

MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF MEETING ROOM ON OCTOBER 19, 2005 AT 1:45 PM.

The Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ulysses S. Ross. Other Commissioners present: Clinton G. Alston, H.E. Luke Lucas, and Barry M. Richardson. Others in attendance: Linda T. Jones, Interim County Manager, Michael A. Williams, County Attorney and Susan W. Brown, Finance Officer.

Notice of special meeting was read by Clerk to the Board Angelena Kearney-Dunlap.

Ms. Tyrelle Evans, Development Project Coordinator with Warren Family Institute appeared before the Board to present two proposals received for engineering services for Ephraim Place Subdivision, Community Development Block Grant Project: Withers & Ravenel and EarthTech, A Tyco International Ltd, Company.

On recommendation of Ephraim Place CDBG RFP review committee, Board of Commissioners was requested to:

- 1) negotiate a contract with the best-qualified engineering firm at a fair and reasonable fee,
- 2) approve to negotiate a contract with EarthTech of North Carolina, Inc. for engineering services for Ephraim Place Subdivision.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, CDBG Ephraim Place RFP Review Committee's recommendations were accepted as follows:

1. to negotiate a contract with the best-qualified engineering firm at a fair and reasonable fee,
2. approved negotiating a contract with EarthTech of NC, Inc. for engineering services for Ephraim Place Subdivision.

Commissioner Humphries arrived at 1:55 pm.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, discussion of entering into Contract with Department of Labor Consultant for Emergency Medical Services was tabled to the November 7, 2005 regular Board of Commissioner's meeting.

Contract between Attorney Michael A. Williams and the County of Warren was presented for Board's adoption.

Commissioner Lucas questioned why the county attorney needed a contract? He pointed out that: 1) there should be a cap on expenses incurred, 2) no other county had a contract with their attorney and 3) attorney obligations are set by professional rules and guidelines.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried, it was ordered to approve entering into contract with Michael A. Williams, as Warren County Attorney.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Richardson, Humphries, Ross and Alston
 Nay: Lucas

Motion carried, contract between the County of Warren and Michael A. Williams as Warren County Attorney was approved.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried, it was ordered to add property acquisition to the closed session agenda.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Humphries and Ross
 Nays: Alston and Richardson

Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried, it was ordered to defer closed session to the November 7, 2005 regular Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Richardson withdrew his motion, Commissioner Alston withdrew his second to the motion.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, closed session was deferred to the end of the October 19, 2005 Board of Commissioners work session.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, the October 19, 2005 Special Meeting was adjourned to reconvene following October 19, 2005 Board of Commissioners work session.

Work session was called at approximately 2:45 pm and ended at approximately 5:45 pm.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to reconvene the Special Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to enter into Closed Session in accordance with GS 143-318.11(a) for discussion of Personnel Matters, Property Acquisition and Attorney Client Privileged Information.

On motion of Commissioner Alston, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to return to the Special Meeting

On motion of Commissioner Richardson, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to schedule a Special Meeting for October 28, 2005 at 1:00 pm, for the discussion of personnel matters.

With no further business to discuss on motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, the October 19, 2005 Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk