

MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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, June 17, 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
Deputy Clerk to the Board Tonette F. Spears

Absent: None.

-INFORMAL SESSION-

Commissioner Woodard was 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 - NONE

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

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced the following matters to be discussed in Closed Session: A) Land Acquisition for Tax Parcel 115-032-58 and 115-032-18 and B) Consult with Attorney - two (2) worker compensation cases 1) Mayse K. McBrayer v. Mecklenburg County and Robert Crosby v. Mecklenburg County and an update on the 1) Jerry Alan Reese v. Mecklenburg County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education; 2) Jerry Alan Reese v. City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; 3) Jerry Alan Reese v. Mecklenburg County, Mecklenburg County Public Facilities Corporation, 300 South Church Street, LLC, and R.B.C. Corporation and 4) Jerry Alan Reese v. Mecklenburg County and Knights Baseball, LLC.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:26 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

Commissioner Woodard was present when the Board came back into Open Session. She entered the meeting during Closed Session.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and failed 8-1 with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, and Commissioner James voting no, to add to the Agenda, discussion of appointments to the Crime Task Force.

Commissioner James said he did not object to discussing the Crime Task Force, but felt there was not enough time to give the topic a fair discussion before going into the 6 pm session.

(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified items they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items 21 and 22.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

Invocation was given by Commissioner Mitchell 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) MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CAROLINAS, INC. DAY

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 proclamation designating June 18, 2008 as Mental Health Association of Central Carolinas, Inc. Day in Mecklenburg County.

The Proclamation was read by Commissioner Bentley and received by Ellis Fields, Executive Director of Mental Health Association (MHA) of Central Carolinas, Inc. Ms. Fields thanked the Board for the recognition and introduced the following MHA Board members that were also present at the podium: George W. Climer, III, President; Hunter Morrison; Chuck Stauffer; Amy Williams; Sal Caraco and present in the audience, staff member Dennis Knasel.

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

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting:

Pauline Simuel gave an update on the needs and crime in Optimist Park. Ms. Simuel said if funds are allocated specifically to fight crime, they should be evenly distributed across the entire County and not just in certain areas of Charlotte.

Jeanie Welch announced Hickory Grove's 40th Annual 4th of July Parade and Celebration and invited the Board and citizens to attend.

Larry Bumgarner, a native of Charlotte, gave his perspective of where we are in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County.

(3) APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF MOTOR VEHICLE REVIEW

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 Tommie Blakeney, James Bowers, Bruce Hamlett, Eric Little and Charles Roberts, Jr. to the Board of Motor Vehicle Review for one-year terms expiring July 18, 2009.

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 Charles Roberts, Jr. as chair of the Board of Motor Vehicle Review for the duration of his term.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS 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 Tyyawdi Baker, John Burton, Tonya Curry, Donna Dawson, Steve Goodrich, Gwendolyn High, Andrea Huff, Donna North, Katherine Satchwill and Owen Sutkowski to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee for three-year terms expiring July 2, 2011.

The following persons were nominated for appointment consideration to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee:

Gee Barker
Henry Black
Shannon Burns
Patrick Burris
John Davis
Robin Edgar
Earl Foxworth, Jr.
Juli Ghazi
Stephen Grey, Jr.
Catherine Kennedy
Barry Kirby, II
Jeannie Lee
Clara Mayfield
Hope McKinney
Shannon McKnight
Holly Neil
Doretta Owens
Sara Roselli
Tami Snipe
Michelle Sterling
Ruth Stevenson
Carolyn Swiger
Rhonda Taylor
Mary Ward
Gerald Williams

An appointment will be made on July 1, 2008.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Priscilla Bynum and Jack Holbein to the Personnel Commission for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2011.

REGION F AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Kimberly Gossage, for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2009 and Marilyn O'Conner, Katie Spegal and Hazel West to the Region F Aging Advisory Committee for two-year terms expiring June 30, 2010.

STORM WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD)

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to reappoint Timothy Mead to the Storm Water Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2011 as the Residential Neighborhood representative.

