

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR THE INCUMBENT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2004**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, December 6, 2004, in the Iredell County Government Center (Commissioners' Meeting Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC. (This was the final meeting of the 2002-2004 board.)

Present were:

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

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 Johnson.

INVOCATION by Chairman Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2004 AND NOVEMBER 23, 2004 MINUTES: MOTION by Commissioner Norman to approve the November 8 and November 23, 2004 minutes as presented.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER TANK AGREEMENT WITH THE ENERGYUNITED WATER CORPORATION TO ALLOW FOR AN EASEMENT OR LICENSE TO ACCESS WATER LINES: County Manager Mashburn said that on February 5, 2004, the county entered into a lease and operating agreement with EnergyUnited Water for an elevated water storage tank to be located in the NC90/US 64 corridor between Stony Point and Statesville, NC. He said later, it was realized the agreement did not have language allowing the water company to access the water lines. Mashburn requested approval of an amendment to allow the access.

MOTION by Commissioner Tice to approve the water tank amendment as requested by the county manager.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE FLEXSOL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT: Mrs. Blumenstein said EnergyUnited Water was ready to proceed with the water line installation to the FlexSol site, and a revision was needed in the July 2004 project ordinance. She said the prior ordinance was based upon projected costs, and the updated version would include the actual costs (bids) for the construction and electrical work.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the FlexSol Project Ordinance as presented.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

The ordinance is as follows:

**CDBG – FlexSol Water & Sewer Improvements
Amended Project Ordinance**

Be it ordained by the board of county commissioners of Iredell County, North Carolina:

Section 1. Funds for this CDBG Project will be provided by:

	Original	Amendment	Amended
NC Small Cities CDBG-Economic Development	\$195,207		\$195,207
EnergyUnited Water		\$ 17,232	17,232
FlexSol Project Contribution	85,069	(23,000)	62,069
	<u>\$ 280,276</u>	<u>(5,768)</u>	<u>\$ 274,508</u>

Section 2. The following costs will be paid from this grant project fund:

Professional Services	\$ 27,276	(2,276)	25,000
Water System Improvements	222,000	27,508	249,508
Sewer System Improvements	31,000	(31,000)	-
	<u>\$ 280,276</u>	<u>(5,768)</u>	<u>\$ 274,508</u>

Section 3. This Grant Project Fund shall continue until the project is complete.

Section 4. Payments from this Capital Project Fund shall be authorized by the County Manager or his designee.

This Project Ordinance is effective upon adoption.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL AND CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE FLEXSOL WATERLINE & SEWER PROJECT (WEST CONSULTANTS RECOMMENDS FOR THE ELECTRICAL BID TO BE AWARDED TO SMART ELECTRIC COMPANY AT \$63,389 AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION BID TO BE AWARDED TO THE HICKORY SAND COMPANY AT \$186,119): County Manager Mashburn said only one electrical bid was received for the FlexSol waterline/sewer project. He said the work was re-bid, and again only one bid was received (Smart Electric Company). Mashburn said all legal requirements had been met, and it was the consultant’s recommendation for the electrical contract to be awarded to Smart Electric in the amount of \$63,389.00, contingent upon final approval of the CDBG-ED funding.

In regards to the construction work, Mashburn said the consultant recommended for the contract to be awarded to the low bidder, Hickory Sand Company in the negotiated amount of \$186,119.00, contingent upon final approval of the CDBG-ED funding.

MOTION by Commissioner Norman to award the electrical contract to Smart Electric in the amount of \$63,389.00 and for the construction contract to be awarded to the Hickory Sand Company in the amount of \$186,119.00, with both bid awards being contingent upon Community Development Block Grant-Economic Development funding.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

The following three companies bid on the construction work.

Waterline & Sewer Total Contract Price		
Hickory Sand Company	\$204,269.00	(Negotiated to \$186,119.00)
Bell Construction Company	\$218,947.22	
Allied Grading, Inc.	\$233,511.40	

PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE TO COMMISSIONER DOUG MADISON: Chairman Johnson thanked Commissioner Madison for his work during the past two years. Johnson said, “Mr. Madison was not pre-occupied with a desire to be well-liked by everyone, but he was preoccupied with doing the right thing.”

The other three commissioners also expressed thanks to Mr. Madison for his leadership and service to the county.

Farewell Remarks by Commissioner Madison: Mr. Madison said he was proud of the work had been accomplished in the past two years. He referenced the Book of Romans and said the members of the board of commissioners were ministers to the people, and as such, they were held to a higher standard due to speaking on behalf of peoples' rights. Madison said, "I believe the Lord has put power through you." He said the board would have some tough decisions, but "the Lord will never put more on you than you can stand." He continued by saying open government was needed, and the citizens needed to be involved. Mr. Madison said many entities would try to convince the commissioners that they had elected them, but it was always important to remember that it was the people who elected them. He concluded his statements by reminding the board members to remember where the authority came from to make the decisions.

(NOTE: Commissioner Madison was elected by the board of commissioners on January 7, 2003, to serve in the unexpired term of Karen Ray who was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Madison, a past Iredell County Commissioner (1990-1996), did not seek a commissioners' seat during the 2004 election.)

ADJOURNMENT OF THE FINAL MEETING OF THE 2002 – 2004 IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: **MOTION** by Chairman Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. (SINE DIE)

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Approval: _____

Clerk to the Board