

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND WARREN COUNTY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON OCTOBER 4, 2004 AT 6:30 PM.

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

Clerk to the Board, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing for the rezoning request as follows:

Three (3) tracts of land currently owned by Mary Fenner (7.4 acres), Clearah Knight (6.5 acres), and Lottie Smallwood (5.5 acres), in River Township to be rezoned from Residential to Neighborhood Business. According to the plat, the property in question is three adjacent tracts identified as lots 3a, 4a, and 5a on S.R. 1344 and is recorded in deed book 428/112 and 428/105.

Citizen comments were as follows:

Venetta Grant (spoke in opposition) all land owners except one (1) were present at meeting to express opposition to rezoning request. Residents want area to remain residential, rezoning will have a negative impact on quality of life.

Edith Wright (spoke in opposition) site of proposed shopping center will be situated in the middle of two residential areas, this will cause increased traffic and will effect areas safety.

Clerk to the Board read two letters received in the County Manager's Office in reference to said rezoning request:

"Dear Warren County Board of Commissioners: ¶In reference to the rezoning request hearing scheduled Monday, October 4, 2004 at 6:30 pm, Warren County Courthouse Room 202, south main street, Warrenton, NC. ¶In reference to the above. In reference to your letter concerning the re-zoning of the three (3) (properties), located on Road 1344 River Township, owned currently by Mary Fenner, Lot 4A, Clearah, (Clara) Knight Heir Cassandra Knight Jackson Lot 5A, and Lottie Smallwood Lot 3A, Deed Book 428/112 and 428/105 to be rezoned from Residential to Neighborhood Business for the purpose of shopping mall pending on the behalf of myself Mary Fenner, Cassandra Knight Jackson, Heir of Clearah (Clara) Knight and Lottie Smallwood, to be counted as three (3) yes votes. In favor of the rezoning. By this written request. ¶ I feel this would be counted as, beneficial to our community. Our community needs to grow, farming is going out and a replacement is needed. ¶ A shopping mall every one should want, because it brings jobs to our county. ¶ Thank you very much, Sincerely, Mary Fenner"

"Sirs, ¶ Concerning your letter of a schedule meeting on Monday, October 4, 2004 for public hearing. I wish to voice our objection to property being rezoned from residential to business. ¶Property in question is lots 3A, 4A and 5A on State Road 1344 and is recorded in deed book 428/112 and 428/105. ¶ Respectfully submitted, Catherine Carter and Jesse Wilkins and Heirs of Benjamin Wilkins"

Harold Hogrefe, Realtor representing developer, explained the proposed shopping mall planned for the area.

Chairman Ross opened the floor for additional comments.

Ms. Grant and Ms. Wright again expressed their opposition to the request.

Chairman Ross adjourned the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap .
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A NO WAKE ZONE ON LAKE GASTON WAS HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON OCTOBER 4, 2004 AT 6:45 PM.

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

Clerk to the Board, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the Notice of Public Hearing for No Wake Zone request:

"Area located directly in front of the Dockside complex on the Northwest corner of Eaton's Ferry Bridge.

There were no citizen comments

Chairman Ross adjourned the public hearing at 6:55 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap .
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 OCTOBER 4, 2004 AT 7:00 PM.

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

A moment of silence was followed by Rules for Citizen Comments read by Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk to the Board.

Citizen Comments:

Raymond Adcock - President of Warren County Gun Owners & Sportsmen Association -
Opposed to appointing animal cruelty officer. Believes Citizens for Animal Protection is affiliated with the Humane Society and is trying to outlaw hunting of all types. Incident at Parktown Hunt Club was example of search & seizure, which is unlawful.

Carol Bland - inquired if walking tails were included in the plan for Recreation Complex?
Animal Shelter needs to be finalized.

Phyllis Gilbert - (Candidate for Commissioner) Spoke concerning animal treatment issues, animals should be treated like people, they are God's creation.

Ben Avent - Thanked Board members and County representatives for spending a day on Lake Gaston discussing the hydrilla problem. A tax district seems to be the easiest and quickest solution to address the problem.

Ruth Brown - encouraged the Board to follow the Animal Shelter Committee recommendations. County is building an animal shelter and not a dog pound.

