

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2008

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2008. Members present: George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman, Jeremiah Jefferies, Vice-Chairman, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Larry G. Hamlett, Kenneth D. Travis, and C. Hester Vernon, III. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Michael R. Ferrell, County Attorney, and Shannon White representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Ward opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Vernon to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2008 Meeting
- 2) Tax Director's Monthly Report for January, 2008

Total Amount of Taxes Collected for January, 2008	\$1,600,950.55
Tax Maps/Cards	\$ 38.25
County Maps	\$ 39.50
Beer License	\$ 50.00
Wine License	\$ 25.00
NSF Charge	\$ 196.34
EMS	\$ 996.59
2008 Prepayments	\$ 4,095.09
- 3) Budget Amendment No. 7
- 4) Financial Report for July 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Ward opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Tera B. Slaughter, of 114 Cottage Lane on Hyco Lake, came before the Board concerning his neighbors, Mr. Don Callahan and Ms. Polly Legerberger, who live at 113 Cottage Lane. Mr. Slaughter informed the Board that Mr. Callahan and Ms. Legerberger bought their property, Lot 56, beside him on March 15, 2006. Mr. Slaughter stated that Mr. Callahan and Ms. Legerberger cut 12 big trees below the 420 water line, one of which was on his property, and also cut trees on the other side of their property next to Mr. Larry Fowler's property. Mr. Slaughter noted that according to the Hyco Lake rules, no trees are to be cut below the 420 line and a permit has to be obtained to cut a tree. Mr. Slaughter presented the Board with pictures of the trees on the property before and after being cut. Mr. Slaughter informed the Board that Mr. Callahan and Ms. Legerberger also put concrete in rock around trees and a gazebo, laid rock at the edge of the lake, and put drainpipes from gutters into the Lake, all of this being below the 420 line and without a permit. Mr. Slaughter stated that he attended the Person-Caswell Lake Authority Board meeting in October, 2007 and spoke concerning this matter, and again in December and January, but was not allowed to speak on the matter again. Mr. Slaughter informed the Board that on January 14, 2008, the Person-Caswell Lake Authority ruled on this matter and Mr. Callahan and Ms. Legerberger have to plant six trees back, remove the rock and concrete walls around trees and gazebo, and remove the drainpipes running from their gutters into the Lake on both sides of the house. Mr. Slaughter stated that they were not fined for any of this and most of this work was done without a permit. Mr. Slaughter added that Mr. Callahan and Ms. Legerberger should be fined, lose the right to lease the shoreline area, and banned from their boat dock for eighteen months as has happened to other people. Mr. Slaughter stated that everyone should be treated alike. Chairman Ward told Mr. Slaughter that he would have the County Manager call him concerning this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CASWELL COUNTY
MANUFACTURED HOME SITING ORDINANCE

Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the Caswell County Manufactured Home Siting Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brian Collie, County Planner, came before the Board and reported that several citizens have tried to get temporary use permits for recreational vehicles (RV's) within the County. Mr. Collie stated that the use has been allowed on multiple occasions to place a recreational vehicle for a designated amount of time, however, no where in the current Ordinance does it address the use of recreational vehicles. Mr. Collie added that this has proven to be a problem because in many cases citizens try to keep power connected year round, thus creating a permanent structure.

Mr. Collie reported that this issue was discussed at numerous Planning Board meetings and he was asked to formulate a definition for Recreational Vehicles, a type of use, and an age requirement for Recreational Vehicle use within the County. Mr. Collie provided

the following recommendations which were approved by the Planning Board at its January 22, 2008 meeting:

Definition

Recreational Vehicle means a vehicle which is built on a single chassis; 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Use

Recreation Vehicles shall:

- a. only be allowed on a parcel of land for fewer than 180 consecutive days and can only be permitted once every 365 days; only one permit may be issued for a single parcel of land every 365 days.
- b. be fully licensed and ready for highway use;
- c. and be no greater than 20 years old at the time of placement.

A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on wheels or a jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-disconnect-type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions.