(3B) CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to appoint Erica Van Tassel to the CMUD Advisory Committee as recommended to replace Kevin Bachleda who is not eligible to serve for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2011.

(3C) NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to allow Erin Warchol to move from the Adult Care Home Advisory Committee to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee due to a change in her eligibility status for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2009.

(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS - REAL ESTATE EXCISE TAX REFUND REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to hold a hearing on request by John Baugh for reimbursement of North Carolina excise tax in the amount of \$307.

No one appeared to speak.

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to close hearing on request by John Baugh for reimbursement of North Carolina excise tax in the amount of \$307 and approve reimbursement.

(2A) CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to approve the purchase of Tax Parcels 115-032-58 and 115-032-18 including +/- 9.17 acres from Harry and Ella Evans for \$230,506.

(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Jones introduced the following items under the Manager's Report.

(6A) DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, that pursuant to G.S. 108A-12, to appoint Mary Wilson as Department of Social Services Director, effective July 7, 2008.

Ms. Wilson accepted the appointment with thanks.

(6B) FEASIBILITY STUDY – ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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, to appropriate \$25,000 from restricted contingency to help fund a feasibility study on establishing an arts and technology center in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Note: On February 5, 2008, the Board received a report from County Manager Jones regarding the highly successful education and training programs of Bill Strickland's Manchester Bidwell Corporation (MBC), and the replication of this success in Cincinnati and elsewhere. The MBC model comprises two programs: After-school youth arts education; and adult workforce/career training. This two-pronged approach serves two broad populations: school-age youth at risk of dropping out; and adults who are economically disadvantaged and in need of marketable job skills.

The MBC's after-school arts education program averages 92% high school graduation rate, with 89% of seniors enrolled in the program matriculating to higher education in various educational fields. MBC's adult training program averages 85% job placement rate and 75% job retention rate.

During this presentation, the Board encouraged the County Manager to pursue \$150,000 in funding to conduct a feasibility study to replicate the programs in this community by establishing an arts and technology center. The feasibility study is the first step required by the National Center for Arts & Technology (NCAT) in establishing an arts and technology center in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. The NCAT is a non-profit subsidiary of the Manchester Bidwell Corporation (also a non-profit organization) that will conduct the feasibility study.

To date, \$97,500 in foundation, corporate, non-profit and individual donations have been made to fund the feasibility study. The appropriation of \$25,000 from restricted contingency would ensure funding is available from all community sectors to conduct the study.

(6C) SALARY INCREASES FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 6-3 with Commissioners Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, and Commissioners Bentley, Bishop and Ramirez voting no, to approve a 4.4% salary increase for the Board of County Commissioners effective June 18, 2008.

(6D) OPERATING BUDGET AND WORK PROGRAM FOR FY 2008-2009

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to approve The Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Budget Ordinance and Work Program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts and Woodard voting yes, to allow each speaker two (2) minutes to speak to the Budget.

The following individuals spoke in reference to crime in the community and requested the Board to reconsider allocating funds in the FY08-09 budget to a specific line item to fight crime: Chris Bakis, Suzan Stroud, Christy Wright representing Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte, Javonda Peay, Rivana Stadlander representing Neighbors for a Safer Charlotte, Steve Monger, Tony Montognese, Brett McMaster, Mary Boyd representing Huntingtown Farms and Park Quail Neighborhood and James Bensman.

Robert Evans requested funding for the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI).

Martin Davis spoke about CMS funding.

Commissioner Ramirez addressed funding for the Rapid Review Task Force and made the following motion:

Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner James, to approve The Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Budget Ordinance and Work Program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, but with an amendment that the amount of \$2 million dollars be allocated to a line item in the budget so the Rapid Review Task Force would have the necessary funds to allocate once their review is completed. These funds would come from the following sources: 1) Technology reserve \$500,000, 2) Other Post Employment Benefits \$500,000 3) Employee Compensation \$500,000 and 4) Capital Reserve \$500,000.

Commissioner Woodard asked would shifting the recommended amounts around in the Budget affect the total budget.

