

**WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**April 21, 2009**  
**3:30 p.m. ~ Work Session**  
**Montgomery County Board of Commissioners Conference Room**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, April 29, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. in the Montgomery County Commissioners Conference Room. *Chairperson Morris called the meeting to order and the following was heard:*

A motion was made by Commissioner Corbett to call the meeting to order. Commissioner Copeland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Closed Session**

The Board went into closed session pursuant North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (6).

On behalf of the County Commissioners County Manager Lance Metzler reported out of closed session and there was nothing to report.

Chairperson Morris reconvened the work session.

**Update on Sea Wall Project & Request for Funding For Test Drilling & Temporary Shoreline Support/Utility Committee & Water Plant Update**

Jason Caviness Public Utilities Director was presented with the following update:

Water Plant Filters

Materials will arrival at the water plant and May 15. Commissioner Matheny asked how long it would take to repair/replace the filters. Mr. Caviness said it would take two weeks per filter. *(One week to clean the filter and 1 week to install the filter).*

Correcting the Power at the Water Treatment Plant

He said it is a complicated process. He said we have \$1.5 million allocated. He said Wes Carter and Russell Underwood are working on lowering the cost.

Clearwell Project

Mr. Caviness reported that the Clearwell Project was in limbo.

New AMR (Automatic Meter Readers)

Mr. Caviness said the first shipment of 500 meters will arrive on May 11. The guys will work on May 12 to install them. He said 500 meters will be delivered every week for 90 days until all 5000 are delivered.

Raw Water Pumps

Mr. Caviness said the raw water pumps arrived today at the Water Treatment Plant. He said he hoped to get those installed soon.

SCADA

Mr. Caviness said that he was planning a walk through in the morning for the final preliminary design.

### GPS/Alltel

Mr. Caviness discussed having GPS Devices on all of his trucks. He said he weighted the options. He said a device can be placed under the dashboard which would work through real time. It costs \$12.95 per month. He said what the Sheriff uses, is better.

He said he is looking into tracking through cell phones for \$5.95 per month. County Manager Lance Metzler asked if it tracked vehicles or the person. Mr. Caviness said it tracks the person. Commissioner Corbett said we need to do that as soon as possible.

Mr. Caviness said he is also working to implement a paperless work order system.

Commissioners Copeland and Corbett asked how many phones the water department has. Mr. Corbett said the public thinks we have too many.

Chairman Morris asked if the devices would help him know where employees are. Mr. Caviness said yes. I will be able to look on the computer and a topo type map.

Mr. Metzler said they would bring a recommendation back to the board.

Commissioner Matheny suggested that a point system be created to help the Board with decisions on recommendations.

### Chemical Feed Pump

Mr. Caviness said he is requesting a chemical feed pump in the upcoming budget.

Commissioner Corbett said for a long time, the Clearwell was 1<sup>st</sup> on the list of things that needed to be done; now other items are first. Mr. Caviness said it is still a need, but it has come down to producing vs. capacity.

Commissioner Edgar Morris asked Mr. Caviness about the material the seawall is made with. Mr. Caviness said he prefers concrete.

### Zoning Map Information

Planning Director Scott Carpenter presented the proposed changes to the County Zoning Maps. He explained that numerous were made for the map to be updated. He created Building Inspector Phil Henley and Kevin Lamonds for their assistance with this process.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding the town zoning maps as an additional layer for the map. Mr. Carpenter said they had been approach by a municipality to help them with their zoning maps. He said Kevin Lamonds said he would agree to help them for a\$50/hour, which is a really good deal.

Mr. Carpenter also stated that the Map would be posted on the County Website once approved. He explained that a public hearing would be held to receive comments on the changes at the upcoming Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Carpenter also updated the Board on the Ballpark Road junk car issue.

### **Star Works Presentation**

Nancy Gottovi from Star Works was present. She presented a short video of the programs that go on at Star Works.

She invited the Board to the After Hours Benefit on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Star Works sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Corbett asked Ms. Gottovi if they still had the ceramic company at Star Works. She said not at our company, but still in Star.

Ms. Gottovi said most of N.C. Central Parks budget comes here to Montgomery County. Montgomery County is one of eight counties in the N.C. Central Parks area. She provided the Board with an information packet on N.C. Central Parks.

