

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BRIEFING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 7, 2003**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, at 5:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (Commissioners' Meeting Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present were:

Chairman Steve D. Johnson  
Vice Chairman Godfrey Williams  
Doug Madison  
Marvin Norman  
Sara Haire Tice

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Assistant Register of Deeds Kay Mills, Transportation Director Ben Garrison, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith, Planning and Code Enforcement Director Lynn Niblock, Emergency Services Director Tracy Jackson, Communications Director David Martin, Sheriff's Training Officer Mark McCollum, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

**Call to Order** by Chairman Johnson.

**Request for the Consideration of an Inter-local Agreement with the City of Statesville Pertaining to Improvements at the Statesville Municipal Airport:** Chairman Johnson said the City of Statesville planned to borrow \$5 million for airport improvements, and the county had been asked to reimburse one-half of the payment on the principal along with one-half of the interest. Johnson said the airport improvements needed to be completed by the end of 2004 in order to satisfy the needs of a local company. He said the improvements would aid in economic expansion, or the tax base of the county, and the site would be a marketable asset. He continued by saying the improvements would allow jets from Europe to land and takeoff from Statesville. Mr. Johnson said David Peeler with the W.K. Dickson Company had advised that the improvement costs would be reimbursable from state and federal grants. Johnson said, however, the only assurances that the Federal Aviation Administration reimbursements would occur in the future were based on the fact that the agency had never stopped funding in the middle of a project.

Commissioner Madison asked about the type of financing the city planned to use.

Finance Director Blumenstein said it would probably be a direct placement loan.

**Request for a Discussion Pertaining to the County's Transportation (Thoroughfare) Plan:** Planning Supervisor Smith said the current thoroughfare plan was adopted in 1993. He said the plan was used to determine transportation improvements and future road development. Smith said the plan had become outdated, and the staff had been working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation concerning a rewrite. Smith said the state officials would eventually provide a presentation on the proposed roads, improvements to existing roads, the bicycle/pedestrian facilities and rail services, but he needed to know if the board desired someone from the transportation department to provide a "methodology-type overview" of the process.

The board members advised that an initial presentation from the state officials was not necessary, and the planning supervisor could provide updates as the plan progressed, if needed. The board also decided to delete the matter from the 7 p.m. agenda.

(Note: Thoroughfare Plans are now referred to as Transportation Plans.)

**Call for a Public Hearing on November 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., Pertaining to a Community Transportation Program (CTP) Application for FY 2004-05:** Transportation Director Garrison said the CTP application was due to the state by November 21, 2003, and he requested that a public hearing be held on November 4. Garrison said he would ask for five new replacement vehicles in the application.

Mr. Garrison said the Statesville Transit Loop would be operational on October 8, 2003. He distributed brochures to the board members that included information about the loop stops. Garrison said a Mooresville loop had also been designed and would soon be operational.

Some of the information included in the brochure is as follows:

- Fare: \$1.00 each boarding (exact amount needed)*
- Only carry-on packages allowed*
- Vehicles carry only two car seats*
- Limited seating capacity*
- Wheelchair service through special request*

*At different time periods during the day, the Statesville loop drivers will stop at the following locations: Employment Security Office, Statesville Christian Center, Fifth Street/Bentley Center, Shopping Center across from the Skills Center, I-Care/Head Start, K-Mart, Signal Hill Mall, Bi-Lo Shopping Center, Kings Grant Apartments, Davis Hospital, Walmart, Health Department/Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare, Iredell Memorial Hospital, Department of Social Services, Plaza Apartments, and the areas in/around Brevard & Turner Streets and the Pearl Street/Summit Avenue Center.*

**Request for Approval to Write-Off the Delinquent Account of Lake Construction Company of 123 Sweetbriar Lane, Mooresville, NC (\$49.40 + late fees = balance of \$700.00):** Planning & Code Enforcement Director Niblock said that in April 2002, the Lake Construction Company purchased an inspections permit. He said the company at that time owed \$49.40. Niblock said the company had been invoiced many times and late fees had accrued bringing the amount now owed to \$700.00. He said the company was no longer in business, and this was why he was requesting permission to write-off the account.

Commissioner Madison asked if the delinquent amount could be attached to the permit qualifier.

Niblock said a complaint could be filed with the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors on the qualifier (Charles R. Humphrey).

**Adjournment:** Chairman Johnson adjourned the briefing session at 5:45 p.m.

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board