

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BRIEFING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Briefing Session on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 5:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference 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, Planner Emily Jackson, Purchasing Agent Dean Lail, Library Director Steve Messick, Emergency Services Director Tracy Jackson, Fire Marshal Chuck Gallyon, Assistant Fire Marshal Tim Warren, Social Services Director Don Wall, Income Maintenance Administrator Lynn Deal, Social Work Supervisor Linda Bledsoe, Support Services Director Jim Vernon, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Johnson.

CONSIDERATION OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND FURNISHING OF A NEW SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING: Finance Director Blumenstein said a public hearing was scheduled at the 7 p.m. meeting to receive public comments regarding the new social services building to be located at Eastside Drive in Statesville. She said the indebtedness was not expected to exceed \$6,950,000.00.

(Note: Social Services Director Don Wall, and members of his staff, along with Social Services Board Members Bobbie Edmisten and William Jones, attended the meeting to hear about the new building.)

Additional information regarding this matter may be found in the regular minutes.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A FIVE AND SIX-MILE DISTRICT FOR THE EBENEZER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND A SIX-MILE DISTRICT FOR TRINITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Joining Fire Marshal Chuck Gallyon to explain these requests were Chris Goforth with the Trinity VFD along with Scott Reid and Jimmy Kessler from the Ebenezer VFD. (A complete description of the Ebenezer and Trinity districts may be found in the regular minutes.)

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A FIVE-MILE DISTRICT FOR THE LAKE NORMAN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Larry Delph, the Chief for the Lake Norman Volunteer Fire Department, attended the meeting with Fire Marshal Chuck Gallyon to discuss this request. Gallyon said the Meck-Neck area needed to be included in the VFD's written description due to requirements of the Department of Insurance.

UPDATE ON THE BROADCASTING OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: County Manager Mashburn said the staff had been exploring ways to improve the broadcastings of the board's meetings. He said it would take a considerable amount of money for "air time improvements" to occur, but this still wouldn't result in a "live" broadcasting in the Mooresville area. Mashburn said the public had complained about the quality of the broadcasts, mainly the audibility, and the board members needed to decide if they wanted to invest more money towards the televising of the meetings. He said an additional piece of equipment was needed to improve the audibility.

Several commissioners voiced concerns about spending more money on the project.

Commissioner Tice asked why there was still a problem in showing the meetings “live” in Mooresville.

Mashburn said Mecklenburg County controlled the Mooresville “air time,” and a request would have to go before the Mecklenburg commissioners.

EASTSIDE DRIVE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS: Commissioner Tice commented on copies of an Eastside Drive traffic analysis that were provided by Statesville City Councilman Mike Johnson. She said the city officials planned to discuss the Eastside Drive Corridor and the Kubilins Transportation study at their next meeting. Tice said the city wanted to avert having a congested area, such as Hwy 21/Crossroads, on Eastside Drive.

County Manager Mashburn said there would be turn lanes at the new social services building (Eastside Drive), and the county would do anything else required by the state.

Chairman Johnson said information from the county’s support services director indicated the site plan for the new social services building did not include sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Johnson adjourned the briefing session at 6:00 p.m.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board