She said they have several projects in the works including Biodiesel, graphics, and a microbrewery.

Ms. Gottovi said the small businesses at Star Works have earned \$2 million in sales.

She asked the Board for support.

### **NCACC Presentation**

Mr. Michael Kelly, Property and Casualty Program Specialist and Mr. Lester Nixon, Risk Management Director with the County Commissioners Association were present. He explained that the NCACC has three divisions: advocacy, outreach, and risk management. He said there are many benefits to being a member of the NCACC pool.

He said the reason most insurance companies are in business for a different reason. He said we do not work for profit. He said we write the majority of county policies.

Mr. Kelly said we just want to make you aware of whom and what we are as an association. We do set the standard.

Commissioner Corbett asked if their liability coverage ever exceeded \$2 million. Mr. Nixon said yes.

Commissioner Matheny asked if the association's pool was only counties. Mr. Nixon said we have some ABC Boards and Water Districts.

Commissioner Matheny asked if they did volunteer fire department worker's compensation. Mr. Nixon said yes.

Chairman Morris thanked Mr. Kelly and Mr. Nixon for their presentation and told them he appreciates all the Association does for Montgomery County.

### **Collection and Disposal Contract**

Chairman Jackie Morris said former Commissioner Billy Maness called and asked if a meeting could be scheduled to discuss the Collection and Disposal Contract. The contract has expired.

He said we need to renegotiate the contract. Mr. Maness said currently Montgomery County is paying \$82.50 for hauling and other Counties are paying \$110.00. There are two dumpsters one at the Ag Center and one at the Health Department they do not charge the County for using.

Chairman Morris said Mr. Maness explained that he could keep the cost the same if we do not bid it out, because if we bid it, it will have to go to the corporate office and the cost will increase. Chairman Morris said I think it is important that we are transparent in county business.

Mr. Metzler stated the County Attorney Russ Hollers has the existing contract.

Chairman Morris said that Mr. Maness stated they wanted to go to 100% recycling.

Commissioner Matheny said our dirty MRF is one of only a couple left in the County. He said it is more expensive to go through the MRF.

Mr. Metzler said they are currently evaluating the current dump sites and the space to add recycling bins.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Chairperson Morris adjourned the meeting.

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Jackie Morris, Chairman

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Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board

**Board of Equalization and Review  
April 21, 2009 ~ 5:00 p.m.  
Montgomery County Commissioners Room**

Chairperson Morris called to order the Board of Equalization and Review. No one was present to appeal their property valuation.

Chairperson Morris recessed the Board of Equalization and Review until the May 19, 2009 Board meeting.

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Jackie Morris, Chairman

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Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board

**Montgomery County Commissioner's Meeting  
April 21, 2009  
Chairperson – Jackie Morris  
Vice Chairman – Dolon W. Corbett  
Commissioner – Anthony Copeland  
Commissioner – Jim Matheny  
Commissioner – Edgar Morris  
County Manager – Lance L. Metzler**

**Finance Officer – Lisa Rolan  
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, April 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Assembly Room. All Board Members were present. *Chairperson Jackie Morris reconvened the meeting and the following was heard:*

**Consideration of the Agenda**

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In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Matheny, and so the motion carried unanimously to accept the agenda.

**Invocation**

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Rev. Tommy Haynes of Lovejoy United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**Public Forum/ Overview of Rules & Procedure**

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No one spoke during the public forum.

Since no one was present in the public form or public hearing, Chairman Morris said there was no need to give an overview of the rules and procedures.

**Public Hearing for an Ordinance Prohibiting Tobacco Use in County Buildings and Transportation Vehicles**

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Chairman Morris recessed the regular session and called to order the public hearing for an Ordinance Prohibiting Tobacco Use in County Buildings and Transportation Vehicles.

County Manager Lance Metzler provided the following information on the proposed ordinance:

- During the Strategic Planning process the Commissioners discussed concerns of smoking around the doorways by staff and patrons and the need to have a tobacco free campus and vehicles.
- One of our Facilitators, Ron Aycock who is an attorney, provided the County with one that he created for his respective County and we modified to our needs.
- General Statute 130A-498 gives the County the Authority to prohibit smoking in County owned facilities, any land owned by the County and vehicles.
- This ordinance prohibits any tobacco use in any County owned buildings and vehicles and less than 50 feet from the Social Service and Health Department building.
- The County does offer an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) if they are interested in stopping the use of tobacco.
- We would like it for all grounds but the General Statutes do not authorize us to do that.
- There is legislation that is being proposed that would allow us to have a tobacco free campus for all county owned property and we could modify this ordinance if the legislation does go through.

