

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
MAY 20, 2003**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, 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 Attorney Bill Pope, Finance Director Susan Blumenstein, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

Note: County Manager Joel Mashburn was absent due to illness.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Johnson.

INVOCATION by Chairman Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADJUSTMENTS OF THE AGENDA: **MOTION** by Chairman Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Recognition of Teachers in the Iredell-Statesville School System and the Mooresville Graded School District who Recently Achieved National Board Certification: **MOTION** by Commissioner Madison to approve the following resolution.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

**RESOLUTION HONORING TEACHERS IN THE
IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOL SYSTEM
&
MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOR ACHIEVING NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to establishing high and rigorous standards for teachers and improving student learning in American schools; and

WHEREAS, all 50 states have taken action to participate in the National Board Certification program; and

WHEREAS, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has developed a national, voluntary system to assess and certify teachers; and

WHEREAS, 35 teachers recently achieved the national certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners hereby congratulate Caroline Annas, Lynn Beatty, Dawn Bell, Tara Bowman, Donna Brawley, Mary Alice Buhner, Karen Bullard, Diane Cash, Tracy Dagenhart, Stephanie Dennis, Ann Farabee, Kristin Faucher, Mary Ann Flowers, Traci Fox, Patricia Freeze, Paula Hanson, Karen Hobday, Gayle Jones, Holly Jones, Kathy Kerr, Leah Anne Key, Patricia Logan, Angie Long, Laura Miller, Deborah Pierce, Pamela Purifoy, Donna Robertson, Tammy Russ, Alison Schleede, Jennifer Setser, Lina Soares, Tracy Turner, Shelley

Warnock, Murphy Wellman, and Regina Welsted for achieving the national certification and for increasing their knowledge and skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Iredell County Board of Commissioners honor these exemplary teachers and commend them for their tireless efforts in the pursuit of teaching excellence.

This the 20th day of May 2003.

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Chairman Johnson and Commissioner Tice presented a copy of the resolution to the teachers in attendance and congratulated them on their willingness to pursue the certification. Mooresville Graded Schools Superintendent Dr. Bruce Boyles and Iredell-Statesville School Board Chairman Dr. David Cash were also in attendance. Dr. Cash's wife, Diane, was one of the teachers receiving recognition.

APPOINTMENT BEFORE THE BOARD

Presentation from a Representative of ASMO North Carolina Inc., Regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Performance Tracking/Strategic Goals Initiative: Danny Yount, ASMO's Environmental Health and Safety Department Assistant Manager, said his company had existed in Iredell County for the past 14 years. He said last year, ASMO joined the EPA's tracking and environmental strategic goals initiative. Yount said one of the initiative's requirements was for companies to present environmental performance information to the local governing entities. He described several ways the company was trying to prevent pollution and sustain a healthy environment. (Listed below are three of the most significant items mentioned.)

- (1) Reducing the amount of waste being sent to the county landfill. In year 2002, about 450 tons were landfilled compared to over 1,000 tons in 1999. Recycling efforts have also been accelerated.
- (2) Reducing the amount of volatile organic compounds. The company is using zinc-coated steel and powder-coated materials instead of liquid, epoxy-based paint. An ultimate goal is eliminate painting altogether.
- (3) Pertaining to water quality and conservation, ASMO joined the *Common Sense Initiative*. The City of Statesville granted ASMO a level two incentive that allows quarterly water samplings instead of the previous monthly samplings.

Yount said additional information about the company's performance could be found at www.asmo-na.com. He said the EPA's website might also be of interest, and it was located at www.epa.gov/performancectrack.

Chairman Johnson thanked Mr. Yount for the presentation and congratulated him on ASMO's environmental performance.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the following eleven (11) consent agenda items.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

1. Request from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) for Approval of the FY 2003-04 Funding Recommendations: JCPC Chairman Carl Duncan presented the council's recommendations at the briefing session. The following chart shares information about the agencies approved to receive the FY 03-04 funding.

JCPC Allocation Amount Available for 2003-2004 \$289,914			
Proposals Received	Amount Requested for 2003-04	FY 02/03 Allocation	Amount Awarded
Barium Springs Home for Children	\$142,052	\$ 137,752	137,752
Big Brother Big Sister	30,945	0	0
Counseling Center of Iredell	39,850	35,504	0
Project Challenge	45,696	38,291	43,291
Psychological Services to Juvenile Court	6,820	6,820	6,820
SCAN (ARK Program)	90,344	61,047	61,047
JCPC Administrative	10,500	10,500	10,500
Totals	\$365,207	\$289,914	*\$259,410

* \$30,504 has not been awarded. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council voted to publish another RFP seeking vendors to provide specific counseling services geared towards the adolescent population.

