

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tony Hunt, Chairman

Vice Chairman Leach called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Larry Chavis led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Minister Vermatine Williams, Associate Minister of Mt. Pisgah.

Employee Recognitions

Shelia Beck-Jones – 5 years – DSS  
Phyllis Chavis – 5 years – Public Buildings  
Larry Chavis, Sr. – 5 years – Zoning/Communications  
Candace Pierce – 10 years - IT

The Board thanked these employees for their years of service.

Sheriff Peterkin was present for citizen recognitions. Sheriff Peterkin stated that during the storm disaster at Willow Trace the military helped the citizens. He just wanted to publicly thank them. He presented a plaque of appreciation to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Spencer for the unit. Sgt. Spencer thanked Sheriff Peterkin and stated that the class did a great job.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

There was no public input.

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from the June 7, 2010 meeting
- b. DSS – Maximus Contract
- c. Sheriff/Jail – ABL Contract
- d. HATS Agreements (Multiples)
- e. Senior Services Contracts (Multiples)
- f. Budget Amendments
- g. Finance- Budget Ordinances (Multiples)
- h. Minutes – Board of E & R
- i. Cancel July 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting – NACo Conference
- j. Resolution for approval of Closed Session Minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting

William Fields stated that on page 5 of the leases for the lunch programs, item e, page 5 needs to be deleted.

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change as noted by the County Attorney, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

County of Hoke  
Resolution Approving Minutes from  
the June 9, 2010 Closed Session of Hoke  
County Board of County Commissioners  
Resolution No #: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by unanimous consent that the minutes from the June 9, 2010 closed session of the Hoke County Board of County Commissioners are hereby approved.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2010.

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

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Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – June 21, 2010

Tax Levy 2009	\$	17,787,588.47
Collected to date		16,645,225.38
Uncollected balance before releases		1,142,363.09
Releases to date		12,100.76
Uncollected balance after releases		1,130,262.33
Deceased		
Advertising Charged		
Uncollected balance 2009 Tax Levy (1)	\$	1,130,262.33

Collections May 2010	\$	70,064.91
Releases May 2010		440.28
Percent of levy collected (receipts)		93.58%
Percent of levy collected (releases, etc.)		<u>1.06%</u>
Percent of levy collected (totals)		94.64%

Prior Years tax levy June 30, 2009	\$	2,175,368.20
Collected to date		737,770.03
Uncollected balance before releases		1,437,598.17
Releases to date		5,398.83
Insolvent		
Deceased		
Uncollected balance prior years (2)	\$	1,431,199.34

Collections May 2010	\$43,360.29	
Releases May 2010	1,417.84	
Percent Prior years collected (receipts)	33.91%	
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (releases, etc.)	<u>0.45%</u>	
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (totals)	34.36%	
Total Uncollected Taxes (1+2)	\$	2,561,461.67

2008 Taxes

Tax Levy July 2008	\$	16,928,638.51
Collections May 2009		65,179.55
Releases May 2009		
Insolvent		
Percent collected (receipts)		93.53%

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Percent collected (releases, Etc.)	<u>6%</u>	
Percent collected (totals)	93.59%	
Prior years tax levy July 2008	\$	1,947,691.76
Collections May 2009		42,214.96
Releases May 2009		239.27
Deceased		
Insolvent		
Percent collected (receipts)	37.20%	
Percent collected (releases, etc.)	<u>2%</u>	
Percent collected (totals)	37.72%	

**Tax Report Corrections to Commissioners:**

March 2010 – The prior year collections February 2010 was reported as \$92,002.87. The correct amount is \$44,697.97.

May 2010 – The collected to date was reported as \$16,860,061.29. The correct amount is \$16,575,160.47.

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to approve the tax report for previous months, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

**Releases:**

Buie, Celestine 2003 MH repossessed - \$83.17	Buie, Celestine 2004 MH repossessed - \$78.24
Buie, Celestine 2005 MH repossessed - \$73.68	Buie, Celestine 2006 MH repossessed - \$65.87
Buie, Celestine 2007 MH repossessed - \$61.70	Buie, Celestine 2008 MH repossessed - \$57.45
Buie, Celestine 2009 MH repossessed - \$53.71	Locklear, James E. 2009 MH double listed - \$381.43
McNeill, Bertha L. 2008 MH torn down - \$22.50	McNeill, Bertha L. 2009 MH torn down - \$20.95

Raeford True Holiness Ch. 2006  
Error in year of mh - \$130.64

Raeford True Holiness Ch. 2007  
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Scriven, Jimmy 2005  
MH double listed - \$45.25

Scriven, Jimmy 2006  
MH double listed - \$41.32

Scriven, Jimmy 2007  
MH double listed - \$42.58

Scriven, Jimmy 2009  
MH double listed - \$36.94

Total releases: \$1,587.35

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the releases in the amount of \$1,587.35, seconded by Jean Powell.**

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

Refund – Military Exemption:

Yolanda Taylor is requesting a refund in the amount of \$117.87 for vehicle taxes she paid. Mrs. Taylor did not provide a LES at the time of payment. She has now provided the LES in which she and her husband are residents of Texas and therefore are not required to pay North Carolina personal property taxes.

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the military exemption in the amount of \$117.87, seconded by Jean Powell.**

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

Don Steed was present with a request from Partners of Hoke County Public Schools Foundation. Several of the foundation members were present. Vice Chairman Leach also serves on this committee. They were awarded a 2.3 million dollar loan to construct a 24 unit teacher housing complex from the NCSECU. There was a stipulation that they had to have 5 acres of surrounding land deeded to the Board of Education. The loan is for 15 years with no interest. They have looked at some property for a total of \$25,000.00. They were originally looking at a 3 way split for the funds from the county, city and Board of Education. However, the Board of Education cannot use funds to purchase land. Therefore, the split would have to be between Hoke County and the City of

Raeford. He has not heard anything from the city regarding the request. The request for the county is \$90,125.00 which will be same amount as the city. He would like the Board to consider this request. Jean Powell asked if there was a time constraint on this project? Mr. Steed stated that they would like to start in November. Vice Chairman Leach stated that this was a very important project.

Breeden Blackwell and Mike Nagowski gave a presentation from Cape Fear Valley Health Care System. Mr. Nagowski stated that they were committed for a full service hospital for Hoke County. They were originally looking to build in Cumberland County, however; the State approved them to build in Hoke County. Firsthealth appealed. They currently are looking at 60 acres of land to build a 41 bed hospital in Hoke County. They hope to hear something from the State in September or October. If they are approved for a full service hospital, they hope to start in December. They have already hired a firm for construction. They showed a slide of the hospital. Mr. Blackwell stated that they were actually committed to 3 projects. They are a full service hospital, a medical center and the Townsend clinic. This complex would create over 300 jobs with future development also being looked at. They want to build the right size hospital for Hoke County. Jean Powell asked if they were approved by the State, when would they start. Mr. Nagowski stated that if the decision is not appealed by Firsthealth, it will be a matter of months, but if the decision is appealed, it could be 1 to 3 years. James Leach stated that Hoke County citizens do not need to suffer from lawsuits. Mr. Blackwell stated that they are making every effort to keep the citizens informed. They just recently held a public hearing. They also want citizen input to name the facility. Hoke County has been very supportive. They will come and give the Board periodic updates. They thanked the Board for allowing them to come.

Vice Chairman Leach congratulated Don Porter on receiving the award for economic developer of the year in the state. Don Porter thanked the Board for their support.

Appointments:

a. Lumber River Workforce Development – re-appointment of David Chestnut and Donald Porter.

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the recommendation to reappoint David Chestnut and Donald Porter, seconded by Jean Powell.**

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

b. Tax Collector's Appointment – Daphne Graham Dudley

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to appoint Daphne Graham Dudley to a two year term as the Tax Collector, seconded by Jean Powell.**

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

Vice Chairman Leach stated that they need to have another budget workshop. Robert Wright stated that they need to talk about the healthcare network. Tim Johnson stated that this can be discussed at the workshop. There have been some changes due to the change in providers. Robert Wright stated that the employees need to know about the changes. Vice Chairman Leach stated that employees would be welcome at the budget workshop and requested that an e-mail be sent to the employees.

