

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MINUTES**  
**APRIL 16, 2002**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, at 7:00 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, County Attorney Bill Pope, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Tice.

**INVOCATION** by Commissioner Johnson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ADJUSTMENTS OF THE AGENDA:** **MOTION** by Chairman Tice to adjust the agenda by the following actions.

- Deletion:
- Presentation from Dan McClure with the Carolina Land & Lakes Organization
  - Announcement of Regional Meetings of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners
- Addition:
- Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing an Economic Development Matter – G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

**PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS**

**RETIREE BRENDA P. GATTON** was recognized for 14 years of service with the Iredell County Department of Social Services. Social Work Program Administrator Lisa York said Gatton had been an exemplary employee. Chairman Tice presented Gatton with a plaque in appreciation for her years of service and wished her health and happiness in retirement. *(Note: Retiree Cecelia Moore was unable to attend the meeting. She recently retired from the Social Services Department with 19 years of service.)*

**APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE BOARD**

**PRESENTATION FROM MR. STAN CLARDY OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ORGANIZATION (MAJOR GENERAL STEPHEN DODSON RAMSEUR CAMP 387) REGARDING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH:** Mr. Clardy said the War Between the States was a defining moment in history. He said that even though no major battles were fought in Iredell County, this area played an integral part in the war. Clardy said that when the war started Iredell County had a population of 15,000, and from this number, 2,707 volunteered for the Confederacy. He said per capita, Iredell County had more men serving than any other county in North Carolina. Mr. Clardy said the men from Iredell County distinguished themselves in battle and 597 died. He said Iredell County lost more men in the War Between the States than in any other war, before, or since. Clardy said Iredell County had also earned a unique place in the history of the war due to the state capitol being temporarily located in Statesville. He said this occurred when Governor Zebulon Vance had to evacuate Raleigh. Clardy said Governor Vance presided in what is now known as the Vance House, and he was taken into custody by federal troops on the front steps of this house located in Statesville. Mr. Clardy said that one of the last casualties of the war took place in Iredell County four days after General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. He said that on April 13, 1865, Confederate soldier A.B. Coffee was killed after a confrontation with Union General George Stoneman's troops. Clardy said Stoneman was departing the Statesville area after his soldiers burned and looted the downtown area.

Clardy said the Sons of the Confederacy was a civic organization dedicated to preserving and educating people about their heritage. (Approximately 40 members of the organization attended the meeting with Mr. Clardy.)

**MOTION** by Commissioner Johnson to approve the resolution designating the month of May as Confederate History Month.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

#### IREDELL COUNTY CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1861, the State of North Carolina seceded from the Federal Union and subsequently joined the Confederate States of America of which it was a member state from 1861 until 1865; and

WHEREAS, the County of Iredell contributed more than 2,000 men and boys to the service of the Confederate States of America and 597 gave the supreme sacrifice of their lives for the defense of their homes, families, loved ones and the support of the original American Constitutional government; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolinians who served in the War Between the States are memorialized throughout the state for all times; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Iredell County should study the War Between the States, as we study all wars, so that we may understand the historical events which compelled the war and from the understanding, continue to live together and seek to avoid further conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Governor Zebulon B. Vance continued his faithful service to the state during the last weeks of the war from his temporary home in Statesville, making it the capital of the state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Iredell County suffered under occupation by Federal troops who destroyed public and private property, most notably the historic printing press used to print the Mecklenburg Declaration of 1775.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the members of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim each May hereafter to be designated as CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH in Iredell County.

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#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Chairman Tice declared the meeting to be in a public hearing.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE FOR NASCAR, IMAGES, INC.:** Mooresville South Iredell Chamber of Commerce President Tonda Gregory said NASCAR Images was a full-service entertainment solutions company promoting the sights, sounds, and emotions of NASCAR. She said the company held the exclusive rights to NASCAR footage and held a large tape library. Gregory said the company produced television shows for FOX Sports and the SPEED Channel.

NASCAR Images President and CEO Jay Abraham said he desired to move his company to Mooresville. He said that initially, 65 employees would work at the facility. He said the jobs would be high paying with 40 of them being over \$40,000+ and 11 of them being \$75,000+. Abraham said that between land and improvements, his company's investments in the county would be over \$10 million. Mr. Abraham said his company would be able to produce television shows in Mooresville and this would bring added awareness that Mooresville, in Iredell County, was the center of the motor sports world.

Chairman Tice said the hearing's purpose was for the consideration of an economic development incentive in the amount of \$188,000, over a five-year period, based on a \$10 million investment. Mrs. Tice said the incentive would be used for site development.

No one else spoke, and Chairman Tice adjourned the public hearing.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ray to approve the \$188,000 economic development incentive over a five-year period, based on a \$10 million investment, for NASCAR Images, Inc.

VOTING: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0.

Chairman Tice declared the meeting to be in a public hearing.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (NCDOT) 2002-2003 SECONDARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:** Attending the meeting to present the program was North Carolina Department of Transportation Board Member Frank Johnson. Also in attendance were Division 12 District Engineer Clay Lunsford, Assistant District Engineer Patrick Norman, Assistant District Engineer Tim Anderson, and District Maintenance Engineer Doug McNeal.

NCDOT Board Member Johnson said he was enthusiastic about Iredell County joining the Lake Norman Rural Transportation Planning Organization (Lake Norman RPO). Johnson said he felt Iredell County would benefit from the organization, and that in the long term, the county would be treated similarly to cities and counties in Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

F. Johnson said the FY 2002-03 funding amount of \$2,295,322 had been allocated to Iredell County for road improvements. He said two rural roads were slated to be paved and that when these were completed, the county would have only 95 miles of dirt roads (state roads) for paving. Mr. Johnson said \$105,000 had been allocated for the reconditioning of private roads. He said this amount of money would recondition approximately five miles of private roadway.

DOT Board member Johnson said he had received a draft copy of the 2004-2010 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). He said the plan indicated the widening of the Brawley School Road could begin in 2005, or two years ahead of the original schedule. Johnson said the plan also included a project to rebuild the interchange of I-40 and I-77. He said this project had been moved up on the schedule by six years. Mr. Johnson said the wire guard rails would be removed on Interstate 40. Johnson said Interstate 77, from the southern and northern county line boundaries, would be reconditioned, and an active litter pickup campaign would be initiated for both I-40 and I-77. He said the legislators in Raleigh were concerned about litter, and as of April 1, officers would not be required to appear in court when they gave tickets for littering. Johnson said the fences that extended across the causeways at Lake Norman would be removed to make the area more attractive. Mr. Johnson said the truck weigh station was still on "target" in the TIP.

The paving priority listing for July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003 is as follows.

**IREDELL COUNTY 2002-2003 PAVING PRIORITY  
FISCAL YEAR 7/1/02 TO 6/30/03**

<b>PAVING PRIORITY</b>	<b>SR#</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LENGTH</b>	<b>EST COST</b>
<u>Rural</u>				
6F	1882	TOM ROAD FROM SR 1937 to SR 1896	1.04	\$296,000
7F	1082W	LAKE MULLIS ROAD FROM SR 1845 to SR 1849	1.60	\$446,000
		RURAL TOTAL =	2.64	\$742,000
<u>Subdivision Streets</u>				
8F	1431	ARMOUR LANE FROM SR 1310 TO DEAD END	0.20	\$ 46,000
9F	1270	IMPERIAL LANE FROM SR 1267 TO SR 1267	0.05	\$ 12,000
10F	1556	FARMHOUSE ROAD FROM SR 1688 TO DEAD END	0.20	\$ 53,000
11	2607	STEEP LANE FROM SR 2316 TO DEAD END	0.25	\$ 55,000
12	3010	GAINSWOOD ROAD FROM SR 1100 TO SR 1100	0.80	\$132,000
13	3011	BLARNEY ROAD FROM SR 3006 TO SR 1236	0.54	\$ 86,000
14	1735	LARUE CIRCLE FROM SR 1105 TO END OF MAINT.	0.34	\$ 92,000
15	3009	COTTAGE COVE FROM SR 3006 TO DEAD END	0.12	\$ 48,000
16	1691	SUNNY ROAD FROM SR 1595 TO DEAD END	0.10	\$ 29,000
17	3007	WASHAM ROAD FROM SR 1100 TO SR 1100	0.60	\$140,000
18	1504	OLEY ROAD FROM SR 1502 TO DEAD END	0.30	\$ 68,000

