

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Powell

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Freddie McPhaul, Veteran Service Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Chairman Leach stated that he would like to add an item to the agenda. Mr. Dillon Worley, a student with Hoke County Schools would like to address the Board.

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the agenda addition, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

Employee Recognitions

Melanie Scott – DSS – 5 years  
Lynn Chavis – Finance – 5 years  
Helen McLean – Finance – 5 years  
Larry Hunt – Solid Waste – 10 years  
Edward Bradley – E-911 Sign Maintenance – 10 years

The Board thanked these employees for their years of service.

Public Hearing – CDBG – Scattered Site - LRCOG

Adrian Lowery, with the LRCOG, was present regarding this public hearing. This is a second required public hearing for the Scattered Site Program. These are HUD funds which total \$400,000. The application for these grant funds are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. The homes have been inspected and a recommended list from the advisory board will be brought before the Board at the next meeting. There was no public input. Board action is not required.

**Motion: Tony Hunt made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Robert Wright.**

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

Public Hearing – HATS – Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds Grant

Nancy Thornton, HATS Director, was present for the public hearing. These are DOT grant funds which total \$172,210.00, with an increase of \$12,638.00 over last year. The County will have to provide a 10% match. These funds are for general ridership, the elderly and Workfirst. Tim Johnson stated that the matching funds have been budgeted. There was no public input.

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

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

**Motion: Tony Hunt made a motion to approve the application for submission, seconded by Robert Wright.**

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from the July 6, 2009 meeting
- b. HATS Agreement – Vocational Options
- c. NCACC – Chairman as Voting Delegate
- d. Sheriff's Department – Brooks Office Systems
- e. Resolution Accepting Offer of Bid – Lot #29 Ballard
- f. Detention Center – Maintenance & Support Agreement
- g. Emergency Management-Professional Service Agreement
- h. Resolution Authorizing Tim Johnson to Execute Certain Contracts
- i. Contract Renewal – Logan Systems, Inc.

**Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items a – i, seconded by Tony Hunt.**

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

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Resolution Accepting Offer of Bid for  
Surplus Property

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners declared the following property as surplus:  
Lot #29 – Ballard Drive – Raeford Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke has received and  
proposes to accept an offer to sell to Jose Cervantes for the sum of \$6,000.00 for Lot #29  
Ballard Drive; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the intent to sell the above described property was  
published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, no upset bid has been received;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners  
hereby authorizes the execution of the necessary documents in order to sell the above  
described property to Jose Cervantes, 783 Scurlock School Road, Raeford, NC 28376, for  
the purchase price of \$6,000.00 and to deliver and receive the appropriate documents.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.

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James A. Leach, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
TIM JOHNSON TO EXECUTE  
CERTAIN CONTRACTS**

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, the County Manager Tim Johnson needs to execute  
contracts for \$10,000 or less which are budgeted and not subject to bid.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that County Manager Tim Johnson is  
hereby authorized to execute contracts on behalf of the County Commissioners provided  
that:

- a. The contract is for \$10,000 or less;
- b. The contract is not subject to bid pursuant to NC General Statute Federal Law  
or grant requirement.
- c. The contract funds have been budgeted.

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- d. The contract is approved as to form by the County Attorney, the contract is pre-audited by the Finance Officer, and a copy of the contract is provided to the County Commissioners.
- e. This authorization is personal to Tim Johnson and automatically expires upon the end of his tenure as County Manager.

**ADOPTED** this        day of July, 2009.

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James A. Leach, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – July 20, 2009

Tax Levy 2008	\$	16,928,638.51
Collected to date		15,900,711.63
Uncollected balance before releases		1,027,926.88
Releases to date		11,819.10
Uncollected balance after releases		1,016,107.78
Deceased		
Advertising Charged		
Uncollected balance 2008 Tax Levy (1)	\$	1,016,107.78
Collections June 2009	\$67,298.11	
Releases June 2009		
Percent of levy collected (receipts)	93.93%	
Percent of levy collected (releases, etc.)	<u>6%</u>	
Percent of levy collected (totals)	93.98%	

PRIOR YEARS

Prior Years tax levy June 30, 2008	\$	1,947,691.76
Collected to date		758,797.42
Uncollected balance before releases		1,188,894.34
Releases to date		4,184.36
Insolvent		25,449.56
Deceased		
Uncollected balance prior years (2)	\$	1,159,260.42
Collections June 2009	\$36,143.36	
Releases June 2009		

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Percent Prior years collected (receipts)	38.96%
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (releases, etc.)	<u>1.52%</u>
Percent pr. Yrs. Collected (totals)	40.48%
Total Uncollected Taxes (1+2)	\$ 2,175,368.20

2007 Taxes

Tax Levy July 2007	\$ 15,875,450.50
Collections June 2008	65,077.30
Releases June 2008	1,075.79
Insolvent	
Percent collected (receipts)	93.68%
Percent collected (releases, Etc.)	<u>12%</u>
Percent collected (totals)	93.80%
Prior years tax levy July 2007	\$ 1,682,403.70
Collections June 2008	63,026.65
Releases June 2008	678.38
Deceased	
Insolvent	
Percent collected (receipts)	42.42%
Percent collected (releases, etc.)	<u>15%</u>
Percent collected (totals)	42.57%