County Manager Jones said if the amendment is approved he would find a way to make the line items being reduced work.

Commissioner Clarke presented data on recent trends in assistant district attorneys (ADA) funded by the State from FY06-08 and upcoming FY09. He further addressed the current funding by the County for ADA's.

Staff at this time provided the amended budget ordinance.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, Helms, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, to approve The Mecklenburg County, North Carolina Budget Ordinance and Work Program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009, but with an amendment that the amount of \$2 million dollars be allocated

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Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 140.

CONSENT ITEMS

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 approve the following item(s) with the exception of items(s) 21 and 22 to be voted upon separately:

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held June 4, 2008; Closed Session held June 4, 2008, May 20, 2008 (2b) and April 15, 2008 (2a1 – 2a4); and Special Budget Meeting held June 10, 2008.

2) Authorize the Clerk to amend the Closed Session minutes of May 20, 2008 by deleting Deputy County Attorney Bisanar's name from the attendance heading and insert County Attorney Bethune's name.

(8) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$28,160.41 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.

(9) HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT FUNDING PLAN – DSS

Approve the Home and Community Care Block Grant funding plan for Fiscal Year 2009.

Note: Annually, the Services for Adults Division of the Department of Social Services submit for Board approval the Home and Community Care Block Grant funding plan (also referred to as the County Aging Plan). Board approval is required prior to submission to Centralina Council of Governments, the local grant authority. The funding plan involves allocating \$3,086,010 for aging services, which includes a County match of \$308,600. Funding for the match is included in the Fiscal Year 2009 Services for Adults budget request. The following services are provided with this grant: In-Home Aide Services, Transportation Services, Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals and Adult Day Care/Day Health.

(10) SYSTEM OF CARE FUNDING - DSS

Recognize, receive and appropriate \$2,747 for the System of Care Grant.

Note: The additional funds are provided to cover the cost for representatives from Mecklenburg County (one staff and one family partner) to attend the SOC Grantee Conference in Rockville, Maryland. No County dollars required.

(11) STORM WATER SERVICES – ADOPT RESOLUTION, CITY’S MINOR SYSTEM FEE

Adopt the Resolution authorizing increasing the minor system cost component of the Storm Water Services charge to be levied within the City of Charlotte.

Note: The funding plan includes a 7.0% fee increase for FY09 and will cause the City’s fee to increase as follows:

- *From \$3.75 to \$4.01 per month for single-family residences with less than 2,000 square feet of impervious area (lower tier);*
- *From \$5.51 to \$5.90 per month for single-family residences with 2,000 or more square feet of impervious area (upper tier); and*
- *From \$91.85 to \$98.35 per month for each acre of impervious surfaces for all other residential or non-residential land, and a prorata share of each portion thereof.*

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 141.

(12) APPROPRIATE REVENUE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CARRY FORWARD TO FY09

Recognize, receive and appropriate \$222,972 for Land Development and carry forward the unspent balance at June 30 to FY09.

Note: Funds are being received due to the default of a bond obligation for completion of subdivision requirements in Crosswinds Phase I. Crosswinds Subdivision is located in Huntersville. Letters of Credit for completion of this work have been in place since May 2001. If the developer, Crosswinds Realty, LLC, does not complete the improvements within the next two months, the County will contract for the completion of the improvements. Any funds unused by the County to complete the improvements will be returned to Crosswinds Realty, LLC and their guarantor, SunTrust Bank.

(13) ROAD ABANDONMENT AND CLOSING – 502 SQUARE FEET PORTION OF OLD STEELE CREEK ROAD (OLD NC 160) – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Adopt a Resolution Declaring Intent To Abandon And Close A 502 Square Feet Section Of Roadway And Right-Of-Way Left Out In Prior Closure For Old Steele Creek Road (Old NC 160) Located At The Intersection Of York Road (NC 49) and set a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on August 5, 2008 to hear citizen’s comments on the abandonment and requested closing of a 502 square feet portion of roadway and right-of-way of Old Steele Creek Road (Old NC 160) that was left out in a prior abandonment and closure request.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 142.