June Gibbs - informed Board that a shelter should be erected by June 5, 2005 or face a law suit.

Larry West - informed the Board of an Ecology Field Day scheduled to be held at the Warren

County Middle School, October 5, 2004.

Ernie Fleming - President of Citizens for Animal Protection, stated that CAP is not working with Humane Society. CAP supports installation of William Roberts as Animal Cruelty Officer and requested the Board consider placing the Animal Shelter on highway 58.

Bill Davis - requested Board of Commissioners submit a petition to the State Board of Elections in support of Mary Somerville remaining in dual role as Board of Elections Chairperson and Elections Supervisor until after the November 2nd election date.

Commissioner Lucas read a prepared statement commending the Animal Shelter Committee for the work they did and informing the public of a grant writing workshop he attended.

On motion of Commissioner Alston, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to remove agenda items:

- 9. Request from Piedmont Communications to erect communications tower in Warren County
- 15B. Science Engineering Mathematics Aeronautics Academy (SEMAA) Director's Contract

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt the October 4, 2004 Suggested Agenda as amended.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried, by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes of the September 7, 2004 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting
 Minutes of the September 22, 2004 - Joint Meeting with the Department of Social Services
 Board of Directors

Tax Collector's & Interest Income Reports as submitted by Finance Officer Susan W. Brown for Board's information:

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
 TO THE
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

2004 Taxes Collected August	351,836.38
2004 Taxes Collected To Date	417,229.22
Percentage of 2004 Taxes Collected	4.22
Other August Collections:	
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties	74,275.50
Advance Payments	9,858.47
Total August Collections:	435,970.35
Percentage as of August 2003	6.65

Respectfully submitted 10/4/2004


 Susan W. Brown
 Tax Collector

INTEREST INCOME REPORT
Month Of August 2004

FUND	AUGUST INCOME	FISCAL YEAR TO - DATE
General	5,953.65	11,356.47
Revaluation	214.02	397.50
E 911 Telephone System	155.63	289.05
E 911 Wireless	93.41	170.33
Admin Off Bld Cap Reserve Fund	84.59	157.11
Admin Off Bld Cap Project Fund	124.15	224.48
Regional Water Enterprise Fund	317.49	590.50
District 1 Enterprise Fund	288.87	544.28
Solid Waste	834.61	1,595.31
District II Capital Project Fund	68.73	129.81
District II Enterprise Fund	129.37	240.15
District III Capital Project Fund	0.96	1.78
District III Phase II	2.23	4.14
District I Phase IV	0.86	1.62
	8,268.57	15,702.53

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried, by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the following:

TAX RELEASE REQUESTS OVER \$100
9/27/2004

Approved by BOC
Date: _____

ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:

NAME	ACCT#	RECORD #	AMOUNT	REASON
Ashley, Melissa M.	2103-200	29199	\$ 185.86	M/H Repossessed
Jefferson, Sapata D.	21261-300	13400	457.13	D/W assessed on wrong parcel
Levinson, Ginger	9688-200	27872	110.62	Value of boat incorrect
Pollard, Charles J.	22558-300	3144	264.18	Corrections to D/W Apprais & 1 LFUF removed from M/ used for storage
Roberts, Kim L.	5906-103	53979	336.07	D/W assessed on wrong parcel s/b Lease Hold

SUB-TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:

~~-\$1,353.86~~
\$1,168.00

MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:

NAME	ACCT#	RECORD #	AMOUNT	REASON
Brown, Johnnie M.	5020-9999	31107	163.27	Vehicle discovered twice in error
Clayton, Henry	4160-2542	59695	141.75	Vehicle Sold
Freehafer, Charles	15226-2105	59258	300.20	Boat Sold
Grant, Hershell L.	20257-2502	59655	113.80	Released to Franklin Co.
Heroux, Kimberly	10482-2677	59830	185.60	Released to Halifax Co.
The Motorlease Corp.	10292-1857	59010	110.80	Vehicle Sold

SUB-TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:

\$ 1,015.42

LANDFILL USER FEE RELEASES:

