

IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Briefing Minutes
May 21, 2002

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in briefing session on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, at 4:30 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present: Chairman Sara Haire Tice
Vice Chairman Karen B. Ray
Thomas E. Bowles, Jr.
Stephen D. Johnson
R. Godfrey Williams

Staff Present: Joel Mashburn (County Manager), Susan Blumenstein (Finance Director), Ron Smith (Planning Supervisor), Lynn Niblock (Inspections Director), Brenda Bell (Register of Deeds), Ray Rabe (Health Director), Rick Dowdle (Sheriff's office), Jim Vernon (Support Services), Chuck Gallyon (Fire Marshal), Wendy Workman (Administrative Assistant)

Call to order by Chairman Tice.

Adjustments to the agenda:

- Pull item D (Request from DSS for approval of a six-month pilot project involving flex-time) and replace with **Amendment to Capital Project Ordinance for Hall of Justice Annex.**
- Add item L: **Grant Application for COPS in Schools**
- Add item M: **Amendment for Capital Project Ordinance for Removal of Asbestos at Iredell County Government Center – South at a Cost of \$67,600**
- Add item N: **Resolution to Oppose Passage of HR 1475** (a bill that would provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by states, counties, and cities.)

Presentation from the MBAJ Architectural Firm on the Final Design Plans for the Iredell County Government Center-South. Larry Schaeffer presented the final design after meeting with all departments and agencies to be located in the facility. A budget estimate should be available in two weeks. The bidding process should be on schedule to begin the first of August. Courtroom capacity will be doubled; safety is assured.

Amendment to Capital Project Ordinance for Hall of Justice Annex. There is \$138,440 in the budget for furniture and shelving. The current furniture is not adequate for the additional space in the annex and will not be efficient to provide for future growth. All old furniture and shelving will stay at current facility and be used by the Clerk of Court. \$150,000 more is needed for FF&E. Put on consent agenda.

Request from the Register of Deeds for Approval of Budget Amendment #47 for the Recognition of additional Revenue in the Technology & Preservation fund and Appropriation for the Purchase of Four Hewlett Packard Printers. Brenda Bell, Register of Deeds, has five work stations with all printing going to one printer, causing long lines. Mrs. Bell recommended that they be allowed to purchase four more printers since they take in enough copy money to pay for them. Put on consent agenda.

Request from the Law Firm of Parham Helms Harris Blythe and Morton for a Revenue Stamp Reimbursement of \$205 Pertaining to a Deed Recorded by the Register of Deeds' office on April 26, 2002. Brenda Bell said a law has recently been passed that if a taxpayer pays more tax in recording fees than is due that they may request a refund by filing a written request for a refund with the board of county commissioners. After they receive a refund, they must re-record with the proper fee. The firm paid \$592 and should have paid \$387; therefore, they are requesting a \$205 refund. Because Commissioner Bowles is associated with the law firm, he requested that this not be put on consent agenda.

Request from the County Assessor for Approval of the April Refunds and Releases.
Put on consent agenda.

Request for Approval of a Fee Schedule Increase for the Planning and Enforcement Department. The Department of Planning and Enforcement covers the cost of services by collecting fees. Lynn Niblock (Inspections) made comparisons with surrounding jurisdictions, and Iredell County falls on the low end of the scale. Complexity of the building and the amount of time involved in an inspection will determine the new fees. A blanket permit with fees charged to the general contractor would be implemented. To remain self-supporting, a fee increase is requested. Put on consent agenda.

Request from the Fire Tax District Board for Approval of the Following Four Requests or Budget Amendments.

(1) \$36,748.74 – Cool Springs VFD Debt Retirement

(2) \$3,450 – Harmony VFD for AED/Defibrillator

(3) \$15,000 – Central VFD for Brush Truck Repair

(4) \$15,000 – Iredell County Firefighter’s Association (training materials/aids)

Chuck Gallyon (Fire Marshal) introduced Tim Warren and Andy Webster with the Fire Tax Board. Cool Springs VFD will be debt free after the payment is made. Harmony VFD did not get in on a group purchase for defibrillators, but purchased one on their own and wish to be reimbursed. Central VFD needs repairs on a truck pump and plumbing. The Iredell County Firefighter’s Association is requesting funds to be dedicated to training. Put on consent agenda.

Request for Approval of a Resolution to Adopt an Interlocal Agreement and Join the NC Counties Liability and Property Joint Risk Management Agency. County Manager Joel Mashburn recommended we stay where we are. Put on consent agenda.

Request for Approval of an Amended Application for Public School Building Capital Fund Monies for the Third Creek Elementary School Project. This recognizes money released from the state. Put on consent agenda.

Grant Application for COPS in School. Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle said the Iredell County Sheriff’s office was seeking approval to apply for a COPS in School grant. The grant would provide \$125,000 for five officers each for three years. These officers would be placed at middle schools and Barium Springs Home for Children (75% of their time). The fourth year the county would have to fund the five officers at approximately \$37-38,000 per person. Put on consent agenda.

Amend Capital Project Ordinance for Removal of Asbestos from the Iredell County Government Center – South for a Cost of \$67,600. Asbestos needs to be removed prior to beginning renovations. Money needs to be transferred to capital project ordinance. Put on consent agenda.

Resolution to Oppose Passage of HR 1475. Resolution to be read at regular meeting.

Chairman Tice adjourned the briefing session at 6:45 p.m.

Approved: _____

Administrative Assistant