

Randolph County Commissioners Minutes

January 9, 2006

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, Lanier, Frye, Davis and Kemp were present. Rev. Ben Chavis, Randolph County Tax Supervisor, gave the invocation and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of County Employee Service Awards

Chairman Holmes and Kim Newsom, Randolph County Personnel Director, presented County employee service awards to the following honorees: 15 years of service: Felicia D. Butler, Sheriff; Lynden H. Craven, Public Works; Gary Lee Davis, Sheriff; Brenda C. Elberson, Library; Kathi A. Auman-Einig, Health; Jeanette W. Gaines, Social Services; Marion J. Henley, Health; Pamela S. Hill, Day Reporting Center; Charles W. Husband, Jr., Tax; Cheryl A. Ivey, Administration; Tonya L. Maness, Health; Ann C. McGlohon, Library; Brent G. McNeill, Sheriff; Maynard B. Reid, Jr., Sheriff; Tammie M. Smith, Tax; Toni A. Welch, Social Services; 20 years of service: Melissa Y. Austin, Tax; Allen R. Brewer, Sheriff; Randle E. Brim, Planning & Zoning; Judith A. Craven, Tax; Linda S. Dix, Social Services; Patricia A. Jarrett, Social Services; Dale T. Langley, Emergency Services; Peggy B. Seawell, Social Services; Sandra H. Smith, Emergency Services; Jill M. Wood, Planning & Zoning; 25 years of service: Linda S. Allred, Sheriff; Sherri H. Allred, Social Services; Ruby T. Councilman, Library; Fred W. deFriess, Emergency Services; Jane H. Leonard, Finance; John B. Lopienski, Emergency Services; Arlene P. Smith, Library; Rebecca S. Conard, Emergency Services; 30 years of service: Hal C. Johnson, Jr., Planning & Zoning; Linda S. Shirley, Library.

Recognition of Retiree

Chairman Holmes recognized Ed Phillips, who is retiring from the County with 37 years of service with the Tax Department. Chairman Holmes presented an engraved clock to him.

Special Presentation to Former Planning Board Member

Chairman Holmes presented an engraved plaque to Bill Dorsett, in appreciation of his 18 years of service on the Randolph County Planning Board.

Recognition of Randolph County Outstanding Volunteers for 2005

Robin Necci, Randolph County Volunteer Center Director, recognized Randolph County's North Carolina Outstanding Volunteer Award winners for 2005: Talmadge Baker, Kevin Bowman, Phyllis Holland, Janet Jones and Rev. Jack Ogburn. Chairman Holmes presented certificates of appreciation to the volunteers on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Public Comment Period

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

Consent Agenda Addition and Action

Chairman Holmes added *Item H. Appoint JoAnne Peterson to Randolph County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee* to the Consent Agenda.

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

- *approve 12/5/05 regular and closed session meeting minutes;*
- *unseal closed session minutes from 2/7/05 (2 sets), 4/4/05, 8/1/05 (4 sets), 9/6/05, 11/7/05, and 12/5/05;*
- *reappoint Chris Corsbie to Asheboro Planning Board as an outside member;*
- *reappoint Christine Caviness to Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee;*
- *reappoint Sonny Bullard and Tom Kemp to Randolph County Fire Commission;*
- *reappoint Donald Dalton, Steven Jones and Doug Harmon to the Guil-Rand Fire Dist. Commission;*
- *adopt D.O.T. Resolution adding Faith Meadow Lane to State Roads System, as follows:*

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has investigated Faith Meadow lane in the Faith Meadows Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the subject street has been found to meet minimum requirements for addition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that Faith Meadow lane in the Faith Meadows Subdivision be added to the Division of Highways' Secondary Road System.

- *appoint Joanne Peterson to the Randolph County Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.*

New Business Item Addition

Chairman Holmes announced that *Item O. Adopt Resolution to Modify the Starpet Economic Development Contract—Aimee Scotton* would be added to the New Business section of the agenda.

Public Hearing on CDBG Application

David Townsend, III, Public Works Director, announced that officials from The Telemarketing Center, Inc. have decided to relocate elsewhere; therefore, there is no need to hold the public hearing.

