

# LEE COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE  
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

July 28, 2008

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The special joint public meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, and members of the Sanford City Council, convened at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Cooperative Extension Office, 2420 Tramway Road, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, and Nathan E. Paschal. Commissioners John T. Quiggle, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook were absent.

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

General Services Director Russell Spivey delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Cornelia Olive introduced Mr. Paul Dordal, Director of the BRAC Regional Task Force who shared information on the comprehensive growth plan for Sanford and Lee County. Mr. Dordal discussed the eleven (11) working groups which include:

- Education
- Transportation
- Workforce Needs and Higher Education
- Economic Impact
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Medical Services
- Meeting/Special Activities
- Land Use
- Regional Communication
- Recreation

It was noted that the biggest impact of growth in Lee County will be in government employment with a projected total population growth increase of 9,500 by 2013. As a result of the expansion of Fort Bragg, government employment will grow by 325 jobs by 2025. Demand for construction workers will peak in 2011 with the creation of an additional 500 jobs. At the peak of the expansion in 2012 the professional and technical services sector should be able to support an additional 185 jobs in Lee County.

Mr. Dordal stated that Sanford and Lee County is in a great position to reap a bounty of rewards from the expansion of Fort Bragg. It is anticipated that more than 40,000 new residents will move to North Carolina, with 9,500 residents moving to Lee County. The U.S. Army hopes to have their new forces command post open by July 2011. It is very important that Sanford and Lee County be prepared for the strain the increased population will bring. More school classroom space will be needed that could cost the county up to \$20 million. It was noted that BRAC is trying to obtain federal funding to cover some of the school construction costs, but no funds have been allotted to date.

It is anticipated that two-income family households will relocate to Sanford-Lee County due to the location midway between Fort Bragg and the Research Triangle Park.

Highway 87 will see additional growth in the housing market as more homes will be needed and constructed. An important issue in the Housing Plan for Lee County will be to secure State and Federal funds to provide homebuyer financing, counseling, and education for potential homebuyers. Local realtors, homebuilders, Lee County, financing institutions, and local HUD-approved counseling agencies should coordinate the promotion of marketing and outreach, with assistance from the BRAC Regional Task Force.

It was noted that the main transportation issue is the completion of the 421 By-pass.

A question and answer session followed the presentation to allow the public time to ask questions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Robert H. Brown, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk