

IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2001

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 4, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

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

Staff Present: County Attorney William P. Pope, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore. (Note: The county manager was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in his family.)

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Tice.

INVOCATION by Commissioner Bowles.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Attorney William P. Pope conducted the meeting while the election of the chairman occurred.

Election of Chairman: Commissioner Ray nominated Sara Haire Tice for the office of chairman. There were no other nominations. Commissioner Bowles **moved** to close the nominations.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Attorney Pope said the nominations had been closed, and he then called for a vote on the election of Sara Haire Tice as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Iredell County.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Vice Chairman: Commissioner Johnson nominated Karen B. Ray for the office of vice chairman. There were no other nominations. Chairman Tice **moved** to close the nominations and elect Ray by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

(The seating arrangement remained the same: R. Godfrey Williams will be on the left side of Karen B. Ray. Vice Chairman Ray will be to the immediate left of Chairman Tice, and Steve D. Johnson will be on the chairman's immediate right side followed by Tommy E. Bowles.)

ADJUSTMENTS OF THE AGENDA: **MOTION** by Chairman Tice to approve the following agenda adjustments.

- Deletions:
- During the briefing, an update was given on Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. No action was requested and the matter was deleted from the agenda.
 - A closed session for property acquisition, G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) was deleted from the agenda.
- Additions:
- Budget Amendment #21 for the Sheriff's Department to Transfer \$14,000 from Seized Drug Funds to Capital Outlay for the Purchase of Additional Phone Lines for the Reverse 911 System.
 - Budget Amendment #22 for the Purpose of Recognizing \$13,330 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for a Reimbursement to the West Iredell Volunteer Fire Department for a Driveway Paving Project.
 - Request from the Mooresville Graded School District for the Transfer of \$90,000 in Unspent Capital Outlay Funds from the Existing Capital Outlay Budget for a Capital Outlay Project (chiller) at Mooresville Middle School (no new funds involved).

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

APPOINTMENTS BEFORE THE BOARD

Update on the Cooperative Soil Survey by Representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS): Larry Hendrix, the NRCS District Conservationist, said the county's land owners would be assisted by the soil survey being conducted. He said the survey currently being used was produced in 1964. Hendrix said his office worked with agricultural producers, developers, environmental agencies, real estate agencies, and legal companies when there were questions about the soils in Iredell County. Mr. Hendrix said the new soil survey was revealing that some soils once considered nonproductive were now being classified as productive. He said this was due to better farming practices. Hendrix said the soil erosion rates had significantly dropped.

Robert Ranson, an NRCS Soil Scientist, said the soil survey was a detailed scientific inventory of all the land resources in the county. He said the survey was based on field observations and "tens of thousands of soil borings." Ranson said farmers were the primary users of the survey, but there was a growing interest by nonagricultural groups.

Milton Martinez, an NRCS Soil Scientist, said he was assisting in the field mapping and data base for the national soil survey information system. He said the information would be accessible on the Internet. Mr. Martinez said the county soil survey would be published in 2007.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the survey results would assist land owners in locating areas for possible septic tanks or in-ground wastewater treatment systems. He also asked if the survey would reveal if there were pollutants on a property.

Martinez said the soils were classified and each classification had an interpretation. He said the interpretations could give a "general idea." Martinez said the work would not reveal pollutants.

Attorney Pope asked about the possibility of interfacing the survey results with the county's Geographic Information System (GIS).

Martinez said he planned to work with the state on digitizing the soil map.

Pope asked if it would be up to the local funding sources to have the survey results added to the GIS or mapping departments once digitization occurred.

Ranson said the process was still evolving. He said a goal was to have the information in a digitized format for the GIS offices.

Commissioner Williams asked the percentage of the county that had been surveyed.

Ranson said seven percent.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

MOTION by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following 11 consent agenda items.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

- 1. Request for Approval of a Proposed Model for the Joint Operation of Public Library Facilities between Iredell County and Municipalities, as Amended** (See briefing minutes for additional information.)
- 2. Request from the North Iredell Rescue Squad for an Additional Maturity Date Extension for a Promissory Note:** The note, now in the amount of \$74,000, will be extended for another year with an interest rate of three percent.
- 3. Request from the Iredell County Library for Approval of Budget Amendment #19 in Reference to a Grant for Hispanic Services:** During the briefing, Library Director Steve Messick explained that he planned to use a \$10,000 Hispanic Services grant for: (1) videos and audiotapes designed to assist Spanish speaking persons English (2) non-fiction books to aid in

learning the English language (3) Spanish language children's books to improve literary and to assist English-speaking children in learning Spanish (4) Spanish language fiction for both Spanish-speaking persons and for English-speaking adults learning Spanish and (5) specialized catalog records needed for Spanish materials and for the translation of library signs and brochures, etc.

4. Request from the Health Department for Approval of a Resolution in Support of an Application for State Mosquito Control Funds: (The following resolution was approved.)

Resolution Designating an Official to Sign Papers and to Otherwise Represent the Board of Commissioners in Connection with Mosquito Control

It is hereby ordered that Ray Rabe, as agent for Iredell County, be authorized and empowered to sign and execute all papers and documents necessary in connection with the request made to the Division of Environmental Health, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for aid in the control of mosquitoes. He is further authorized and required to carry out all agreements stipulated in the project application submitted by Iredell County to the Division of Environmental Health, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and to perform other acts that are proper and necessary in connection with the operation of this project. Acts of the said person on behalf of Iredell County are in all respects validated, approved, and confirmed.

5. Request from the Department of Social Services for Approval of Budget Amendment #20 for the Establishment of an Income Maintenance Case Worker III Position for Davis Regional Medical Center: (See briefing minutes for information regarding this item.)

6. Request for Approval of the Annual Resolution for the Centralina Council of Governments to Receive State Funds (The following resolution was approved.)

*Resolution
by the
Iredell County Board of Commissioners*

WHEREAS, Lead Regional Organizations have established productive voluntary working relationships with municipalities and counties across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 General Assembly recognized this need through the appropriation of \$935,000 for fiscal year 2002-2003 to help the lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a request is not made by Iredell County for release of these funds to the Lead Regional Organization, the available funds will revert to the state's general fund; and

WHEREAS, in Region F, funds in the amount of \$55,000 will be used for the preparation of HOME and CDBG applications, land use corridor studies, hosting of regional seminars/conferences, a regional data center, and other economic development activities that may be deemed appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iredell County Board of Commissioners requests the release of its share of these funds (\$5,439.33) to Centralina Council of Governments at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of state laws.

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7. **Request for Approval of the Public Official Bonds:** In accordance with G.S. 58-72-50, the board approved the bonds for the following officials.

	<u>Coverage</u>
Finance Officer	\$100,000
Tax Collector	50,000
Assistant Tax Collector	50,000
Sheriff	10,000
Register of Deeds	10,000

The bonds were renewed on July 1, 2001 and extend through June 30, 2002.

8. **Request for Approval of the November 20, 2001 Minutes**

9. **Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #21 to Transfer \$14,000 from the Sheriff's Drug Seizure Fund to Purchase Additional Phone Lines for the Reverse 911 System:** Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle explained during the briefing that \$36,812 had been received in grant funds, with a local match of \$4,000. He said additional lines were needed to make the Reverse 911 System fully functional.

10. **Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #22 for the Purpose of Recognizing \$13,330 from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) for a Reimbursement to the West Iredell Volunteer Fire Department for a Driveway Paving Project:** Finance Director Blumenstein advised, during the briefing, that state law allowed the department of transportation to fund driveway pavings for volunteer fire departments (VFDs). She said the state department could contract out directly for the construction, or it could reimburse the VFDs after the work had been completed. Blumenstein said a new substation had been built on Sharon School Road, and the DOT was making a reimbursement to West Iredell VFD in the amount of \$13,330.

11. **Request from the Mooresville Graded School District for the Transfer of \$90,000 in Unspent Capital Outlay Funds from the Existing Capital Outlay Budget for a Capital Outlay Project (chiller) at Mooresville Middle School (no new funds involved):** During the briefing, Blumenstein said the Mooresville Board of Education on December 3, 2001, approved the transfer of \$90,000 from several accounts to replace a 35 year old broken chiller at Mooresville Middle School (MMS). The \$90,000 was from savings that occurred from the following completed projects at MMS: \$15,900 from bleacher replacement, \$2,600 from ceiling tile replacement, \$4,500 from heat pump replacement, \$8,800 from tennis court resurfacing, \$6,150 from carpet replacement (media center), \$1,700 from a band storage building, \$3,600 from acoustic treatment, \$7,000 from telephone system replacement, and \$39,750 from the furniture and equipment account.

-----END OF CONSENT AGENDA-----

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES OCCURRING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Equalization and Review for Year 2002 (6 announcements)
Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee (5 announcements)
Information and Referral Advisory Board (1 announcement)
Recreation Advisory Committee (5 announcements)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (8 appts.): Commissioner Bowles nominated Fern Sexton and Wendy Dickenson for reappointments to this committee.

No other nominations were submitted, and Chairman Tice moved to close the nominations, appoint Sexton and Dickenson by acclamation, and to postpone the remaining six appointments until the December 18 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Statesville Board of Adjustment-Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (1 appt.):
Commissioner Williams nominated Larry Rosenfeld.

No other nominations were submitted, and Chairman Tice **moved** to close the nominations and appoint Rosenfeld by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Community Advisory Program for Disabled Adults (CAP-DA) (9 appointments):
Commissioner Ray nominated Kimberly Gregory, Delores Coughlin, Carolyn Lamb, Brenda Gatton, Amanda Brewer, Leigh Darty, Kevin Allan, Debra Durham, and Wendy Werts-Ivey.

MOTION by Chairman Tice to appoint Gregory, Coughlin, Lamb, Gatton, Brewer, Darty, Allan, Durham, and Werts-Ivey by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Criminal Justice Partnership Program (CJPP) (6 appts.): Commissioner Johnson nominated Judge Martin Gottholm.

Commissioner Williams nominated Reggie Weisner (member at large), and Brenda Swicegood (member at large).

Commissioner Bowles nominated Assistant District Attorney Crystal Sain.

Commissioner Ray nominated Mooresville Police Chief John Crone.

Chairman Tice nominated Woody Woodard (member at large).

No other nominations were submitted, and Chairman Tice **moved** to appoint Gottholm, Weisner, Swicegood, Sain, Crone, and Woodard to three-year appointments on the Criminal Justice Partnership Program Board.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Board of Health (5 appts.): **MOTION** by Commissioner Bowles to postpone these five appointments until the December 18 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Nursing Home Advisory Board: Chairman Tice **moved** to suspend the Rules of Procedure regarding the announcement of vacancies on boards and commissions.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Commissioner Williams nominated Cindy Andrews for an appointment on the Nursing Home Advisory Board.

Chairman Tice **moved** to close the nominations and appoint Andrews by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Johnson reminded the board members about the Recreation Christmas Dinner Meeting to be held on Thursday, December 6.

CONTINUATION OF THE BOARD'S MEETING: **MOTION** by Chairman Tice, at 7:50 p.m., to continue the meeting until Tuesday, December 18, 2001, at 4:15 p.m., in the South Wing Conference Room, for the purpose of hearing presentations from architects regarding the new library facility.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board