NAME	ACCT#	RECORD #	AMOUNT	REASON
Baker, Kenneth	2319-300	737	\$ 105.00	No Electricity per Halifax EMC
Boyd, Frank	5142-301	21078	105.00	Private Hauler
Brown, Voyette	21108-300	7919	105.00	Private Hauler
Coleman, Mary P. J.	498-300	15708	105.00	Private Hauler

Downie, Ronnie A.	12134-300	16582	210.00	Private Hauler
Hawkins, Clemon A.	18725-200	27364	105.00	M/H Used for Str
Henderson, Mary A.	36640-301	2277	105.00	Private Hauler
Henderson, Mary A.	36640-300	17960	105.00	Private Hauler
Jefferson, Charlie G.	2306-301	21213	105.00	House Burned in 2003
Kearney, I. S.	34731-303	18480	105.00	Private Hauler
Kraft, F. G.	24903-300	14661	105.00	Private Hauler
Lampe, Larry	21397-300	17911	105.00	Private Hauler in Stonehouse
Matthewsw, Dexter L.	26939-300	9044	105.00	Private Hauler
Miller, Ruth M.	20720-300	17279	105.00	Private Hauler
Pedersen Arthur	4027-300	19964	105.00	Private Hauler
Powell, Shirley	7878-300	6968	105.00	No Electricity per Progress Energy
Quinitchette, Thurston	32709-300	9797	105.00	House Burned in 2003
Reid, Mary P.	10369-300	4337	105.00	Private Hauler
Rivers, Mattie A.	34340-300	11398	105.00	Private Hauler
Robinson, Helen	24373-300	21160	105.00	Private Hauler
Shipley, Lyman C.	4884-327	15308	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-322	11857	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-312	14467	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-319	7757	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-320	9605	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-306	10143	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-309	13272	105.00	Private Hauler
Smith, Mary	38001-301	10032	105.00	Private Hauler

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Somerville, Elnora L.	38209-300	11960	105.00	Private Hauler
West, Jeanetta Heirs	43040-300	13682	105.00	No Electricity in Beauty Shop per Halifax EMC
Williams, Josephine	44417-300	13711	105.00	No Electricity per Progress Energy
Williams, Rosa	4582-200	29762	105.00	Private Hauler
Winslow, Jack R.	18708-301	21223	<u>105.00</u>	Private Hauler

SUB-TOTAL LFUF RELEASES \$ 3,570.00
 SUB-TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS: 1,353.86
 SUB-TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES: 1,015.42
 TOTAL RELEASES: \$5,939.28

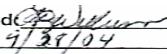
Abbreviation Key:

D/W = Doublewide
 LFUF = Landfill User Fee
 M/H = Mobile Home

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Tax Release Requests under \$100, as approved by County Manager, were submitted for Board's information.

TAX RELEASE REQUESTS UNDER \$100
 09/27/04

Approved: 
 Date: 9/29/04

ERROR CORRECTION RELEASES:

NAME	ACCT#	RECORD #	AMOUNT	REASON
Baker, Archie & Georgette	8452-300	18948	\$ 10.32	Property Sold in 2003
Johnson, Theresa	4653-300	18095	12.27	Acreage Correction
Parks, Otis Landscaping	5086-103	52447	8.85	Machinery Assessed on two Accounts
Parks, Otis Landscaping	5086-102	52448	11.62	Machinery assessed on two Accounts
Parks, Otis Landscaping	5086-101	52449	16.06	Machinery assessed on two Accounts
Paulin, Allen R.	30301-200	31044	<u>10.33</u>	Boat Assessed on two Accounts
SUB-TOTAL ERROR CORRECTIONS:			\$69.45	

MOTOR VEHICLES RELEASES:

