

**Montgomery County Commissioner's Meeting
March 21, 2006**

**Chairman – William D. Maness
Vice Chairman – Sally M. Morris
Commissioner – Dolon W. Corbett
Commissioner – R.C. Bostic
Commissioner – George H. Knight, Jr.
County Manager – Lance L. Metzler
Finance Officer - Cathy S. Baxter
Clerk to the Board – Laura B. Morton
County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Assembly Room.

Invocation

Rev. Paul Whitley of the Revival Church of God gave the invocation.

Public Forum

No one spoke during the public forum.

Consent Agenda

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Budget Amendment 50/06 – Environmental Health - \$3,406.54
- b. Budget Amendment 51/06 – Environmental Health - \$2,736.00
- c. Approval of the Minutes
 - 1. February 16, 2006 Joint Meeting
 - 2. February 21, 2006 Work Session
 - 3. February 21, 2006 Regular Session
 - 4. February 23, 2006 Seminar – “Working for Results as a Board”
 - 5. February 24, 2006 Closed Session
 - 6. March 7, 2006 Regular Session

Week of the Young Child Proclamation

Mrs. Deborah S. Musika, Executive Director of the Montgomery County Partnership for Children/Smart Start was present.

Mrs. Musika said as we have for the past six years, the Montgomery County Partnership for Children, along with hundreds of local organizations around the country, will celebrate The Week of the Young Child, from April 2-8, 2006. The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we--as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation--will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Today we know more than ever, about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing. Our local celebration of The Week of the Young Child is designed to build increased support for early childhood programs that nurture young children's early learning and growth. It is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment--at home, at child care, at school, and in the community--that will promote their early learning.

We invite the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners to join with us in this celebration by proclaiming April 2-8, 2006 the "THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in Montgomery County, and hope that you will be able to participate in the many events scheduled around the county during this special week. Thank you for your interest in and support of our county's youngest citizens!

In a motion made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following Week of the Young Child Proclamation:

The Week of the Young Child
~ Proclamation ~
'Building Better Futures for All Children'
April 2 – 8, 2006

Whereas, all children deserve the opportunity to enter school healthy and prepared for success; and

Whereas, a significant number of children confront one or more major risk factors that can interfere with their healthy development, such as inadequate health care, parents who lack adequate family and community support, substandard child care and education, poverty or insufficient attention by parents because of workplace or other pressures; and

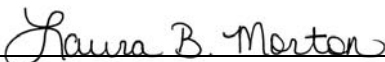
Whereas, research has proven that a safe, loving environment is necessary in order for children to develop the ability to learn and develop self-esteem; and

Whereas, high quality programs that promote children's active learning and development in child care, preschools, kindergartens and primary grades lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life; and

Whereas, by calling attention to the need for high-quality early childhood services for all children and families within our community, we hope to improve the quality and availability of such services;

Now, therefore, we, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2-8, 2006 "THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" in Montgomery County, North Carolina and urge all citizens to recognize and support the needs of young children in our communities.


William D. Maness, Chairman


Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Bostic said that when he and Commissioner Knight were in Washington, D.C. at the NACo Conference, he was astounded by two or three session they attended regarding methamphetamine. He said our County needs to do something about this.

Mrs. Musika said her staff has been through training so they will know what to look for. Commissioner Knight asked who is responsible for the training? Mrs. Musika said the Sheriff Department and Social Services held the training seminar they attended, but she said she did not know who was responsible for training. Commissioner Knight said somewhere we need to look at educating our County about this. Commissioner Bostic said I have some information that I will provide to the County Manager.

Board of Health Commissioner Appointment

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Knight to serve of the Montgomery County Board of Health

Request for Road Name Change

Commissioner Bostic made a motion to change GVK Drive to ATC Drive on the condition that the requestor pays to change the sign. Commissioner Corbett seconded the motion.

