

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Hunt, Chairman  
James Leach, Vice Chairman  
Robert Wright  
Jean Powell  
Ellen McNeill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Johnson, County Manager  
William Fields, County Attorney  
Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Linda Revels gave the invocation.

Chairman Hunt stated that an agreement with LREMC for DSS needed to be added to the agenda as consent being item #j as well as a closed session for economic development.

Employee Recognitions – Letitia Edens

William Coxe – 5 years – Inspections  
Esther Zamora – 5 years – Sheriff’s Department  
Lynette Dial – 10 years – Library

The Board thanked these employees for a job well done.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from the January 19, 2010 Meeting
- b. Joint Scotland/Hoke JCPC Resolution
- c. Resolution Declaring Surplus Property
- d. LREMC Encroachment
- e. Resolution -Stop Light on Rockfish Road Intersection
- f. Bid Approval for Utilities Building - #3
- g. Resolution-McCain Correction Property Transfer
- h. Budget Amendments
- i. Rockfish Road Pump Station and Force Main Ordinance

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items a – j, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

**Action: The motion was unanimously carried.**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF STATE FUNDING  
APPLICATION FOR SCOTLAND-HOKE COUNTIES CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, Scotland and Hoke Counties joined together in 1996 to form the Criminal Justice Partnership Board to provide services to probationary offenders with substance abuse problems, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Criminal Justice Partnership Board for Scotland and Hoke Counties has obtained State grant funds since its beginning to provide these services which include intensive outpatient substance abuse counseling to offenders on probation referred by the Court system; and

**WHEREAS**, Scotland and Hoke Counties through the Criminal Justice Partnership Program have experienced strong indications which reflect successful behavior modification, educational achievement and life skill development for these individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scotland and Hoke Counties Criminal Justice Partnership Program has operated entirely without cost to either County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scotland and Hoke Counties Criminal Justice Partnership Board is applying to the State Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections, for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Funding in the amount of \$153,850;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Hoke County Board of Commissioners endorses the application to the North Carolina Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 funding by the Scotland and Hoke Counties Criminal Justice Partnership Board.

This the 15th day of February 2010.

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Linda Revels  
Clerk to the Hoke County  
Board of Commissioners

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Tony Hunt  
Chairman  
Hoke County Board of Commissioners

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**RESOLUTION OF THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING  
THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke, North Carolina desires to dispose of certain surplus property as attached that has been determined as no longer needed of the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners that the attached described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County and authorizes the disposition of the property in the best interest of the County of Hoke.

**ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2010.**

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board (Attest)

RESOLUTION BY  
COUNTY OF HOKE

REQUESTING THAT NC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION  
INSTALL A STOP LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
ROCKFISH , LINDSAY, AND PHILLIPI CHURCH ROADS

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, Hoke County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state; and  
WHEREAS, Hoke County's traffic has increased dramatically in the Rockfish  
Community; and

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WHEREAS, traffic at the intersection of SR 1406 (Rockfish Road), SR 1418 (Lindsay Road), SR 1422 (Phillipi Church Road) and Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad is backed up severely twice each week day, sometimes more than ½ a mile;

WHEREAS, this intersection is becoming more dangerous each day and is a hazard to everyday drivers and a barrier to emergency vehicles;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners request that the NC Department of Transportation install traffic signals at the intersection of SR 1406 (Rockfish Road), SR 1418 (Lindsay Road), SR 1422 (Phillipi Church Road) and Aberdeen and Rockfish Railroad as soon as possible.

This the 15th day of February, 2010.

Hoke County Board of Commissioners:

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board (Attest)

RESOLUTION BY  
COUNTY OF HOKE

REQUESTING TRANSFER OF McCAIN CORRECTIONS FACILITY  
TO COUNTY OF HOKE

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Corrections intends to close the McCain Corrections Facility; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Corrections is endeavoring to use the McCain Corrections Facility for a women's detention facility or some other state use that will provide jobs to the citizens of Hoke County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Hoke does not want to see the facility closed and fall into disrepair;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina Department of Corrections use its best efforts to make use of the McCain facility for a state purpose and after all such efforts have been exhausted, convey the McCain Corrections facility to the County of Hoke for local government use. .

This the 15th day of February, 2010.

Hoke County Board of Commissioners:

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board (Attest)

Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – 2-15-10

Tax Levy 2009	\$	17,787,588.47
Collected to date		15,634,422.77
Uncollected balance before releases		2,163,165.70
Releases to date		9,763.34
Uncollected balance after releases		2,143,402.36
Deceased		
Advertising Charged		
Uncollected balance 2009 Tax Levy (1)	\$	2,143,402.36
Collections January 2010	\$	1,057,333.26
Releases January 2010		1,721.51
Percent of levy collected (receipts)		87.89%
Percent of levy collected (releases, etc.)		<u>5%</u>
Percent of levy collected (totals)		87.94%

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### PRIOR YEARS

Prior Years tax levy June 30, 2009	\$	2,175,368.20
Collected to date		462,213.30
Uncollected balance before releases		1,713,154.90
Releases to date		4,397.21
Insolvent		
Deceased		
Uncollected balance prior years (2)	\$	1,708,757.69
Collections January 2010	\$	44,697.97
Releases January 2010		1,456.64
Percent Prior years collected (receipts)		21.25%
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (releases, etc.)		<u>20%</u>
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (totals)		21.45%
Total Uncollected Taxes (1+2)	\$	3,852,160.05