(14) COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION RESOLUTION – REVISED

Revise the February 16, 1970 RESOLUTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS REGARDING MECKLENBURG COUNTY FIRE COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY, striking references to the prohibition of the use of County funds to compensate volunteer fire fighters.

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Note: Maintenance of ISO ratings and related staffing issues with the volunteer fire departments now necessitates that the fire departments hire part-time employees to work during certain hours of the day. The funds received by the fire departments from the County in the form of a subsidy are necessary to pay the part-time employees who are also volunteer fire fighters. The February 19, 1970 BOCC Resolution must be revised to allow for this use of County funds. The Fire Commission voted unanimously in support of this change.

Amendment recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 143.

(15) CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 105 GRANT AWARD AMENDMENT

Recognize, receive, and appropriate additional Section 105 Grant revenue by \$75,788.

(16) NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO GROUNDWATER WELL REGULATIONS

Instruct the Clerk to the Board to publish a notice of proposed amendments to the Mecklenburg County Groundwater Well Regulations to be considered by the Board on July 1, 2008.

(17) APPOINTMENT OF REVIEW OFFICERS

Amend “Resolution Designating Review Officers to Review Each Map and Plat Recorded in the Register of Deeds Office Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2” in order to add the names of Laura M. Rushing, Jeffrey L. Reid, Jason V. Prescott, and Steve Bomgardner and to delete the name of Keith MacVean.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 144.

(18) BUSINESS HOURS AMENDMENT - REGISTER OF DEEDS

Amend A Resolution Of The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners Establishing Business Hours For The Office of the Register of Deeds in order to expand hours of operation for Marriage Application services effective July 1, 2008, to accommodate customers arriving after 7:00 a.m. and those arriving before 6:00 p.m. Staff will not provide direct service to customers with other requirements or business prior to 8:30 a.m., nor provide direct service to customers with other requirements or business arriving after 4:30 p.m.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 145.

**(19) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES –
MCALPINE CREEK**

- 1) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with McKim & Creed to provide professional design services.
- 2) Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a funding agreement with the City of Charlotte.

Note: This action is necessary to plan, design and permit a water quality (stream restoration and BMP’s) and greenway project along McAlpine Creek between Sardis Road and Providence Road.

(20) TAX AUDIT CONTRACT FEES

Appropriate \$551,466 from General Fund fund balance for tax assessment audit fees.

(23) SOUTHWEST CENTRAL DISTRICT I PARK SITE EXPANSION

Approve the purchase of Tax Parcel 115-032-57 (+/- 2.11 acres) from Susan Frisbee for \$76,500.

Note: The above property will expand the existing Central District I park site that is bounded by West Boulevard, Billy Graham Parkway and Morris Field Drive.

(24) DUKE ENDOWMENT FAMILY FINDING GRANT: DSS

- 1) Recognize, receive and appropriate \$66,000 for FY2009 for the Duke Endowment Family Finding Grant.
- 2) Authorize establishing one (1) full-time position to perform Family Finding Coordinator duties.

Note: The goal of Family Finding is to connect youth in the child welfare system with relative and life long support resources and secure permanent placement for youth in care, in an effort to positively influence their well-being and life outcomes.

(25) CONSOLIDATED GOLF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Approve a consolidated capital reserve ordinance for Charles T. Myers, Renaissance, Revolution, Sunset Hills and The Tradition effective July 1, 2008.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 146.

(26) NEW COURTHOUSE ENTRY DOORS

Authorize the County to purchase power assist door operators from Record-USA for three entry doors at the New Courthouse in accordance with G.S. 143-129 (e)(6)(iii).

(27) PURCHASE OF SURGICAL LIGHT EQUIPMENT – MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE

Award a contract to Steris Corporation in the amount of \$127,738.93 for the purchase of surgical light equipment for the Medical Examiners Office.

