

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING ON SIX (6) MILE VFD INSURANCE SERVICE DISTRICT EXTENSIONS HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MARCH 8, 2004 AT 6:45 PM.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Ulysses S. Ross. The following Commissioners were present: Weldon C. Capps, Jr., Janet Humphries, and H.E. Luke Lucas. Absent: Commissioner Clinton G. Alston. Others in attendance were Loria D. Williams, County Manager, Charles T. Johnson, County Attorney, and Susan W. Brown, Finance Officer.

Clerk to the Board, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing and Rules of Procedure for Citizen Comments.

Citizen Comments were as follows:

Dean Andrews, Fire Chief-Afton-Elberon VFD and representative of the Warren County Firemen's Association stated approval of extensions would be good for the communities. Mr. Andrews supplied maps and written description showing boundaries of proposed districts extensions. (Maps on file in Clerk's office.)

Walter Gardner spoke from an insurance prospective: Extension would provide citizens savings in insurance rates.

Robby Ross, Churchill Five-Forks VFD - Spoke in favor of insurance district extensions

Harry Williams, III, Inez VFD - insurance rate reductions are great, but cautioned the public that fire Departments cannot protect the public at six miles as well as they could at five miles, unfair to tax those in six mile at the same rate of those within five miles.

William Cox, President - Warren County Firemen's Association - six mile district will help everyone except those outside of the six miles. Fire Association is available if needed.

Chairman Ross opened the floor for additional citizen comments, there were none.

Chairman Ross adjourned the public hearing at 6:59 pm.

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON MARCH 8, 2004 AT 7:00 PM.

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Ulysses S. Ross. The following Commissioners were present: Weldon C. Capps, Jr., Janet Humphries, and H.E. Luke Lucas. Absent: Commissioner Clinton G. Alston. Others in attendance were Loria D. Williams, County Manager, Charles T. Johnson, Jr., County Attorney and Susan W. Brown, Finance Officer.

A moment of silence was followed by notice of meeting date change and rules for citizen comments read by Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk to the Board. Citizen Comments were as follows:

June Gibbs - Commended Board of Commissioners for work done to improve conditions at animal shelter (written statement provided, on file in Clerk's office).

Maurice Halstead - spoke as advocate for the youth. Encouraged Board of Commissioners to establish Parks & Recreation Complex and fulfill master plan objectives.

Raymond Adcock - reported on gun owners and sportsmen organizing, developing By-Laws. Group selected name: Warren County Gun Owners and Sportsmen Association. Association is planning to incorporate and would like a member to sit on Animal Control Ordinance Advisory Council

Elizabeth "Betsy" Weddington - read prepared statement (on file in Clerk's office).

Carolyn Ross-Holmes - requested Board of Commissioners include Buck Springs 4-H Regional Excellence Center development on Bond Referendum.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to add Item # 8A - Habitat for Humanity Building Fee Waiver to the March 8, 2004 Suggested Agenda.

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

Old Item 9 (deleted from agenda) - Presentation from Glen Ware of WareBonsall
New Item 9 (added to agenda) - Appointment of Interim Planner

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, it was ordered to add items 21 & 21A to the agenda:

Item 21 - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum - (Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center & Warren County Library)

Item 21A - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum - (Warren County Recreation & Parks, County Administration Building)

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas & Humphries
 Nays: Ross & Capps

Motion did not carry.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, it was ordered to add items 21 & 21A to the agenda (for the 2nd time):

Item 21 - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum - (Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center & Warren County Library)

Item 21A - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum - (Warren County Recreation & Parks, County Administration Building)

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas & Humphries
 Nays: Ross & Capps

Motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Capps to adopt March 8, 2004 Suggested Agenda as amended.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, to adjourn.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas & Humphries
 Nays: Ross & Capps

Motion did not carry.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, it was ordered to recess.

