

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2004**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (Commissioners' Meeting Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

Present were:
Chairman Sara Haire Tice
Steve D. Johnson
Marvin Norman
Ken Robertson

Absent: Vice Chairman Godfrey Williams was absent due to the illness of his mother, Mrs. Thelma Sharpe.

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 Norman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

- Deletions:
- Request from the EMS Department for Approval of a Resolution and a Memorandum of Understanding Pertaining to the North Carolina Local Debt Setoff Program
 - Request for the Appointment of a Voting Delegate for the Legislative Goals Conference Sponsored by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 13-14, 2005, at the Radisson Hotel, in High Point, NC

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

-----**CONSENT AGENDA**-----

MOTION by Chairman Tice to approve the following six (6) consent agenda items.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

1. Request for Approval of the November 2004 Refunds & Releases: During the agenda briefing, Tax Administrator Bill Doolittle advised that everything was in order for approval of the following refunds and releases.

NOVEMBER 2004 TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS		
	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>
County	\$49,601.29	\$ 1,922.34
Solid Waste Fees	434.00	0
East Alexander Co. Fire #1	2.53	0
Shepherds Fire # 2	184.44	32.54
Mount Mourne Fire # 3	80.08	20.97
All County Fire # 4	4,229.48	112.54
Statesville City	4,013.43	0
Statesville Downtown	163.80	0

Mooresville Town	4,799.47	291.81
Mooresville Downtown	123.96	0
Mooresville School	1,449.55	82.44
Love Valley	0	0
Harmony	1.14	0
Troutman	255.20	0
Total	\$65,338.37	\$2,462.64

A complete list, of the individual tax releases and refunds, is hereby incorporated into the minutes by reference.

2. Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #28 in Conjunction with a Regional Orthophotography Project and a Contract with EarthData International: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Administrator Lee Anne Owens requested permission during the 5 p.m. meeting to re-appropriate \$125,000 in 2003-04 lapsed funds for a regional orthophotography project. She said the money was originally dedicated for planimetric updates, and these would be included in the project. Owens said that by participating in a 12-county project, Iredell County would save \$189,880. She said aerial photographing occurred every four years, and the photos would be available in 2005 to assist in the county's 2006 revaluation. Mrs. Owens said EarthData International had been chosen for the contract, and the flights would occur in February/March of 2005. She said the following services would be included in the project:

Color Digital Orthos	\$130,097
New planimetrics	\$137,166
Centralina COG Consulting Fee	\$ 15,000
Total	\$282,263*

*The \$125,000 re-appropriation will be added to \$157,263 already included in the 2004-05 budget for the total cost of \$282,263.

(Planimetrics will include building and pier footprints, paved and dirt roads, bridges, railroad centerlines, cross-country transmission lines and right-of-ways, cross-country gas lines and right-of-ways.)

3. Request from the Health Department for Approval of a Revised Fee Policy: During the agenda briefing, Health Administrative Officer Bill Griffith requested approval of a revised fee policy to offer more guidance to employees working in programs with eligibility requirements. He said the Board of Health approved the policy on December 9, 2004, and the state administrative consultant had reviewed it. Griffith said definitions were added to the policy along with information about the Health Information Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA).

4. Request from the Health Department for Permission to Accept Donated Dental Equipment: Allied Health Coordinator Norma Rife said at the 5 p.m. meeting that Dr. David Patterson, of Alamance, NC, planned to convert his office equipment to digital technology, and he desired to donate his existing dental inventory. Rife said the health department's equipment, manufactured in 1970, was malfunctioning, and Dr. Patterson's equipment, manufactured in 1993, would offer much better service. She said the cost of a new x-ray machine would be \$17,000 to \$25,000 depending upon the type purchased. Mrs. Rife said the cost to install the donated equipment would be between \$200 to \$400. The donated equipment is as follows:

Item	Quantity	Fair Market Value
Panoramic X-Ray unit Belmont 98E – 1993/Serial # 1532148	1	8,500.00
X-Ray Processor + extra replacement parts (Develops all sizes of x-rays) Dent-X 810 Basic Serial #255182	1	1,200.00
Cleaning Solution	5 packages	22.70
Film Cassettes for Belmont	2	78.95
Kodak dental film dispensers (2 per cassette)	3	200.00
Lanex Screens	4	252.00

Kodak Film T-Mat panoramic dental film TMG-15	4	5.16
Kodak Insight Film (Size 0) Super Poly Soft IP-01	64	21.76
Kodak Insight Film (Size 1) Paper IP-11	2	.78
Kodak Insight Film (Size 2) Super poly soft IP-21	215	55.90
X-Ray Mounts FMX#21-6180	65	35.10
4 H BWX# 21-6040	115	24.10
2 H BWX #21-6021	66	7.92
4 V BWX #21-6042	77	13.86
Rinn Green Stave-disposable film holders	½ box	8.50
Patterson Bite Wing Tabs	3 partial boxes	7.75
Pinnacle Dispos-a-bite Model 7080	1 full box	35.60
Pinnacle Dispos-a-bite blocks with clear plastic covers-cold sterile	5	9.50
TOTAL		\$10,479.58

5. Request for Approval of a Lease Agreement with Craig Wagoner for Approximately Eight Acres of Property on Bristol Drive for Agricultural Purposes: Support Services Director Jim Vernon explained during the briefing session that Craig Wagoner, for the last few years, had been leasing vacant land near the Agricultural Resource Center. He said an updated one-year lease had been created to extend from January 1 – December 31, 2005 at an annual cost of \$200. Vernon said the lease stipulated the property could be used only for agricultural purposes -- hay production/grazing.

