

*WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*

December 9, 2009

6:00 PM

Board Work Session

*WARREN COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
WARRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA*

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Work Session Agenda

1-Department Head Reports

Marcus Johnson, Information Technology
Debbie Scott, Youth Service Bureau
Elsie Weldon, Register of Deeds
Tyrone Fisher, Coop Extension
Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk to the Board

2-Your Place in the New Economy – Elizabeth City State Univ.

3-Expansion of Lake Gaston Chamber Offices – Almira Papierniak & Brady Martin

4-Countywide Imaging Solution – Marcus Johnson

5-Update from Warren Family Institute – Cathy Alston-Kearney

6-Gang Awareness Presentation – Officer James Jones

7-Update on Countywide Zoning – Ken Krulik

8-Legislative Updates & Board Planning Session

9-Adjourn Work Session

Item # 1

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Item # 2

Your Place in the New Economy

Elizabeth City State Univ.



What is the Center for Research and Evaluation? The CRE combines the talents of Elizabeth City State University's faculty to promote faculty and student grant-writing and research, effective academic programs, and the economic, environmental, and social health of northeastern North Carolina. These goals are achieved through the ongoing development and maintenance of a research infrastructure for data collection and analysis and through collaboration with faculty and others on the design, implementation, and analysis of behavioral and social science research and program evaluations. The CRE functions as a contact point for both on-campus and off-campus research projects, with the expertise of interested faculty matched to the needs of specific projects. If you have a question, would like more information, or would like to work with the CRE, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The CRE is located in Griffin Hall (Rooms 148/149) on the campus of ECSU.

Free One-Day Forum

YOUR PLACE IN THE NEW ECONOMY: Tools & Opportunities for Jobs & Economic Development



ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
**CENTER FOR GREEN
RESEARCH AND EVALUATION**

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FORUM LOCATIONS

Mon., Dec 7th

Elizabeth City State University
K. E. White Graduate & Continuing Education Center
1704 Weeksville Road
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
252.335.3400

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[click for map](#)

Tue., Dec 8th

Edgewood Community College
Keith Auditorium
2009 W. Wilson St
Tarboro, NC 27886
252.823.5166

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Wed., Dec 9th

Ambassador's Inn & Suites
197 Parham Road
Henderson, NC 27536
252.492.1126

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Join Majora

Carter,

host of "The Green
(TV Series)" at
three public forums
designed to
identify how you
can be prepared
for and benefit
from the transition
to a Green
Economy.



Forums 9am-3pm :

Mon. December 7th, 2009 - Elizabeth City, NC

Tue. December 8th, 2009 - Tarboro, NC

Wed. December 9th, 2009 - Henderson, NC

**These forums will clearly inform participants
about job opportunities and action steps.**

- A. Business Opportunities in a Green Economy.
- B. New Job and Career Opportunities.
- C. Preparing for Changing Technologies.

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or the website to register: www.thesynergypnc.com

Register Online Here

Item # 3

Expansion of Lake Gaston Chamber Offices

Almira Papierniak

&

Brady Martin

Item # 4

Countywide Imaging Solution

Marcus Johnson

&

Enterprise Document Management

Item # 5

Update from Warren Family Institute:

1st - Ephriam Place CDBG Project

2nd - Old Jail Facility on Macon Street

3rd – Services Provided by WFI to Citizens

Cathy Alston-Kearney

Item # 6

Gang Awareness Presentation

Officer James Jones

Item # 7

Update on Countywide Zoning

Ken Krulik

Item # 8

**Legislative Issues
&
Board Planning Session**

**Information will be sent by
E-mail as well as provided by
hard copy at the meeting.**



Warren County Board of Commissioners

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WARREN

RESOLUTION

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SOLICITATION OF SUPPORT FROM STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS

WHEREAS, Warren County is a Tier I county with limited financial resources to fund many of the pressing needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is endeavoring to meet the growing needs of its citizens by providing recreational outlets, updated library services, sufficient ADA compliant governmental office space, services for senior citizens, tourism and regional economic development initiatives to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is making a good faith effort to meet the increasing financial demands presented by these and many other statutorily mandated challenges that greatly burden low-wealth jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests Warren County's State and Federal Legislative Delegations to assist Warren County in whatever way possible with the following identified needs:

