

October 15, 2012

The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in a recessed session on Monday, October 15 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners Room, 116 Adams Street, Plymouth, NC. Commissioners Alexander, Johnson, Manning, McCray and Sexton were present. Also present were Interim County Manager/County Attorney Cheryl Young, Clerk to the Board Julie J. Bennett and Finance Officer Frank Milazi.

Chair Manning called the October 15, 2012 meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING: NC CATALYST GRANT: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to open the public hearing on the NC Catalyst Grant. Commissioner Alexander seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Milazi stated that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing required before submitting the application for the NC Catalyst Grant. This is the grant that Washington County is hoping to receive for putting a new roof on the Washington County Library. Commissioner Sexton asked when the County will know if it receives the grant. Mr. Milazi stated that the County should hear something in December or January and feels that we will receive this grant.

**Commissioner Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Milazi also mentioned to the Board that Ms. Laurie Raynor, HR Director is responsible for administering the grant.

**SNAGGING AND DRAGGING CONTRACT AMENDMENT:** Mr. Wayne Howell spoke to the Board and stated that there is \$11,836 left of the grant money that the County applied for to do the snagging and dragging of Mackey's Creek and Kendrick's Creek. Mr. Howell has been over the grant with Ms. Young and it stipulates that money has to be spent on Mackey's Creek or Kendrick's Creek or their tributaries and that there are three more tributaries that need snagging and dragging. Kenneth Allen was the bidder on the original grant work and Mr. Howell would like to amend that contract for Mr. Allen to continue the work on the three tributaries. Mr. Howell explained that if the County allowed Mr. Allen to continue this work, the County would spend all the grant money except \$86. Mr. Howell noted that Ms. Young would not sign the contract; however, she suggested that Mr. Howell bring it to the Board for them to approve and sign the contract.

**Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the contract amendment for Mr. Allen's Snagging and Dragging contract and that it is to be paid from the grant funds as discussed. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Howell stated that he had another request for the Board. There is money allocated for snagging and dragging in this year's budget. There are areas of Conaby Creek, Scuppernong River and Garrett's Island that need snagging and dragging. Mr.

Howell requested another amendment to Mr. Allen's contract allowing him to do this work at the same cost as the work he is currently doing for the County. This second amendment work will be paid for out of the drainage budget.

**Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the second amendment to Mr. Allen's contract and that it is to be paid out of the drainage fund as discussed. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

AIRPORT REMODELING UPDATE: Ms. Young spoke to the Board about the Airport remodeling.

### Use of Funds

• Grant Match	\$40,000.00
• Reforestation	4,500.00
• Painting	600.00

### Tree Cutting

• Revenue:	\$97,866.51
• Less Commission:	5,871.99
• Net Sale:	\$91,994.52

# Safety Issues

- Move air compressor and water pump at hanger to non-hazardous location
- Replace compressor and water pump at hanger with explosion proof motors and wiring
- Rewire Terminal Building to eliminate faulty underground conduits and wiring, add ground wires to all devices
- Replace existing 2x4 lay-in fixtures in Terminal Building with new electronic energy saver lamps

# Improvements

- Flooring
- Furnishings
- Bathrooms

## Current Flooring



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# Airport Floor Replacement

- Flooring has safety issues; licensed inspector has identified asbestos in both the tile and the adhesive
- Most economical option is to remove carpeting and rubber molding throughout and cover all flooring with VCT tile and replace molding

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## Current Furniture



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## New Furniture

- Pilots lounge: Leather Sofa, Love Seat, Recliner, Marble Top Cocktail and End Tables, Two Computer Desks, TV, Lamps
- Main Lobby: Leather Love Seat, Leather Chairs, Café Table and Four Chairs, Marble Cocktail Table
- Conference Room: 16 Leather Conference Chairs and Credenza

## Bathroom



## Bathroom

- Replace makeshift vanities, sinks in bathrooms

# Summary

## Revenues:

Revenues from Sale of Timber	\$97,866.51	
Less Sale Commission		-\$5,871.99

<u>Net sale:</u>	\$91,994.52	
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<u>Grant Match:</u>		-\$40,000.00
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<u>Reforestation:</u>		-\$4,500.00
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## Suggested Airport Improvements:

1	Hanger - move air compressor & water pump to the non-hazardous location	\$180.00
2	Hanger - replace compressor and water pump with explosion-proof motors and wiring	\$2,800.00
3	Terminal - replace all existing 2x4 lay-in fixtures (26) with new electronic energy saver lamps	\$2,840.00
4	Terminal - re-wire entire building to eliminate existing faulty underground conduits and wiring, and add equipment ground wires to all devices	\$3,900.00
5	Terminal - Furniture	\$10,250.00
6	Terminal - Paint	\$600.00
7	Terminal - Bathroom vanities	\$500.00
8	Terminal - Flooring cost	\$3,500.00
	Total Expenditures	\$24,570.00

## SUMMARY:

Net sale - total expenditures = surplus	<u>\$22,924.52</u>
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Commissioner Sexton stated that he has issues with the reforestation. He asked if the spraying will kill the volunteer pines coming up. Chair Manning said it should kill the competing hardwoods. Commissioner Sexton would like the man from Timberlands Unlimited to attend the November meeting to discuss this issue. Commissioner Sexton

also wondered if the County needs to re-plant trees since that area could be economically developed in the future.

**Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve the budget presented for remodeling of the airport except for the reforestation costs. Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Johnson made a motion to add an item (3A on the agenda) Wireless Connection in Planning/Safety/Emergency Management Office. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

WIRELESS CONNECTION IN PLANNING/SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM) OFFICE: Ms. Young spoke to the Board regarding wireless connection in the Planning/Safety/Emergency Management Office. Currently that office is served from a line running from the courthouse to their building. To install an underground line would cost an estimated \$10,000. To make the connection wireless would cost around \$3,000. Ms. Young noted that this cost is not in this year's budget; however, since there will be some lapped salaries in the County Manager's office money could be found in the County Manager's budget. Ms. Keyes currently spends \$124 a month on air-cards to make their equipment function and this cost is not in her budget. Commissioner Johnson asked if others would be able to use this wireless connection. Ms. Darlene Fikes, IT Director, stated that this wireless option is point to point, from the Courthouse to the EM building, which means others will not be allowed to use this wireless connection. However, the EM building does have wireless for use in emergencies when other State folks are here. Mr. Milazi will bring a budget amendment to the next meeting for this service provided there is no problem with other communication services that the county uses. Ms. Fikes stated she has checked various possible issues and have found none.

**Commissioner Alexander made a motion to approve a wireless connection in the Planning/Safety/Emergency Management office. Commissioner Sexton seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

Roy Hines, 8856 Hwy 32 N, Roper, asked to speak to the Board regarding the Windows of the World (Washington County Annex Building) in Roper. Mr. Hines noted that Washington County Schools lost \$290,000 because they lost 29 students across the county. Mr. Hines questioned that if the County's public schools lose ADM money, then they may lose staff and in the long run, and how will this affect all Washington County Schools? Chair Manning stated he has talked with Jean Woolard (NC State Board of Education representative) and that changes are coming and we may even get away from county school districts. Chair Manning also noted that what the County is currently doing with the Biotechnology/ Agriscience School now may put us on the cutting edge of the way the new schools will be run. Commissioner Johnson stated that this is a School Board issue.

Gregory Boston, Latham Ave, Plymouth, told the Board that he is just asking the Board to be careful. He also stated that he would like the Board to talk to folks in Raleigh because he doesn't want Washington County to keep losing students.

Mr. Boston and Mr. Hines both said that they did not want the Board to allow the Agriscience/Biotechnology to use the Washington County Roper Annex Building (previously Windows of the World). Commissioner McCray said that in the past when the School Board sold a school building, the School Board would not sell it to someone in competition with the school, but he is not sure if that is how things are now.

Chair Manning stated that he tried to open a dialogue between the Commissioners and the School Board but was told that unless the County could give them more money, there wasn't anything to discuss.

Commissioner Sexton stated that even our towns have trouble working together. Ms. Young said that now that Washington County is handling the taxes for the town of Plymouth and Creswell that we are making headway on working with the towns.

Mr. Hines also stated that there isn't gas to transport the cheerleaders to the football games. Commissioner Johnson stated that this is also a School Board issue.

**Commissioner Johnson made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) and 143-318.11 (a)(6). Commissioner McCray seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Sexton made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Commissioner Johnson seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

**With there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to recess the meeting. Commissioner Alexander seconded, motion carried unanimously.**

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Buster Manning  
Chair

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Julie J. Bennett, CMC  
Clerk to the Board