

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2002**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present: Chairman Sara Haire Tice
Vice Chairman Karen B. Ray
Tommy E. Bowles
Steve D. Johnson
R. Godfrey Williams

Staff Present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith, Support Services Director Jim Vernon, Health Director Ray Rabe, Lieutenant Terry Beck with the Sheriff's Department, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Tice.

POTENTIAL RESERVOIR SITES IN NORTHERN IREDELL COUNTY: Keith Snoddy, the manager of Iredell Water Corporation, distributed copies of a draft preliminary study on potential reservoir sites in the northern part of Iredell County. The study, performed by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in 1984, was shared due to Mr. Victor Crosby's 7:00 p.m. appointment before the board. (Mr. Crosby planned to speak about using state bridge funds for water supply, flood control, hydropower, irrigation, recreation and wildlife habitat.)

CHANDLER BRYAN REQUESTS THE DONATION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1419 WILSON LEE BOULEVARD & 1424 FIFTH STREET, STATESVILLE, NC: Mr. Bryan, a member of the Board of Directors for Fifth Street Ministries/Diakonos, Inc., requested the donation of two lots owned by the county. He said Fifth Street had been using the lots and a house situated on one of them since 1998. Mr. Bryan said the house was being used for the Molly McKay Children's Center. He said the center was a place where children of the shelter's residents received tutoring, learned computer skills, and worked with certified teachers. Bryan said the properties were formerly occupied by Tri-County Mental Health, but the new mental health authority had no desire for them. He said he was also unaware of any purpose, or use, the county might have for them.

Commissioner Johnson said that if the request were approved, he felt there should be a stipulation for the properties to revert back to the county if Fifth Street Ministries had no further use for them in the future.

Update on Relocation & New Construction of "My Sister's House": Mr. Bryan thanked the board for the \$100,000 previously approved as "seed money" for the new group home to serve victims of family abuse and rape. Bryan said the home was due to open in approximately six weeks and the board members would be invited to tour the facility.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ITEMS FROZEN IN THE FY 2001-02 BUDGET: County Manager Mashburn said he was recommending for the board to proceed with the purchase of items, or the transfer of funds, frozen in this year's budget for the following:

Transfer of Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,055,169
Replace Cell Doors In Jail	48,000
Purchase File System for DSS	14,000
Purchase Emergency Equipment in General Governmental	10,000
Purchase Van to Replace Inspections Truck	20,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,147,169</u>

Mr. Mashburn said the jail cell doors needed to be replaced to prevent a security and maintenance problem. He said the doors were a part of the older jail section -- not the new area. In reference to the DSS filing system, he said this purchase needed to occur to avoid any Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) violations. He said the inspections department needed the new van, and it was important to transfer the \$10,000 into the pass-through account for emergency equipment.

Commissioner Williams asked when more budget information would be available.

Blumenstein said the next sales tax distribution would be in May.

REQUEST FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2002: County Manager Mashburn said it had been a past tradition to cancel the first meeting in July. He said this was due to the board having extra meetings in May or June about the budget. It was the consensus of the board to cancel the July 2, 2002 meeting and to meet one time in July of 2002. This meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2002 (5:00 p.m. for a briefing session and 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting).

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING OF STATE REIMBURSEMENTS OF REPEALED TAXES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: Commissioner Johnson suggested that a resolution, similar to the one prepared by Davie County, be adopted asking Governor Easley to return local government reimbursements that were being withheld. Mr. Mashburn said a draft resolution would be prepared for review and adoption at the March 19, 2002 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Tice adjourned the briefing session at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board