Chairman Ross called a ten minute recess. 7:55 pm meeting called back to order.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, it was ordered to add Item 21 - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum - (Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center & Warren County Library) to the suggested agenda.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Humphries & Ross
 Nay: Capps

Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, it was ordered to add Item 21A - Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond

Referendum - (Warren County Recreation & Parks, County Administration Building) to the suggested agenda.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Humphries & Ross
 Nay: Capps

Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, it was ordered to adopt the March 8, 2004 Suggested Agenda as amended.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas, Humphries & Ross
 Nay: Capps

Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Consent Agenda Item 5A, minutes of:

February 2, 2004 - Public Hearing to Amend Warren County Zoning Ordinance
 February 2, 2004 - Public Forum for County Administration Facility
 February 2, 2004 - Regular Board Meeting

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Consent Agenda Item # 5B - Tax Collector's & Interest Income Reports, submitted by Finance Officer Susan W. Brown:

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Consent Agenda Item 5C Tax Releases Over \$100, submitted by Tax Assessor Linda T. Jones.

County Manager approved releases Under \$100 for Board's information.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to appoint Dr. James Crenshaw, Dentist, to the Board of Health for a second term. Term expiration - December 2006.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to appoint Angella Dunston to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for a two year term; expiration - January 2006.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to appoint Gerald E. Phelps to the Churchill Five Forks VFD Tax Board.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt Amendment # 6 to the FY 2003-04 Warren County Budget Ordinance.

Having held a required public hearing on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 6:45 pm to hear citizen comments regarding six (6) mile volunteer fire department insurance service district extensions (map on file in clerk's office; yellow depicts areas outside insurance district), the following action was taken:

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt maps and written description of 6 mile fire insurance service districts as follows:

Norlina Fire Department	Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department, Inc
Arcola Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Drewry Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Inez Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Afton-Elberon Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Hawtree Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Macon Rural Fire Department, Inc
Ridgeway Volunteer Rural Fire Department, Inc.	Roanoke-Wildwood Volunteer Fire Association, Inc
Churchill-Fiveforks Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Soul City Volunteer Rural Fire Department, Inc.
Longbridge Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Littleton Fire Department
Cokesbury Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. of Epsom, NC
Ebony Fire Department, Inc.	Lake Gaston Fire Department
Palmer Springs Fire Department, Inc	

(Written descriptions of volunteer fire department's 6 mile extensions are on file in clerk's office.)

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Martin appeared before the Board to request solid waste landfill fee exemption for prior years.

No action was taken.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to waive building permit fees for two housing projects planned by Habitat for Humanity in the 2004 calendar year.

Commissioner Humphries stated that Joyce Green Williams was authorized to sign documentation for the Planning Board in the absence of a Planner, but an Interim Planner was not selected to act until position is filled.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas it was ordered to appoint Joyce Green Williams as interim Planner until further notice or until position is filled.

Commissioner Capps inquired if this action was taken on recommendation of the planning Board?

Commissioner Humphries stated that the Planning Board had voted in favor of said action.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Ross, Humphries & Lucas
 Nays: Capps

Motion carried.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to table to the April 5, 2004 regular Board of Commissioners meeting a request from AllCare Ambulance Service to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) Service.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered in accordance with Warren County's Animal Control Ordinance, Section VIII, to establish an Animal Control Advisory Board with membership of five (5) as follows:

1 - Veterinarian	1 - Attorney	1 - Animal Rights Advocate
1 - Hunting community member		1 - Member-at-Large

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt the following Penalty/Fines & Fee Schedule for the Warren County Animal Control Ordinance:

Redemption Fee (board not included) -----	1st offense --- \$25
	2nd offense -- \$50
	3rd offense --- \$75
Board Fee -----	Per Day ----- \$8
Adoptions Fee	
Dogs-----	Altered ----- \$50
	Unaltered ----- \$25
Cats -----	Altered ----- \$50
	Unaltered ----- \$25
Rabies Confinement -----	\$50 plus \$8 day for board
Civil Penalty -----	Fine not more than \$500

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to award bid for E-911 Communications Center Equipment to Sprint at the bid amount of \$124,288. Please note: no other bids were received.

Mary Somerville, Board of Elections Chairperson appeared before the Board of Commissioners with two requests:

- 1) authority to compensate Board of Elections members at \$12 an hour during periods of office coverage
- 2) authority for Board of Elections to have a credit card with a credit limit of at least \$500.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, Board of Elections was authorized to compensate members at \$12 an hour during periods of office coverage (when alternative coverage is not available).

