

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 # 325 ON FEBRUARY 15, 2006 AT 5:00 PM.

The Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Ulysses S. Ross. The following Commissioners were present: H. E. Luke Lucas and Barry M. Richardson. Absent: Commissioner Clinton G. Alston. Others present were Linda T. Jones, County Manager and Susan W. Brown, Finance Officer. Commissioner Janet Humphries arrived at 5:15 and Michael A. Williams, County Attorney arrived at 5:20 pm.

Deputy Clerk Evieta Hudgins read special meeting notice.

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of An Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina for Warren County Animal Control Shelter and Phase I of Recreation Project was presented for Board's action.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt:



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioner of Warren County, North Carolina desires to construct an Animal Control Shelter and Phase I of a Recreation Complex (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, North Carolina desires to finance the Project by the use of an installment contract authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A, Article 3, Section 20; and

WHEREAS, findings of fact by this governing body must be presented to enable the North Carolina Local Government Commission to make its findings of fact set forth in North Carolina General Statute 159, Article 8, Section 151 prior to approval of the proposed contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, North Carolina, meeting in special session on the 15th day of February, 2006, make the following findings of fact:

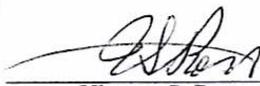
1. The proposed contract is necessary or expedient to facilitate the construction of 1) an adequate and safe animal shelter in compliance with current statutory regulations and requirements; and 2) phase I of a comprehensive recreation complex that is convenient, safe and accessible to all ages of our citizens with a range or recreational opportunities.
2. The proposed contract is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose because of the favorable interest rate offered through installment contract financing and the low fixed cost compared to a bond issue. The cost of the undertaking is approximately \$950,000 which exceeds the amount that can prudently be raised through appropriation of available fund balance in light of other capital needs the county anticipates meeting in the near future.
3. The cost of financing under the proposed contract is believed to be less than the cost of issuing general obligation bonds, considering expenses relating to special referendum and bond counsel.
4. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purposes due to the County's diligence to provide services at a level previously not available while being conservative in design.

5. The County of Warren's debt management procedures and policies are in compliance and the County is well below its debt margin with no defaults on debt service payments.
6. The increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums to fall due under the proposed contract will be less than one cent per \$100 valuation and is not deemed to be excessive.
7. The County of Warren is not in default in any of its debt service obligations.
8. The attorney for the County of Warren will render an opinion that the proposed Project is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the County of Warren in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

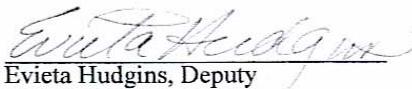
This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 15th day of February, 2006.

The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.



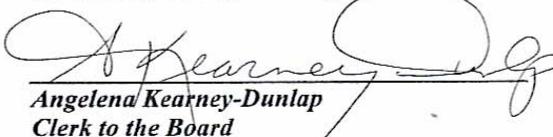
 Ulysses S. Ross, Chairman
 Warren County Board Of Commissioners

ATTEST:


 Evieta Hudgins, Deputy
 Clerk to the Board



This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the Warren County Board of Commissioners on the 15th day of February, 2006.



 Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
 Clerk to the Board

Date 2/16/06

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to schedule a public hearing for Monday, March 13, 2006 at 5:45 pm to hear citizen comments regarding approval of a financing agreement authorized by the State of North Carolina relative to construction of the Warren County Animal Control Shelter and Recreation Project Phase I.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to add the following items to the February 15, 2006 Special Meeting agenda:

- 1) Slide presentation on Medicaid
- 2) Medicaid Resolution

Commissioner Lucas presented a slide presentation relative to Medicaid costs statewide and locally. Afterward he presented a resolution supporting "Medicaid Relief".

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Richardson and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt "Resolution - Medicaid Relief".

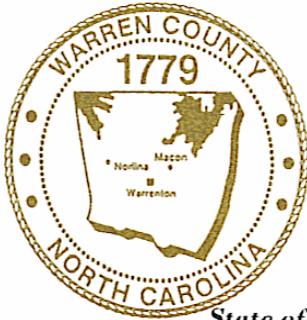
Option #1: Yes ___ No X *The Human Resources Steering Committee recommends that the NCACC Board of Directors not adopt the NCACC County Manager and Finance Officer Relief Task Force proposal.*

Option #2: Yes X No ___ *The Human Resources Steering Committee recommends that the NCACC Board of Directors adopt the NCACC County Manager and Finance Officer Medicaid Relief Task Force proposal but add to the proposal authority for all counties to enact any or all of several revenue options from among those that have already been authorized for any*

other county, in addition to the authority to enact an additional one cent sales tax. This would accomplish the two most important legislative goals.

Option #3: Yes No *The Human Resources Steering Committee recommends that all 100 counties fully support and endorse the General Assembly's enacting legislation to raise the state's sales tax of 4.5% by one cent and assume the counties' share of Medicaid services costs.*

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to exclude option # 1 from Resolution for Medicaid Relief:



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RESOLUTION

MEDICAID RELIEF

WHEREAS, delivery of Medicaid service directly affects the quality and quantity of other much needed services offered to the public because of a lack of locally available funds; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's current allocation for local Medicaid costs for services to eligible citizens is \$1,625,000 which represents 8% of its general fund expenditures; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the only state in the nation that requires counties to pay a share of Medicaid services costs, with the counties' share of Medicaid reimbursements increasing over 67 per cent in the last five years and now totals approximately \$440 million; and

WHEREAS, in Warren County local Medicaid costs have increased over 76% in the last five years with the current year's allocation equivalent to .13 cents of the tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Association of County Commissioners Human Resources Steering Committee met on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, and after much discussion on Medicaid relief strategies approved the following motions for the NCACC Board of Director's consideration:

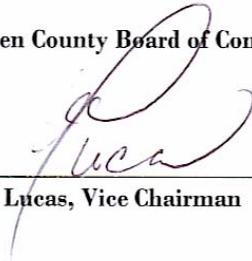
The Human Resources Steering Committee recommends that the NCACC Board of Directors adopt the NCACC County Manager and Finance Officer Medicaid Relief Task Force proposal but add to the proposal authority for all counties to enact any or all of several revenue options from among those that have already been authorized for any other county, in addition to the authority to enact an additional one cent sales tax. This would accomplish the two most important legislative goals; and

The Human Resources Steering Committee recommends that all 100 counties fully support and endorse the General Assembly's enacting legislation to raise the state's sales tax of 4.5% by one cent and assume the counties' share of Medicaid services costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Warren County Board of Commissioners after deliberating on the preceding motions approved by the NCACC Human Resources Steering Committee does hereby indicate its support of the above motions and respectfully requests the NCACC Board of Directors to favorably consider these motions to help alleviate the burden of Medicaid costs to counties in the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this the 15th day of February 2006.

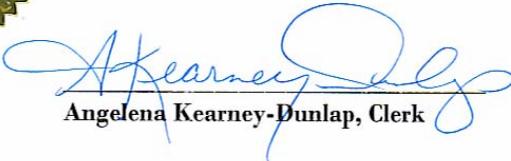
Warren County Board of Commissioners



H. E. Lucas, Vice Chairman



ATTEST:



Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

With no further business to discuss, Special Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Ross.

/s/ Evieta Hudgins

Evieta Hudgins, Deputy Clerk