

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 5:00 P.M., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present were:

Chairman Sara Haire Tice
Vice Chairman Godfrey Williams
Steve D. Johnson
Marvin Norman
Ken Robertson

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Deputy County Manager Susan Blumenstein, Planning & Code Enforcement Director Lynn Niblock, Planning Supervisor Steve Warren, Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson, Communications Director David Martin, Solid Waste Director David Lambert, Tax Administrator Bill Doolittle, Social Services Director Don Wall, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tice called the meeting to order and welcomed Boy Scouts from Troop 332 sponsored by Vanderburg United Methodist Church.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF CERTAIN SCHOOL FACILITIES PURSUANT TO AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO FILE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION: Deputy County Manager Blumenstein explained the action needed at the 7:00 p.m. meeting for this resolution. She noted one situation that might alter the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for the Statesville High School renovations, and this was the Tax Relief Act being studied by Congress. Blumenstein said that if the act passed, the QZABs, or the tax credit bonds, might not be as attractive. She said the proposed law would (1) impose a requirement that the issuer reasonably expect to and actually spend the proceeds on the QZAB property within five years of the date of issue and (2) require the use of cash or cash equivalents to meet the current-law match requirement. With this new development, Blumenstein suggested for the Certificates of Participation documents to include an additional \$2 million in case Congress passed the tax act.

EXIT 32 PROPERTY OWNED BY NOLAN CALDWELL & SOLD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: Chairman Tice asked Tax Administrator Bill Doolittle about the tax records for property previously owned by Nolan Caldwell. She said Mr. Caldwell had sold the property to the state transportation department, and the house that was on the site was moved to nearby property.

Doolittle said the 2005 taxes were paid. He said no deed could be found, and Mr. Caldwell didn't have any paperwork from the state. Mr. Doolittle said the tax office was trying to locate the actual property owner.

UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF DEPUTY ON THE LENGTHY INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PROCESS FOR THE MENTALLY ILL: Commissioner Williams asked Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle to provide an update on the Crisis Center and the involuntary commitment transports.

Dowdle said, "The matter is not cured, but we are on the right step." He said the Crossroads Director was trying to help, but the process was dependent upon the service providers.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Tice adjourned the briefing session at approximately 6:10 P.M.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board