(28) 911 SURCHARGE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

- 1) Transfer the \$507,542 of Fund Balance at December 31, 2007 in the 911 Public Safety Emergency Telephone Fund to the General Fund in accordance with State Law 2007-383 Section 2(b);
- 2) Transfer \$507,542 from the General Fund to the Emergency Telephone System Fund, a Special Revenue Fund, to be used for reimbursing MEDIC for allowable emergency telephone system purchases as authorized by NC General Statute 62A;

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Note: This action is necessary to comply with the changes in the State's handling of the 911 service fees as detailed in NC State Law 2007-383. The new law requires that any funds remaining in the special revenue fund as of December 31, 2007 be transferred to the General Fund of the local governing entity to be used for any lawful purpose.

(29) OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

- 1) Adopt Resolution for Mecklenburg County to Participate in the LOCAL GOVERNMENT OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT FUND (OPEB FUND) administered by the NC Department of State Treasurer;
- 2) Authorize establishment of a Short Term Investment Fund Account (STIF account) with the NC Department of State Treasurer.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 147.

(30) ADJUST DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION FUNDING FOR COURT PSYCHOLOGIST PROGRAM

Decrease Department Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention funds for Court Psychologist Program by \$33,887 for fiscal year 2008.

(31) REPLACEMENT BADGES (SHERIFF'S OFFICE)

Approve the purchase of replacement badges from Best Uniforms without competitive bidding, as authorized by the sole source exemption of G.S. 143-129(e); and approve a contract with Best Uniforms for the purchase of 2,300 badges for Deputy Sheriffs and Detention Officers in the amount of \$161,250.

(32) STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH GRANT

Authorize Mecklenburg County Health Department to apply for a five year grant for approximately \$2,650,000 from the Centers for Disease Control to address obesity in the county.

(33) TRANSFER DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION FUNDING FROM YOUTH HOMES, INC. TO LIFE CONNECTIONS, INC. AND ALEXANDER YOUTH NETWORK

- A) Transfer \$3,795.00 of Department Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention funds from Youth Homes, Inc. to Life Connections, Inc. for fiscal year 2008 as recommended by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.
- B) Transfer \$5,000.00 of Department Of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention funds from Youth Homes, Inc. to Alexander Youth Network for fiscal year 2008 as recommended by the Mecklenburg County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

(34) POLICE CONSOLIDATION AGREEMENT FUNDING – AMENDMENT

Approve resolution to amend the funding arrangement for the police consolidation agreement with the City of Charlotte.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # 148.

(35) MECKLENBURG EMS RATE INCREASE FOR FY 2009

Approve user fee rate increases for Mecklenburg EMS Agency.

Note: MEDIC has requested to increase its rates in order to meet its service and revenue needs for FY09.

<i>User Fees</i>	<i>FY2008</i>	<i>FY2009</i>	<i>Percent Increase</i>
<i>Non-Emergency</i>	<i>\$ 445</i>	<i>\$ 537</i>	<i>21%</i>
<i>ALS Emergency</i>	<i>\$ 616</i>	<i>\$ 718</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>ALS 2 Emergency</i>	<i>\$ 616</i>	<i>\$ 718</i>	<i>17%</i>
<i>SCT Emergency</i>	<i>\$ 616</i>	<i>\$ 865</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Mileage</i>	<i>\$ 10</i>	<i>\$ 15</i>	<i>50%</i>

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

(21) THOMAS MCALLISTER WINGET PARK, PHASE II GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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 award a construction contract to Eagle Wood, Inc. for a total amount of \$791,643.

Commissioner Woodard removed this item from the Consent Agenda to highlight and thank staff for the increased numbers indicated for minority participation.

(22) REVOLUTION REGIONAL SPORTS AND LEARNING ACADEMY – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Motion was made by Commissioner Woodard, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Bishop, Clarke, James, Mitchell, Ramirez, Roberts, and Woodard voting yes, award a construction contract in the amount of \$6,771,500 to Edison Foard, Inc.

Commissioner Woodard removed this item from the Consent Agenda to highlight and thank staff for the increased numbers indicated for minority participation.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS -NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS - NONE

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 noteworthy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Ramirez, seconded by Commissioner James, and unanimously

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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 8:38 P.M.

Tonette F. Spears, Deputy Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman