

IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2005

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at 5:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present were:

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

Absent: Chairman Sara Haire Tice (due to illness)

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle, Code Enforcement and Planning Director Lynn Niblock, Planning Supervisor Steve Warren, Subdivision Administrator William Allison, Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle, Support Services Director Jim Vernon, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

Rezoning Requests & Discussion Regarding Curb/Gutter/Stormwater Amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance: Planning Supervisor Steve Warren explained the two rezoning matters and advised there had been no opposition to either case.

In regards to the proposed curb and gutter (stormwater) amendment, Subdivision Administrator Allison said there was a growing concern about surface runoff and some contributing factors had been identified. He mentioned there had been numerous complaints from property owners, especially homeowners in the lake area. Allison said an amendment to the ordinance had been drafted, and he felt it could be enforced without hiring an engineer or additional staff. Allison said the staff tried to address curb and gutter development since this seemed to be a major source of the problem. He said the amendment would assist in maintaining better control of the discharge arising out of new developments, and this would be done by limiting the direction of the runoff flow. Allison said the planning board had recommended for the amendment to apply to subdivisions exceeding 25 lots where there was a topographical need. He said the amendment would not be retroactive.

It was the consensus of the board members to delay action on the amendment until the next meeting.

Request from the City of Statesville for the County to Pay \$23,799 in Conjunction with an Engineering Recommendation for the Statesville Regional Airport's Sewer Line to be Increased from 12 to 15 inches in Diameter: Statesville Engineer Wayne Lambert said the city had approved an increase in size of the sewer outfall along the Third Creek. He said there was a recommendation to increase the diameter of the line from 12 inches to 15 inches. Lambert said the additional capacity would allow for more areas to be developed around the airport, especially along Highway 70 and progressing on up to the Taylorsville Highway. Lambert said the cost difference was \$47,598.00, and the city had agreed to pay one half (\$23,799). He said the city was asking for the county to pay the remainder (\$23,799).

Commissioner Robertson voiced concerns about a precedent that might be set in approving the request.

Commissioner Johnson said the area had much potential for industrial and commercial growth. He asked Mr. Lambert if the line increase would finish the project.

Lambert said he hoped it would.

Request from the Sheriff's Department to Add Five Additional Vehicles to the Law Enforcement Fleet: Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle said the sheriff was requesting to retain five vehicles that would soon be replaced with newer models. He said the older vehicles would be used by part-time reserve officers, and they were needed due to the regular fleet sometimes being reduced through accidents or repairs. Commissioner Williams asked if the department would ask for new vehicles to replace the five older models when it came time to remove them from the fleet.

Dowdle said that in the past, the department had used support vehicles when the fleet had been reduced.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the sheriff's department had enough funds to operate the older models in the FY 05-06 budget.

Dowdle said yes.

Williams asked if the insurance would increase.

Mashburn said yes.

Blumenstein said the county's insurance was handled through the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the costs would not be calculated until it was time for annual renewal (February).

ADJOURNMENT: Vice Chairman Williams adjourned the briefing at 6:25 p.m.

Approval: _____

Clerk to the Board