday conflict.

Authorization to Purchase of VIPER Radio Channel Equipment from State Contract and Approval of Budget Amendment

Donovan Davis, Emergency Services Director, stated that he was notified on 9/28 by Motorola, Inc., via our authorized representative at Amerizon Wireless, Inc., that Motorola will no longer manufacture Quantum channel receivers that are needed (due to the number of Randolph county radio subscribers) for the final infrastructure enhancements for the VIPER project. The cut-off date to order this product from Motorola is October 31, 2011. Because of the unexpected cut-off date by Motorola, Mr. Davis asked that the Commissioners approve the purchase of the additional radio channel receivers in the amount of \$291,128 under State contract pricing based on contract number 725G.

Mr. Davis said that the final phase of this project will be to identify funding and to purchase the remaining portable and mobile radio equipment for the Emergency Services and Public Health Departments and the Sheriff’s Office, estimated at \$1.4 million.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of radio channel equipment off of State contract at a cost of \$291,128 and to approve Budget Amendment #12, as follows:

2011-2012 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #12		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	\$ 291,128	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Emergency Services</i>	\$ 291,128	

Regional Update

Vice-Chair Darrell Frye provided updates on two issues, as follows:

1. Guilford County, due to population limits established by the state, will have to join another Mental Health LME (Local Management Entity); that LME would likely be Sandhills, which is currently an eight-county LME. If Guilford County joins Sandhills, the Sandhills LME would be the second largest LME in the state. Guilford County currently funds their own Mental Health program at \$10 Million (cost per capita of greater than \$20 per patient). The current (seat) structure of the Sandhills Board of Directors would have to be restructured. Randolph County currently has the majority of seats (seven) on the Sandhills Board, which is a majority. Guilford has asked that Randolph consider giving up two of its current seats on the board, thereby giving Guilford the majority of the seats. Victoria Whitt, Sandhills Center Director, has said that

the Board of Directors will not ask any county to give up seats on the Board. Vice-Chair Frye said that the terms of two of Randolph's members expire next year, and they cannot be reappointed due to term limit restrictions. He asked if the Board would consider giving up these two seats on the Sandhills board, thereby giving Guilford County the two seats. This would give Guilford a total of six seats on the Board and Randolph five seats.

2. PART (Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation), due to funding issues, is asking local governments to "ante up" with additional funding so that additional bus routes will not have to be eliminated. He said that Randolph County's share is \$60,000 in order to keep current service routes open and to re-open the route to the zoo.

Dr. Bob Shackelford, RCC President, spoke in support of the PART bus routes, saying that many RCC students and teachers depend on this transportation to get to and from school. Without this service, many students would be unable to attend college.

Vice-Chair Frye said that the Board needs to decide at the November meeting if Randolph can allocate the additional funding to PART.

Closed Session—Economic Development

At 8:46 p.m., on motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Regular Session Resumed

At 9:14 p.m., the Board returned to regular session.

Adjournment

At 9:14 p.m., on motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

Cheryl A. Ivey, Clerk to the Board