Mr. Gilbert Anderson, of 166 Court Square, Yanceyville, NC, came before the Board and questioned how many people would actually be affected and if there is any real need for enforcement for such a small number of people. Mr. Anderson stated that he was curious about the 20-year old restriction and noted that in looking around town, it looks like a lot of the homes are really old and he has seen restoration of mobile home parks that really look good. Mr. Anderson added that a 50-year old Airstream would be a collectible and did not see any reason for someone not being allowed to use it and felt that the age requirement may need a little more investigation. Mr. Anderson informed the Board that they may be creating an enforcement issue with limited resources and questionable benefits and questioned the benefits of regulating how someone would use a vehicle or camper on their own private land when the County is trying to get people to move to the County and increase its tax base. Mr. Anderson stated that there is an enormous amount of hunting land and people coming into the County for recreational activities that may bypass the area with this particular Ordinance. Mr. Anderson noted that DMV information would probably show that over 50% of the vehicles in the County are over 10 years old. Mr. Anderson added that this matter needs further consideration.

Mr. Collie reported that the 20-year old restriction was placed on the recreational vehicle because of a safety issue and noted that mobile homes are not allowed to be moved into

the County if they are 20 years old or older. Mr. Collie noted that there would not be a problem with an individual using an RV on his own property and this amendment would not require additional manpower.

Commissioner Vernon stated that if the camper vehicle is road worthy and licensed, then it meets a requirement and he did not see a problem with it regardless of the age. Mr. Collie noted that most surrounding counties do not place an age requirement on RV's, however; the Planning Board thought that there should be.

Commissioner Hall commended Mr. Collie for addressing this problem, yet felt that perhaps the Manufactured Home Siting Ordinance is the wrong place to deal with this because a recreational vehicle is not a manufactured home. Commissioner Hall suggested that there be a separate Ordinance to deal with recreational vehicles and recommended that the Planning Director, with the assistance of the Planning Board review this. Commissioner Hall stated that the period of 180 days for a recreational vehicle is too long and disagreed with the use of drop cords because it is a safety issue, as well as issues of utilities and water/sewer, all of which should be addressed in an Ordinance. Commissioner Hall added that there are a lot of hunters coming into the County for recreational purposes and provisions should be made for this. Commissioner Hall stated that there should be an Ordinance prepared just to address recreational vehicles.

There being no further comments, Chairman Ward declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to refer the proposed amendment to the Caswell County Manufactured Home Siting Ordinance to the Planning Board with the recommendation that a new Ordinance be drafted to address recreational vehicles and to include the recommendations as discussed tonight. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DISTURBING THE PEACE
ORDINANCE

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett that the Board enter into a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed amendment to the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Michael Ferrell, County Attorney, presented and discussed the following proposed amendment to the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance.

Proposed Amendment to the *Disturbing the Peace Ordinance*

To add a new subsection to Section 4, to read as follows:

SECTION 4. EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

- (i) The operation of any business which trains animals for public safety purposes. The operator of such a business shall make reasonable efforts, within the inherent limitations necessitated by the nature of the animals being trained, not to disturb the comfort and repose of persons of normal sensibilities occupying neighboring properties.

Mr. Bill Compton, of 153 Bill Compton Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that the Noise Ordinance should not be changed for one individual and that this Ordinance should apply to all residents and protect all citizens in Caswell County. Mr. Compton referred to a business in the County and stated that all they are doing is raising puppies, training for obedience, and selling them, and it has nothing to do with the public good or safety. Mr. Compton stated that these puppies have attempted to assault neighbors, have killed local dogs, the noise is horrible and goes on for 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Mr. Compton added that this business holds no license with the State or County, and does not qualify as a kennel. Mr. Compton informed the Board that the person living there does not own the property and could move her business anywhere in the County. Mr. Compton stated that the Sheriff's Office has been out to the location numerous times, recently issued a citation, and since that time the owners have kept the dogs quiet. Mr. Compton added that there is no need to change the Noise Ordinance because the owners of the business have proven that they can keep these dogs quiet. Mr. Compton appealed to the Board not to change the Noise Ordinance because there is no reason for it.

