

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2004**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (Commissioners' Meeting 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, County Attorney Bill Pope, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, Planning/Inspections Director Lynn Niblock, Planning Supervisor Ron Smith, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Johnson.

INVOCATION by Chairman Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ADJUSTMENTS OF THE AGENDA: **MOTION** by Chairman Johnson to adjust the agenda by the following change.

Deletion: Request from the Health Department for the Allocation (Budget Amendment) of Bioterrorism Grant Revenue of \$103,044.00.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

APPOINTMENTS BEFORE THE BOARD

Ben Goins, a member of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Class, Requested Approval of a Resolution Endorsing and Promoting Saturday, March 27, 2004, as Mooresville, South Iredell and Lake Norman Community Involvement Day: Mr. Goins, along with several members of the Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Class, requested approval of a resolution in conjunction with a community involvement day. Goins said over 300 individuals had agreed to participate on Saturday, March 27 in various service activities designed for the betterment of the southern Iredell County area.

MOTION by Commissioner Tice to approve the following resolution for the Mooresville, South Iredell and Lake Norman Community Involvement Day.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

**RESOLUTION
TO ENDORSE AND PROMOTE SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2004 AS THE
MOORESVILLE, SOUTH IREDELL, AND LAKE NORMAN
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DAY**

WHEREAS, the involvement and work of citizens in community service activities contributes significantly and beneficially to the outstanding quality of life valued in the Mooresville, South Iredell, and Lake Norman Community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of southern Iredell County, the Town of Mooresville, and the surrounding Lake Norman area, for its citizens and civic organizations alike to participate in a wide variety of service activities to benefit and improve the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the observance of a Community Involvement Day calls for the participation of citizens to work together to accomplish and achieve for the good and the betterment of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iredell County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports March 27, 2004, as the Mooresville, South Iredell, and Lake Norman Community Involvement Day, and encourages all citizens of Mooresville, South Iredell, and Lake Norman to assume an active role in this special occasion and to work towards the betterment of their neighborhoods and society at-large.

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

Case No. 0402-1; Mooresville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc., Requests the Rezoning of Property from Residential Agricultural to Residential Office District (Location: 1745 Charlotte Highway, Mooresville, NC/ PIN # 4659-61-7634): Planning Supervisor Smith said the Mooresville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc., desired to rezone a 1.9 acre parcel from Residential Agricultural to Residential Office. He said a vacant building on the site, formerly used for religious purposes, had been constructed prior to the adoption of county-wide zoning. Smith said the surrounding parcels were being used for educational and residential uses. He said the property was for sale, and a potential buyer desired to renovate the building for medical offices. He said the planning board approved the request in a unanimous vote on February 4, 2004.

No one else desired to speak, and Chairman Johnson adjourned the hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Madison to approve the rezoning request of Case No. 0402-1 (Mooresville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.) from Residential Agricultural to Residential Office District.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

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

MOTION by Chairman Johnson to approve the following five (5) consent agenda items.

VOTING: Ayes –5; Nays – 0.

1. Request from MAG Land Development, LLC for the Zoning and Subdivision Release (Extraterritorial Jurisdiction) of 90 Acres to the Town of Mooresville (Location: Rocky River Road, Adjacent to the Curtis Pond Subdivision, in Mooresville, NC - *Property is within the Mooresville Graded School District*): Planning Supervisor Smith reported during the agenda briefing, that MAG Land Development Company was requesting the zoning and subdivision release of three tracts (approximately 90 acres) to the Town of Mooresville. He said the Town had already approved a request for utility extension and would consider annexing the property in June. Smith said the land company intended to develop the property as another phase of the Curtis Pond Subdivision. He said the property was currently zoned Residential Agricultural, and it was designated for this same type of zoning in the land use plan. Mr. Smith said the planning staff recommended approval of the request, due to Mooresville's plans for annexation in June, along with the property being in the Mooresville Graded School District.

2. Request from the Health Department for Approval of Budget Amendment #27 for the Allocation of Food & Lodging Grant Revenue of \$10,599.63: The health director explained during the briefing session that due to food and lodging grant funds being increased by \$10,599.63, the staff desired to add this money to existing funds of \$15,693 and purchase two vehicles to be used by the sanitarian staff. (The request was approved by the board of health on Monday, March 1, 2004.)

3. Request from the Health Department for Approval of Budget Amendment #28 for the Allocation of Vaccine Storage & Handling Improvements Grant Revenue of \$2,259.00: At the briefing, Health Director Rabe said the health department had received a \$2,259 grant from the North Carolina Immunization Program. Rabe said the department desired to purchase a commercial grade refrigerator/freezer for vaccine storage. (The request was approved by the board of health on March 1, 2004.)