County Manager pointed out that all county departments follow the Board approved county travel policy or purchase requisition/purchase order procedure (with the exception of the Sheriff's Office) no other county department has an individual credit card.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, Board of Elections request for a credit card was denied, noting that present county policies were sufficient to cover any circumstance.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Change Order # 1 - District I, Phase IV.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Final Adjusting Change Order for Soul City/ Pleasant Hill Project.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Engineering Agreement with Rivers & Associates for Wastewater Treatment Plant (Rivers file # 23078B).

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to designate Public Works Director Macon Robertson as Voting Delegate to the 2004 Rural Water Association's Annual Meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, County Manager was authorized to administer a contract for sale of 23 acres of timber on the 130 acre industrial site on Manson-Axtell Road and grant ingress/egress across existing paths to adjacent land owner(s).

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt the Warren County Board of Commissioners' Resolution on Continuation of the VWGF Resource Center.

In accordance with the Resolution establishing the Inez Volunteer Fire Department Service District, adopted June 19, 1996, the Warren County Board of Commissioners directed the Inez Volunteer Fire Department to submit five (5) names for appointment to the Inez VFD Service District Board. If names were not received for appointment on or before March 22, 2004, the Warren County Board of Commissioners in accordance with said Resolution will elect to serve as the Inez Service District Board.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the Inez Volunteer Fire Department was ordered to establish a Service District Board, therefore, it was ordered that Inez VFD submit five (5) citizens for appointment to said board to the County Manager's office on or before Monday, March 22, 2004. Should the Inez VFD fail to submit names for appointment, the Warren County Board of Commissioners shall serve as the Service District Board and will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving citizens' input on a tax rate for FY 2004-05.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, and duly carried by unanimous vote, FY 2004-05 Warren County Budget Calendar was adopted as follows:

May 3, 2004	Annual Budget Presentation	7:00 pm
May 12	Budget Work session	8:30 - 5:00 pm
June 2	Budget Work session	8:30 - 5:00 pm
June 9	Budget Work session	1:00 - 5:00 pm
June 14	Budget Public Hearing	6:00 pm
June 16	Budget Work session	1:00 - 5:00 pm
June 21	Budget Special Meeting	7:00 pm

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, and duly carried by unanimous vote, the updated Top Priorities Matrix was adopted as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and duly carried by unanimous vote, County Manager's evaluation was moved from June to December on the proposed Timeline.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, and duly carried by unanimous vote, a public hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2004 at 6:45 pm to hear citizen comments regarding a request from Thomas and Jean Vincent to rezone a 5 +/- acre tract of land on SR 1362 & NC 903, situated in Roanoke Township from "Residential" to "Neighborhood Business".

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and duly carried by unanimous vote, a public hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2004 at 6:30 pm to hear citizen comments regarding FY 2004-05 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funding.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, and duly carried by unanimous vote, a public hearing was scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2004 at 6:15 to hear citizen comments regarding Community Development Block Grant Demonstration Hook-Up Grant Close-Out.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum related to the Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center & Warren County Library.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas & Humphries
 Nays: Capps & Ross

Motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, to adopt Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum related to Warren County Recreation & Parks and County Administration Building.

Commissioner Lucas withdrew his motion.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, a Resolution Authorizing Application to the Local Government Commission for Bond Referendum related to the Warren County Recreation & Parks and County Administration Building was ordered to be tabled.

Votes were as follows: Ayes: Lucas & Humphries
 Nays: Capps & Ross

Motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Capps, to schedule a Board of Commissioners' work session in order to discuss said resolutions more thoroughly.

Motion died for lack of second.

County Manager's Report was given by memo and adopted by Board consensus.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps, and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to enter into Closed Session in accordance with GS 143-318.11(a) discussion of information made confidential by law and matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps, it was ordered to return to the regular meeting.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to grant egress/ingress to property owners adjacent to County's industrial site on Manson-Axtell Road.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, and duly carried by unanimous vote, a public hearing was scheduled (if needed) for Monday, April 5, 2004 at 6:00 pm to hear citizen comments regarding Inez Volunteer Fire Departments' FY 2004-05 tax rate.

With no further business to discuss and on motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries, the regular meeting was adjourned.

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk to the Board