6. Request for Approval of the December 6, 2004 & December 7, 2004 Minutes

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES OCCURRING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS (none)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Board of Health (5 appointments): Commissioner Norman nominated Steve Knight (engineer), Dr. Ron Milam (optometrist), Michael Eudy (pharmacist), and Sylvia Chapman (nurse).

MOTION by Chairman Tice to (1) close the nominations (2) appoint Knight, Milam, Eudy, and Chapman by acclamation, and (3) to postpone the appointment of a replacement for Dr. Travis Blackwelder (veterinarian) until the January 4 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Criminal Justice Partnership Program Committee (6 appointments): Commissioner Johnson nominated John Crone (police chief), Woody Woodard (member-at-large), Reggie Weisner (member-at-large) and Brenda Swicegood (member-at large).

MOTION by Chairman Tice to (1) close the nominations, (2) appoint Crone, Woodard, Weisner and Swicegood by acclamation, and (3) to postpone the appointment of individuals to represent the judicial system (courts) and the district attorney’s office until the January 4 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Home & Community Care Block Grant Committee (5 appointments): Commissioner Norman nominated Dot Blackwelder, Lucille Carter, Ethel Rash, Mary Joe Danner and Barbara Barrier.

MOTION by Commissioner Johnson to close the nominations and appoint Blackwelder, Carter, Rash, Danner and Barrier by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Crossroads Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors (1 appointment): Commissioner Johnson nominated Dr. Jane Testerman.

MOTION by Chairman Tice to close the nominations and appoint Testerman by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Board of Equalization & Review (6 appointments): Commissioner Norman nominated Larry Galliher as a regular member.

MOTION by Commissioner Johnson to (1) close the nominations, (2) appoint Galliher as a regular member to the Board of Equalization and Review, and (3) to postpone the remaining four regular appointments along with the alternate's appointment until the January 4 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Recreation Advisory Board (4 appointments): Commissioner Johnson nominated Larry Johnson, Bob Howell, Barbara Thorson, and Matt Madison.

MOTION by Commissioner Robertson to close the nominations and appoint Johnson, Howell, Thorson, and Madison by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Zoning Board of Adjustment (4 appointments): Commissioner Norman nominated Carol Parrish, James Wilson, Roy West, and Harry Tsumas.

MOTION by Chairman Tice to close the nominations and appoint Parrish, Wilson, West, and Tsumas by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Adult Care Community Advisory Committee (4 appointments): No nominations were submitted, and Commissioner Norman made a **motion** to postpone the four appointments until the January 4 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

Animal Grievance Committee (1 appointment): No nominations were submitted, and Commissioner Johnson made a **motion** to postpone the appointment until the January 4 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Appreciation Certificates from the Iredell County Rescue Squad: Commissioner Johnson said that at the annual meeting of the Iredell County Rescue Squad, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to the board of commissioners for the assistance provided in the squad's vehicle refinancing. In addition, Johnson said the squad had issued a similar appreciation certificate to Finance Director Blumenstein.

Agenda for the February 18-19, 2005 Winter Planning Session: Commissioner Johnson requested that at the Winter Planning Session, the staff provide

information about long term capital needs. He said Sheriff Redmond had indicated the Hwy. 21 satellite jail might provide enough space for the next five years, but after this, additional space would be needed. Johnson requested that the timeline for the capital projects' listing extend beyond the next five years.

Thoughts and Prayers Extended to Commissioner Williams Due to the Illness of His Mother: Chairman Tice advised the audience that Commissioner Godfrey Williams was absent from the meeting due to the illness of his mother.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

New Social Services Building: County Manager Mashburn said site grading had started at the Eastside Drive property for the new social services building.

New County Library: County Manager Mashburn said most of the exterior work for the new library had been accomplished, but the opening was still predicted to be late February 2005.

CLOSED SESSION: MOTION by Chairman Tice at 7:16 p.m., to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition - G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) and Economic Development – G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (4).

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

(RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.)

CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FOR MB2/MBV MOTORSPORTS: MOTION by Chairman Tice to call for a public hearing on January 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., regarding an economic development incentive of \$74,820.00, over a five-year period, for MB2/MBV Motorsports based on a \$4.3 million investment in Iredell County.

VOTING: Ayes - 4; Nays - 0.

CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FOR AN UNDISCLOSED COMPANY: MOTION by Chairman Tice to call for a public hearing on January 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., regarding an economic development incentive of \$342,780.00, over a five-year period, for an undisclosed company based on a \$19.7 million investment in Iredell County.

VOTING: Ayes - 4; Nays – 0.

PURCHASE OF THE PIEDMONT PRODUCTION CREDIT BUILDING: MOTION by Commissioner Johnson to purchase the Piedmont Production Credit Building property located at 203 Stockton Street, Statesville, North Carolina, at a cost of \$499,000.00 with a closing to be held on or before April 1, 2006.

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays – 0.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Chairman Tice to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, January 4, 2005 at 5 & 7 p.m. in the Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.)

VOTING: Ayes – 4; Nays - 0.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board