

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 19, 2008

5:00 P.M.

**NORTH CAROLINA
MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners
Karen Bentley, J. Daniel Bishop, Dumont Clarke
H. Parks Helms, Bill James, Norman A. Mitchell, Sr.
Dan Ramirez and Valerie C. Woodard
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None.

-INFORMAL SESSION-

Commissioners Bishop and Woodard were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roberts, after which the matters below were addressed.

(1A) STAFF BRIEFINGS 2008 (FFY 2009) FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Deborah Long Goldberg, Assistant to the County Manager addressed Mecklenburg County's proposed Federal Agenda for Federal FY2009.

Commissioner Bishop entered the meeting.

It was noted that initially Medic had planned to submit requested, however, they decided not to move forward at this time.

Note: The recommended federal agenda includes an appropriation request for the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) initiative. **Request:** \$200,000 in the fiscal year 2009 Interior Appropriations bill, Environmental Protection Agency. **Background:** Mecklenburg County is seeking federal funding to address biologically impaired streams through the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) initiative. Fiscal Year 2009 funds will be combined with state and local resources to restore, retrofit and/or preserve land that has already been acquired and is in public ownership. These projects may include, but are not limited to, the construction of wetlands, restoration of streams, establishment of vegetative buffers, etc.

Also included are requests to support proposed legislation related to kinship caregiver support, child support enforcement and veterans outreach and claims.

Support passage of the Kinship Caregiver Support Act (S. 661/H.R. 2188)

The Kinship Caregiver Support Act, sponsored by Representative Danny Davis and Senator Hillary Clinton, provides a package of supports to relatives who are willing to become legal guardians of children in foster care.

Support H.R. 1386 and S. 803, which would restore funds for child support enforcement cut by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

S.803, sponsored by Senator Rockefeller, and H.R. 1386 sponsored by Representative Jim McDermott, amend the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 to repeal a provision that prohibited federal matching funds to a state for expenditures from federal amounts paid to the state for child support and establishment of paternity to carry out an agreement for services of the Federal Parent Locator Service.

Support passage of the Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007 (H.R. 67)

H.R. 67, sponsored by Rep. Mike McIntire (NC-7) provides for assistance to state and county veterans agencies to administer outreach programs in respective jurisdictions. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs could enter into contracts for grants directly to states or counties. The total authorization for 3 years is \$25 million. Priority in awarding grants would be given to state and county veterans agencies that serve the largest populations of veterans. Representatives Coble (NC-6) and Etheridge (NC-2) are among the bill's cosponsors.

Support passage of the Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007 (H.R. 1435)

H.R. 1435, sponsored by Rep. Joe Baca, directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a three-year pilot program to reduce the backlog of claims for benefits pending with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). It requires the Secretary to (1) conduct the pilot program with County Veterans Service Officers in California, Florida, Ohio, South Carolina, and Texas (The program can be expanded to other states upon the request of a County Veterans Services Officer located in such state.) and (2) refer certain claims requiring further development to county officers. The bill requires such officers to (1) act as claimant advocates in developing such claims; and (2) have access to client information contained in the VA's Benefits Delivery Network.

The bill gives counties the ability to develop claims to be rated by the VA which will reduce, if not eliminate, the backlog that exists. With counties developing claims, VA is freed to spend most of its time rating claims. Representative McIntyre (NC-7) is one of the bill's cosponsors.

A copy of the proposed agenda is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Comments were made regarding the fact that

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve Mecklenburg County's Federal Agenda for FFY2009 as presented by staff.

Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Bently and failed 4-4 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, James, and Ramirez voting yes and Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, and Roberts voting no.

The vote was then taken on the original motion and failed 4-4 with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, James, and Ramirez voting no.

(2A) CLOSED SESSION – A) LAND ACQUISITION B) CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced that the Land Acquisition involved tax parcels located Mt. Holly Huntersville Road between Harwood Lane and Mt. Holly Road, also, Elizabeth Avenue and Kings Drive. The Consult with Attorney concerned the lawsuit of Jerry Alan Reese vs. Mecklenburg County, Mecklenburg County Public Facilities Corporation, 300 South Church Street, LLC, and R.B.C. Corporation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: A) Land Acquisition and B) Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:41 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to reconsider the earlier substitute motion with respect to the Mecklenburg County's Federal Agenda for FFY2009.

After discussion of the motion it was determined that the Board would not be able to reconsider the original motion made earlier in the meeting.

Thus, Commissioner Helms withdrew his motion and Commissioner Mitchell his second.

It was noted that the matter could be placed on the Board's February 26, 2008 Budget/Public Policy meeting.