Aldrich, Frank	311-2232	61075	\$ 38.06	Vehicle Sold
Alston, Carolyn	13323-103	49602	4.71	Vehicle Totaled
Arcola Logging Co.	7663-1142	75935	8.70	Vehicle Sold
Blackman, Kenneth E.	22831-2712	58041	28.59	Vehicle Value Reduced based on 2 Estimates
Clary, Thomas E.	8615-2442	57771	50.00	Vehicle Sold
Clayton, William Mark	18899-2110	60953	4.10	Moved
Clayton, William	18899-2341	78818	12.46	Moved
Clayton, William	18899-1818	58971	27.90	Moved
De Santiago, Cesar	18541-103	49414	8.16	Vehicle Sold
Downey, Ruby	12135-103	50548	49.49	Vehicle Totaled
Fashion Closet	30230-1462	77939	3.00	Vehicle Junked
Fessenden, Duane	16515-1099	77576	6.58	Vehicle Sold
Groves, Samuel	15039-1878	60721	25.47	Vehicle Sold
Hudgins, John A., Jr.	20820-2289	61132	36.15	Does not live in Town of Warrenton

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Kneisel, Fred W.	20250-2400	59553	21.41	Released to Halifax County
Kneisel, Fred	20250-9999	31102	20.99	Discovered in error
Levinson, Ginger	9688-200	27872	7.87	Boat Valued Incorrectly
Mans, Perry	26613-103	51263	34.48	Vehicle Given Away
McAuslan, Alexander	26203-1298	56627	4.06	Vehicle Sold
Mills, William E.	27532-2554	57883	45.84	Vehicle Turned Back In
Newport, James	28833-1200	56529	15.78	Vehicle Sold
Norwood, Connie W.	9666-1872	60715	73.41	Released to Vance Co.
Pauls, Margaret	240-2412	61255	10.35	Vehicle Given Away
Powell, Clara	32314-1319	58472	4.50	Vehicle Sold
Richards, William T.	16877-2136	60979	39.31	Vehicle Value Reduced based on 2 Estimates
Riggan, Michael	13928-1297	56626	37.72	Released to Vance Co.
Stegall, Clifton	38824-1375	71636	4.46	Vehicle Destroyed
Strickland, Gene	39320-1206	56535	13.14	Vehicle Sold
Thompson, Richard	40430-1714	71975	2.47	Vehicle Sold
VanBuren, Dennis	12149-2161	70926	7.40	Vehicle Traded
Willard, Mark A.	20308-2621	59774	22.71	Released to Vance County
Williams, Christine	4423-2397	61240	<u>22.52</u>	Released to Franklin County
SUB-TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE RELEASES:			\$691.79	
SUB-TOTAL CORRECTIONS:			<u>69.45</u>	
TOTAL RELEASES:			<u>\$761.24</u>	

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, October 3-9, 2004, was declared "Fire Prevention Week".

Having held a required public hearing on Monday, October 4, 2004 at 6:30 pm and on recommendation of Planner/Zoning Administrator Matthew Ramadan and the Planning Board, the following rezoning request was submitted for consideration:

Three (3) tracts of land on SR 1344, currently owned by Mary Fenner (7.4 acres), Clearah Knight (6.5 acres), and Lottie Smallwood (5.5 acres), in River Township to be rezoned from Residential to Neighborhood Business.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries to table rezoning request.

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

Motion did not carry.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas to deny rezoning request.

Motion died for lack of second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Capps to approve the rezoning request.

Motion died for lack of second.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, the following resolution establishing a "No Wake Zone" on Lake Gaston was adopted.



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Loria D. Williams
County Manager

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS under authority of North Carolina General Statutes Section 75A-15(a) any subdivision of the State of North Carolina may at any time, after public notice, make formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on any water within its territorial limits.

AND WHEREAS Warren County has given public notice of its intention to make formal application to the Wildlife Resources Commission for special rules and regulations with reference to the safe and reasonable operation of vessels on Lake Gaston within the territorial limits of County, and for the implementation of the Uniform Waterway Marker System in all the waters of the County.

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with G.S. 75A-15, the Board of Commissioners of Warren County requests the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission to promulgate special rules and regulations with reference to safe and reasonable operation of vessels on the waters of Lake Gaston located in said County, the pertinent substance of which proposed regulations is as follows:

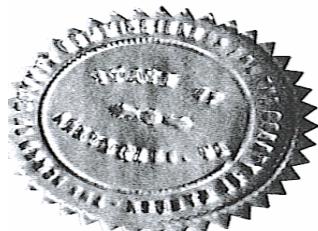
"Installation of a "No Wake" Buoy to be located in an area located directly in front of the Dockside Complex on the Northwest corner of Eaton's Ferry Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of Commissioners requests the said Commission to promulgate regulations fully implementing the Uniform Waterway Marker System in all of the waters of the said County.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Warren County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held in the Warren County Courthouse on **Monday, October 4, 2004**. The same appears in Minute Book No. 9 at page ____.

