

Closed Session – Purchase of Property for JDRC / Child Support — April 6, 2015

At 8:24 p.m., the Board convened closed session in order to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(5)(i)]. Commissioners Frye, Kemp, Lanier, Haywood and Allen were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson; Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer Will Massie; County Attorney Ben Morgan; Associate County Attorney Aimee Scotton; Clerk to the Board Amanda Varner; and Public Works Director Paxton Arthurs.

County Manager Hal Johnson said that a building has been identified suitable for a new location for Juvenile Day Reporting Center (JDRC) and Child Support. The 9,486 square foot building is located on 1.05 acres at 355 S. Fayetteville St., Asheboro. Mr. Johnson said that part of the building currently houses the Employment Security Commission, but they are being consolidated with other agencies and would be moving to another location.

Mr. Johnson also mentioned that he; Finance Officer Will Massie; Public Works Director Paxton Arthurs, and Maintenance Director James Chriscoe had visited the site and determined it was a very good location. He said that Mr. Chriscoe feels renovations to and the addition of walls for private offices can be done easily. There are 60 parking spaces available and that exceeds existing parking at the current location for Child Support. Mr. Johnson said the County has been paying yearly rent for the Child Support building and it would be due again in July.

Mr. Johnson said that Child Support Director Damon Brown and JDRC Director Megan McKinnon had visited the building and agreed the facility would meet their needs.

Commissioner Kemp said the relocation of JDRC would leave additional space and restrooms for DSS to expand in their existing building.

The consensus of the Board was to have the County Manager and staff to check the proposed building for any structural issues, research the costs of renovations to each building, to start negotiations with the property owner for the possible acquisition of the property, and report the details to the Board as soon as possible.

At 8:30 pm, on motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to end closed session and to return to open session.

Darrell L. Frye, Chairman

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

David Allen

Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board