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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING March 31, 2008

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Larry G. Yoder, Chairman
 William L. Hammer, Vice-Chairman
 Wes Bolick
 Harold M. Odom
 W. Darrell Robertson

STAFF: Rick French, County Manager
 Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board

MEDIA: Micah Henry, The Taylorsville Times

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, March 31, 2008 in the Catawba Valley Community College / Alexander Center Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Yoder gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Robertson reported that staff from Foothills Area Program had contacted Susan Jenkins regarding her concerns expressed during the Public Comment Period held at the March 10, 2008 Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Bolick stated that he attended the Small Farm Kick-Off Ceremony held today where more than 70 individuals were in attendance.

Chairman Yoder mentioned the Northeast Water Project Groundbreaking that was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008. He stated that several residents from the Vashti area attended the ceremony.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Odom made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

REVISION TO ALEXANDER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY

Rick French, County Manager, requested a minor revision to the County's Personnel Policy under Article IX – Worker's Compensation to read that the incident investigation report form should be submitted to Human Resources within 24 hours of the accident versus 48 hours.

He informed the Board that the Safety Committee was in the process of revising procedures for immediate investigation of accidents, which would help in reaching another safety goal for 2008.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the revision to the Personnel Policy as requested. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #42 & #43

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #42 and #43, which included the following information:

Budget Amendment #42 – To budget for wages and payroll taxes of workers formerly classified as contracted service workers. For reclassification of workers to employee status per IRS regulations.

Budget Amendment #43 – To budget for the first of two installment payments for the purchase of 25.613 acres of land on White Plains Road. To increase the Garage budget for additional repairs and for fuel cost increases. To increase the Sheriff's Department budget for cellular telephone service. To increase the Jail budget for contracted detention costs in excess of original budget amount. To increase the Fire / Emergency Services budget for a \$4,925 grant for a Commodity Flow Study and a \$5,985.46 grant for a Code Red Calling System. To increase the Animal Control budget for spay / neuter services due to increased animal adoptions. To increase the Recreation Department budget for fencing (funds from prior years' Matheson tournament profits).

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #42 and #43. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the meeting schedule for the next several weeks, which included:

- Monday, April 7, 2008 – Regular Commissioners' Meeting
- Monday, April 14, 2008 – Joint Meeting with the Jail Committee and Jack Hemphill
- Monday, April 21, 2008 – Regular Commissioners' Meeting

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the County Manager's Report. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the March 10, 2008 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. Alexander County Resource Center / Criminal Justice Partnership Program Continuation of Implementation Funding Request Application.
- C. Agreement between the WPCOG and Alexander County for the Provision of Administrative Assistance for the NC Rural Center Craftmaster Furniture Water & Sewer Project.
- D. Agreement between the WPCOG and Alexander County for the Provision of Administrative Assistance for the Northeastern Area Water System Improvements Project.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the regular meeting, Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 6:05 PM to reconvene in a work session. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION March 31, 2008**

**ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT: Larry G. Yoder, Chairman / CPAC Member
William L. Hammer, Vice-Chairman
Wes Bolick
Harold M. Odom
W. Darrell Robertson

STAFF: Rick French, County Manager
Seth Harris, Building Development Coordinator
Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board
Sylvia Turnmire, Director of Planning & Development

OTHERS: Ray Combs, Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman
Eric Fritz, Planning & Zoning Commission / CPAC Member
Don Harrington, Planning & Zoning Commission
Jim Herman, Planning & Zoning Commission
Norris Keever, CPAC Member
Dale Martin, CPAC Member
Jennifer Martin, Planning & Zoning Commission / CPAC Member
Troy Mays, CPAC Member
Latt Moretz, CPAC Chairman
Coy Reese, Planning & Zoning Commission / CPAC Member
Eric Walker, Planning & Zoning Commission
John Watts, CPAC Member

MEDIA: Micah Henry, The Taylorsville Times

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a joint work session with the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee following adjournment of the regular meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Yoder called the work session to order at 6:08 PM.

INTRODUCTION OF CPAC MEMBERS

Latt Moretz, CPAC Chairman, introduced the members of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee that were present at the meeting. He also mentioned the other members of the committee that were not able to attend including Phil Icard, Josh Lail, and Ronnie Reese. Mr. Moretz stated that the CPAC had held 17 meetings over the past 18 months, several of which were community meetings for the public's input and ideas on future needs and growth of the county. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support in this effort.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

John Kenny, WPCOG Senior Planner, reviewed the land use recommendations included in the proposed Comprehensive Plan related to land use which included residential, open space, steep slopes, commercial uses, and industrial uses.

John Marshall, WPCOG RPO Coordinator, reviewed the transportation recommendations related to NCDOT District Office requests, highway upgrades and improvements, and amendments to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

Mr. Kenny also reviewed recommendations suggested for economic development, which involved commercial land use, industrial land use, transportation, and community facilities. He also discussed recommendations proposed for environment / natural resources / parks and recreation as well as historic and cultural resources.

Mr. Kenny stated that the proposed Comprehensive Plan would be reviewed and approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and then presented to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. He also mentioned that there would be opportunities for revisions to be made if needed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

Commissioner Bolick asked how many citizens attending the public meetings. Sylvia Turnmire, Director of Planning & Development, replied that 57 attended the first three meetings. Commissioner Bolick also asked if discussion had taken place regarding revising building codes to include energy conservation efforts. He was informed that no such discussion had occurred.

Commissioner Hammer discussed his concerns with the recommendation for manufactured home parks to bring current homes into conformity with HUD standards. Norris Keever, CPAC Member, explained that the recommendation was a suggestion that the Planning & Zoning Commission would have the ability to accept or deny before passing the plan onto the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Commissioner Odom asked if there was any crucial need in the county. Norris Keever mentioned that a 4-lane highway was needed for transportation needs.

Commissioner Robertson thanked County and WPCOG staff for their involvement in developing this plan. He also thanked the members of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee as well as the Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work and faithfulness over the past 18 months. Commissioner Bolick echoed Commissioner Robertson's comments.

Chairman Yoder conveyed his appreciation to everyone involved for their contribution to the community. He stated that the county needed to grow in order to prosper.

Latt Moretz stated that this had been a great learning experience and he thanked the members and staff involved. He also thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing time to review the plan.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:25 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and to discuss economic development, contractual matters, and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Hammer made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM. Commissioner Odom seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board