

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Greene County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Chairman Denny Garner, Vice Chairman Jerry Jones and Commissioners Jack Edmondson, Bennie Heath and James Shackelford. County Manager Don Davenport and County Attorney E.B. Borden Parker were also present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Commissioner Shackelford gave the invocation and led the pledge to the flag.

On motion by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the following items from the consent agenda.

**February 2, 2010 Joint Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2010 Recessed Meeting Minutes**

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

EMS	\$400	Insurance proceeds to repair EMS vehicle
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RELEASES

Colburn Todd Owens	\$6.61	Colburn Todd Owens	\$6.61
Alesica Gaitor	\$191.29	Alesica Gaitor	\$182.69
Alesica Gaitor	\$182.26	Alesica Gaitor	\$174.6

The Chairman opened the floor for public comments.

Ms. Susan Blizzard expressed concerns over inadequate facilities for personnel at the EMS building.

Being there were no further comments the Chairman closed the public comment section.

Chairman Denny Garner presented certificates of appreciation to the Sharon Harrison, Senior Center Director and Frank Norman, Chairman of the Greene County Senior Center Advisory Board for the efforts in the center being designated a Center of Excellence by the NC Division of Aging & Adult Services.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to recess as the Board of Commissioners and convene as the Board of Equalization and Review.

Ms. Becky Sutton, Tax Administrator presented 2 appeal requests. The first being from Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rebecca Pate for parcels #0323192 and 0323091 and the second being from Mr. and

Mrs. Paul Copeland for parcel #0323182. Ms. Sutton advised that they have assessed these parcels as equitably as possible and recommend the assessments remain as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Tax Assessor for the assessments to remain as presented.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to recess the Board of Equalization and Review until April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the large meeting room and to reconvene as the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Sammy Hudson presented an update on The Refuge Project. He advised that people from all over the state as well as out of state have come to the camp to help with various building projects. Numerous camps are set for the upcoming summer. Mr. Hudson invited the Board to a groundbreaking ceremony on April 27, 2010 for one of the new structures. He noted that the theme for the camp is "100 Year Old Farm Community" and that they plan to actually construct an "old main street". He also discussed what a great resource the creeks are to the County.

County Manager Don Davenport stated that he would like to defer the Animal Cruelty Investigator appointments until another time.

Mr. Davenport presented a resolution opposed forced annexation.

On motion by Commissioner Heath, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution opposing current state laws allowing forced annexation.

Resolution Opposing Current State Laws Allowing Forced Annexation

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes allow municipalities to annex properties meeting statutory standards without involvement of the affected property owners nor the affected County through a process commonly referred to as "forced annexation," and

WHEREAS, when forced annexation occurs, municipalities are often required to extend public utilities like sewer systems which allows higher population densities within these annexation areas; and

WHEREAS, even after annexation occurs the County is still required by state laws to provide specific services to residents within the annexation areas including school facilities, emergency medical services, public health services and various social related services; and

WHEREAS, although the County is still required to provide these services, (which constitute a substantial amount of the County's operating and capital budgets), the County loses a significant amount of revenue due to the shifting of sales tax dollars tied to the areas annexed; and

WHEREAS, residents under consideration for forced annexation are not allowed to vote on this issue nor do they have representation on the governing body making the final decision; and

WHEREAS, residents affected by forced annexation have no appeal process short of pursuing legal action through the courts system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greene County Board of Commissioners expresses strong opposition to the current state laws allowing forced annexation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Greene County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal the forced annexation laws contained in Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

This the 5th day of April, 2010.

SEAL

/s/ Denny Garner
Chairman

/s/ Don Davenport
Clerk to the Board

Mr. Davenport presented the dates for the NCACC 2010 District Meetings and asked the Board to notify him as to which meeting they would like to attend.

Mr. Davenport advised that bids have been received for the Senior Center Food Service for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. Beaman's is the current provider for the Senior Home Delivered and Congregate Meals Program. The current price is \$4.08 plus tax and the bids submitted for 2010-11 are:

	Congregate Meal	Home Delivered
Beaman's, Snow Hill	\$4.18	\$4.18
Select Food Svc., Kinston	\$4.00	\$4.00

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Edmondson the Board voted unanimously to award the Senior Center Meal Program to Select Food Services of Kinston at a price of \$4.00 plus tax per meal for Home Delivered and Congregate Meals beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Mr. Davenport presented 2 applications for the vacant position on the Beacon Center Board. Action will be taken at next meeting.

Mr. Davenport advised that he had contacted Mr. William Pope regarding the purchase of the vacant lot between Wachovia Bank and Hardy's Furniture & Appliance on N. Greene Street, Snow Hill. Mr. Pope has agreed to sell Greene County the lot composed of parcel # 0800608 for \$20,000. Mr. Pope requested that if approved by the Board, the County Attorney could draw up a deed and get all the paperwork done and let him know when we would like to close.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the vacant lot owned by Pope Distributing between Wachovia Bank and Hardy's Furniture & Appliance on N. Greene Street, Snow Hill for \$20,000.

Mr. Davenport advised that the Greene County Library Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the library.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet with the Greene County Library Board at the next scheduled meeting for the Board of Commissioners on April 19, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the purpose of personnel and Attorney/Client privilege.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to adjourn closed session and return to open session.

On motion by Commissioner Edmondson, seconded by Commissioner Jones the Board voted unanimously to ask that the State/NC Department of Transportation take over the maintenance of Exum Lane.

On motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Edmondson the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.