PROPERTY OWNER PARTICIPATION

35	1106	BRIDGES FARM ROAD From NC 115 TO DEAD END	0.55	\$125,000
		SUBDIVISION TOTAL =	4.05	\$886,000

INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT PROJECT

SR 1303	ALIGNMENT OF DOOLIE ROAD AND PERTH ROAD			\$160,000
	GRAND TOTAL =	6.69		\$1,788,000

CONTINUE DOWN PRIORITY LIST UNTIL ALL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, RIGHT-OF-WAY,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

N/A	VARIOUS SPOT STABILIZATION, SECONDARY MAINTENANCE			\$ 304,816
	TOTAL SECONDARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM			\$1,788,000
	RESERVED FOR CONTINGENCIES			\$ 202,506
	TOTAL ALLOCATION			\$2,295,322

Cinder Carroll, a resident of Farmhouse Road, said major structural changes would occur to her property if the proposed paving occurred. She said her retaining wall would be removed, a 50-100 year old tree would be cut, a section of a semi-circular driveway would have to be removed, and her septic field would be altered. Ms. Carroll said the transportation representatives had asked for paving signatures, but no one had described the work plan or shown any blueprints. She asked for someone to explain the proposed work to her.

Clay Lunsford said his department would be happy to meet with the Carroll family. He said that normally, a full set of plans was not completed for secondary road improvements due to the cost. Mr. Lunsford said it was normal procedure, however, that when the right-of-way securement phase began, his staff would meet with the homeowners.

No one else spoke, and Chairman Tice adjourned the hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Bowles to accept the 2002-2003 Secondary Road Construction Program for Iredell County.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

-----CONSENT AGENDA-----

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the following eight (8) consent agenda items.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

**1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE SALISBURY HIGHWAY CORRIDOR PLAN:** During the briefing session, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith described the qualifications of the two firms submitting proposals for the Salisbury Highway Corridor study (from Fanjoy Road to the Rowan County line). He said the proposals were submitted from:

Centralina Council of Governments  
\$12,393\* with a proposed work completion schedule of four months  
\*Plus two blocks of membership hours

**Benchmark, LLC**  
**\$12,800 with a proposed work completion schedule of five months**

Mr. Smith said the Hwy. 70 study would differ greatly from the Brawley School Road plan. He said the Salisbury corridor plan would emphasize industrial land uses, traffic, and access. Mr. Smith recommended Benchmark’s proposal, and the board of commissioners agreed.

**2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL SOUTH IREDELL YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CONTRACT** (During the briefing session, the board of

commissioners agreed to contract with the South Iredell Youth Athletic Association for the 2002 season.)

**3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF STUMPY CREEK BOAT LANDING FEES (SET BOAT LAUNCH FEE OF \$2 AND SEASON PASSES FOR \$50):** During the briefing session, Recreation Director Robert Woody requested a required \$2 per boat launch fee for the Stumpy Creek Boat Landing. In addition, a season (January through December) pass in the amount of \$50 will now be available for citizens desiring to use the boat landing. After July 1, a pass may be obtained for \$25.

**4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MARCH REFUNDS AND RELEASES:** The following refunds and releases were approved.