Releases:

Allen, Stacey – 2004  
MH Repossessed - \$101.81

Allen, Stacey – 2005  
MH Repossessed - \$95.30

Allen, Stacey – 2006  
MH Repossessed - \$85.11

Allen, Stacey – 2007  
MH Repossessed - \$79.75

Allen, Stacey – 2008  
MH Repossessed – \$74.24

Blanton, Bobby – 2007  
Solid Waste Fee Error - \$110.00

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Griffie, Janice – 2006  
Solid Waste Fee Error - \$220.00

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McLaughlin, Jerlean – 2007  
Solid Waste Fee Error - \$110.00

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McNeill, Darrick – 2006  
MH Listed & Pd. In Robeson - \$114.96

McNeill, Darrick – 2006  
MH Listed & Pd. In Robeson - \$192.28

McNeill, Darrick - 2006  
MH Listed & Pd. In Robeson - \$221.01

Meyer, Rebecca – 2008  
MH - Military Exemption - \$171.71

Stephens, Johnny M – 2008  
Releases - \$110.00

Total Releases: \$2,566.17

#### Application for Disabled Veteran

Jennie Gibson stated that Mr. Larry J. Ball submitted an application for the disabled veteran exclusion. There was a new disabled veteran exclusion segment that was effective this year. The person has to fill out an application and get certified by the US Department of Veterans Affairs. They had from January 1st to June 1st to get the information to the tax office. Mr. Ball turned his application in on June 5th, after the deadline, however, his certification showed April 15, 2009. He was late in getting his application to the tax office. She was unable to approve the application, and it had to go to the commissioners. This is a \$45,000.00 exemption with an additional release of 355.50. Robert Wright asked how many exemptions have we had? Mrs. Gibson stated about 70 veterans. There are about 85 that may be eligible. There may be some more applications coming. For the \$45,000.00 exemption, they have to be 100% disabled.

**Motion: Tony Hunt stated with the new stipulations on the program, and the fact that the veterans served our country; he made a motion to waive the deadline application for Mr. Larry J. Ball, seconded by Ellen McNeill.**

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

Mr. Dillion Worley, a student with Hoke County Schools, made a presentation to the Board. He stated that he was present regarding the Junior National Young Leaders Conference that he will be attending in Washington, D. C. The conference will be held in August. The tuition fee alone is \$1,890.00 in addition to travel and food. This conference teaches leadership skills. He is requesting a donation. Chairman Leach stated that he requested pledges from his fellow board members. He thanked Mr. Worley for coming. Mr. Worley thanked the Board for their support.

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### Manager's Report

Tim Johnson stated that all projects are on schedule. He and the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be in Raleigh tomorrow seeking some additional funding for the sewer project. They are looking for several different types of funding including loan packages. They are going to meet with BRAC and Goldenleaf. Grants will help with loan packages.

William Fields stated that a closed session was needed for a real estate matter.

**Motion: Tony Hunt made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a real estate matter, seconded by Robert Wright.**

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

**Motion: Tony Hunt 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.

Chairman Leach stated that the Board would need to recess until Thursday morning in order to go out to the Ethanol Plant.

Tony Hunt made a motion to recess here at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23rd, seconded by Robert Wright, unanimously carried. The meeting recessed at 7:30 p.m.

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Recessed meeting from Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, July 23, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Pratt Building

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Powell



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Board of Commissioners ("Commissioners"), based upon resolutions passed by both boards at properly noticed open meetings, and as reflected in the minutes of the respective boards, and through the duly authorized signatures of their respective chairman, set forth the following Memorandum of Agreement:

WHEREAS, the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Program was established as a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, effective February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has identified qualified projects for which the Board of Education seeks QSCB funds totaling \$1,598,503.00, and, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement, the Commissioners have agreed to join with the Board of Education in applying for said QSCB funds; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Education and the Commissioners agree that, in order to maintain the long-term fiscal health of Hoke County, and in light of the non-school capital projects to which the Commissioners are already committed, during the period of repayment of the QSCB bonds, the Commissioners may require that an amount equal to the annual payment upon said QSCB bonds be so designated from the funds otherwise appropriated by the Commissioners on an annual basis for Board of Education capital needs, and which the Board of Education would otherwise have available to spend in its discretion upon other school system projects.

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Chairman, Hoke County Board of Education

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Chairman, Hoke County Board of  
Commissioners

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Secretary and Superintendent

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Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman Leach asked about teacher assistant positions in the budget. Dr. Williamson stated that they have been put on a 75%-25% employment with some driving buses and their work week has changed to keep as many employees permanent as possible. They are waiting on some federal money to restore them back to 100%. They are expecting an approximate 4 million dollar cut from the budget. They have been able to keep everyone employed. Tony Hunt stated that once the federal money is in, the commissioners would like an update. They are concerned about the teacher assistant positions.

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The Board of Commissioners went to visit and tour the Ethanol Plant.

Greg Carlisle, owner, and Doug Archer, Manager were present at the construction site. Mr. Archer stated that they hope to be in operation by January, no later than February 2010.

Chairman Leach thanked Mr. Archer for a tour of the facility stating that it was well on the way to being complete.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Tony Hunt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Wright, unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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James A. Leach, Chairman

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Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board