### 2008 Taxes

Tax Levy July 2008	\$	16,928,638.51
Collections January 2009		1,048,852.50
Releases January 2009		664.02
Insolvent		
Percent collected (receipts)		85.93%
Percent collected (releases, Etc.)		<u>5%</u>
Percent collected (totals)		85.98%
Prior years tax levy July 2008	\$	1,947,691.76
Collections January 2009		65,540.14
Releases January 2009		
Deceased		
Insolvent		
Percent collected (receipts)		23.64%
Percent collected (releases, etc.)		<u>14%</u>
Percent collected (totals)		23.78%

### Releases:

Jacobs, Ogene – 2008  
MH sold - \$12.49

Jacobs, Ogene – 2009  
MH sold - \$11.61

McMillan Contracting – 2008  
Lot value reduced - \$181.70

Rowsey, Rita – 2008  
Mapping error - \$118.80

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Rowsey, Rita – 2009  
Mapping error - \$118.80

Sanders, Demarco – 2007  
MH moved – \$120.03

Sanders, Demarco – 2008  
MH moved - \$110.88

White, Mary H – 2007  
Data entry error - \$229.34

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White, Mary H – 2009  
Date entry error - \$229.34

Total releases - \$1,362.33

Refunds:

Glenn McInnis – 252 McInnis Drive – Raeford, NC - \$330.00 – Solid waste errors

Mary H. White – 6438 Arabia Road – Lumber Bridge, NC - \$229.34 – Assessment error

Rita O. Rowsey – 4239 Old Maxton Road – Red Springs, NC - 237.60 – Mapping error

Total refunds - \$796.94

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to approve the releases in the amount of \$1,362.33 and the refunds in the amount of \$796.94, seconded by James Leach.**

**Action: The motion was unanimously carried.**

Chairman Hunt asked Mrs. Gibson if everything was in order regarding the Veteran's applications. She stated yes that they have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to make application. After that date, the Board will have to approve the application.

Mrs. Joyce Monroe was present regarding a request for the Raeford-Hoke Museum. She thanked the Board for their support. Their annual budget is \$35,000.00. They raise money by membership, donations and fundraisers. The museum is a visitor's attraction. They are working on an Annex to house the first fire truck that was used in the county. The building will honor all law enforcement agencies. The cost of this facility will be \$70,000.00. They have already raised \$20,000.00. They are requesting \$50,000.00. They hope to have the building constructed in 2010 to be ready for the Centennial. Robert Wright stated that they usually split the funds with the City of Raeford. Mrs. Monroe stated that she was going to the City and request funds also. This facility brings pride to Hoke County. They hope the Board will consider this request favorably. Ellen McNeill asked if she had asked the volunteer firemen and other agencies for donations to

help the museum. Mrs. Monroe stated yes. Ellen McNeill stated that she supported the museum wholeheartedly. Tony Hunt stated that there is a consensus of the Board that they will match whatever the City gives.

Alisia Oxendine gave a presentation on behalf of UNCP. Ms. Oxendine thanked that Board for the opportunity to be come before them. She is the director of Major Gifts. She is present regarding the partnering of Hoke County and UNCP to promote higher education for Hoke County. UNC has a diverse student population. They have a great class size and student body. They also have a new nursing program that will be coming in May. There is a great need for scholarship. Due to the economy, scholarships have suffered. They have raised some money, but more is needed. She hopes to have Hoke County's support. Sometimes grants and financial aid is not enough for students. Hoke County may be interested in an endowment scholarship for 5 years. Stipulations can also be added to the scholarship such as the student giving a report to the Board. She is asking for support for UNC students. Chairman Hunt stated that they will take this request under consideration during the budget process.

#### Appointments – Linda Revels

##### a. Sandhills Mental Health

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to table this request until the next meeting, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

**Action: The motion was unanimously carried.**

Dennis Baxley was present regarding discussion of the rear ballfield for Parks & Recreation Complex. He stated that the rear fields are rough graded for soccer fields some top soil will have to be brought in. The challenge is going to be getting to the rear field to work on it. He has talked to DENHR about the culvert. The Erosion Control permit is open. The property may be classified as wetlands and have to go through the wetlands process. He will continue to update the Board on the situation. They are also going to add about 44 additional parking spaces at the front. The cost will be between \$67,000.00 to \$95,000.00. Hoke County will be hosting the State tournament this year. He will get some prices on the culvert which may be in range of about \$50,000.00. James Leach stated that additional parking is needed. Tony Hunt stated that they can put this out for bids and see what kind of prices they get. Tim Johnson stated that they need to check on the permit first. If the Board grants approval, they can check on bids and come back to the Board. Robert Wright stated that he would like to see the process move forward with bids and come back as soon as possible. Mr. Johnson stated that he would work on the permits and bids and get back to the Board.

Manager's Report

Smart Start is still looking for funds for the playground equipment. He is also talking to a local business that is looking to relocate about some playground equipment.

**Motion: James Leach made a motion to go into closed session for an economic development and attorney/client privilege matter, seconded by Robert Wright.**

**Action: The motion was unanimously carried.**

**Motion: Ellen McNeill made a motion to come out of closed session and go back into regular session, seconded by Robert Wright.**

**Action: The motion was unanimously carried.**

There was no action taken in closed session.

Linda Revels gave an update on the ethics training. She talked with Patrice Roesler with the NCACC. They can not come to each county for training. They will be offering training in addition to the schedule, at the State meeting in August. The Board has been looking at attending the April 15<sup>th</sup> conference in Whiteville. The training will be for the commissioners, the county manager and county attorney.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, James Leach made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Wright, unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board