4. Request from the Health Department for Approval of Budget Amendment #29 for Prior Approval to Expend \$19,662.09 of Additional \$31,219.00 in FY 03-04 WIC Grant Funds: Health Director Rabe requested at the 5 p.m. meeting permission to purchase the following equipment with WIC Grant Funds.

8 computers @ \$1,488.40 =	\$11,907.20
Network communication switches	1,697.89
Cabinet enclosure for switches	<u>1,228.00</u>
	\$14,833.09
Breastfeeding Health Agency Resource Kit	+ <u>4,829.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,662.09</u>

5. Request for Approval of the February 13, 14 & 17, 2004 Minutes

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

Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #30 in Conjunction with the Annual Meck-Neck Reimbursement (\$24,890 needed from contingency for payment of \$154,890): Finance Director Blumenstein said at the briefing session that in accordance with the ten-year Meck-Neck Transfer Agreement, an annual payout was due to Mecklenburg County. She said that for this fiscal year, the payment would be \$154,890.00, and this was \$24,890 more than budgeted. Blumenstein said the increase was due to growth and revaluation, and the county's obligation to Mecklenburg County would remain in effect for four more years.

MOTION by Commissioner Madison to approve Budget Amendment #30 for the annual payment to Mecklenburg County as presented by the finance director.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

(Note: Chairman Johnson mentioned that Commissioner Tice had been instrumental in accomplishing the Meck-Neck transfer. He said the transaction had been advantageous for Iredell County due to the property increasing in value by over 54% since it was first transferred.)

Request from the Centralina Council of Governments for the Nomination of Three Individuals to Serve on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Panel and a Request from the Future Forward Economic Alliance for \$6,518: County Manager Mashburn said the county had an opportunity to participate in two different economic development planning initiatives. He said they were both being administered by a council of government (Centralina COG and Western Piedmont COG), and they both had similar objectives. Mashburn said the Future Forward Economic Alliance project consisted of the 12 counties located in the 10th and 11th Congressional District. He said the other project (CEDS) was sponsored by the Centralina Council of Governments, and it was an organization that already included Iredell County as a dues-paying member. Mashburn said the economic goals being worked on by the two COGs differed from those of the Carolinas Partnership. He said the Partnership worked primarily in markets and the recruitment of industry, while the CEDS and Future Forward projects were trying to find ways to aid in worker training and infrastructure needs.

Mr. Mashburn said Centralina was not requesting any additional funding at the present; however, its director would not rule out the possibility of a financial request in the future. Mashburn said that at the present, Centralina was requesting for the county to appoint three individuals to serve on a CEDS panel.

In regards to the Future Forward project, Mashburn said an investment of \$6,518.00 had been requested out of the county's FY 04-05 budget. He said that if the county chose to fund the project, an elected and private sector representative could then be appointed to serve on the Future Forward board.

The pros and cons for both projects were then discussed. Chairman Johnson said the county could align with Centralina, but keep the options open for the Future Forward project.

Commissioner Williams said it appeared the Future Forward goals might be a little different from what Iredell County needed, since the project's emphasis seemed to be geared towards the loss of furniture manufacturing jobs.

Commissioner Norman said the Future Forward project had progressed faster than the CEDS project. He said the Future Forward planning stage had already been accomplished.

MOTION by Commissioner Madison to accept the Centralina Council of Government's invitation to (1) participate in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) (2) advertise the three panel positions that will represent Iredell County in the CEDS initiative and during the interim period, while the positions are unfilled, allow the county manager to serve and (3) hold in abeyance the invitation to participate in the Future Forward Economic Alliance Project -- a commitment will not be made at the present. However, this action shouldn't be interpreted as a rejection of the Future Forward project.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES OCCURRING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Animal Grievance Committee (1 announcement)

Hazardous Waste & Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Board (4 announcements)

Historic Properties Commission (1 announcement)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (1 appointment): No nominations were submitted, and Commissioner Madison **motioned** to postpone this appointment until the March 16, 2004 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee (1 appointment): Commissioner Williams nominated Theresa Brown Moose for a reappointment.

Commissioner Madison **motioned** to close the nominations and appoint Ms. Moose by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT: County Manager Mashburn reported that due to the inclement weather that occurred on the morning of Thursday, February 26, 2004, the county offices closed at 12 Noon, and they were not reopened until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2004.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Chairman Johnson to continue the meeting to Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at 4:00 p.m., for the purpose of meeting with the Iredell-Statesville School System. (The meeting will be followed by the regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board