(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified items they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The item identified was Item 23.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Invocation was given by Commissioner Bishop which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

(1A) WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating March 2008 as Women's History Month in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Bentley and received by Lisa Lewis Dubois, Chair of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Women's Summit 2008.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(1B) GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

Motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Woodard and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating March 1st through May 31st as the Mecklenburg County 'Great American Clean up.'

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Clarke and received by Jake Wilson, executive director of Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(1C) BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating February 2008 as Black History Month in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Woodard and received by Councilman Anthony Foxx and Willie Ratchford, director of Community Relations Committee.

A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(28) COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE ON PARENTING, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND MENTORING (COMMISSIONER WOODARD)

Commissioner Woodard introduced Councilman Anthony Foxx and Willie Ratchford, director of Community Relations Committee provide information on a joint collaborative effort involving the City of Charlotte, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, and Mecklenburg County. The community collaborative will pilot parenting, youth employment and mentoring initiatives with dedicated staff, specific outcomes, notable partners, and identified resource needs.

Receive as information and support Mecklenburg County's involvement in a community collaborative that would create comprehensive, integrated opportunities for young people to grow up and become productive citizens of the community.

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons spoke during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting:

Scott McClure, chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission shared with the Board a list of upcoming Mecklenburg County Comprehensive Park Plan Workshops and the meeting schedule of the Park and Recreation Commission for 2008.

A copy of both schedules is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(3) APPOINTMENTS

ADULTCARE HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Barbara Watson to the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2011.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and

unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to nominate and appoint Carol Berry and Linda Olige to the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring February 28, 2009.

BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Woodard and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Lauren Blackburn to the Bicycle Committee for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2011.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Bishop and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Sally Robinson and Darrel Williams to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to defer making additional appointments to the Library Board of Trustees until the March 19, 2008 meeting, in order to allow for more applications to be received.

Commissioner Ramirez noted that Cecilia Ramirez asked that her name be withdrawn as an applicant.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to appoint Jason McDaniel to the Waste Management Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2011.

He is replacing Christina Fisher.

(3B) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN – WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to appoint Mr. Shawn Brady Chairman of the Waste Management Advisory Board as recommended.

(3C) WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Bishop, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Brett Rhinehardt to the Waste Management Advisory Board as recommended by Charlotte City Council for a three year term expiring February 1, 2011.

(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

MANAGER’S REPORT

(6A) SCHOOL FACILITIES

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to amend the *School Facilities - 2006* capital project ordinance and amend the *School Facilities December 2006* capital project ordinance.

Note: This action will provide funding for the projects considered for public private partnership. After consideration the Board of Education determined that these projects would be better suited for the Certificates of Participation funding. The projects include Replacement of Long Creek Elementary School, Renovations at South Mecklenburg High School and Additions and Renovations at Idlewild Elementary and Harding University High Schools. Funding for these projects will be provided from authorization of \$58 million additional Certificates of Participation and reallocation of savings from projects already authorized.

<i>Elon Park ES Savings</i>	<i>\$ 2.5 million</i>
<i>2006 COPs Savings</i>	<i>4.5 million</i>
<i>New COPs authorization</i>	<i><u>58.0 million</u></i>
	<i>\$65.0 million</i>

Ordinances recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # _____ & _____.

(6B) SHERIFF’S FIDELITY BOND

Acknowledge receipt and approve the fidelity bond for Sheriff Daniel E. Bailey, Jr.

(2A1) CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to approve a total purchase price for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools of +/- \$1,314,700 for a 25.90-acre elementary school site including:

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- 4) Tax Parcel 031-451-13 & 14 – Chronister +/--\$275,000 – 3.75 acres and 3 rental houses

Note: The above assemblage is for an elementary school site on the north side of Mt. Holly Huntersville Road between Harwood Lane and Mt. Holly Road in the northwestern portion of the County.

(2A2) CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to confirm the previous authorization to purchase of Tax Parcel 125-095-01 for \$270,000 and Tax Parcel 125-227-02 for \$1 from Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, both parcels on Little Sugar Creek.

Note: This item was on the Board's agenda on October 16, 2007.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried, with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to approve the following item(s) with the exception of Item 23 to be voted upon separately:

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held February 5, 2008.

(8) LAND EXCHANGE WITH WESTMORELAND LAKE, LLC

Adopt a resolution of intent to exchange a +/- 572 square foot portion of Tax Parcel 005-071-18 (Westmoreland Athletic Complex) for a +/- 7,286 square foot portion of The Preserve at Robbins Park (all of Tax Parcel 005-071-97).

Note: The Town of Cornelius and Westmoreland Lake, LLC have requested this land exchange to enhance connectivity between the Westmoreland Athletic Complex and Robbins Park and to improve the configuration of four lots in The Preserve at Robbins Park residential development. On December 31, 2007, the County and Westmoreland Lake, LLC completed the initial land exchange which altered the configuration of the park and the adjacent residential development. The proposed land exchange will realign one common boundary line.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # _____.