Randolph County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Annual Report

Bonnie Renfro, President of the Randolph County EDC, reviewed 2005's economic picture for Randolph County and said that 2005 was a great year with more than \$95 million in new and expanded industrial investment and added that 628 new jobs were announced by 14 companies. Highlights of the year include Rheem Air Conditioning's opening of its new North American distribution center at West Randleman Business Park in June, StarPet's \$44 million expansion of its Asheboro operation, Timken's \$27 million expansion, Hubbell Industrial Controls' addition of 150 new jobs and the Board of Commissioners' adoption of an aggressive proactive approach to economic development by setting aside 1 cent of the tax base for product development and economic assistance.

Ms. Renfro introduced Harry Lane, Randolph County EDC's new Existing Business and Industry Coordinator. Mr. Lane said that the EDC had made 138 total visits with 81 different companies during 2005.

Adoption of Resolution Modifying Starpet Economic Development Contract

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, reminded the Board that on 9/22/05, the Commissioners approved a resolution to enter into an economic development incentives contract with the City of Asheboro and Starpet, Inc. The contract, via the resolution, would provide authorization to the County for payments to Starpet totaling \$250,000 in 2 installments and would be tied to Starpet's completion of certain performance requirements. One of these requirements was to be the creation of a minimum of 40 new full-time jobs.

Subsequent to the adoption of the original resolution, Starpet's officials have agreed, with one exception, to enter into a proposed contract that contained all of the essential terms and conditions

contained in that resolution. Starpet has now proposed that the minimum number of jobs to be created be reduced from 40 to 36 and that the corresponding incentive payment due to Starpet be reduced by a rate of \$3,125 per job for each unrealized job under the original 40-job minimum. Under Starpet's new proposal, if the total number of new jobs created by this project is less than 36, then Starpet would not receive any of the second incentive payment. She said that the City of Asheboro had already voted to amend their contract. Ms. Scotton presented a draft resolution that will allow the contract to be modified in accordance with Starpet's concerns.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution, which amends the original Starpet contract by reducing the number of new full-time jobs to 36 as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 158-7.1 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on September 22, 2005 (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Resolution") authorizing Randolph County (hereinafter referred to as the "County") to enter into an economic development incentives contract with the City of Asheboro (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), and StarPet, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), whereby the County and the City each would contribute, upon the satisfaction by the Company of certain performance requirements, a maximum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for a total combined payment of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Company to offset the rail track construction costs of the expansion of the Company's existing facilities in the City of Asheboro, Randolph County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the original projection was that, upon the completion of the Company's expansion project, new value/investment in real and personal property associated with the project would equal or exceed forty-four million dollars (\$44,000,000.00) and a minimum of forty (40) new jobs would be created in the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the Original Resolution provided that, in addition to the County's standard contract terms, the proposed economic development incentives contract by and between the County, the City, and the Company must contain the following essential terms and conditions:

- a. The total payment made to the "Company" under this contract shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00).
- b. Fifty percent of the contract amount is to be paid by the City, and the other fifty percent of the contract amount is to be paid by the County.
- c. The contract amount is to be paid in two (2) installments at a frequency not to exceed one installment per fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and shall be tied to the completion by the Company of certain performance requirements, including but not limited to, the following:
 - i. The Company must properly obtain from the City a Certificate of Occupancy or letter/certificate of compliance, as appropriate, certifying that the 60,000 square foot expansion may be occupied or used for Factory-Industrial Occupancy in accordance with the provisions of zoning, building, and other applicable ordinances and laws of the City of Asheboro and the State of North Carolina, and the Company must deliver to the City and County a written certification that the actual new value/investment in real and personal property of the project equals or exceeds the sum of forty-four million dollars (\$44,000,000.00); and
 - ii. The Company must deliver to the City and the County Employment Security Reports evidencing the creation of forty (40) new full-time jobs with certification of an average weekly wage equal to or exceeding seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$775.00) per week.
- d. The contract must provide the City and the County with a means of recouping a portion of the contract amount if the Company's facility, as expanded, does not remain in full operation, maintaining the newly created jobs referenced above, for a period of two (2) years immediately following the date on which the final installment of the contract amount is paid to the Company.
- e. If the Company does not remain in full operation during this two- (2-) year period, a portion of the incentive money must be returned. The amount to be returned shall decrease on a pro-rated amount

for each year that the company remains in the City and County. Any amounts returned by the company in this manner shall be divided equally between the City and the County; and

WHEREAS, *subsequent to the adoption of the Original Resolution, the Company's officials agreed, with one exception, to enter into in a proposed contract that contained all of the above-listed essential terms and conditions; and*