- 1) The availability of broadband Internet connectivity in Warren County is proposed to rise from 99th place to 29th out of 100 counties as a result of e-NC Authority funding. 100% connectivity would provide the county with the telecommunications infrastructure necessary to promote and sustain increased economic and community development activities. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that funding be made available to Warren County to fund 100% broadband Internet deployment that would directly benefit Warren County's citizens and the region;
- 2) It is respectfully requested that grant funds or other available funding be provided to help fund Phase I infrastructure and site development costs estimated to be \$2 million at Warren County's Triangle North-Warren certified industrial site. This site contains approximately 860 acres and is one of the largest certified industrial sites in the State of NC. This site is part of a joint economic development initiative undertaken by Warren, Vance, Franklin, and Granville Counties to enhance economic development opportunities in the region;
- 3) It is of utmost importance that support be given to the expansion of high speed rail lines in NC including Warren County where a CSX rail line and right-of-way has existed for numerous years. Warren County's Triangle North - Warren certified industrial site has immediate access to the CSX rail line and would greatly benefit from main line rail to

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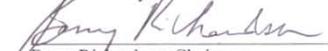
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accommodate the movement of products to and from the industrial site to outside markets. The installation of main line rail in this area would greatly enhance the marketability and increase the development potential of Warren County's site.

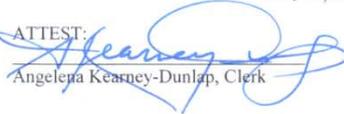
- 4) It is respectfully requested that NC Department of Transportation discretionary funds in the amount of \$80,000 or other grant funds be made available to assist with the cost of paving the parking lot of Warren County's former National Guard Armory. The facility is in the process of being renovated with an \$800,000 grant provided by the Golden LEAF Foundation. This facility is the largest venue in the county that will accommodate a myriad of cultural, recreational, educational and other large gatherings and meetings. It is anticipated that the renovation of this facility will spur economic development activity and increased revenue from tourism and local sales taxes;
- 5) It is respectfully requested that Warren County's State Legislative Delegation sponsor legislation that would allow Warren County to become part of the Kay Mitchell-Thomas Tourism Development Region, which currently includes the counties of Halifax, Northampton, Hertfort and Gates. Warren County is moving forward to actively promote tourism by renovating the former National Guard Armory into a multi-purpose use facility and by continued development of a County Historical District, both of which are anticipated to attract tourists from Virginia and across the State of NC;
- 6) It is respectfully requested that Warren County's State and Federal Legislative Delegations, to the extent within their legislative jurisdictions, oppose legislation authorizing local governments to enter into collective bargaining agreements with public employees, or mandating dues check off programs.
- 7) It is respectfully requested that Warren County's State Legislative Delegation oppose legislation shifting the state's existing responsibility for funding transportation construction and maintenance projects to county governments, and that state and federal funding be provided to the NC Department of Transportation to move forward with the four-laning of US Highway 158 from eastern North Carolina, through Warren County and on to points west to promote and encourage economic and tourism development activities.
- 8) It is respectfully requested that grant funds or other funding be made available to Warren County to make major renovations at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000 to the County's thirty-year old Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant provides wastewater treatment for Warren County and the Towns of Warrenton and Norlina.

ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2009.

Warren County Board of Commissioners


Barry Richardson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Angelena Kearsney-Dunlap, Clerk



Warren County Board of Commissioners

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WARREN

RESOLUTION

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

WHEREAS, Warren County is a Tier I county with limited financial resources to fund many of the pressing needs of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Warren County is making a concerted effort to improve infrastructure needs within the county to enhance and promote economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's thirty-year old Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is in dire need of major rehabilitation of system and control components to prevent occurrences of discharge violations and increase the effective capacity of the Treatment Plant which improvements are estimated to cost \$5,275,000; and

WHEREAS, Warren County's emergency response systems (Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement radio communications) are in dire need of equipment upgrades at an estimated cost of \$900,000 to maintain safety within the county and across jurisdictional lines (interoperability) as mandated in the National Strategy for Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Commissioners has determined that it does not have the financial resources to implement these critical projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Warren County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests Warren County's Congressional Delegation to assist with providing funding from

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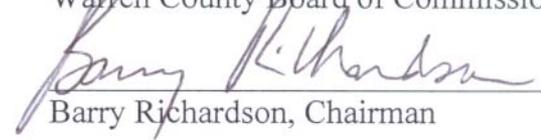
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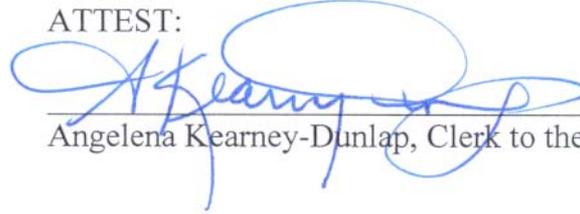
emergency national economic stimulus funds, funds appropriated for Homeland Security projects, federal grants or any other funding sources that may be available for local governments to assist the county in moving forward with the identified projects.

ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2009.

Warren County Board of Commissioners


Barry Richardson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk to the Board

Adjourn

Work Session