(9) EASEMENT DONATION – MCDOWELL CREEK

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and receive a permanent easement from North Pointe Realty Corp. on a portion of Tax Parcels 005-371-21, 005-371-22 and 005-371-09 along McDowell Creek.

Note: On March 20, 2007, the Board approved the acceptance of a fee simple donation from North Pointe Realty Corp on the above parcels. However, North Pointe Realty Corp subsequently changed its position on the fee simple donation and has now agreed to donate an easement to the County.

The donated easement will encompass approximately eleven (11) acres of floodplain and 2,200 linear feet of creek frontage on the east side of McDowell Creek, immediately north of Sam Furr Road. This land will contribute to water quality protection and be incorporated into the McDowell Creek stream restoration and water quality enhancement projects coordinated by Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services. The McDowell Creek Greenway will be constructed on County property across the creek.

(10) GENERAL FLEET VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Authorize the Manager to execute unit price contracts for the vehicles listed below. The contracts will be for one-year with options to renew for two one-year terms.

<u>Vendor and Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
1) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, ¾ Ton Truck, 2-Wheel Drive	\$20,776.43
2) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, ¾ Ton Truck, 4-Wheel Drive	\$23,019.93
3) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, ½ Ton Truck, 4-Wheel Drive	\$17,411.08

4) Sir Walter Chevrolet, Seven (7)-Passenger Mini-Van	\$18,989.00
5) Town & Country Ford, Compact SUV, 2 -Wheel	
6) Hall Automotive, Forward Control Walk-In Van	\$14,097.30
7) Town & County Ford, Mid-Size Car	
8) Parks Chevrolet, One (1) Ton Truck Crew Cab/Chassis	\$31,998.00
9) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, One (1) Ton Truck Standard Cab//Chassis	\$15,879.50 \$27,742.00
10) Parks Chevrolet, Tilt Cab Truck w/Freight Body	
11) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, Two (2) Ton Truck Crew Cab/Chassis	\$24,669.63
12) Volvo/GMC Truck Center, Two (2) Ton Truck Standard Cab/Chassis	\$35,082.00
	\$47,635.23
	\$43,685.23

(11) NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GRANT APPROVAL

1. Recognize, receive, and appropriate \$126,752 in Hazard Mitigation Funds from the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute contracts with the NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management for Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants.
3. Authorize the carry forward of unspent grant funds to subsequent years until completion of project.

(12) NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GRANT APPLICATION

Authorize the County Manager to submit a grant request in the amount of \$1,721,792 to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management for the acquisition of flood prone properties.

(13) CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS TESTING CONTRACTS

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute contracts with the Engineering Testing firms listed below for Construction/Materials Testing Services for the following projects:
 - Marshall Park Box Culvert Relocation
 - Second Ward Park
 - Freedom Mall – All Phases
 - Little Sugar Creek Greenway Kings Drive Section, Mid-Town Section, and Charlottetown Ave to Elizabeth Ave. Section
 - Romare Bearden park
 - Jail North Annex
- 2) In the event that negotiations with the selected firms are unsuccessful, authorize negotiations with the alternate firms for each project.

(14) CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION PROGRAMS – AEROBO COP – ITEM

WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

(15) CONTRIBUTION FROM CDOT TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT LATTA PARK

Recognize and appropriate Capital Reserve funds in the amount of \$70,000 from Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at Dilworth's Latta Park.

(16) DISPOSAL OF FOOD & LODGING RECORDS

Approve the disposal of food, lodging and institutional inspection and compliant investigative reports from 1998-2002.

Note: These were Health Department records.

(17) EXCHANGE OF LEASEHOLD INTERESTS WITH FIBER MILLS, LLC

Adopt the resolution entitled "Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Resolution Authorizing Exchange of Leasehold Interests with Fiber Mills, LLC."

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # _____.

(18) LITTLE SUGAR CREEK GREENWAY ACQUISITION

Approve the purchase of 3,400 square foot Tax Parcel 080-131-07 at 7th Street and Kings Drive from Adams Outdoor Advertising for \$200,000.

Note: The above tract, which is partially in the flood plain of Little Sugar Creek, is essential to Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) for the construction of their culinary arts building and to the County for the greenway trail in this area.

(19) CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM – DSS

Amend the Department of Social Services' FY08 budget to recognize, receive and appropriate \$295,998 of additional funds from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Crisis Intervention Program.

Note: These funds will enable Crisis Assistance Ministries to assist additional families in need of energy assistance.

(20) DSS REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS

Amend the Department of Social Services' FY 08 budget to recognize additional Federal and State revenues of \$37,718 via the Home and Community Care Block Grant, and appropriate expenses in the same amount.