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 2004.



Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of
Warren County, North Carolina

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve the following:

**AMENDMENT TO THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
2004/2005
(Amendment No. 3)**

Section 1 of the Warren County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Board of Elections	\$ 1,150
Tax Collection	2,500
IT Department	19,800
Transfer to Other Funds District III Phase II	4,500
Contingency	(4,500)
Total	\$ 23,450

Section 2 of the Warren County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase Revenues:

State of NC HAVA Grant	\$ 1,150
Delinquent Taxes	2,500
Rural Center LEG-UP Grant	19,800
Total	\$ 23,450

This amendment:

- appropriates funds to the Board of Elections for a grant from the State of N.C. for the purchase of Handicap Signs and Markers.
Source of Funding: Grant from State of N.C.
- appropriates funds to Tax Collection for a contract with William Riggan that was presented and approved at the Sept. 7, 2004.
Source of Funding: Delinquent Taxes
- appropriates funds to the IT Department for a grant from the Rural Center to develop a county website.
Source of Funding: Rural Center IT Leg-Up Grant
- appropriates funds to District III Phase II for an amendment to the Rivers & Associates contract to study the Eaton's Ferry Bridge Crossing. This was approved at the Sept. 7, 2004 meeting.
Source of Funding: Contingency

Respectfully Submitted 10/04/05


Susan W. Brown, Finance Officer

**AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE
WARREN COUNTY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT NO. III PHASE II
PROJECT
(Amendment No. 1)**

Section 3 of the above-reference capital project ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Increase Revenues:

Transfer from General Fund	\$ 4,500
Total	\$ 4,500

Section 4 of the above-reference capital project ordinance shall be amended as follows:

Increase Appropriations:

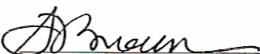
Preliminary Engineering	\$ 4,500
Total	\$ 4,500

Explanation:

This amendment:

- Appropriates funds to District III Phase II for an amendment to the River's and Associates contract.

Respectfully Submitted 10/04/04


Susan W. Brown
Finance Officer

Glen Ware of Ware Bonsall Architects appeared before the Board to update on estimated construction costs for proposed County Administration Facility. Mr. Ware presented an option VII (three story building with basement) proposal for consideration.

By Board consensus a public forum to hear citizen comments and/or suggestions for a proposed County Administration Facility at an approximate cost of \$3.8 million, 23,000 square ft facility with a basement, was scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Royster Washington, Judicial District Manager with the Division of Community Corrections appeared before the Board to give an annual update.

Cathy Alston-Kearney, Executive Director and Marvello Gay, HDFP of Warren Family Institute, appeared before the Board to present "Combined Notice & Request for Release of Funds Certification" related to the environmental assessment process for CDBG Grant 03-C-1187.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve "Combined Notice & Request for Release of Funds Certification" related to the environmental assessment process for Ephraim Place Project - CDBG Grant # 03-C-1187.

On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to adopt the following:



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**RESOLUTION
RESERVING FUND BALANCE
FOR WARREN COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Commissioners desire to provide adequate recreational facilities and opportunities to the citizenry, both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, in its considered judgment, the governing body believes adequate programming and facilities can best be advanced through a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board may reserve fund balance to facilitate specific projects and/or initiatives it wishes to embark upon in the future; and

WHEREAS, said funds may be reserved for either capital or operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Warren County Board of Commissioners hereby reserves fund balance in the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of advancing recreational satellite facilities and opportunities for the citizens of Warren County as stated herein.

Adopted this the 4th day of October, 2004.

