

**IREDELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES & BRIEFING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2007**

The Iredell County Board of Commissioners met in Special Meeting Session on Tuesday, September 4, 2007, at 4:30 p.m., in the Iredell County Government Center (South Wing Conference Room), 200 South Center Street, Statesville, NC. (Immediately, following the special meeting, the board held a September 4 agenda briefing.)

**Board Members Present**

Chairman Marvin Norman  
Vice Chairman Sara Haire Tice  
Steve Johnson  
Ken Robertson  
Godfrey Williams

Staff present: County Manager Joel Mashburn, County Attorney Bill Pope, and Clerk to the Board Jean Moore.

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chairman Norman.

**CLOSED SESSION:** MOTION by Chairman Norman at 4:30 p.m., to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Economic Development – G.S. 143-318.11(a) (4).

VOTING: Ayes – 5; Nays – 0.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:25 P.M.** – No action resulted out of the closed session, and the board convened the agenda briefing. In addition to the five commissioners, the county manager, and the clerk to the board, the following department heads attended the meeting: Planning Director Ron Smith, Sheriff's Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle, Communications/Emergency Management Director David Martin, Assistant County Manager Tracy Jackson, and Assistant Finance Director Deb Alford. (Attorney Bill Pope did not attend the briefing.)

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ALLOW MIKE PHILLIPS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS GRANT:** Communications Director David Martin said the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) System was being built throughout the state, and local emergency agencies were allowed access with no fees. (The state will maintain the system.)

Chief Deputy Dowdle said that by applying for a grant from the North Carolina Crime Patrol & Public Safety Division, 151 radios (800 Mhz) could be obtained. (The \$780,000 grant will require a \$156,000 match, but federal equity funds are available.)

Martin said several years ago, the county explored the purchase of an 800 Mhz system, and the infrastructure would have cost \$17 million. He said the grant method was much more economical, and radios would be distributed to EMS, the fire marshal's office, the Rescue Squad Chiefs, and the VFD chiefs.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #12 FOR A COMPUTER SYSTEM SWITCH & A ROUTER REPLACEMENT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:** Chief Deputy Rick Dowdle said some computer systems were over ten years old, and problems were occurring. He said the county's network administrator had recommended improvements, and a request was being made for \$70,000. Dowdle said some of the cost would be for an HVAC system needed in the computer areas.

(Initially, the \$70,000 was requested out of fund balance, but after further review, the board determined the best source would be the contingency fund. (Due to the contingency funding source, the request was not added to the consent agenda, in accordance with board policy.)

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #13 TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT LAKE PATROL BOAT WITH FEDERAL EQUITY FUNDS:** Chief Deputy Dowdle said a new engine had been purchased for an existing boat, but this summer, it was determined the craft's transit was cracked. He said the department wanted to replace the existing recreational boat with a commercial type and install the new engine in it. He said the McKee Craft Boat Company assisted Gaston, Catawba and Lincoln Counties with their watercraft, and the company was also assist Iredell County. Dowdle added that a trailer would also be purchased to transport the boat.

(All other agenda requests were then reviewed, and a summary of these items may be found in the regular minutes.)

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Norman adjourned the agenda briefing at 6:10 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk to the Board