Note: This funding will provide additional Adult Day Care services.

(21) CLEAN AIR ACT, SECTION 103, SPECIAL PURPOSE FEDERAL GRANT

Approve the submission of the County's CAA Section 103, Special Purpose federal grant application; and upon award of grant, recognize, receive and appropriate the CAA Section 103

grant award.

(22) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$915.50 to be made by the Finance Department as requested by the Tax Assessor resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments.

A list of the refund recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

(24) FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS – AREA MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Approve funding adjustments as follows:

A) Approve, recognize, receive and appropriate State funds in the amount of \$2,083 for the purpose of developing a Crisis Intervention Team program.

B) Reduction of \$70,000 in state funds for community services for a consumer transferring to Smoky Mountain Local Management Entity (LME).

(25) JAIL NORTH ANNEX – SECURITY SYSTEMS CONTRACT

Award a security systems contract in the amount of \$549,800 to Black Creek Integrated Systems Corporation for Jail North Annex.

(26) RENOVATIONS TO ADDRESS ADDITIONAL WORK SPACE NEEDS – LUESA

Appropriate \$400,000 of Fund Balance designated for Land Use and Environmental Services - Code Enforcement Administration for renovations to address additional workspace needs.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

(23) ACCESS AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – EVERGREEN NATURE PRESERVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Woodard and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and receive a permanent easement from the City of Charlotte for pedestrian access to Evergreen Nature Preserve from Progress Lane
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and receive a permanent conservation easement from the City of Charlotte for stream restoration and water quality BMPs on City property adjoining Evergreen Nature Preserve.
- 3) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate, execute and convey a permanent conservation easement to the City of Charlotte for stream restoration and water quality BMPs at Evergreen Nature Preserve.

Commissioner Clarke removed this item from the agenda for more public awareness.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(27) TAX BILL INFORMATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to receive the report and recommendations on options for providing additional information in tax bills; and to select Option 3 of the recommendations provided. Option 3 is to develop an information insert to include with tax bills

Note: Rationale:

- This option provides the most flexibility to communicate details about how tax dollars and other public funds are allocated to CMS, CPCC, and County operations. This approach would allow taxpayers to know what portion of County funding is used for CMS, CPCC and County operations as an illustration of how their tax payment is allocated as well as the total cost of the program.
- This option also is relatively cost-effective. The insert could cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$50,000 depending on quality of paper, full-color, front and back printing, and the quantity distributed with the tax bills (e.g., inserting in all bills, including motor vehicle bills, would require a quantity of approximately 1 million inserts. Inserting in only real/personal property tax bills would require a quantity of about 350,000 inserts).
- Mecklenburg County has experience developing such information; the Office of Tax Collector and the Public Service and Information Department produces an annual tax brochure that provides property tax and funding allocation information for Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and the other municipalities in Mecklenburg County. This brochure could be revised easily with existing staff to a format suitable for inserting into the tax bills.
- This option also can be supported by posting the same information on the County web site, along with additional information about allocation of taxes and other public funds.

2. Direct the County Manager to develop a design and identify the specific costs of an information insert suitable for inclusion in the tax bills, ensuring the insert is of a quality that will attract attention from property owners.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

COMMISSION COMMENTS – General comments were made at this time by various Commissioners regarding upcoming events and/or events they attended, as well as, other matters which they deemed note worthy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bishop, and unanimously carried, with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman

Public Inspection Status

(A) **Must Remain Confidential** _____

or

(B) **Confidential Pending Release** _____

Release for Public Inspection

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Release Authorized by:

Date

**County Attorney/Board of
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County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None

Also Present: General Managers Janice Jackson and John McGillicuddy, Associate General Manager Michelle Lancaster, Finance Director Dena Diorio, Wanda Reeves of Finance, Nancy Brunnemer with Real Estate Services, and CMS Attorney Kevin Bringewatt

Commissioner Woodard was not present for this Closed Session matter.

(2A1) LAND ACQUISITION – MT. HOLLY-HUNTERSVILLE ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE

Nancy Brunnemer with Real Estate Services addressed the proposed total purchase price for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools of +/- \$1,314,700 for a 25.90-acre elementary school site including:

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Nancy Brunnemer with Real Estate Services addressed the proposed purchase of Tax Parcel 125-095-01 for \$270,000 and Tax Parcel 125-227-02 for \$1 from Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, both parcels on Little Sugar Creek.

Note: This item was on the Board's agenda on October 16, 2007. Since that time Ham Wade determined through his title search that a portion of Tax Parcel 125-095-01 is included in an easement held by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, and Roberts voting yes, to approve purchase of Tax Parcel 125-095-01 for \$270,000 and Tax Parcel 125-227-02 for \$1 from Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, both parcels on Little Sugar Creek.

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Jennifer Roberts, Chairman