WHEREAS, *with regard to the exception referenced in the immediately preceding paragraph, the Company is seeking to lessen the proposed job creation requirements by allowing the second installment of the incentive payments from the City and the County to be paid even if this project does not generate forty (40) new full-time jobs so long as no less than thirty-six (36) new full-time jobs are in fact generated by the project and so long as the amount of each payment to be made by the City and County as a second installment is reduced by an amount that reflects the difference between the actual number of jobs created and the goal of forty (40) new jobs; and*

WHEREAS, *the Company has requested that any such reduction in the payment amount due from the City and County be calculated at a rate of three thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,125.00) per each unrealized new full-time job; and*

WHEREAS, *the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has concluded that, even with the Company's proposed modification of the job creation requirements, the proposed economic development project will stimulate and stabilize the local economy, promote business in the City and County, and result in the creation of a significant number of new jobs in the City and County.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the County Manager and Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the County a modified version of the previously approved economic development incentives contract with the City and the Company that requires a minimum of thirty-six (36) new full-time jobs with an average weekly wage equal to or exceeding seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$775.00) to be created by the project and so long as the absence of the creation of forty (40) new full-time jobs with an average weekly wage equal to or exceeding seven hundred seventy-five dollars (\$775.00) is reconciled with the information previously presented to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners by reducing the amount of the final payment at a rate of three thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,125.00) per unrealized new full-time job.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *that, in every other respect, the proposed economic development incentives contract between the City, the County, and the Company must strictly comply with the terms and conditions of the Original Resolution.*

FY2003-2004 Independent Audit Report

Chris Phillips, Senior Manager with the firm of Cherry Bekaert & Holland, presented and reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ended June 30, 2005. He stated that the County is in good financial shape and pointed out that Randolph County has done an excellent job providing services to its citizens while still maintaining an excellent fund balance.

2006 Information Technology Plan & Budget Amendment Approval

Annette Crotts, Computer Services Director, said that Randolph County began its strategic technology planning efforts in 2003. At the Commissioner's meeting of January 2005, the Technology Policy Team (TPT), made up of County department heads and select elected officials, agreed to present a Technology Work Plan each calendar year. The TPT requested the Commissioners annually consider reinvesting a portion of funds made throughout the previous year into technology projects for improving employee productivity and/or the delivery of services to our citizens. Funds requested by the TPT would be for specific projects and would not include ongoing costs to keep the projects running after their completion. This method of planning allows the County to focus technology efforts on implementing funded projects rather than spending numerous hours towards a project that may never be implemented. The proposed 2006 Work Plan concentrates on two projects. The first project has two parts. Part one is an upgrade of hardware for our County web servers and adding load balancing equipment between the servers. The benefits of this project will allow more up time and faster access for those using the County's web pages, especially GIS inquiries. Part two is to add hardware and disk storage for electronic backups of critical data. As part of disaster recovery planning efforts, the County wants to be

able to quickly restore data that has been corrupted. Having more backup data on-line will allow for timely restoration efforts. The total cost for both parts of this project will be approximately \$55,000 and can be completed by December 31, 2006.

The second project is more complex and will require two years to implement. It entails the automation of three more income maintenance programs at Social Services. With new imaging and forms software in place, automation of these programs at DSS can now move forward. This project will require converting approximately 1000 paper forms to on-line forms and scanning of active case files, as well as purchasing additional software licenses and hardware for the implementation. The proposal also calls for four temporary employees to help accomplish this task.

The cost of this project will be \$455,000 spent over the next two years. Ms. Crofts said that on December 7, 2005, the TPT unanimously approved the work plan. She presented the entire proposed 2006 Work Plan to the Board and asked for their approval of the plan and allocation of \$510,000 towards its implementation.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2006 Technology Strategic Work Plan, which follows, and appropriated \$510,000 from fund balance via Budget Amendment #15 to the General Fund and Budget Amendment #1 to the Technology Capital Project Ordinance, which also follow:

Summary of 2006 Strategic Work Plan			
Complete the following projects already funded and underway:			
1. Financial & Payroll/Personnel Software replacements—Scheduled for completion in 2006			
2. Animal Shelter software replacement—scheduled for completion in 2006.			
3. Replace Tax Billing and Collections software—scheduled for completion in 2008			
New Projects for 2006:	Priority	Cost	Completion
1. Web Server Load Balancing & SAN Replication	1	\$55,000	2006
2. Automate 3 Income Maintenance Programs at Social Services	2	\$455,000	2007
TOTAL:		\$510,000	

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE—GENERAL FUND—AMENDMENT #15		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 510,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
Transfer to Technology Capital Project	\$ 510,000	

TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE—AMENDMENT # 1		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 510,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
DSS Automation	\$ 455,000	
Web Server Upgrades	\$ 55,000	

Increase Pneumonia Vaccine Fee

MiMi Cooper, Public Health Director, said that the Randolph County Board of Health recently approved an increase in the fee for pneumonia vaccine from \$20 per dose to \$25 per dose. This is due to an increase in the cost of the vaccine from the manufacturer. She asked the Commissioners to approve this increase effective immediately.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to increase the fee for pneumonia vaccine to \$25 per dose, effective immediately.

Approval of New Elections Voting Equipment Purchase and Budget Amendment

Will Massie, County Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager, said that Session Law 2005-323 (Senate Bill 223) has mandated the North Carolina State Board of Elections (SBOE) insure that all voting systems certified for use in the State meet the requirements of the 2002 Federal Voting System Standards, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), EAC guidelines, and North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 163, as well as any other rules adopted by the State Board of Elections. All existing voting machines have been decertified throughout the state, meaning they can no longer be used. The County currently owns optical scan voting tabulation machines which use a paper ballot as the source document. These machines are over ten years old. Congress sent North Carolina \$74.3 million to assist the State in implementing HAVA requirements. The NC General Assembly set aside \$43 million from this Federal award to establish a grant program for counties to replace voting machines. The grant system provides up to \$12,000 per polling place, \$12,000 per One-Stop site, 2 back-up units, plus \$1 per voter in the 2004 presidential election (\$10,000 minimum and \$100,000 maximum), for prospective purchases. These numbers were developed to provide enough resources for each county to purchase the voting system of its choice. Randolph County could receive a maximum grant of \$576,285. The grant should be more than enough for the County to replace the existing tabulation scanners in each precinct with a new optical scan unit, plus a voting machine for handicapped access. The legislation required the SBOE to certify voting equipment as eligible for county acquisition, to be a party to the purchase contract between counties and vendors, and to aid in system training and support. Local boards of elections make recommendations to the county boards of commissioners as to which equipment to purchase, only after the board of elections view certified equipment. The county board of commissioners has the final decision as to which of the certified systems it will purchase. The law established Jan. 20, 2006 as the deadline for counties to order voting equipment to be used in the May 2006 primaries.

The Randolph County Board of Elections is recommending the purchase of equipment from Elections Systems and Software, currently the only system certified by the State Board of Elections. The equipment is under State contract, so no further bidding is required. Prices have been set through the Request For Proposal developed by the State Board of Elections. Randolph County Board of Elections is requesting the purchase of a certified M-100 optical scan tabulator and an AutoMARK voting machine for each existing precinct (40) and One-Stop sites (2), plus five spares for future growth and two as backups. The AutoMARK voting terminals have a touch screen to assist handicapped voters, which complies with requirements of the Help America Vote Act. The prices include software, training, and peripheral items.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Frye, the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to authorize the Board of Elections to accept an equipment grant from the State (max. \$576,285) and to approve the purchase of forty-nine M-100 optical scan tabulators, forty-nine AutoMARK voting machines and related materials from Elections Systems and Software at a cost not to exceed \$576,285, and to approve Budget Amendment # 16, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 16		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 576,285	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Elections</i>	\$ 576,285	

Budget Amendment-- Library

Will Massie said that the library has been awarded a grant from the H. Clay and Wavie M. Presnell Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$7,500. The funds are to be used this fiscal year to purchase books for the new Seagrove Library.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #17, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 17		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	7,500	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Library</i>	\$ 7,500	

Budget Amendment—Health Department

Will Massie said that the Division of Public Health has awarded the County funding for the Healthy Carolinians Program in the amount of \$5,000. These funds will be used to support the Randolph Health Improvement Partnership, which is a collaboration between Randolph County Health Department, Randolph Hospital, and several other agencies interested in improving the health of Randolph County residents.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #18, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 18		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 5,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$ 5,000	

Budget Amendment—Health Department

Will Massie said that the Randolph Hospital Community Health Foundation Board of Directors has awarded the County a grant for \$1,000 to provide educational materials on weaning from the bottle in order to prevent bottle tooth decay, as recommended by the Academy of Pediatrics.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #19, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 19		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Miscellaneous CH</i>	\$ 1,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$1,000	

Budget Amendment—Emergency Services

Will Massie said that in 2003, Emergency Services was awarded a grant from the Office of the Governor for Citizen Corps Council Development. This program allowed the County to establish a Citizen Corps, which consists of volunteers who are willing to serve their community through various public safety activities. The Volunteer Center of Randolph County was contracted to recruit individuals and develop a training program for these volunteers. Another \$1,500 grant is now available, which will be used to provide additional recruitment and training through the Volunteer Center. The Corps will continue to distribute public education materials on family preparedness and conduct education classes on public safety.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #20, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 20		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$ 1,500	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Emergency Services</i>	\$1,500	

Budget Amendment—Seagrove Library Capital Project

Will Massie said that the architect of the new Seagrove Library has approved payment of the final contractor's invoice. As a result, the project can be closed. The final project cost was \$748,067.53. A few final adjustments are necessary but in total, the project is under budget by approximately \$23,000. Because these funds are related to a debt issuance, this residual amount will be transferred to the Randleman Dam Capital Project to help offset costs in that project.

On motion of Lanier, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #3 to the Seagrove Library Capital Project Ordinance and Budget Amendment #3 to the Randleman Dam Capital Project Ordinance, as follows:

SEAGROVE LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE--AMENDMENT # 3		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Interest on investments</i>	\$1,865	
<i>Sales Tax Refunds</i>	\$6,141	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Furniture</i>		\$15,837
<i>Site Development</i>		\$10,836

<i>Construction</i>	\$11,742	
<i>Transfer to Randleman Dam Project Fund</i>	\$22,937	

RANDLEMAN DAM CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE--AMENDMENT # 3		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Transfer from Seagrove Library Project</i>	\$ 22,937	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Dam Construction</i>	\$22,937	

Budget Amendment—Randleman Dam Capital Project

Will Massie said that the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority has assessed Randolph County for its final share of construction costs for the dam. This includes clearing and bridge relocations (\$561,000) and the transmission line which crosses the lake (\$105,726). These payments are to be made in installments over the next three months. The 2004-05 budget included a \$500,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Randleman Dam Project Fund, which will be used to cover a large part of these costs. Also, the Randleman Dam Project has earned interest (\$28,863), which reduces the amount currently needed from the General Fund to \$137,863.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #21 to the General Fund and Budget Amendment #4 to the Randleman Dam Capital Project Fund, as follows:

2005-2006 BUDGET ORDINANCE--GENERAL FUND--AMENDMENT # 21		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	\$114,926	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Transfer to Randleman Dam Project</i>	\$114,926	

RANDLEMAN DAM CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE--AMENDMENT # 4		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Interest on investments</i>	\$28,863	
<i>Transfer from General Fund</i>	\$614,926	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Dam Construction</i>	\$643,789	

Announcement Regarding Boat Access at Randleman Lake

Vice Chair Darrell Frye announced that the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) has decided that initially there will be only 1 boating access point at the new Randleman Lake. It will consist of a gravel lot, 1 ramp, and a small building for rest rooms, bait sales, vending machines and housing a person to collect user fees. Estimated cost is about \$500,000, half of which should be paid for through grant funds. The other half will be funded by all the members of the PTRWA, each of which will pay its prorated share; Randolph County's share should be included in the County's FY 2006-2007

budget. He said that anything additional or more elaborate would have to be funded solely by Randolph County. Mr. Frye also mentioned that lake security is still being discussed by the Authority.

Notification of Award of Housing Finance Grant

David Townsend, III, Public Works Director, said that the County has recently received notification from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency that Randolph County has been awarded a \$400,000 grant for its 2006 Single-Family Rehabilitation Program. This is the first time Randolph County has received this type of grant. He said that a recommendation for a consultant to assist the Public Works Department on this project is forthcoming. These funds will rehabilitate at least 10 dwelling units at an average of \$32,000 actual rehabilitation hard costs, which includes lead reduction. Tentative start date is 4/1/06.

Adoption of Inclement Weather Policy for Convenience Sites

David Townsend, III asked the Board to consider adopting an inclement weather policy for the County's 3 convenience centers (Coleridge, Farmer and Solid Waste Facility). He said that he is concerned about the possibility of an employee injury on the ice. Should this happen, due to the remote location, an employee could lie in the weather for a long period of time before anyone even knows he's hurt. He mentioned that all convenience site employees are senior citizens. He recommended that the County adopt a policy that would make the convenience sites' operating schedule the same as the Randolph County School System's operating schedule during inclement weather.

On motion of Lanier, seconded by Frye, the Board voted unanimously to adopt an inclement weather policy for the solid waste convenience centers that follows the same operating schedule that the Randolph County School System follows during inclement weather.

Granting of Sanitary Sewer Easement to City of Trinity

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, said that the City of Trinity has requested that Randolph County grant the City a sanitary sewer easement across property that the County owns on Lake Darr Road. The site (Property Identification No. 7717085855) is located in Lakecrest Heights Subdivision and was acquired by the County by way of tax foreclosure and Sheriff's Deed in 1982. Ms. Scotton presented a proposed easement that had been prepared by Trinity's attorney Bob Wilhoit in addition to a Waiver to Right of Just Compensation indicating that the County is aware of its right to receive compensation for the easement and chooses to waive said right pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-274.

On motion of Frye, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to grant a sanitary sewer easement to the City of Trinity across property on Lake Darr Road, as presented, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the easement documents.

Re-conveyance of Former Sir Robert Motel Property to Asheboro City Schools

Aimee Scotton said that in 2003, the Asheboro City Board of Education identified the need to expand the Asheboro High School campus and approached Randolph County with help in accomplishing this goal. Randolph County agreed to finance the purchase and renovation of the Sir Robert Motel property (Property Identification No. 7750773143) with the understanding that the property would be conveyed to the Asheboro City Board of Education once the project was complete, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-274.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the re-conveyance of the former Sir Robert Motel property to the Asheboro City Schools, to authorize the legal staff to have the necessary deed prepared and to authorize the Chairman to sign the deed.

March Meeting Date Set

The Board set Monday, March 13, 2006 for its regular monthly meeting.

Reminder of Meeting

County Manager Frank Willis reminded the Board about a County School Board planning session on January 24, 2006, at 11:30 a.m., at Pinewood Country Club.

Closed Session—Economic Development

At 6:00 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).

At 6:30 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

Note: Vice Chair Darrell Frye was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Rezoning Public Hearing

At 6:40 p.m. the Board adjourned to a duly advertised public hearing to consider rezoning requests. Hal Johnson, Planning & Zoning Director, presented the following requests, and Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing for comments on each request and closed it before taking action on each request.

1. CAROLINA WIRE & CASTINGS, Asheboro, North Carolina, is requesting that 14.14 acres located on the corner of US Hwy 64 East/Crestwick Road, Columbia Township, be rezoned from LI/RA to HI-CU. Municipal Growth Area. Tax ID# 8712273107. The Conditional Use Permit would specifically allow the existing building to be used for manufacturing wire mesh and outside storage of steel castings as per site plan. Randolph Knitting, Inc. - Property Owners. The Planning Board considered this request at public meeting on December 6, 2005, and unanimously recommended that this request be approved as consistent with the Growth Management Plan.

Troy Hartman, 2296 Old Cedar Falls Rd., said that he will plant a tree buffer along the front to the wood line to hide the storage area in the back. He said that there would be very little noise.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Davis, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the request of Carolina Wire and Castings.

2. CAROLINA TRAVEL, Randleman, North Carolina, is requesting an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit issued to the property located at 10367 Randleman Road, 29.77 acres, Level Cross Township, Zoning District HC-CU. Primary Growth Area. Tax ID# 7758809298. The amendment would specifically allow the expansion of the tour travel operation facilities to include a 65' x82' garage expansion as per site plan. The Planning Board considered this request at public meeting on December 6, 2005, and unanimously recommended that this request be approved as consistent with the Growth Management Plan.

David Brown, 4818 US Hwy 311, Randleman, speaking on behalf of Holiday Tours, said that the building will be used to do in-house overhauls of the buses rather than having to hire them done off-site.

On motion of Davis, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously (4-0) to approve the request of Carolina Travel.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

J. Harold Holmes, Chairman

Darrell L. Frye

Phil Kemp

Robert B. Davis

Arnold Lanier

Cheryl A. Ivey, Deputy Clerk to the Board