<u>Releases for the Month of March 2002</u>		\$53,130.12
County	\$ 35,993.74	
Solid Waste Fees	288.00	
E. Alexander Co. Fire #1	14.62	
Shepherd's Fire #2	67.35	
Mt. Mourne Fire #3	30.59	
All County Fire #4	2,243.96	
Statesville City	6,528.57	
Statesville Downtown	13.01	
Mooresville Town	5,775.92	
Mooresville Downtown	641.10	
Mooresville School	1,297.95	
Love Valley	0	
Harmony	0	
Troutman	235.31	

<u>Refunds for the Month of March 2002</u>		2,062.73
County	1,422.71	
Solid Waste Fees	166.00	
E. Alexander Co. Fire #1	0	
Shepherd's Fire #2	0	
Mt. Mourne Fire #3	0	
All County Fire #4	171.87	
Statesville City	0	
Statesville Downtown	0	
Mooresville Town	238.67	
Mooresville Downtown	0	
Mooresville School	63.48	
Love Valley	0	
Harmony	0	
Troutman	0	

**5. REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #39 (TRANSFER OF SEIZED FUNDS) FOR THE ARCVIEW SPATIAL ANALYST SOFTWARE:** The software will cost \$2,300 and the funds will be taken out of the seized fund account.

**6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #40 FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM INSURANCE CLAIMS:** The general fund departments of law enforcement (\$16,998), EMS (\$6,150), Health (\$3,617), and Recreation (\$1,221) were reimbursed for insurance claims. Solid Waste (enterprise department) was reimbursed \$1,684.

**7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A \$2,000 GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN FOREST AND PAPER ASSOCIATION:** The county manager said during the briefing session that no matching funds were required for this grant. (The grant funds are not designated for a specific project at this time.)

**8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2, 2002 MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES OCCURRING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

**Centralina Workforce Development Board (2 announcements)**

**Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1 announcement)**

**Nursing Home Advisory Committee (1 announcement)**

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (2 announcements)**

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS FOR THE CENTRALINA**

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD:** **MOTION** by Commissioner Bowles to suspend the board's Rules of Procedure regarding the announcement of vacancies on boards and commissions and appoint Dr. Doug Eason and June Hamilton to the Centralina Workforce Development Board.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

*(Note: Centralina Workforce Development Board Director David Hollars had requested the reappointments of Eason and Hamilton prior to May 1. Eason and Hamilton's current appointments do not expire until June 30; however, Mr. Hollars wanted all of the appointments made before his annual retreat scheduled in May.)*

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** County Manager Mashburn distributed a written activity report. He reminded the board members about the annual appreciation banquet to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2002, 6:00 p.m., at the Agricultural Center for county retirees and employees with 20 years, or more, of service.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Citing G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) – Property Acquisition and G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4) – Economic Development, Chairman Tice at 8:15 p.m., **moved** to enter into closed session.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

(Return to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.)

**CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 7, 2002, REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE:** **MOTION** by Chairman Tice to call for a public hearing on May 7, 2002, at 7 p.m., in reference to an economic development incentive in the amount of \$112,800 over a five-year period, based on a \$6 million investment, for an undisclosed manufacturing company desiring to locate in Iredell County.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN IREDELL COUNTY AND TARHEEL AUCTION & REALTY ET AL:** **MOTION** by Commissioner Bowles to direct the Clerk to the Board to advertise the board's intent to consider an exchange of real estate in accordance with 160A-271 at its May 7, 2002 meeting with the advertisement stating the county proposes to exchange approximately 10.27 acres of real estate at the corner of Highway 150 and MacLeod Road in Mooresville, NC, for approximately 23 acres of real estate owned by Tarheel Auction & Realty, et al., located at Eastside Drive in Statesville, NC. The county property is valued at approximately \$65,000 an acre, and the Tarheel Auction & Realty, et al., property is valued at approximately \$32,500 an acre. The consideration of this exchange is being taken since Iredell County has determined it has no feasible use for the property in Mooresville, but the property on Eastside Drive could be used for future construction or expansion of county facilities.

VOTING: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **MOTION** by Chairman Tice to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 7, 2002, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

VOTING: Ayes - 5; Nays - 0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board