Chairman Morris opened the floor to receive public comment. No one spoke.

Commissioner Corbett said this is long overdue.

Chairman Morris asked what the footage was. Mr. Metzler said 50 feet.

Chairman Morris asked when the ordinance would come into effect. Clerk, Laura Morton said May 1, 2009.

Chairman Morris closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular session.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Morris, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Ordinance Prohibiting Tobacco Use in County Buildings and Transportation Vehicles.

### **Public Hearing for AMR Financing**

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Chairman Morris recessed the regular session and called to order the public hearing for AMR Financing.

Finance Director Lisa Rolan stated the financing for AMR is through Fidelity Bank for 59 months. (She explained this was for BB&T and was changed to Fidelity). Mrs. Rolan stated that item f under the consent agenda to approve the Resolution to Approve AMR Financing with Fidelity Bank is the resolution for this.

Chairman Morris opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Chairman Morris closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular session.

### **Sandhills Center Report**

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Mr. Michael Watson, CEO of Sandhills Center presented a report on Sandhills Center. He said we are going through some of the last change in mental health reform.

He also presented the budget request for Sandhills Center for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

### **Presentation of Check from Republic Services/Uwharrie Environmental**

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Mr. Joe Reynolds from Republic Services presented a check to Chairman Jackie Morris for \$78,450.

### **Consent Agenda**

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In a motion made by Commissioner Matheny, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items:

- BA 28/09 – Health Department - \$3,056.49
- BA 29/09 – Montgomery Youth Services - \$2,019.00
- BA 30/09 - Health Department - \$2,800.00
- Commissioners Support of Financing for 2009 Response Vehicle for Lake Tillery Resolution
- Approval of Resolution to Approve AMR Financing with Fidelity Bank.

### **Burn JAG Grant**

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Sheriff Jeff Jordan was present. He said they changed their original request to use this to help with purchasing a Viper System for the Emergency Operation Center.

He said he had spoken with Alan Griffin and we want to update the EOC. He stated they wrote down exactly what we need.

The Board thanked the Sheriff for working and cooperating. Sheriff Jordan said the Viper System is a wave of the future.

Sheriff Jordan requested the floor be opened up to allow for citizens to respond to this Burn JAG Grant request.

No one spoke.

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and so the motion carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the Burn JAG Grant.

### **Finance Director Report**

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*Finance Director, Lisa Rolan presented the following report:*

#### Monthly Financial Report

Chairman Morris asked how we compare this year vs. last year collection of ad valorem taxes. Mrs. Rolan said we are okay this year, but we will see a change next fiscal year.

County Manager Lance Metzler wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Rolan for her work on the Monthly Financial Report. It looks much better and is more informative than those we have had in the past.

#### Budget Update

Mrs. Rolan said she is working on the budget and it has a short fall of \$2.3 million dollars. She said Laura Morton will be contacting the Board to scheduled dates to hold budget hearings for the departments to present their budgets.

#### RCATS Funding

Mrs. Rolan explained that \$10,000 was left out of the budget inadvertently and needs to be added in. Her recommendation was to take the \$10,000 from the general fund balance for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Matheny said if we do not approve this request, it will cost RCATS funding.

A motion was made by Commissioner Matheny to approve the request. The motion was supported by a seconded by Commissioner Copeland. The motion carried unanimously to approve the \$10,000 to come from the fund balance.

#### Recommendation of Auditing Firm

Mrs. Rolan stated that she had reviewed all RFPs for Auditing Firms. She recommends Martin Starnes & Associates. She said their contract would be for \$50,000 + \$3,000 to complete the AFIR.

Commissioner Edgar Morris asked what we are currently paying. Commissioner Corbett said around \$54,000. Mr. Corbett said Martin Starnes & Associates is a well established firm.