Ms. Margo Compton, of 153 Bill Compton Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that she is opposed to changing the Noise Ordinance. Ms. Compton added that she as a property owner feels that the Noise Ordinance should not be changed and asked if it is reasonable to change a law for all citizens of Caswell County to permit someone to rent a trailer on land owned by someone who lives in New York. Ms. Compton informed the Board that she called Dr. Lee Hunter, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with the State of North Carolina, to determine if the owner of the business has a license to operate a kennel and she does not. Ms. Compton stated that the owner of the kennel has a Limited Liability Corporation permit. Ms. Compton added that this owner has violated the civil law of her individual rights and everyone else in Caswell County and she is operating an illegal kennel. Ms. Compton stated that the Board has delegated the County Manager and County Attorney to change the Noise Ordinance to accommodate this illegal operation and asked if this is reasonable. Ms. Compton added that the current Noise Ordinance provides for the operation of any legitimate commercial or manufacturing business provided that reasonable measures are taken not to disturb any person with normal sensibilities, so why change the law?

Ms. Joy Tracey, of 2239 Longs Mill Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that she is opposed to changing the Noise Ordinance. Ms. Tracey added that she does not

know the people involved, has been a resident of her neighborhood for 32 years and is one of the closest ones to the noise from the dogs. Ms. Tracey informed the Board that she had heart surgery in the Spring of last year, was at home recuperating, and was not able to even open her patio door because of the noise from the dogs. Ms. Tracey stated that the noise is not always that way, but it is a lot of the times. Ms. Tracey invited the Board members before they change this Ordinance to come out and hear what the rest of the neighbors are hearing.

Mr. Eugene Tracy, of 2239 Longs Mill Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that the noise from the nearby dog kennel is a nuisance and he cannot open the door and windows of his house. Mr. Tracey added, however, that the owner of the kennel has proven that she can keep the dogs quiet because the last two or three days they have been quiet. Mr. Tracey noted that the owner has the ability to keep the dogs quiet, therefore, he did not see a need for a change in the Noise Ordinance, the neighbors just need to be rid of the noise.

Mr. Rick McVey, of 5098 Hodges Dairy Road, Yanceyville, NC came before the Board and stated that he was not present to speak on behalf of either side, but to express his thoughts on what is happening and how it may affect all the citizens. Mr. McVey added that it is his understanding that the proposed change to the Ordinance is only for those who train animals for public safety and questioned whether there has been any consideration given to all kennels, such as those who raise animals for hunting, breeding, boarding, and obedience to be exempt from the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance. Mr. McVey stated that individuals who have tried to operate kennels in the past and may want to do so in the future have and will be affected by this Ordinance or does it mean that someone can open up a kennel to house, train, breed hunting dogs so long as they also train a few bloodhounds for the Department of Correction. Mr. McVey asked also if this means that a public safety training kennel can be operated anywhere within the County regardless of whether they train one or 500 dogs at a time. Mr. McVey informed the Board that he understands that most anytime an Ordinance is changed or exemptions are made, it has happened because of some type of conflict. Mr. McVey stated that he knew that this is not a new situation and has been going on for some time, and it seems to him that there are a lot of things that could have been done to avoid all of this. Mr. McVey added that he does not want to single out Ms. Brewer's kennel, but this is another example of a problem brought before the Board of Commissioners for help, guidance, and a remedy. Mr. McVey noted that there is a whole neighborhood on the Walters' Mill Road up in arms over a business out there and this Board does not seem to be working to resolve that dispute either. Mr. McVey informed the Board that it is always better to be proactive than reactive, yet every time a problem like this pops up, it gets entirely out of hand before anything is done about it because no one wants to get involved in the beginning. Mr. McVey asked about the possibility of putting a Review Committee in place to hear such complaints, help investigate, and mediate some of these problems before they do get out of hand and added that this may help improve relations between neighbors, business owners, and make sure that everyone's rights are protected beforehand. Mr. McVey stated that the County does not have a Zoning Ordinance, but the Board has frequently stated that Ordinances that the County do have offers zoning

type guidelines to prevent problems like this and added that the public should have easy access to the County's Ordinances. Mr. McVey stated that the Board of Commissioners decided some time back that it was not interested in pursuing the issue of zoning and directed the Planning Board to reexamine and reorganize the existing Ordinances. Mr. McVey added that the Planning Board Chairman recently stood before the Board and explained that his Board had not yet completed the task because at the time they did not have a Planner or anyone to do the typing. Mr. McVey stated that it seems to him that when someone is appointed to a Board, part of the responsibilities is to complete the task before them. Mr. McVey added that, speaking of proactive, why not require a special use permit for all businesses because not only would this help ward off incompatible land uses, but it would also help the Tax Department keep up with all the businesses operating in the County and then maybe the Tax Director could stop asking for extra funds to hire a Consultant to discover all of these businesses. Mr. McVey thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and asked that they remember that the voters of this County are counting on them to consider all of these things carefully before they make a decision that truly has an affect on every citizen in this County.