2. Request for Approval of the Waterline Bids for the Millard Refrigeration & West Farm Development Project with the Awarding of the Waterline Contract to Hickory Construction in the Amount of \$126,620.00 and the Postponement of the Approval of the Water Tank Bids & Awarding of the Contract due to there being Inadequate Funds for the One-Million Gallon Tank: The following bids were received and opened on May 13, 2003, for the referenced waterline.

ENERGYUNITED WATER CORPORATION & IREDELL COUNTY WEST FARM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT	
BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Bell Construction Company	\$ 207,378.60
Buckeye Construction	(no bid)
Burke Grading & Paving, Inc.	(no bid)
Chris Rider, Inc.	168,971.00
Gilbert Engineering	156,879.00
Hickory Construction Company	126,620.00
Trans-State Construction Company	155,570.00

At the briefing session, Jerry Twiggs with West Consultants, recommended that the waterline bid be awarded to Hickory Construction. He said tank bids were also received and opened; however, due to there being inadequate funds (approximately \$200,000) for a million-gallon tank, it was recommended that the action on this particular segment of the project be delayed. Twiggs said efforts were being made to secure a funding source for the remaining amount of money needed for the tank.

3. Request for Approval of a Zoning and Subdivision Jurisdiction (Extraterritorial) Release to the Town of Mooresville (27 acres adjacent to the Mooresville Town Limits Owned by Norman & Judy Aldridge at Hwy. 150 & Ervin Road): Planner Emily Jackson said during the briefing that the Aldridge property was adjacent to the Mooresville town limits, and it was within the urban services boundary. She said that in April of this year, the Town of Mooresville approved an annexation request. Jackson said the property was currently zoned Highway Business Conditional Use District, and it was designated for retail usage in the Iredell County Land Development Plan. She said a retail establishment was planned for the site.

4. Request for Approval of the April 2003 Refunds and Releases: The approved refunds and releases are as follows.

APRIL 2003 TAX RELEASES & REFUNDS		
	<u>Releases</u>	<u>Refunds</u>
County	26,050.61	1,854.94
Solid Waste Fees	90.00	0
East Alexander Co. Fire #1	14.14	0
Shepherd's Fire # 2	17.12	0
Mt. Mourne Fire # 3	26.52	144.74
All County Fire # 4	912.02	239.71
Statesville City	4,190.51	0
Statesville Downtown	481.76	0
Mooresville Town	11,324.15	63.40
Mooresville Downtown	0	0
Mooresville School	953.14	16.86
Love Valley	0	0
Harmony	0	0
Troutman	99.68	0
Total	44,159.65	2,319.65

5. Request for Approval of an Agreement with the Harmony Volunteer Fire Department and the Olin Community Development Corporation for a Communications Tower: Communications Director David Martin explained during the briefing session that a 25-year lease had been drafted for the county to build a 190 foot self-supporting tower at the Harmony Volunteer Fire Department Station located in Olin, N.C. Martin said the county would provide an emergency generator for the site and purchase the fuel. Mr. Martin said a site license application had been submitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

6. Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #40 for the Transfer of funds (\$20,000) from the Contingency Line Item to the Legal Budget Line Item: Finance Director Blumenstein said at the briefing session that several unexpected claims had been brought against the county during this budget year. She said in March, a budget amendment adding \$20,000 to the legal budget had been approved; however, the claims and settlements line item had again been overspent. Blumenstein said that in addition, the legal professional services line item needed more funds. She requested that \$20,000 be taken from the contingency fund and divided between the legal professional services line item (\$10,000) and the claims and settlements (\$10,000) line item.

7. Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #41 for the Acceptance of an FY 2002 Department of Justice/Office of Domestic Preparedness Grant: Emergency Services Director Tracy Jackson said at the briefing that a grant totaling \$37,508 had been received. He requested approval of a budget amendment to recognize the funding and permission to spend the money for supplies (\$28,543) and equipment (\$8,965).

8. Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #42 in Regards to Supplemental Retirement for the Register of Deeds: Finance Director Blumenstein mentioned during the briefing that the supplemental retirement paid this fiscal year for the Register of Deeds exceeded the budget by \$19,301 on April 30. Blumenstein estimated an additional \$13,400 would be needed for the remainder of the year. She said Budget Amendment #42 would recognize revenue (\$32,700) received in excess of the budget and appropriate it to the Supplemental Retirement line item.