Chairman Morris asked when this would be effective. Mrs. Rolan said July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Commissioner Corbett had a question on the contract and the Board agreed that it needed to be changed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corbett to approve Martin Starnes & Associates as the County's Auditor with the provision that Commissioner Corbett concerns are addressed. The motion was supported by a second from Commissioner E. Morris. The motion carried unanimously.

Request to Engage Business with Bob Segal, CPA – To Look & Find Ways to Increase Revenues & Reduce Expenditures

Mrs. Rolan requested the Board consider engaging in business with Bob Segal, CPA to look and find ways to increase revenues & reduce expenditures

Commissioner Corbett asked how much the County will have to pay him. Mrs. Rolan said nothing now.

Chairman Morris said I am for this, but we just need to make sure of everything.

Commissioner E. Morris asked how soon she needs to know something. Mrs. Rolan said I would like to contact him sooner than later.

Commissioner Matheny said I would like to see us invite the school in with this. Mrs. Rolan said she has plans to contact the schools.

Commissioner Corbett asked if County Attorney Hollers has looked in to this. Mrs. Rolan said I sent it over to him and I haven't heard anything from him.

Commissioner Corbett and Commissioner Edgar Morris said they thought the Board needs to wait until the next meeting to discuss this.

The Board agreed to table this until the next meeting.

## **Boards and Committees**

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Sandhills Mental Health – Citizen Appointment

A motion was made by Commissioner Copeland. The motion was supported by a second from Commissioner Matheny. The motion carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Richard Johnson to serve on the Sandhills Mental Health Board in the citizen position.

## **Committee Reports**

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Economic Development Update – Commissioner Corbett and Commissioner Matheny.

EDC Director Judy Stevens provided the following report to the Board of Commissioners:

EDC Report to County Commissioners  
April 21, 2009

**Fibrowatt** is continuing their negotiations with the utility companies on the power purchase agreements. A few weeks ago Secretary of Commerce, Keith Crisco arranged a meeting between Fibrowatt, Duke Power, Progress Energy, the electric co-ops, the NC Utilities Commission and a representative from the Governor's office. Secretary Crisco informed me that it was a productive meeting and he believed the negotiations would move forward. We have letters of support to the NC Utilities Commission from the EDC, Chamber, Committee of 100 and Town of Biscoe and we would like to have one from you. We are communicating with the US Economic Development Administration, the NC Department of Commerce and the NC Rural Center about funding for the water and sewer service to the site.

As you know, Fibrowatt has met with some resistance in Surry and Sampson Counties with some environmental groups opposing the project. And I am aware that you had someone recently speak against Fibrowatt at your meeting. Lance, Jimmy Blake and I traveled to Benson Minnesota in October 07 for the opening of Fibrowatt's first US plant. We were very impressed with the facility, the support from the state and local government and the citizens of Benson. We didn't detect any sign of an environmental concern. But we want to be sure..so Jim Matheny has contacted a reputable environmental consultant who has agreed to do an independent analysis of Fibrowatt's emissions at their plant in Minnesota. He has the complete support of Fibrowatt and he will work with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to get the information. The best part is he agreed to do the work for the Montgomery County Commissioners at no cost to the county. We want to be able to answer the questions and know in our heart that what we're telling the public is factual.

Fibrowatt asked the county managers and economic developers from Surry, Sampson and Montgomery Counties and the Mayor of Biscoe to serve on the Executive Committee of the NC Agriculture Energy Partnership. They also suggested that the executive committee lead the NCAEP independent of Fibrowatt because the Partnership is more than Fibrowatt. It is all about recruiting good green energy projects to our state. We have regular conference calls and we have been meeting monthly in Greensboro. NC Agriculture Secretary, Steve Troxler and NC Department of Commerce representative Martyn Johnson have been invited to attend our next meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Strategic Plan** The EDC and Committee of 100 have contracted with the Sanford Holshouser Business Development Group to complete a Strategic Plan for Economic Development. The four month process will include a review of all previous studies, a visioning session with community leaders (you), a review of our economic development structure including budget, staffing, program of work, and activities. Also business retention and expansion, target industries, small business & entrepreneurial development, county wide water, sewer and highway infrastructure, county wide connectivity, and website recommendations. They will tour and evaluate sites and buildings, business parks and tourism sites. The final report will have specific action items, prioritized with due dates and assigned to the entities that are responsible for accomplishing the action.

At the end of the process we will know where we stand relative to our competitors and we will be focused with specific and measurable goals.

**Industrial Property** The EDC and Moore County Partners for Progress (their EDC) have contracted with Land Design's Southern Pines office to do an overall analysis of a proposed large industrial site in Montgomery and Moore Counties. Funds for our part of the plan were provided by the Piedmont Triad Partnership and the Research Triangle Partnership funded Moore County's portion. The area is east of interstate 73/74 and includes the land that Fibrowatt has chosen. There are two major property owners, Jordan Timberlands and Bobby Myrick. The analysis will determine the overall site opportunities and constraints. It will include a study of the existing and potential capacity of utilities, water, sewer, electrical, telephone, and internet. It will also look at wetlands, topography, floodplains, watersheds, soils, archeological and endangered species. When we get the final report from Land Design we will determine the next steps.

**Conference Center** Marla Coulthard wrote a grant that was funded by the Golden LEAF Foundation in 2007 to do a Tourism Master Plan for the county. One of the recommendations of the Plan was to conduct a Lodging Study. The Tourism Development Authority, the EDC and Committee of 100 funded the Lodging Study. The major recommendation of that study was to recruit a Conference Center/Hotel ideally with 100-140 rooms..located somewhere near the Uwharries so that conferees could take advantage of the natural amenities, the lakes and forest and the Uwharrie Mountains. We only have around 100 overnight rooms to rent so the Conference Center would more than double the number of overnight rooms in the county therefore doubling the occupancy tax revenue which is used to market our tourism assets. It would create 100-125 jobs, from high skilled, management positions to less skilled positions in housekeeping and food service areas. Marla Coulthard has worked diligently to locate the best sites that can then be marketed to hoteliers. She has already selected the name..the Uwharrie Conference Center. The consultant visited recently and we spent the day walking the potential sites. We are very excited about the possibilities.

#### **BRAC Update – Commissioner Edgar Morris**

Commissioner Edgar Morris provided the BRAC Update to Board. Mr. Morris encouraged everyone to visit the BRAC website (bracrft.com). He said BRACE has a \$300 million preliminary budget. He compared it to the one in Atlanta, Ga. which has a budget of \$350.

He said this will bring in 27,000 troops and family. It encompasses 11 counties. He reported that Harnett County is going to have to build 6 new schools to accommodate the growth. He said EDC Director Judy Stevens is very active with the BRAC initiative.

He said these are very exciting times and this can boost our economical situation.

#### **Sandhills Mental Health – Commissioner Copeland**

Commissioner Anthony Copeland Mike Watson covered thoroughly what is going on in Mental Health.

He said I served Sandhills Mental Health for 6 years and was in the industry and they are doing a fantastic job. He explained that he had served on the finance committee and they spend the money well.

He said families are being helped because of the shorter trips to local hospitals instead of having to travel to Butner or Dorthea Dix.

He said I feel that Daymark will do a really good job and the Sandhills Mental Health will continue to monitor their progress.

He invited the Board of Commissioners to attend a meeting of the SMH Board. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.

Chairman Morris said if we didn't have this service, the Sheriff's Department would have a big problem. We are very fortunate.

Chairman Morris thanked the Board members for their reports.

### **County Manager's Report**

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*County Manager Lance L. Metzler presented the following:*

#### **Correll Road Update**

- As you all remember we had several citizens that live on Correll Road contact the County with concerns that they are paying a minimum bill and do not have access to County water due to poor design that has resulted in little or no pressure.
- You all had asked that I look into if we could forgive them of the minimum billing until we could provide sufficient infrastructure that would provide adequate pressure for the citizens on Correll Road.
- We did get funding from USDA and I got input from our previous Engineer. It is of the opinion that if we still meet our debt obligations to USDA then we could forgive those 9 residents with the minimum billing.
- I asked Wes Carter what would be the recommended action for this area and he said at some point in time a loop would be needed and they would have adequate pressure in the big picture of infrastructure improvements but it is not financially feasible for 9 residential homes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Edgar Morris, seconded by Commissioner Copeland, and so the motion carried unanimously to waive the \$14 for Correll Road residents.

#### **Jail Project Update**

- The jail project is going as planned. It is about 92% completed and is quite impressive to see.
- We do have a situation with the smoke evacuation system for booking which I have a meeting with the State Department of Insurance tomorrow to discuss.
- It could be a minimal to no cost to the County if the meeting goes well tomorrow.
- Mid-May is still the expected timeframe to hand the keys over to the County.

#### **Strategic Goals Update and Meeting Announcement**

- Chris has finished the Strategic Goals and Objectives as well as the Strategies that were created by the Department Heads to meet the goals and objectives that you all have set.
- Please review these between now and Thursday and jot down any comments, suggestions and/or modifications.
- The meeting is on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.
- Staff will be here to answer any questions that you may have.

- The goal is to have you all bless the Strategic Plan and Staff to sign confirming their commitment to the Strategic Plan and implementation of the Plan.

### **General Assembly Day**

- General Assembly Day will be on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh.
- Registration starts at noon and the events start at 1.
- So far Edgar, Anthony, Jim, Laura and Lisa are going.
- I will be in Charlottesville for the Senior Executive Institute.
- If you need travel arrangements then please contact Laura.
- I understand that both Jackie and Dolon have previous commitments & they cannot go.

### **Joint Meeting with Towns Update**

- Just for the public's interest the County Commissioners had a very productive meeting with representatives from all of the Towns in the County.
- We talked about consolidation of services, central purchasing, hazardous waste disposal, law enforcement, the water situation with the County, Solid Waste Collections, Fire Tax Districts and Economic Development

### **Presentation and Request of Approval of Unsealed Minutes Policy and Resolution**

- We all had discussions at the Essentials of County Government about various issues and policies that we do not have.
- Currently we do not have a Closed Session policy and this was discussed at Essentials.
- Basically the policy is established by the Commissioners to allow the County Manager and the Clerk to the Board to release or unseal particular minutes and general accounts of Closed Session when the unsealing would not frustrate the purpose of the Closed Session.
- The Board would then have to approve the minutes in an open meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Matheny and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Unsealed Minutes Policy and Resolution.

### **Announcement of Handy Sanitary Annexation for the Record**

- We received the official resolution from Handy Sanitation which was adopted by the NC Commission of Health Services making Uwharrie Point and Herron Bay officially annexed into the Handy Sanitary District.
- I just wanted to mention this to make it part of the public record because we had to do some research in years past and was like an Act of God to find out information and this resolution could be part of it.
- You received a copy of the resolution in your last packet.

### **Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Update**

- As you all know, Pfeiffer University has decided not to renew the agreement with the County to oversee the Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Facility.
- They have been operating it for many years and over the last several years they have been losing revenues on this facility.
- The County has developed a Retreat Recommending Facility to discuss the various options of the facility and make a recommendation to the Board.

- Both Jim and Dolon serve on this Standing Committee.
- As it stands, Marla Coulthard, is asking their consultant from the Tourism Development Authority to evaluate the facility and make recommendations to the Committee to consider.
- You will have a recommendation forthcoming in the near future.

### **EDC Monthly Report**

- Since the economy has grown to be very tough, I have asked Judy Stevens to provide a written monthly report on the activities pertaining to Economic Development and I have enclosed that for your use.

### **Recycling Program**

- The Recycling Committee met and we are evaluating the various sites. We have 12 sites and are determining which sites could have a recycling container now and then what we would have to do to have the other sites modified to accommodate a recycling container.
- We also discussed educating the public on recycling and will continue dialogue and how to reach the most people through public education.
- Discussion took place about the County providing a container for the resident to place their comingled recyclables in for them to dispose at a recycling container.
- We met with the Towns and they seem eager to do the same as well.
- It will save the County about half the cost for disposal by diverting the clean recyclables and taking the rest of the dirty trash to the landfill.
- We will also probably have a work session in May and provide some options in recycling for you all to consider.

### **GPS Cost for County Vehicles**

This was covered in the work session.

### **Paul Russell**

Chairman Morris said that former Commissioner Paul Russell died during the weekend. He asked the Board and those in attendance to observance a moment of silence for this great man.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Chairperson Jackie Morris adjourned the meeting.

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Jackie Morris, Chairman

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Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board