After discussion regarding the date and time of the budget workshop, Robert Wright made a motion to recess until Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. here in the Pratt Building, seconded by Jean Powell, unanimously carried. The meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m.

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Recessed meeting from June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's 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.

Garvin Ferguson, Finance Officer, handed out a copy of the proposed budget ordinance. James Leach asked if there were any fire department increases? Mr. Ferguson stated no just growth factored in. James Leach asked if there were any funds in this year's budget for beautification for the sports complex for the state games, maybe \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00? Tim Johnson stated that they would find the funds. James Leach asked if the tax rate stayed the same and there was no use of fund balance. Tim Johnson stated that this was correct.

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Joy Norton with Hoke County Farm Service Agency came before the board. She stated that the U. S. Postal service was not going to renew their lease in 2014-15. They will need office space. They want to stay in Raeford for the farmers to continue to give them services. There may be grant money from tobacco that can help with construction of a building that could house them as well as the Cooperative Extension Office. Chairman Hunt requested that Ms. Norton check on grant funds and work on a presentation to come back before the Board. Ms. Norton may also need to talk with Keith Walters at Extension. Robert Wright stated that there were already plans for a building that were drawn up several years ago. Chairman Hunt stated that the main thing was funding.

James Leach asked for a closed session on personnel and an attorney/client privilege matter.

**Motion: James Leach made a motion to go into closed session for a personnel and attorney/client privilege matter, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

**Motion: James Leach 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.

James Leach stated that he was glad that the tax rate stayed the same in order to feed the children and seniors. He thanked the Board. Robert Wright asked if there were any shortfalls? Tim Johnson stated that there were still a lot of unknowns with the state. The budget is tight. He does not foresee any shortfalls. Fuel costs could be an issue. This is a good budget with a strong fund balance of 20 – 22%. Tony Hunt stated that they have done some sound financial planning with this being a good conservative budget. The staff did a good job. James Leach asked if there were any funds in the budget for the request from Monday night from the Teaching Partners? Tim Johnson stated no. Ellen McNeill stated that this needs to be looked at. The county gets zero dollars from this project. Jean Powell stated that they want to be able to retain good teachers, however; they don't currently have the funds and would have to take money out of fund balance. Tim Johnson stated that the city has not made a decision yet on the request. James Leach stated this would be a good project for Hoke County. Any profit would go back into the school system. He is asking the Board to look at this project with it being time sensitive.

Tim Johnson stated that United Healthcare will be scheduling meetings to meet with the employees regarding insurance changes.

**Motion: Jean Powell made a motion to approve the budget ordinance as presented, seconded by James Leach.**

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

**COUNTY OF HOKE  
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS  
FY 2010 – 2011**

Section 1. The 2011 budget reflects a tax levy of seventy cents (\$.70) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed as of January 1, 2010, for the purpose of raising revenue included in “Ad Valorem Current Year” in the General Fund.

Total General Fund Budget of \$ 35,479,198

This is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$2,228,444,435

Section 2. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Fund for the operation of fire protection services for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

North Raeford Fire District	\$140,900
Puppy Creek Fire District	391,900
Rockfish Fire District	351,500
Hillcrest Fire District	275,800
West Hoke District.	91,700
Pine Hill Fire District	97,000
Stonewall Fire District	135,000
Crestline Fire District	24,000
Antioch Fire District	98,900
North Scotland Fire District	10,200
Total Appropriations	\$1,616,900

It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Fire District Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Current and prior Year Taxes	\$1,616,900
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Section 3. There is hereby levied the following tax rate for the ten (10) Fire Districts in the County.