COUNTY OF WARREN

Ulysses S. Ross, Chairman

ATTEST:

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Clerk to the Board



On motion of Commissioner Capps, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Agreement between Rivers & Associates, Inc. and Warren County Parks & Recreation for Recreation Complex - Phase I Engineering Agreement for professional services:

<u>Description of Services:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Study & Report Phase Complete	N/A
Basic Services	
Preliminary / Final Design Phases	\$50,000
Bidding / Construction, etc.	\$35,000
Total Estimated Contract Amount	\$85,000

County Manager and/or Chairman of the Board were authorized to sign related documentation.

Four (4) on-site soils investigation bids were received by HagerSmith Design, PA, for a proposal to Perform a Soil Suitability Evaluation at Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center Project, the two lowest bids were presented for Board's review and award:

Appian Consulting Engineers	\$1,700
Soil & Environmental Consultants	\$2,100

Motion was made by Commissioner Lucas to award bid to the lowest bidder: Appian Consulting Engineers at \$1,700.

County Manager Williams explained that HagerSmith Design, PA recommended awarding bid to Soil & Environmental Consultants.

Commissioner Lucas withdrew his bid.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to award bid for on-site soils investigation to Perform a Soil Suitability Evaluation for Buck Springs Leadership Excellence Center Project to Soil & Environmental Consultants at \$2,100.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to reclassify Computing Support Technician II (salary grade 16) at Department of Social Services, in accordance with Office of State Personnel, to a Computer Systems Administrator I (salary grade 21). Said reclassification was retroactive to July 1, 2004. Funding source: 50% state reimbursement, 50% lapsed salary.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Humphries and duly carried by unanimous vote, it was ordered to approve Construction Inspection Plan for Water District III, Phase I - Contract I for Water Distribution System pending final approval and execution by USDA-RD. County Manager and/or Chairman of the Board were authorized to sign related documentation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alston to situate proposed animal shelter at the county's closed solid waste landfill site.

Motion died for lack of second.

On motion of Commissioner Humphries, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucas, it was moved to construct animal shelter at the Cooperative Extension site.

Votes were: Ayes: Humphries & Lucas
 Nays: Alston, Capps & Ross

Motion did not carry.

The Animal Shelter Advisory Committee was instructed to research all three (3) sites:

- 1) Solid Waste Landfill, Baltimore Road
- 2) Cooperative Extension, Highway 58, and
- 3) Wastewater Treatment Plant, Highway 401

and bring back to the Board of Commissioners cost estimates to bring each site to the point of construction.

Commissioner Humphries proposed appointing a new Animal Cruelty Investigator (private citizen), in order to relieve Animal Control Officer Solomon from dual responsibilities.

On motion of Commissioner Alston, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps, it was moved to deny proposal to appoint a private citizen to serve as Animal Cruelty Investigator. Animal Control Officer will remain in the role as Animal Cruelty Investigator.

Votes were: Ayes: Alston, Capps, Lucas & Ross
 Nays: Humphries

By Board consensus a public forum to hear citizen comments regarding a proposed Lake Gaston Weed Control Service District was scheduled for Monday, October 25, 2004 at 6:00 pm.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Capps and duly carried, it was ordered to enter Closed Session in accordance with GS 143-318.11(a) for the discussion of Location &/or Expansion of Business or Industry and Personnel Matters.

On motion of Commissioner Lucas, which was seconded by Commissioner Alston and duly carried, it was ordered to return to the regular meeting.

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

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap .
 Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC FORUM TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED LAKE GASTON WEED CONTROL TAX SERVICE DISTRICT HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2004 AT 6:00 PM.

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

Clerk to the Board, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the Notice of Public Forum.

Pete Deschenes, Weed Control Council member, made a brief presentation reviewing Lake Gaston's history and weed control problems. (Presentation on file in Clerk's office.)

County Manager Loria Williams made a brief presentation on Lake Gaston's weed control issues. (Presentation on file in Clerk's office.)

Citizen comments were as follows:

Robert Messier - questioned what area the tax district would include. He's all ready living in a tax district since he moved here. Taxes went up from \$500 to over \$2,000 and there's no added services. Tax the fishers and duck hunters. You're targeting a specific area and the Board is not a good steward. Warren County is trying to cure 1950 ills without planning.

Roland Beauchaine, Economic Development Council Chairman & Member of the Chamber of Commerce - EDC views Lake Gaston as a vital part of Warren County's future growth. As president of Warren County Chamber of Commerce he's in favor of establishing a tax district and his neighbors are in favor also.

Merwin R. Dieckmann, MD - deferred his comment period.

Doc Daugherty - Does not support establishing a tax district. We do not need to spend more money. South Carolina spends less on 32 lakes than we've spent on one lake. Use grass carp, just need a plan of action to do it. Four other counties have weed council's and they use grass carp. Weed Council needs a change in philosophy. How is the Board of Commissioners involved? Taxes are not the issue; the issue is management. You will get a class action law suit if tax district is established, because it is not legal.

Norman Tweed - has lived on the lake for two (2) years, has been a property owner for four (4) years. Not in favor of tax district. There are free boat ramps for the public, need to establish an honor system to receive fees for use of public boat ramps. Noxious weed is distributed to different parts of the lake by boat, therefore, you need to treat the entire lake.

Harrel Johnson - Executive Director of the Roanoke River Basin Association - supports taking care of the lake. Biological and economic health of the lake is important.

June Gibbs - raised several questions: is 49% of Warren County on the Lake? How much was budgeted for weed control? Why isn't the entire funding amount coming from the county's tax dollars. It is not fair.

Chairman Ross opened the floor for additional comments.

Mike Wilburt - \$1.7 million is total cost for all five counties. To think that this is not a county wide problem, is ridiculous. There are other ways to handle this.

George Blake - spoke in opposition to tax district. What if one county does not approve funding, do the other counties have to take up the extra cost? Adopt boat sticker tax.

Pete Deschenes - Weed Council will contact the state of South Carolina to see how they handle weed control. Dominion is a source being pursued.

Ruth Brown - questioned if 49% of lake is owned by Warren County residents? Is it divided evenly?

Commissioner Capps questioned how a draw down would affect the weed problem?

Howard Smith - inquired if there had been an effort to establish local legislation that provides for lake maintenance? Establish an authority to receive budgeted funds. Have we asked our legislative representatives for help?

Commissioner Lucas voiced a concern - what type discussion has Halifax and Northampton counties had that binds all counties together?

Chairman Ross adjourned the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk

MINUTES FROM A PUBLIC FORUM TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED WARREN GOVERNMENTAL FACILITY HELD BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2004 AT 7:00 PM.

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

Clerk to the Board, Angelena Kearney-Dunlap read aloud the Notice of Public Forum.

County Manager Loria Williams presented a brief summary of Options V, VI and VII as prepared by Ware Bonsall Architects. (Presentation on file in Clerk's office.)

Citizen comments were as follows:

Richard Hunter, Clerk of Court - read a prepared statement with suggested uses for courthouse annex buildings (statement on file in clerk's office).

Linda Baker, wanted a better understanding of new facilities function, therefore, she talked to the librarian and found that the plan needs a lot of improvements. Library needs a large community room and needs to allow for future growth. Concerned about the millions being spent on county projects and questioned if we can afford all the future development: Weed Control Tax District, Buck Springs Leadership Center, Recreational Complex and Animal Shelter.

Roland Beauchaine - has been commenting for five years, county does not manage the space it has. Need to scrutinize space like we scrutinize the budget. The John Graham Building is under used, the Health Department building is under used. Need to allocate a certain amount of space per employee. The county leases 18,000 square feet to others. The Sheriff's building can house the Magistrate. The public does not hear how all this will be funded. Old A&P should be used for library only, use vacated library for tax offices.

Howard Smith - agreed with Beauchaine's comments. This has been an issue for six (6) years, the Board will not address the fact that all employees are justified and needed. Many Warren County employees do not reside within the county.

Shelley Fearn, Warren County Memorial Library, Chief Librarian - questioned the proposed library space allocations. 2200 sq ft will max out in five (5) years, 375 volumes added for children, no shelf space to accommodate it. Cannot see square footage for seating in the proposed plan. 25% unassignable space is needed and 1800 sq ft for a community room.

Mike Wilburt - questioned the plan to pay for construction.

Ruth Brown - is it written in stone? Can you consider building a library and putting money back into the community?

Chairman Ross adjourned the public hearing at 8:05 pm.

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap .
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk