

July 12, 2010

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Office Building, 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Holmes, Frye, Haywood, and Lanier were present. Commissioner Kemp was absent. Rev. Barbara Cooke, Rector; Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, gave the invocation, and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Introductions

County Manager Richard Wells introduced Melissa Johnson as the new Elections Director for Randolph County.

Chairman Holmes recognized Representative Pat Hurley and thanked her for attending the Commissioner's meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- *approve minutes of Regular & Closed Session Meetings of June 7, 2010, and Special Budget Meetings of June 14 and June 21, 2010;*
- *reappoint Brad Rice, Debbie McKenzie, Sonja Hole, Lucy Dorsey, Jane Leonard, Judge Jimmy Hill, Rev. Randy Kelley, Blakely Bell and Patrick O'Hara to the Randolph County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council;*
- *approve Proclamation Honoring Eastern Randolph High School Softball Team—2A State Softball Champions, as follows:*

Honoring Eastern Randolph High School's Softball Team's 2010 State 2-A Championship

WHEREAS, the Eastern Randolph High School Softball Team, on Saturday, June 5, 2010, earned the 2010 State 2-A Softball Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina, compiling an impressive 31-3 season; and

WHEREAS, special commendation is due all team members, Head Coach Randall Myers and Assistant Coaches Richard Thomas, Tony Hill & Gary Heaton, as well as all those who actively worked to make this year's softball season a success; and

WHEREAS, Senior Jessica Gordon was named Most Valuable Player in the State 2-A championship game, earning two pitching victories in the State Tournament, striking out three batters, allowing four hits against the three-time defending champions of Central Davidson in the final game; and

WHEREAS, Junior Pitcher Dallas Heaton had an outstanding year also, with 16 homeruns, a 21-3 pitching record, with 155 strikeouts, and was the Mid-State 2-A Conference Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jana Cheek, Rachel Burgess, Dallas Heaton, Kayla Saliga, Kailey Hill, Codie Rhodes and Gina Ritter were named to the Mid-State All Conference Team; and

WHEREAS, Jana Cheek, Rachel Burgess, Dallas Heaton, Kayla Saliga, Kailey Hill, and Codie Rhodes were named to the following teams: All County, All District and All State; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Randolph High School Softball Team has exhibited athletic ability and great sportsmanship, both on and off the field, thereby bringing much pride and recognition

not only to Eastern Randolph High School, but also to Randolph County and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we acknowledge the talents, skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and successes of the Eastern Randolph High School Softball Team, the 2010 State 2-A Champions, and, on behalf of our citizens, we do hereby extend this expression of our pride in this prestigious milestone and wish them well in their future endeavors.

- *approve Proclamation Honoring Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team—3A State Softball Champions, as follows:*

Honoring Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team’s 2010 State 3-A Championship

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team, on Saturday, June 5, 2010, earned the 2010 State 3-A Softball Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina, compiling an impressive 24-4 season; and

WHEREAS, special commendation is due all team members, Head Coach Ricky Martinez and Assistant Coaches Brooke Smith, Robert Hayes & Wendell Sewell, as well as all those who actively worked to make this year’s softball season a success; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars have reached the Final Four in nine of the last fourteen years, winning four state championships in the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Junior Julia Callicutt was named Most Valuable Player and earned all three pitching victories for Southwestern in the State tournament; and

WHEREAS, Senior Cynthia Hayes was named Mid Piedmont Conference Player of the year and Mid Piedmont Conference Female Athlete of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Hayes, Kelsey Hoover, Julia Callicutt, Kaylee King, Erin Billups, and Hagan Kiser were named to the Mid Piedmont All Conference Team; and

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team has exhibited athletic ability and great sportsmanship, both on and off the field, thereby bringing pride and recognition, not only to Southwestern Randolph High School, but also to Randolph County and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that we acknowledge the talents, skills, teamwork, sportsmanship, and successes of the Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team: the 2010 State 3-A Champions, and, on behalf of our citizens, we do hereby extend this expression of our pride in this prestigious milestone and wish them well in their future endeavors.

- *appoint Ann Poole to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee to replace Sally Robbins, who has resigned;*
- *appoint Maria Hayes to the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee to replace Laurel Dawson, who has resigned;*
- *adopt Proclamation Honoring the 100th Birthday of Charlesanna Fox, as follows:*

Celebrating the 100th Birthday of Charlesanna Louise Fox

WHEREAS, Charlesanna Louise Fox was born on August 4, 1910 and is celebrating her 100th birthday on Wednesday, August 4, 2010; and

WHEREAS, longevity of life is a blessing for an individual and for a community which benefits from the knowledge, creativity, and experiences this individual brings to all; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County recognizes the contributions Miss Fox has made to the County in the fields of library service, literacy, historical preservation, service to children,

senior citizens and the mentally challenged; and

WHEREAS, Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce honored her as “Citizen of the Year” in 1999; and the State of North Carolina with the “Order of the Long Leaf Pine” in 2007; and she has earned the respect and admiration of all the citizens of the County for her knowledge, wisdom, and community spirit; and

*WHEREAS, Charlesanna Louise Fox served as the Randolph County Public Library Director from 1949-1977, establishing the seven-member system and founding the Randolph Room and co-authoring the definitive history of the County, **Randolph County 1779-1979**. Further, she served as first County Chair of the Council on Aging, now the Randolph County Senior Adult Association and, on the local, state and national levels, she has served library and adult education associations with integrity, a humble and sweet spirit, and a work ethic of the highest order.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, THE RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM** its congratulations on the event of the 100th birthday of Charlesanna Louise Fox on August 4, 2010 and urges the citizens of Randolph County to pay special tribute to this very special member of our community.*

Special Recognitions

Chairman Holmes read the proclamations that were approved in the consent agenda, recognizing Eastern Randolph High School Softball Team on their 2-A State Softball Championship and Southwestern Randolph High School Softball Team on their 3-A State Softball Championship. Both schools were presented proclamations in their honor.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Holmes opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Additions to Agenda

Chairman Holmes announced that *Item F. Set Public Hearing for Rural Operating Assistance Program* and *Item G. Set Public Hearing for Consideration of Economic Incentives for Allen Precision* had been added to the agenda.

Presentation of Transportation Costs & Impacts

Brent McKinney, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Director, presented an update on the housing and transportation affordability index as an innovative tool that measures cost and affordability of housing based on its location. Mr. McKinney also announced that ridership is ahead of last year’s numbers. Mr. McKinney stated that service to Chapel Hill had increased to two trips a day on full size buses, and added that there are two buses making four trips to Greensboro and one bus from Greensboro to the NC Zoo.

Approval of Annual Settlement Report

Debra Hill, Tax Assessor/Collector, presented the collection settlement reports (real and personal property, motor vehicles, and ambulance) for FY 2009-2010, as required by G.S. 105-373, and mentioned the following highlights: 1) The overall collection rate including all tax districts on real estate, business and individual personal property was 98.51%. 2) The Registered Motor Vehicle collection rate was 88%, for bills mailed June 2009 due July 2009 through bills mailed May 2010 due June 2010. Total value on 151,005 vehicles billed is \$972,543,629. 3) Taxes uncollectible for 2009 tax year due to Bankruptcy was \$80,720.01. 4) The amount of

taxes for assessments appealed to the Property Tax Commission (appeal has not been finally adjudicated) is \$643,928.91. 5) The amount of discount given for early payment of taxes was \$919,532.00. A total of 60.05% in property taxes were paid during the discount period. 6) Ambulance EMS services collection rate was 77.09%. The amount collected for 2009-2010 was \$3,196,246.88. 7) This year the tax office has been able to collect \$201,048.53 in delinquent taxes for motor vehicles, individual personal property, Randolph County EMS and Ash-Rand, via the Debt Setoff Program.

County Manager Richard Wells thanked the Information Technology Department, Tax Department and Finance Department for their dedication making sure the new tax software worked properly.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board unanimously accepted the following collection settlement reports for FY 2009-2010, as presented:

**Annual Settlement Report For Year Ending June 30, 2010
Report For All Districts**

Real, Individual, Business and Public Utilities

Beginning Balance Current	\$78,221,495.00
Public Utilities	2,028,622.00
Supplemental & Discoveries	351,419.00
Less Adjustments & Release	<u>1,788,986.00</u>
Net Levy	\$78,812,550.00

Collections Current	\$77,638,086.00	98.51% Collection Rate
Collections Delinquent	<u>572,040.00</u>	
Total Collections	\$78,210,126.00	

Total Ending Receivables \$1,896,110.00

Registered Motor Vehicles

Billing For 2009	\$8,074,313.00
Less Adjustments & Releases	<u>179,939.00</u>
Net Levy	\$7,894,374.00

Collections Current	\$6,946,256.00	87.99 Collection Rate
Collections Delinquent	<u>906,174.00</u>	
Total Collections	\$7,852,430.00	

Total Ending Receivables \$1,794,907.00

Releases for Real, Individual, Business, Public Utilities & Registered Motor Vehicles

Discount Releases	\$919,532.00
Less Than \$3.50 Minimum Bill	\$23,573.00
Releases & Adjustments Current	\$1,025,820.00
Releases & Adjustment Prior	\$71,124.00

Other Fees Collected

Current Year Fee Collection	\$339,974.00
Prior Year Fee Collection	\$75,925.00
RMV Current Fee Collection	\$116,194.00
RMV Prior Year Fee Collection	\$128,954.00

Ambulance Settlement Report for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

Uncollected Ambulance Fees July 1,2009	5,925,039.15
Ambulance Fees Charged to Tax Department for Collection July 1, 2009 through June 30,2010	4,511,239.38
Legal Fees (garnishments, judgments, etc.)	2,925.91
Debits	173.97
Overpayments & Refunds	38,415.02
Total	10,477,793.43
All Sums Deposited Which Represent Ambulance Fees and Legal Fees	3,196,002.54
Releases (medicare, medicaid)	395,342.30
Uncollected Ambulance Fees	6,666,936.51
Credit	244.34
Statute of Limitations	219,267.74
Total	10,477,793.43

Reappointment of Assessor/Collector, Oath of Office, and Charge to Tax Collector

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Debra Hill to a 4-year term as Tax Assessor/Collector. Chairman Holmes read the charge to collect taxes to Ms. Hill, as follows:

Debra P. Hill is hereby authorized, empowered and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the County Assessor and in the tax records delivered to her, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Randolph and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable her

to levy on and sell any real and personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Approval of 2011 Randolph County Classification Plan

Personnel Director Stacy Griffin requested approval of the 2010-2011 Randolph County Classification Plan to be effective July 1, 2010. Approval is required pursuant to the Randolph County Personnel Ordinance and in order to be in compliance with the Office of State Personnel requirements for filing our pay plan under N.C. G.S. 126 provisions known as the State Personnel Act. Existing pay grades remain the same. The plan includes the following changes:

1. Addition of Child Support Enforcement positions effective 7/1/10:

- Child Support Enforcement Director (Grade 67)
- Child Support Enforcement Agent I (Grade 61)
- Child Support Enforcement Agent II (Grade 63)

2. Deletion of Classification Specifications that have not been used in over a year:

Accounting Technician III	Jail Nurse II
Administrative Assistant III	Jailer – Administrative Assistant
Administrative Officer II	Law Enforcement Desk Officer (Non-Certified)
Assistant to Public Works Director	Library Assistant I
Communications Supervisor	Librarian I
Community Health Assistant	Librarian V
Community Health Technician	Nutritionist III
Computer Systems Administrator II	Personnel Analyst II
Dentist I	Personnel Technician I
EMS – Assistant Operations Officer	Planner II
Environmental Health Program Coordinator	Public Health Educator III
Environmental Health Program Specialist	Public Health Nursing Supervisor II
Environmental Health Supervisor II	Purchasing Technician
Foreign Language Interpreter II	Senior Mapper
Human Resources Aide	Social Work Clinical Specialist
Income Maintenance Supervisor III	Staff Attorney
Jail Nurse I	Staff Nurse
Jail Nurse/LPN	Substance Abuse Counselor I
	Substance Abuse Counselor II
	Volunteer Services Coordinator

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2010- 2011 Classification Plan, as presented.

September Meeting Date Set

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to set September 7, 2010 as the date for the September regular meeting, due to the Labor Day holiday conflict.

Election of Voting Delegates for NCACC Annual Conference in Hickory (Aug. 26-29)

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to elect Commissioner Frye as the voting delegate and Chairman Holmes as the alternate for the NCACC Conference in Hickory in August.

Public Hearing Set—ROAP

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing on August 2 at 4:30 p.m. for Rural Operating Assistance Program grant.

Public Hearing Set —Economic Development

On motion of Frye, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to set a public hearing on August 2 at 5:00 p.m. for consideration of economic incentives for Allen Precision.

Recess

At 5:05 p.m., the Board recessed.

Rezoning Public Hearing

At 6:30 p.m., the Board reconvened to a duly advertised public hearing to consider a rezoning request. Hal Johnson presented the following request, and Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing for comments on the request and closed it before taking action.

1. **TOMMY WILMOTH**, Archdale, North Carolina, is requesting that 1.50 acres located at 6405 Canter Road, New Market Township, be rezoned from RA to RBO-CD. Tax ID# 7738800983. Secondary Growth Area. Randleman Lake Watershed. The proposed Conditional Zoning District would specifically allow a private truck repair business from an existing 42' x 100' building. The Planning Board reviewed this request at public meeting on May 4, 2010, and unanimously recommended that this request be denied.

The Planning Board found the following policies within the 2009 Growth Management Plan that support determination of consistency with the adopted plan with this recommendation:

Policy 1.3 The benefits of economic development should be balanced against the possible detrimental effects such development may have on the quality of life enjoyed by area residents.

Policy 4.3 Individual Rural Business or Highway Commercial rezoning decisions will depend upon the scale of the proposed development as it relates to the specific site and location weighed against the impacts to adjoining rural land uses.

Tommy Wilmoth, 6257 Cedar Square Rd., Archdale, applicant, spoke in support of the request. He stated he bought the property in March 2007 but does not live on the property. He is requesting the zoning change so that he can maintain a fleet of five trucks for his trucking company in a building located on the property. He stated he had been given estimates on renovations to the existing building that would raise the roof to fourteen feet. He said he plans to use the building only ten hours per week. Mr. Wilmoth stated that he felt that rezoning needs to be done in that part of the county as I-74 will also be in that area. The Randleman Dam project took around 20 acres of his 100 acres but he felt it was for the betterment of the future water supply to citizens and asked that the Board please consider his request.

Billy Criscoe, 6412 Canter Rd., Archdale, spoke against the request stating that he lived across from the site and has concerns with the noise from the trucks while at the shop.

Jimmy Canter, 2335 Canter Lane, Archdale, spoke against the request. Mr. Canter has lived on Canter Rd. for 60 years and has 24 relatives on this road. Mr. Canter has a petition with 59 signatures against this request. Mr. Canter is also concerned with water run-off into the Randleman Lake and stated that Canter Rd. is narrow and has many curves.

Chairman Holmes asked for a show of hands that were against the request. Nineteen were against.

Jeff Canter, 6111 Canter Rd. stated he was concerned about his small children and others in the area by larger trucks using Canter Rd.

Roger Shumate, 2370 Canter Lane, Archdale, stated he was also concerned about run-off into a water source: Randleman Lake.

Mr. Wilmoth asked to speak again. He stated that a sizable furniture manufacturing company as well as a racing shop had used a building down the road at one time. There were not complaints about sound and traffic at that time. He stated he just wants to earn a living and do general upkeep on the trucks for his business.

Victor Whitaker, 6227 Canter Rd., Archdale, said that he lives an eighth of a mile from this property and doesn't feel that any changes to the zoning would benefit the value of his property.

Tabitha Mizzi, 2447 Hohn Rd., Archdale, stated that she and other members of the community use Canter Rd. as a walking route for exercise and is concerned for their safety since the road is narrow and winding.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request of Tommy Wilmoth, as determined consistent with policies contained within the adopted Growth Management Plan and as outlined in the Planning Board recommendations.

Adjournment

At 7:03 p.m., there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

Amanda W. Varner,
Deputy Clerk to the Board