Commissioner Knight asked if there needs to be clarification made that private road names changes, the requestor pay and State Road/County Road name changes there will be no charge. Commissioner Bostic said I think that was done at the start of the naming the roads process. Commissioner Knight said I hope we can get it down. Commissioner Bostic said I think it is in the records already. Mr. Metzler said he would check to make sure.

The motion carried unanimously to change GVK Drive to ATC Drive.

Finance Office Report

Mrs. Cathy Baxter, Finance Officer presented the following:

Mrs. Baxter presented the Monthly Financial Statement. Commissioner Knight said there are things on the statement that he doesn't understand and asked if Mrs. Baxter could sit down

with the Board or with him to go over it. Mrs. Baxter said she would be glad to sit down with him, she was at his disposal. Chairman Maness asked Commissioner Knight to go by and see Mrs. Baxter.

Commissioner Knight said it looks like we are doing good and we are a little ahead of the game. Mrs. Baxter said that our tax collection is at 99.85%, which is more than we budgeted for.

Budget Amendment 48/06 – Medical Examiner - \$5,000

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve Budget Amendment 48/06 for \$5,000.

Budget Amendment 52/06 – Public Buildings - \$22,000

The Board discussed the transaction history of vendors paid in the fiscal year for repairs and maintenance to the buildings provided by Mrs. Baxter.

Commissioner Corbett asked why Davidson Heat & Air have been paid so much. Mr. Hamilton, with Building Maintenance explained the different problems the County has experienced. Mr. Hamilton said they have a commercial license, he said none of the local HVAC companies can work on our units. Davidson is more knowledgeable. Commissioner Corbett suggested that a letter be sent to all local HVAC companies and asked them if they can work on commercial units.

Commissioner Morris asked why the County pays the Department of Correction. Mrs. Baxter said that is the inmate help for Mr. Hamilton at a \$1 per day.

Chairman Maness said it would be good to leave the work in the County.

Commissioner Knight asked who does the school's work for them? Mr. Hamilton said they have in house staff. Chairman Maness asked if we could contract with the schools? Commissioner Knight said it is just like the water plant, we brought it in house. We need to upkeep our own vehicles and air conditioning in house.

Mr. Metzler said I will contact Dr. Suggs and asked him about this.

Chairman Maness asked Mr. Hamilton if he understood that the County has a Purchase Order System in place and that a Purchase Order has to be issued before the money is spent. Mr. Hamilton said yes.

Chairman Maness asked if the \$22,000 will get us thru June 30? Mr. Hamilton said yes, unless something major happens.

In a motion made by Commissioner Knight, seconded by Commissioner Morris, and so the motion carried 4-1 to approve Budget Amendment 52/06 in the amount of \$22,000. (Voting for the amendment was Commissioner Knight, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Corbett, and Chairman Maness; Voting against the amendment was Commissioner Bostic).

Commissioner Knight said he would like to say it was great of Mrs. Baxter to supply this to the Board.

Chairman Maness said it is important that you understand this because this is an auditing point; you have to have a Purchase Order before the money is spent.

Homeland Security Grant Funds

Mr. Metzler said that Homeland Security approved the County to purchase an 80 KW mobile generator for a back up source of energy for the Sheriff's office. The reason that we recommended a mobile vs. a stationary generator is that we can move the generator to the sites that need electricity if the power is not down at the Sheriff's office. Example, the Schools as shelters or the Ag Center, etc. Mr. Metzler said we still have \$61,469 available.

