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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING     June 5, 2006**

**ALEXANDER COUNTY  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**    W. Darrell Robertson, Vice-Chairman  
                 Wesley E. Bolick  
                 W. Norris Keever  
                 William L. Hammer

**ABSENT:**     Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

**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, June 5, 2006 in the Catawba Valley Community College / Alexander Center Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**\*\*\*SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\***

Vice-Chairman Robertson asked the Board to remember Chairman Larry Yoder in their prayers. He explained that Chairman Yoder had suffered from a mild heart attack on Sunday; however, he noted that he was recovering at Frye Regional Medical Center and would return home in a few days.

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Bolick gave the invocation and Caleb Rogers, student at Sugar Loaf Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Hammer stated that he had attended his first American Red Cross Board Meeting which was also an orientation. He pointed out that he was looking forward to serving.

Commissioner Bolick introduced Mayme McCorison, Youth Works Southeast U.S. Area Director, who stated that Youth Works would be in Alexander County again this summer for 8 weeks to paint and do yard work and other work projects for the elderly and impoverished. She also stated that the Kid's Club would be held again at Jaycee Park every afternoon from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Ms. McCorison pointed out that the all work completed and the Kid's Club was offered free to citizens because the youth volunteers paid a fee to take part in the mission trip. She also thanked St. Luke Lutheran Church for supplying housing for the youth and staff as well as the school system for providing a location for showers. Ms. McCorison asked anyone interested in information or receiving assistance to call (828) 632-3450.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

### **ADOPTION OF 2006-2007 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY**

Rick French, County Manager, presented the 2006-2007 Alexander County Budget Ordinance for consideration, which totaled \$28,661,006. He pointed out that there were no increases in taxes, fees, or rates proposed. Mr. French also mentioned several projects that had been included in the budget such as courthouse security, a Bethlehem branch library, and the Elections Office and he noted that 9 full-time and 5 part-time employees had also been included.

Commissioner Kever asked if the 2006-2007 proposed budget included a cost of living increase for County employees. Mr. French replied that the budget did not include a COLA.

Commissioner Kever made a motion to amend the proposed 2006-2007 Budget Ordinance to include a 2.5% COLA for County employees, excluding those paid through the state. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Kever made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Alexander County Budget Ordinance as amended. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Members of the Board thanked Mr. French and Jennifer Herman, Finance Director, for their work during the budget process as well as many departments who worked hard to reduce expenditures in their budget.

#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EXTENSION OF W.E. BAAB INDUSTRIAL DRIVE**

David Icenhour, Economic Development Director, presented a Resolution in Support of the Extension of W.E. Baab Industrial Drive in the Alexander Industrial Park. He explained that the resolution requested financial support from the N.C. Department of Transportation through the Industrial Access Roads Program to assist in the funding of the extension, which totaled 400 linear feet to allow for the development of a new 30-acre site in the Alexander Industrial Park at a cost of \$133,200.

Mr. Icenhour informed the Board that no local funding would be required for the proposed extension.

Commissioner Bolick made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of the Extension of W.E. Baab Industrial Drive. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### **DISCUSSION OF TENTATIVE DATES FOR COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULE**

Rick French, County Manager, presented a proposed Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2006, which was as follows:

July 24, 2006 (only one meeting in July)	October 9, 2006 October 23, 2006
August 14, 2006 August 28, 2006	November 6, 2006 November 20, 2006
September 11, 2006 September 25, 2006	December 4, 2006 (only one meeting in December)

Commissioner Keever made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2006. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**



Commissioner Hammer requested that Nancy Sharpe be appointed to the Town Planning Board of Adjustments for a 2-year term. He mentioned that one more member was needed for this board which he hoped to have by the next meeting.

Commissioner Hammer made a motion to appoint Nancy Sharpe to the Town Planning Board of Adjustments for a 2-year term. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #63**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendment #63, which included the following information:

Budget Amendment #63 – To budget for the remittance of an additional 3 percent interest on motor vehicle property taxes according to House Bill 1779. To budget for additional costs for contraction detention.

Commissioner Keever made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #63. Commissioner Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the following issues during Other Business:

- A. Mr. French has been selected to serve on the 2006 Public Health Task Force Finance Subcommittee. The first meeting will be held on June 8, 2006 in Raleigh.
- B. Mr. French presented a job description for the Existing Industry / Utility Development Director. He stated that an existing employee would be promoted to the position; therefore, the job would not be advertised.
- C. Jennifer Herman, Finance Director, will return from maternity leave on June 19, 2006.
- D. Mr. French presented some Pre-Hurricane Season Disaster Training materials from the American Red Cross.
- E. Mr. French requested the Board contact representatives and urge them to support House Bill 1968 which provides Medicaid relief to counties. No Medicaid relief was budgeted in the Senate budget or the Governor's budget.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes from the May 11, 2006 Work Session.
- B. Tax Release Requests for May \$2,214.70 and Tax Refund Requests for May \$1,745.37.
- C. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) SFY 2007.
- D. Solid Waste Management Contract.
- E. Joint Cooperation Agreement and Resolution – 2006 IDA CDBG 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.

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

Commissioner Keever made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:31 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 Hammer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Bolick made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Commissioner Keever seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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W. Darrell Robertson, Vice-Chairman

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Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board