Ms. Nancy Brewer came before the Board and stated that her kennel is not a boarding facility, nor a puppy mill, but she is licensed with Raleigh for training dogs. Ms. Brewer added that she lives in a farming community and has been faced with the noise of cows and farm machinery, as well as a neighbor playing the electric guitar. Ms. Brewer informed the Board that she has moved her dogs and has changed their kennels so that it will be more sound proof. Ms. Brewer added that she has eliminated some of the wildlife that was making her dogs bark which has made it quieter.

Ms. Pamela B. Cooper of 2038 Longs Mill Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that she lives across the road from Ms. Brewer and the dogs do not bother anyone unless someone makes them bark. Ms. Cooper added that she is in favor of the proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance.

Ms. Patricia Robertson of 1908 Longs Mill Road, Blanch, NC came before the Board and stated that the dogs do not bother them at all. Ms. Robertson added that Ms. Brewer is doing a wonderful job with the dogs and they do not bark that bad unless someone does something to provoke them, and noted that she has heard gunshots at 10:00 at night. Ms. Robertson stated that she is in favor of the proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance.

Mr. James Thompson of 413 Thompson Street, Haw River, NC came before the Board and stated that he works at 2109 Longs Mill Road, Blanch, NC for Ms. Brewer and is in favor of the proposed amendment to the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Thompson added that the dogs do bark when he gets ready to feed them because they are hungry. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that he supports the fire department, the police department, and German shepherds and these dogs save a lot of lives. Mr. Thompson stated that Ms. Brewer is known all over the United States for training dogs.

Mr. Joseph Boudro came before the Board and stated that he and Ms. Brewer are doing everything they can to keep the noise down, have spent \$5,000 in this effort and have moved the kennels one-half mile away.

There being no further comments, Chairman Ward declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Jefferies stated that he was on the Board when the Noise Ordinance was adopted and he felt that it is a good Ordinance and does not need to be changed.

Commissioner Hamlett stated that this is a bad situation, but everyone needs to live together as neighbors, and somehow this needs to be resolved. Commissioner Hamlett added that he would hate to see someone go to Jail because their dog is barking. Commissioner Hamlett stated that everyone needs to try to work together and live in peace.

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to table this issue for two weeks. The motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FROM HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Fred Moore, Health Director, came before the Board to request additional staff at the Health Department. Dr. Moore informed the Board that at its January meeting, the Caswell County Board of Health approved his request to add another CNA position to the Health Department at an approximate cost of \$15,000 for the remainder of this fiscal year. Dr. Moore stated that the funding for this position will come from the Lapsed Salary line item (approximately \$30,000 through the remainder of this fiscal year) of an RN who resigned in December that he was not planning to replace. Dr. Moore noted that he is not requesting any additional funds.

Dr. Moore stated that this position will be used in the Health Department clinic to help prepare patients to be seen by its providers and in the lab to help with phlebotomy and any other routine duties. Dr. Moore reported that the Health Department's management team has discussed the staffing needs of the clinic and feel that the use of a CNA for the duties described will be a more cost effective plan and will free other RNs to take over duties that were previously performed by the nurse that resigned.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Travis as to where the money would come from for next year, Dr. Moore answered that it would come from the same place as this year because they would need to hire a Nurse next year. Dr. Moore noted that a \$60,000 cost position would change to a \$30,000 cost position which would be a savings.

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, clarified that the request by Dr. Moore is not creating a position, it is switching an RN position to a CNA position.

Dr. Moore stated that when the Board of Health approves the budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, there may be an RN position included in there, but it would be a brand new

position that would have to be approved. Dr. Moore added that there is more than double the death rate from diabetes in Caswell County as compared to the State, and the Community Health process has recommended providing a diabetes educator in Caswell County to help educate citizens and deal with the diabetes issue that is killing a lot of people in the County. Dr. Moore stated that it would be a new position and the duties would be completely different.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hall as to whether Dr. Moore will be requesting an RN position in the 2008-2009 budget, Dr. Moore answered that it is a possibility because he will be requesting this new position from the Board of Health and if they approve the budget with the position included, he will be coming before the Board of Commissioners requesting approval of the position. Commissioner Hall stated that the Health Department has a nursing position, so why doesn't he keep that position and come before the Board during the budget process and request a CNA position. Dr. Moore answered that at this point the RN position is vacant.