I recommend that the Commissioners appropriate \$45,785.00 from Homeland Security Grant Funds to purchase and install an 80 KW mobile generator from Freeman Electric.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to appropriate \$45,785.00 from Homeland Security Grant Funds to purchase and install an 80 KW mobile generator from Freeman Electric.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Lance Metzler, County Manager, presented the following report:

Recreation Committee Update

- The Recreation Committee from the 21st Century Committee met on March 16th.
- We had a panel of Recreation Directors from Anson, Moore and Pasquotank Counties.
- We had a very productive meeting and learned a lot about what we can offer our citizens in Montgomery County.
- We concluded that the appropriate course of action is to begin on a citizen survey to find out from the citizens firsthand on what there needs are as far as recreation.
- The County to hire a Parks and Recreation Director to oversee the development of county wide programs, master planning, facilities and funding resources.
- Develop a Master Plan for recreational facilities.
- Obtain Funding for the facilities.
- Develop programs.
- We will be working with the Commissioners during the budget process to discuss the opportunities of a countywide Parks and Recreation service.

Personnel Committee

- The Personnel Committee met again on the personnel policy on March 9th.
- We got quite about accomplished in relations to Compensation and the Pay Plan.
- We are slowly but surely going through this.
- We have another meeting in the next few weeks to go through two more sections.
- I anticipate having a recommendation back to the Commissioners in the middle of this year.

Jail Review Committee

- The survey and geotechnical survey has been completed for the jail and law enforcement center.
- It appears that the site is appropriate and can withstand this size of a structure.

- The Jail Review Committee met on March 13th to finalize discussions on the design, alternates for bidding purposes and the materials to be used in the facility.
- The Engineers will have a recommendation to present to the Commissioners at one of the April meetings so that we can proceed with the state.

Badin Lake Fire Tax District Vacancy Update

- We have advertised for any citizen who is interested to serve on the Badin Lake Fire Tax District to please fill out a Board Bank Application by March 24th.
- You all will consider filling this position at your April 4th meeting.
- We have to citizens who have applied so far and they are Teresa Reynolds from Shamrock Valley, Donald Summers for Uwharrie Point and Don Barrier with Heron Bay.

Sale of Property in Biscoe Update

- We are working with Russ Hollers and the County Commissioner's Association on the verbiage for the negotiated advertisement on the piece of property in Biscoe that I spoke with you all about at our last meeting.
- We will be advertising the sale of this property by next week.

Emergency Medical Services Update

- We have RFP out to third party contractors who can provide emergency medical services.
- The deadline for a response is March 31st. We have had a lot of interest.
- I sent a letter to the all of employees notifying them of the commitment of the Commissioners of their job security.
- I informed them that that if we contracted it out or kept the service in house then we would offer them the first right of refusal on the positions.
- I met with Human Resources and the Financing from First Health and evaluated last years expenditures vs. revenues and can understand their decision; however, I still conveyed my disappointment in the timing of this notification.
- We also discussed the current benefits that the employees are offered vs. what we offer and they appear to be compatible to one another.

Compensation Pay Plan Study Update

- Pauline and I have been working with Municipal Advisory Group on the compensation pay plan study.
- We had identified several areas that needed to be addressed and we conveyed those to her today.
- We should have a presentation to the Commissioners at one of the Commissioner's Work Sessions in April.

Request by Twin Harbor on Plastic Covering on Porches

- Bill Rhinehardt, with Twin Harbors, requested that the Commissioners modify the ordinance at Twin Harbor to allow the use of blinds and plastic.
- The Commissioners asked that he submit something to me and I would get it to the Commissioners and Planning Board.
- Mr. Rhinehardt provided me with some recommendations and I have given those to Phil to take to the Planning Board.

Items Carried Forward from the Work Session

Approve Advertisement for Public Hearing

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve advertisement to hold a Public Hearing at the April 18 meeting to hold a public comment period for Phase 2 of the Water Line Project.

Clearwell Rejection of Bid and Approve to Re-bid

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Bostic, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the rejection of all bids received for the Clearwell and allow Hobbs Upchurch and Associates to re-bid the project in its revised scope as multi-prime.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bostic, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried unanimously to go into Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. General Statute Section 143-318.11 (a) 5 & 6.

The Board came out of Closed Session with nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

William D. Maness, Chairman

Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board