9. Request for Approval of Budget Amendment #43 in Reference to the Trinity Volunteer Fire Department Truck Repairs in the Amount of \$2,092.30: During the briefing, Andy Webster, a member of the Fire Chief's Advisory Committee, said two trucks owned by the Trinity Fire Department had design flaws. He requested that \$2,092 be reimbursed to the fire department. (The Fire Tax Board minutes dated February 25, 2003, indicated the repair cost for Truck Unit 801 was \$1,505.14, and the amount for Truck Unit 802 was \$587.16. The Fire Tax Board voted to reimburse

Trinity out of the Truck Fund.) The budget amendment will appropriate county-wide fire tax district fund balance money in the amount of \$2,095 to the Trinity VFD.

10. Request from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for the Adoption of a Resolution Calling Upon the North Carolina General Assembly to “Ensure Equitable Funding for the University and to Ensure that UNC-Charlotte Participates in any New Investment Program by the State of North Carolina in Research Activities and Infrastructure:” The following resolution was approved in conjunction with this request.

**RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE**

WHEREAS, the economy of North Carolina is undergoing a dramatic change; and

WHEREAS, successful competition within the new economic environment requires a greater role for higher education; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina has embraced this enhanced role and is increasingly directing its instructional, research, and service programs to encourage and assist economic development; and

WHEREAS, UNC Charlotte is the campus of the University principally responsible for serving the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region; and

WHEREAS, various bodies concerned with the economic well-being of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region have identified the growth of UNC Charlotte, in size and in scope, as critical to the region’s economic development; and

WHEREAS, UNC Charlotte has responded by increasing the size of its student body; by adding degree programs, especially at the graduate level in technology and science-based disciplines; by strengthening research programs that undergird economic growth; and by implementing organizational changes such as the establishment of the College of Information Technology, the Office of Technology Transfer, and the Charlotte Research Institute, all intended to better connect the university with the public and private bodies concerned with economic development; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina must ensure that UNC Charlotte is adequately funded to carry out its expanded role in economic development; and

WHEREAS, previous State investments aimed at strengthening instructional and research programs related to economic development have tended to be focused on one geographic region; and

WHEREAS, future State investments must recognize the critical importance of the economic well-being of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region to that of the entire State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iredell County Board of Commissioners calls upon the North Carolina General Assembly, especially the members from this region, to ensure equitable funding for UNC Charlotte and to ensure that UNC Charlotte participates in any new investment program by the State of North Carolina in research activities and infrastructure intended to enhance economic opportunity and competitiveness, particularly in emerging fields such as biotechnology, photonics and optoelectronics, information technology and nanotechnology.

Adopted this the 20th day of May, 2003.

11. Request for Approval of the May 6, 2003 Minutes

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VACANCIES OCCURRING ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- Carolinas Partnership (1 announcement)**
- Region F Aging Advisory Committee (3 announcements)**
- Farmland Preservation Board (2 announcements)**
- Fire Tax District Board (1 announcement)**
- Statesville Planning Board (ETJ) (2 announcements)**
- I-CARE Board (2 announcements)**
- Jury Commission (1 announcement)**
- Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (14 announcements)**
- Mitchell Community College Board of Trustees (1 announcement)**
- Mooreville Planning Board (ETJ) (2 announcements)**
- Iredell County Planning Board (3 announcements)**
- Region F Emergency Medical Services Committee (1 announcement)**

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority (2 appointments):

Commissioner Madison nominated Steve Robinson and Dan Wallace.

No other candidate names were submitted, and Chairman Johnson moved to close the nominations and appoint Robinson and Wallace by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Hazardous Waste & Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Board (1 appointment): Commissioner Norman nominated James K. Howard (farm representative).

No other candidate names were submitted, and Commissioner Madison moved to close the nominations and appoint Howard by acclamation.

Troutman Planning Board (ETJ) (2 appointments): Commissioner Williams nominated Gerald Clodfelter and Kelly Miller.

MOTION by Chairman Johnson to close the nominations and appoint Clodfelter and Miller by acclamation.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Nursing Home Advisory Committee (2 appointments): No nominations were submitted, and Commissioner Madison moved to postpone the two appointments until the June 3 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee (7 appointments): No nominations were submitted, and Commissioner Madison moved to postpone the seven appointments until the June 3 meeting.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Note: The board requested that the clerk publish a public notice seeking volunteers to serve on the Nursing and Adult Care Home Committees.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Chairman Johnson at 7:19 p.m., to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, May 22, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of touring buildings designed by architectural firms interested in designing the new social services building. Following the tours (same day), the commissioners will hold a budget review session at 6:00 p.m., in the South Wing Conference Room, Iredell County Government Center, 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC.

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

Approved: _____

Clerk to the Board