There was considerable discussion, after which no action was taken.

TAX ISSUES

Mr. Thomas Bernard, Tax Director, came before the Board to discuss a tax issue and the steps followed in a foreclosure proceeding.

Mr. Bernard provided the Board with the following information regarding the tax account of Ms. Doressa Lucas:

First of May, 2007 - The Tax Office was directed by the Board of Commissioners to send out letters to delinquent taxpayers, which they did.

First of June, 2007 - The Board voted to turn over list of all delinquent taxpayers who had not made payment arrangements to the contract attorney.

June, 2007 - Attorney John Thomas sent a letter to Ms. Lucas.

August, 2007 - The letter to Ms. Lucas came back because the taxpayer had not notified them of an address change.

The Tax Office acquired the new address and another letter was sent by Attorney Thomas.

September 18, 2007 - Ms. Lucas called the Tax Office and wanted to make payment arrangements. A payment arrangement of \$50 per month was made (in order to get it paid by June). No payment was made.

December 17, 2007 - Attorney Thomas began foreclosure proceedings. Mr. Wright, lien holder, came by Tax Office and talked to Tax Director. Tax Director asked Mr. Wright

to have Ms. Lucas call him. Ms. Lucas did not call. Mr. Wright was asked again to have Ms. Lucas call Tax Office.

February 12, 1008 – Ms. Lucas called Tax Director to set up payments of \$150 per month until tax bill was paid in full.

Commissioner Hall stated that on this particular issue, his concern is not necessarily with the Tax Director, but is with the Board of Commissioners and its process. Commissioner Hall added that when the Board discussed the process and procedures to use in turning over delinquent accounts, they discussed at length how they were going to do that, and at that time he recommended that the Board set a floor and not send out everything to the Attorney just because it was delinquent, and based on what he remembers, the Board did not agree. Commissioner Hall stated that his problem with this is that a citizen owed \$80.92 in taxes and now that citizen has a bill of \$1,534 on which they have to make payments and something is wrong with this. Commissioner Hall added that when they discussed this and the Finance Committee made its recommendations to the Board, he informed them that the Tax Director has the authority to do certain things and did not know why he chooses not to do it. Commissioner Hall stated that he feels that it is unethical for a citizen's tax bill of \$80.92 to increase to \$1,534. Commissioner Hall added that he feels that the Board of Commissioners needs to review its processes and procedures for dealing with delinquent taxes. Commissioner Hall stated that he feels that everyone needs to pay their taxes, but it is the process with which he has a problem.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Hamlett as to a solution, Commissioner Hall answered that the Tax Director could take out a lien himself and use some judgment in weighing the cost against the benefits.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Travis as to overpayment of taxes, Mr. Bernard answered that if overpayment is \$1.00 or less, it is not sent back to the taxpayer.

DAN RIVER WATER PROJECT

Mr. Michael Ferrell, County Attorney, reported that he contacted the Managers and Attorneys with Person County, City of Roxboro, and Town of Yanceyville to inform them that the Caswell County Board of Commissioners has some issues with the proposed Interlocal Water Agreement that need to be discussed. Mr. Ferrell stated that a meeting of this group has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2008, and hopefully, he will have another draft of the Interlocal Water Agreement to present to the Board at its next meeting. In discussing the Agreement and the prospect of the Governor authorizing the allocation of water from the Dan River to a larger entity outside of Caswell or Person Counties, Commissioner Hall stated that he would like added to it that if a larger entity comes in and tries to take water, then Caswell and Person Counties will have a process in place by which it will happen.

Commissioner Carter stated that as far as future water needs, Caswell County needs to be working with the Town of Yanceyville.

ADOPTION OF JOINT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COUNTY
UNITY IN RECOGNITION OF NCACC'S CENTENNIAL

Commissioner Hall moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adopt the following *Joint Resolution Celebrating 100 Years of County Unity in Recognition of our Association's Centennial*. The motion carried unanimously.

