

MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2007

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to meet in Closed Session to consider the competence, terms of appointment, and performance of an individual public officer (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)), and to preserve the Attorney/Client privilege (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)). 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: Robert V. Shaver, Jr., Interim County Manager/County Attorney. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis that the Board enter into closed session to consider the competence, terms of appointment, and performance of an individual public officer (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)), and to preserve the Attorney/Client privilege (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)). The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Hall and Hamlett absent.

(Commissioners Hall and Hamlett entered the meeting at this time).

REGULAR SESSION

Commissioner Carter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to resume regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COUNTY PLANNER

Commissioner Hamlett moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to extend the appointment of Ms. Sylvia Johnson as Interim County Planner, if agreeable with her, until the Board's first meeting in April. The motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Travis voting no.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH GEORGE B. DANIEL

Commissioner Vernon moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the proposed Contract of Employment with Mr. George B. Daniel, Attorney-at-Law, in connection with the collection of delinquent Caswell County ad valorem taxes, as written.

Commissioner Travis moved to amend the motion to include that the Audit/Finance Committee will investigate ways in which the County's collection of delinquent taxes can be done within the Tax Office.

Commissioner Hall, Chairman of the Audit/Finance Committee reported that his committee would soon have a recommendation to the full Board concerning the collection of delinquent taxes and the recommendation will include that any outsourcing of accounts for collections will require prior approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Travis withdrew his motion for amendment.

Commissioner Jefferies moved to amend the motion to include that no further accounts for collection be forwarded to Mr. Daniel until he has completed all current accounts in his possession. The motion died for lack of a second.

Upon a vote of the original motion, the motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Jefferies voting no.

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Hall to instruct the Interim County Manager to contact the Tax Director tomorrow morning and inform him that he is not to send any accounts for collection to the private Attorney under contract without prior approval of the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried by a vote of six to one with Commissioner Hamlett voting no.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies that the Board enter into closed session to consider the competence, terms of appointment, and performance of an individual public officer (NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)). The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Ward moved, seconded by Commissioner Travis to resume regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Chairman Ward to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda P. Smith
Clerk to the Board

George W. Ward, Jr.
Chairman