North Raeford Fire District	\$ .10
Puppy Creek Fire District	.06
Rockfish Fire District	.09
Hillcrest Fire District	.09
West Hoke Fire District	.09
Pine Hill Fire District	.09
Stonewall Fire District	.08
Crestline Fire District	.10
Antioch	.10
North Scotland	.05

Section 4. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Fund for the revaluation of property in Hoke County during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

General Government – Tax Revaluation	\$11,000
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It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Revaluation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Transfer from General Fund	\$11,000
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Section 5. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Sanitation Fund for the Operation of the County Transfer Station and County Solid Waste Collection System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Solid Waste – Administration	\$968,144
Solid Waste – Operations	1,238,786
Total Appropriation	\$2,206,930

Section 6. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Sanitation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Solid Waste Collection Fees @ \$110/Household	\$1,540,000
Residential Credits/Tax Abatements	(210,000)
Transfer Station Tipping Fees @ \$48.75/Ton	777,930

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Scrap Tire Tax	32,000
Other	12,000
Scrap Metal Sales	30,000
Investment Earnings	25,000
Total Appropriation	\$2,206,930

Section 7. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer Fund for the operation of the County's Water and Sewer System for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Water – Administration	\$1,441,937
Water – Distribution	1,595,791
Water – Treatment	904,546
Sewer	756,775
Total Appropriations	\$4,699,049

Section 8. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Water Payments	\$3,460,000
Tap Fees	100,000
Reconnect Fees	100,000
FIF	200,000
Late Fees	114,500
Sewer Fees	432,000
FIF Sewer	180,000
Investment Earnings	31,553
Other Revenues	80,996
Total Estimated Revenues	\$4,699,049

Section 9. The following amount is hereby appropriated to the School Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Transfer to General Fund	\$1,899,376
Transfer to School Capital Projects	1,021,314
Total Appropriation	\$2,920,690

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Section 10. It is estimated that the following revenues will be received by the School Capital Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011.

Article 40 ½ % Sales Tax	\$ 617,000
Article 42 ½ % Sales Tax	720,000
Investment Earnings	5,000
Lottery Revenue	1,000,000
Other	10,000
Fund Balance Appropriated	568,690
Total Revenues	\$2,920,690

Section 11. The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Hoke Area Transportation System Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Transportation System Fund	\$1,342,574
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Section 12. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Transportation System Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Total Estimated Revenues	\$1,342,574
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Section 13. The following amounts are hereby appropriated to the E-911 System for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Total E-911	206,516
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Section 14. It is estimated that the following revenues will be collected through E-911 Fees for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Total E-911 Fees	\$206,516
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Section 15. The following amount is appropriated for the Register of Deeds Automation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

ROD Automation Fund	\$40,000
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Section 16. It is estimated that the following transfer from the General Fund will be made to the ROD Automation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

ROD Automation General Fund Transfer	\$40,000
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Section 17. The following amount is appropriated for the Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$51,000
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Section 18. It is estimated that the following revenues will be available to the Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$51,000
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Section 19. The following amount is appropriated for the Governor's Highway Safety Program for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

GHSP	\$13,094
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Section 20. It is estimated that the following revenues will be collected and allocated to the Governor's Highway Safety Program for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

GHSP	\$13,094
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Section 21. The following amount is appropriated to the Parents As Teachers Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Parents as Teachers	\$101,045
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Section 22. It is estimated that the following amount of Smart Start Revenues will be received and allocated to the Parents as Teachers Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Smart Start Grant	\$101,045
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Section 23. The following appropriation will be made to the School Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

School Capital Projects Fund \$1,021,314

Section 24. The following revenues will be transferred from the School Capital Reserve to the School Capital Projects Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

School Capital Reserve Transfer \$1,021,314

Section 25. The following appropriation will be made to the Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this County.

Law Enforcement Fund \$4,212

Section 26. The following revenues will be transferred from the General Fund to the LEO Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

General Fund Transfer \$4,212

Garvin Ferguson stated that he would need another meeting preferably on Monday for budget amendments.

Robert Wright made a motion to recess until Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. here in the Commissioner's Room, seconded by James Leach, unanimously carried. The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

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Recessed meeting from June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 28, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Powell

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order.

Garvin Ferguson presented several budget amendments for salaries and the fire departments. The salaries come out June and July. Nothing comes out of fund balance with the funds coming from special appropriations. The fire departments are the remaining funds due to them this year.

Mr. Ferguson stated that lottery funds will be cut; he is just not sure how much.

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the budget amendments, seconded by James Leach.**

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

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, James Leach made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ellen McNeill, unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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Tony Hunt, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board