**JOINT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF COUNTY UNITY IN RECOGNITION
OF OUR ASSOCIATION'S CENTENNIAL**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is an advocacy and service organization made up of all one hundred (100) North Carolina counties; and

WHEREAS, the active participation and engagement of all 100 counties have directed, strengthened, and enhanced our Association; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and talents of individual County Commissioners and County staff have led our Association's success in advocacy, county-centered services, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, an informal agreement to form our Association was made by a handful of County Commissioners who, at the behest of Craven County Commissioner C. E. Foy, met in New Bern in 1908, to discuss county issues of common interest; and

WHEREAS, the first session of our unofficial Association was held at the Atlantic Hotel in Morehead City on August 19, 1908, where C. E. Foy was elected as President; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed an Act on March 8, 1909 establishing our Association on behalf of counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and each Board of County Commissioners jointly recognize and celebrate "100 Years of County Unity" in tribute to our Association's Centennial.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Association communicate its copy of this joint Resolution to each Board of County Commissioners.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Caswell County Board of County Commissioners communicate its copy of this joint Resolution to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

S/George W. Ward, Jr. _____
George W. Ward, Jr., Chairman
Caswell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

S/Wanda P. Smith _____
Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

RECOMMENDATION FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE ON
REQUEST FROM CASWELL COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Chairman Ward reported that the Building and Grounds Committee met to discuss the request from the Caswell County Historical Association for additional funding and since he was unable to attend the meeting, requested that Commissioner Jefferies report to the Board. Vice-Chairman Jefferies reported that it was the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee to fund \$300 per month for four months, the remainder of this fiscal year, to the Caswell County Historical Association without a guarantee of future funding.

Upon questioning from Commissioner Travis as to why the Committee made the recommendation, Commissioner Jefferies answered that it was done to promote tourism and so the Museum would not have to close down. Commissioner Travis stated that he did not feel the Museum would close even if the Board did not give them additional funding.

Commissioner Hamlett stated that he would like to see the Historical Association present documentation to the Commissioners as to their funding, what it costs for them to operate, and how they plan to continue to operate.

After further discussion, Commissioner Jefferies moved, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve an appropriation to the Caswell County Historical Association of \$300 per month for four months, the remainder of the fiscal year, with no guarantee of future funding. The motion carried by a vote of four to three with Commissioners Ward, Hamlett, and Travis voting no.

LEASE AGREEMENT – PROBATION/PAROLE

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, presented for the Board's consideration a Lease Agreement with the NC Department of Correction for two probation/parole offices located at 251 Church Street, Yanceyville, NC. Mr. Howard reported that the NC Department of Correction has indicated that it would be willing to entertain a lease rate increase not to exceed three percent per a three year term. Mr. Howard noted that it was brought to his attention that the North Carolina Department of Correction with Criminal Justice Partnership Program funds bought the building in which the probation offices are located and gave it to the County.

After further discussion, Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to approve the Lease Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Correction for two probation/parole offices located at 251 Church Street, Yanceyville, NC, as presented, including a rate increase not to exceed three percent per a three year term. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager, provided an update on the proposed Senior Center and added that the first progress meeting would be held on Thursday. Mr. Howard noted that some unsuitable soils were discovered when the foundation was being dug.

Mr. Kevin Howard reported that he has been invited by the Piedmont Triad Partnership to participate in the Piedmont Triad Leadership Institute's first session. Mr. Howard informed the Board that 35 applicants were selected from the 12-county Triad region. Mr. Howard added that normally there would be a cost of \$7,500 each, but this will be paid for by a grant through the Wired Initiative and the sessions, some of which are mandatory, will occur over an eight month period. After further discussion, Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Hamlett to approve the participation by the County Manager in the Piedmont Triad Leadership Institute. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Carter stated that he appreciated everyone's comments and concerns that were expressed tonight to the Board.

Commissioner Jefferies reported that the joint meeting with the Board of Education was very successful.

Commissioner Hamlett issued an invitation to the Board to attend a Relay for Life fundraising event entitled, *Dancing with the Stars*, which is scheduled for March 1, 2008, at Caswell Pines and he will be participating.

Chairman Ward read a thank-you card from Ms. Rosa Carrington, Section 8 Housing Director, for the flowers sent from the Board of Commissioners and staff upon the death of her brother.

Chairman Ward stated that he too, thought the meeting with the Board of Education was a very good meeting.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
