



ITEMS APPROVED AND ACTION TAKEN BY THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 5, 2009

The Lee County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session at 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2009, took action on the following items:

Awards were presented to Ms. Nancy Kimble, Director of the Lee County Board of Elections, as the *January 2009 Employee of the Month*.

CONSENT AGENDA. The following items were approved:

- A. Minutes from the December 1, 2008 regular meeting;
- B. Minutes from the December 1, 2008 closed session meeting;
- C. Tax Releases and Refunds for November 2008;
- D. FY 2008-09 Senior Center General Purpose Funding packet;
- E. FY 2008-09 National Family Caregiver Grant Contract;
- F. Revised fee schedule for after-hour usage of the Enrichment Center (as of January 5, 2009, the Enrichment Center will be open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). A charge of \$45.00 per hour for the grand hall and \$25.00 per hour for other rooms was approved.
- G. Budget Amendment # 01/05/09/#16;
- H. Agreement for one-year extension of banking services with First Citizens Bank;
- I. Approval for the Sheriff's Department to apply for a \$15,000 grant from the N.C. Governors Crime Commission to be used for equipment;
- J. Resolution combining the Lemon Springs and Cameron fire districts for insurance purposes; and
- K. Presentation of *2008 National Night Out Awards* to Night Out Site Coordinators

PUBLIC COMMENTS. The following signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting:

- 1. Russell Noel, 1413 Cherokee Trail, Sanford

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Denied relief of tax penalty for the following companies:
 - 1. M & C Laundromat
 - 2. Carolina Wood Products
 - 3. Constellation Pumps Corporation (d/b/a Zenith Pumps)
 - 4. Brinn Enterprises, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Received an update on the 2011-2017 State Transportation Improvement Program;

- B. Request from the Sheriff's Department to apply for a Federal grant to continue the Gang Investigator position through June 30, 2010;
- C. Purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department from Southern Pines Chevrolet in the amount of \$24,489.00;
- D. Resolution authorizing the advertisement of an offer to purchase a vacant lot on Oakwood Avenue;
- E. Discussed legislative issues for the upcoming Legislative Goals Conference;
- F. Approved the following recommendations from the County Manager to balance the budget and maintain a 14% Fund Balance for the remainder of the fiscal year:
 - 1. Transfer \$600,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund to cover the expense of the new chiller at the courthouse and reduce the General Fund payment to debt service.
 - 2. Reduce \$165,000 from department's budgets (savings from liability, property and workers compensation premiums).
 - 3. Good year in unemployment payouts due to the reduction in torn-over – reduce line item by \$23,000.
 - 4. Eliminate all capital equipment expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year – savings of \$300,000.
 - 5. Permanently eliminate all open positions for a savings of \$210,000.
 - 6. Maintain travel restrictions - \$50,000 savings.
- G. Approved unfreezing of a Public Health Nurse position at the Health Department;
- H. Approved unfreezing of an Adult Medicaid position in the Social Services Department;
- I. Approved unfreezing the Assistant County Attorney position; and
- J. Approved amended *Rules of Procedure for the Lee County Board of Commissioners*

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS:

- A. Deferred appointment to the Fire Advisory Board until more applications can be received;
- B. Appointed Mr. Roy Cox as a full-time member of the Lee County Planning Board, moved Mr. Dowell Eakes from the second alternate to first alternate position, and appointed Mr. Joe Johnson as second alternate;
- C. Appointed Commissioner Linda Shook as Lee County's North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Legislative Liaison;
- D. Appointed Commissioner Linda Shook to serve a 3-year term on the Social Services Board and a 2-year term on the Sandhills Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Board

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Approved tentative FY 2009-2010 budget calendar.