

APRIL 21, 2009

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, April 21, 2009.

ATTENDANCE

**Present:** Chairman Jennifer Roberts and Commissioners  
Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Harold Cogdell, Jr.  
Neil Cooksey, George Dunlap, Vilma Leake  
and Daniel Murrey  
County Manager Harry L. Jones, Sr.  
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune  
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

**Absent:** Commissioner Bill James

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-INFORMAL SESSION-

*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 Land Acquisition and Consult with Attorney matters to be discussed in Closed Session: Property located at located at 316 Main Street and 330 Main Street in Pineville and litigation involving Mecklenburg County and Cleveland Construction Company.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: Land Acquisition and Consult with Attorney.

*The Board went into Closed Session at 5:26 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:05 p.m.*

**(3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

The Board identified item(s) they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The identified were Items 9, 11, 14, 20, 21, 22, 26, and 27.

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

**-FORMAL SESSION-**

*Invocation was given by Commissioner Cogdell, 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) EARTH DAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating April 22, 2009 as Earth Day in Mecklenburg County.

*The proclamation was read by Commissioner Murrey and received by Bill Gupton of the Sierra Club.*

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

**(1B) RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 116**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to recognize members of Boy Scout Troop 116 who recently received the honor of Eagle Scout: Addison Williams, Brian O'Bannon, Justin Davis, Abbott Trotter, Taylor Bell, Charlie Middlebrooks, Clark O'Bannon, Alex Lang, Kevin Lang, Gray Cherry, Clark Howell, Paul Taylor and Kevin Baker; and to declare April 21, 2009 as "Boy Scout Troop 116 Day" in Mecklenburg County.

*The proclamation was read by Commissioner Cooksey and received by Scout Leader Gill Middlebrooks, who was joined by the newly inducted Eagle Scouts and a few other younger scouts.*

*Note: Eagle Scout is Scouting's highest rank.*

**(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

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

John Bagerow, representing Homeless Helping Homeless, addressed homelessness and the current shelter system. Mr. Bagerow said more beds are needed and needed year round. He also informed the Board of an upcoming event, "Solidarity Sleep Out" on May 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m. at Marshall Park. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about homelessness.

*A copy of a flyer distributed by Mr. Bagerow is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*

Julia Sain, Executive Director of Disability Rights and Resources and Debora Sparks, Executive Director of the Council on Aging addressed an initiative entitled the Aging and Disabilities Community Resource Connection (CRC). It was noted that Aging & Disabilities CRC in Mecklenburg County is part of a national effort to make it easier for older adults and people with disabilities to obtain information and to access resources. They also informed the Board of the upcoming Council on Aging Annual Conference on May 13, 2009, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, where this initiative will be introduced.

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*A copy of a flyer distributed regarding the conference and Aging and Disabilities CRC Serving Mecklenburg County is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*

**(3A) APPOINTMENTS**

**NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to appoint Eunice Chambers to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee for a one-year term expiring April 30, 2010.

*She is replacing Fred Gibson.*

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*It was noted that the County Manager's appointee to the Committee is Mark Sumwalt, an Attorney.*

*Note: The County Manager has one appointment and this person acts in association with the General Manager responsible for criminal justice related activities.*

The following persons were nominated for appointment consideration to the Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee for the following categories:

District 1                      Nominated by Commissioner Bentley

Alan Adler, Janet Bennett, Jonathan Davis, Hank Grady, Willie Arlene Hagans, Lawrence Johnson, Ralph McCormick, Gregg Orth, Reid Sartin, Keith Shannon, John Stroup, Kenneth White, and Sam Wilson

District 2                      Nominated by Commissioner Leake

Christine Brooks, Delores Henderson, James Henry, Doreen Palmer, and Scott Yamanashi

District 3                      Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Dennis Brown, Michael Hailey, Vivian Lord, Sona Oliver, Allen Scott, Peyton Stephens, and Najeedah Stover

District 4                      Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Renee Barfield, Ezekiel Burns, and Shaune Peterson

District 5                      Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Gerard Carroll, Thomas Derham, John Fortson, Gloria Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson, Michale Knowles, Janet Lama, Kevin Leonard, James Mathis III, Sean Mulhall, Bill Munson, Charles Payne, Lloyd Scher, and Wells Van Pelt

District 6 Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

E. Thomas Bowers, Larry Bumgarner, Faye Carter, Scott Crytser, Greg Hagler, Sonia Howe, George Lisi, Richard Martin, Susan Oleson, Robert Raffety, Thomas Strini, John Vaughan, and Henry Webb III

Law Enforcement Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Donna Armstrong, Thomas Faulkner, Golphin Hankinson, Charles Hitsman, Gary Hollen, Elizabeth Kincaid, Carolyn Logan, Ulysses McDowell, Larry Parker, and Gen. Thomas Sadler

Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Vincent Esposito and Rayfus Wilson

Substance Abuse Professional Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Jefforey Best and Karen Worrell

Faith Community Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Douglas Allen, Kevin Belk, Courtney Morrison, Jerry Mudge, and Julie Transou

Rehabilitation Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Myra Byarm

Mecklenburg County Bar Nominated by Commissioner Cogdell

Joseph Pearlman

*Note: Nominations were held open for the Mecklenburg County Bar slot to allow for the receipt of additional applications.*

*Appointments will occur on May 5, 2009.*

**(4) PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE**

**(2A1) CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve the Historic Landmarks Commission purchase of the building and land parcel 205-013-08 located at 316 Main Street for \$370,000 and 205-013-01 located 330 Main Street Pineville NC for \$225,000 for Historic Preservation and resale and recognize and appropriate up to \$620,000 for the purchases.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Prior to addressing the FY2010 Budget, County Manager Jones acknowledged the recent passing of N.C. State Senator Vernon Malone from Wake County and extended condolences to his family.

**(6A) FY2010 BUDGET UPDATE**

The Board received a FY2010 Budget Update from the County Manager and Budget/Management Director Hyong Yi.

The following was covered:

- FY09 Budget Deficit
- Total Compensation Update
- Impact of Flat CMS Funding
- Law Enforcement Service District Update (It was noted that the Board needs to prepare itself for the likelihood that it may have to impose a tax rate increase for the unincorporated area for law enforcement services.)
- Outside Agency Funding Rationale

Commissioners were encouraged to contact Director Yi if they have questions regarding any budget information that's provided as the budget process begins.

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

Comments

Commissioner Dunlap said his concern is that as the County considers where the reductions fall, that a balanced approach be used; so that everyone feels "the pain."

Commissioner Dunlap said another concern he has with respect to the funding rationale, is how it might negatively impact current service providers under the umbrella of the County. He used as an example, Fighting Back, noting that it's slated to end as a part of the recommendation the Board will receive. He noted that Fighting Back is somewhat like an outside agency, even though it's not treated as an outside agency.

County Manager Jones said although he may recommend cuts, it's the Board's decision to accept or reject those recommendations.

Commissioner Dunlap asked for clarification on the Law Enforcement Service District and what happens as areas are annexed, which was addressed.

Commissioner Cooksey asked for clarification on the Law Enforcement Service District funding rationale, which was addressed.

Commissioner Cogdell asked for clarification on the Outside Agency Funding Rationale chart, specifically the Moderately Performing column, Low Performing column and the No Performance Data column, which was addressed.

Commissioner Bentley addressed the Law Enforcement Service District. Commissioner Bentley said it would make more sense to have the Towns provide this service. *It was noted that this has been discussed in the past and that two things would need to occur. 1) The Towns would have to agree to provide the service. 2) The Towns would need legislative authority to levy the tax.*

*Director Yi said the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is supportive of the towns taking on this responsibility and that the next step would be to approach the towns.*

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*Commissioner Murrey left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to approve the following item(s) with the exception of Items 9, 11, 14, 20, 21, 22, 26 and 27 to be voted upon separately.**

**(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held April 7, 2009.

**(8) TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$ 9,082.24 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.*

**(10) DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT**

Recognize, receive, and appropriate funds, awarded by Duke Energy Foundation for events promoting electric lawnmowers, up to \$3,000.

*Note: A gasoline powered lawnmower emits about 50 pounds of pollution each summer while an electric lawnmower has no direct emissions and can be recharged when electricity demand is low. The funding will be used to provide discounts to citizens in our region that purchase electric lawnmowers at the event. Providing this incentive will motivate individuals to buy electric lawnmowers and recycle old gasoline mowers reducing pollution and increasing awareness about the impact of lawn and garden equipment on local air quality.*

**(12) EXPENDITURE OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**

Authorize expenditure of \$10,000 from Park & Recreation Capital Reserve funds for the provision of conducting an Environmental Assessment of Mecklenburg County Property at Blythe Landing.

**(13) REVISIONS TO MECKLENBURG COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE- 2<sup>ND</sup> READING**

Adopt revisions to the Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Control Ordinance by reference. (Second Reading)

*Amended Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document #\_\_\_\_\_.*

**(15) FUND ADJUSTMENTS- AREA MENTAL HEALTH**

A) Approve, recognize, receive and appropriate Federal funds in the amount of \$13,607 for HUD Shelter Plus grant #NC19C30-5001, and

B) Approve, recognize, receive and appropriate Federal funds in the amount of \$11,839 for HUD

Shelter Plus grant # NC19C40-5501.

*Note: This Board Action is necessary to align the County's budget with the amount awarded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing subsidies to Area Mental Health clients. The grants are for separate grant periods that extend to May 2010.*

**(16) AREA MENTAL HEALTH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Recognize and receive Area Mental Health Authority Monthly Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2009.

**AREA MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
Statement of Revenues and Expenses  
FY 2009, For the period ending February 28, 2009**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Received</u>
<b>Revenue Source</b>			
Medicaid & CAP	15,178,693	7,415,368	48.85%
State and Federal	34,064,644	18,256,943	53.59%
Third Party/Other	150,541	52,936	35.16%
Grants	3,845,759	1,995,927	51.90%
County	45,171,108	26,172,293	57.94%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$98,410,745</b>	<b>\$53,893,467</b>	<b>54.76%</b>

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
<b>Service Continuum</b>			
Children's Developmental Services	6,909,463	4,383,044	63.44%
Child & Adolescent Services	13,870,721	5,934,849	42.79%
Adult Mental Health	14,218,917	3,469,739	24.40%
Adult Substance Abuse	13,503,219	10,727,858	79.45%
Local Management Entity	11,782,741	5,979,860	50.75%
BHC Randolph	20,020,073	13,111,951	65.49%
Developmental Disabilities	18,105,611	10,286,166	56.81%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$98,410,745</b>	<b>\$53,893,467</b>	<b>54.76%</b>

*Note: In accordance with the Performance Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Service, the program director of the county program shall present to each member of the Board of County Commissioners a budgetary statement and balance sheet. This information shall be read into the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.*

*A copy of the full report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*

**(17) REVENUE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT- LUESA SOUTH**

Recognize, receive and appropriate \$55,244 for Land Development and carry forward the unspent balance at June 30, 2009 to FY2010.

*Note: The funds will be used to complete repairs required by the Town of Matthews Subdivision Ordinance so roadways and drainage structures can be brought up to standards and accepted for maintenance by the Town. Any funds not used by Mecklenburg County after completion of these improvements will be returned to Abbey Builders, Inc and their guarantor, Wachovia Bank, N.A.*

**(18) REVENUE FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT- LUESA NORTH**

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Recognize, receive and appropriate \$222,413 for Land Development and carry forward the unspent balance at June 30, 2009 to FY10.

*Note: The funds will be used to complete improvements required by the Town of Huntersville Subdivision ordinance. Any funds remaining after completion of these improvements will be returned to Crosswinds Realty, LLC and their guarantor, SunTrust Bank.*

**(19) DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS- LUESA**

Approve the disposal of LUESA-Code Enforcement Department records and plans in accordance with North Carolina records retention policies.

*Note: These records are comprised of:*

- 357 commercial plans permitted March 2007
- Eight (8) boxes of permitting and inspections records. These records have been imaged, stored and migrated to an online system for secure retrieval over the Internet.

**(23) FLOODPLAIN DONATION AT STEVENS CREEK NATURE PRESERVE**

Accept the donation of 2.77-acre, Tax Parcel 195-171-48 on Thompson Road in Mint Hill from the Estate of James E. Roberts and Wachovia Bank, Trustee.

*Note: The Stevens Creek Nature Preserve site is located between Thompson Road and I-485 near Idlewild Road in the southeastern portion of the County. The donated tax parcel is almost entirely within the floodplain of a tributary of Stevens Creek, which partially borders the preserve. The Carolina Heel Splitter, an endangered mussel species, has been found in Stevens Creek. Efforts to protect its environment will be enhanced by the addition of the above property to the nature preserve. With the addition of the subject property, the total area within this site will be 231.61 acres.*

**(24) CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS LAND CONVEYANCE**

Authorize the County Manager to decline County's statutory right of first refusal for a portion of Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education Tax Parcel 161-043-01 at the Oakhurst Elementary School campus.

*Note: By statute the County must decline or waive right of first refusal for any property the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education (CMBE) intends to dispose of prior to the CMBE moving forward with conveyance of such property to another party. The subject parcel was acquired by the County in 2000 to expand the Oakhurst Elementary School campus. The purpose of the above requested waiver is to permit the exchange of a .34-acre portion of this 1.16-acre parcel. CMBE intends to exchange the .34-acre area for a .66-acre area adjoining the campus. The net outcome will be a slightly larger (+/- 12.52 acres), more usable configuration for this school facility.*

**(25) CITY OF CHARLOTTE STORM WATER FIXED FEE REVENUE**

Recognize, receive and appropriate \$318,260 from the City of Charlotte Storm Water fixed fees until such time as all funds are expended.

*Note: The City of Charlotte has reimbursed Storm Water Services \$318,259.88 for FY08 year-end reconciliation. In FY08, the fixed fee revenues collected exceeded the operating costs. We are requesting that these funds be appropriated to ensure that they are available for use as*



*specified in the Interlocal Agreement.*

**(28) STREET ASSESSMENT PROJECT FOR MEFFERT LANE – SET PUBLIC HEARING**

Adopt a revised resolution for the Preliminary Assessment Roll for Meffert Lane Road Improvements and set a public hearing for May 19, 2009, on assessing property owners on Meffert Lane for funds spent on improvement to the roadway and acceptance of the final assessment resolution and roll.

*Note: The public hearing date in the resolution adopted by the Board on April 7, 2009 was incorrect.*

*Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # \_\_\_\_\_.*

**(29) ABC BOARD GRANT FOR ADULT ALCOHOL AWARENESS**

Approve Area Mental Health in partnership with WSOC-TV to apply for a \$25,000 ABC Board grant to fund a public awareness campaign to specifically address adult alcohol abuse.

**(30) SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

Approve the recommendation from the Audit Review Committee appointing Cherry Bekaert and Holland as external auditor beginning with the June 30, 2009 fiscal year audit.

**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

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**(9) NATIONAL CLEAN DIESEL FUNDING GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to:

(1) Approve submission of application by Mecklenburg County Air Quality to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for up to \$1.5 million in grant funds.

(2) Recognize, receive and appropriate any amounts awarded.

(3) Authorize the carrying forward of unspent funds until expended.

*Chairman Roberts removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

**(11) PARK AND RECREATION OUTDOOR POOLS (CORDELIA & DOUBLE OAKS)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to authorize expenditure of \$26,200 from Park & Recreation Capital Reserve funds for the provision of repairs and upgrades at Cordelia and Double Oaks swimming pools.

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*Note: The main pump at the Cordelia swimming pool was installed in 1983 and has exceeded its useful life. The ladder replacements at Double Oaks and Cordelia are needed to meet the current North Carolina requirements for swimming pools.*

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges addressed this item.*

**(14) TRANSFER OF TYVOLA ROAD PARCELS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to accept conveyance of Tax Parcels 143-272-02, 143-272-03, 143-272-06 and 143-272-07 from the City of Charlotte.

*Note: The subject properties, located along the western perimeter of the former Charlotte Coliseum site (now the City Park development) on Tyvola Road, are within the 100-year floodplain and comprise of approximately 21.78 acres. Once conveyed to the County, these parcels will be incorporated into "The Loop at City Park" greenway project, a portion of the Sugar Creek Greenway.*

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

**(20) TOBY CREEK GREENWAY**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to:

- 1) Approve application for up to \$1,250,000 of federal funding from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for the construction of Toby Creek Greenway;
- 2) If awarded, authorize the County Manager to enter into a reimbursement agreement with NCDOT;
- 3) Adopt Toby Creek Greenway Capital Project Ordinance;
- 4) Authorize the County Manager to proceed with construction under a Right of Entry granted by the University of North Carolina, Charlotte; and
- 5) Approve the use of Federal DBE special provision for bidding, instead of using the County M/W/SBE provisions, as required in order to obtain federal and NCDOT funding.

*Chairman Roberts removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

*Ordinance recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document #\_\_\_\_\_.*

*Commissioner Cogdell left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.*

**(21) ANNEXATION OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY BY THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 6-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to authorize annexation of the following County owned properties into the Town of Cornelius:

- (1) Tax Parcel 007-122-05 (+/- 1.9683 acres)

- (2) Tax Parcel 007-122-06 (+/- 0.9855 acres)
- (3) Tax Parcel 007-122-07 (+/- 6.7518 acres)
- (4) Tax Parcel 007-122-08 (+/- 33.988 acres)
- (5) Tax Parcel 007-121-01 (+/- 32.28 acres)
- (6) Tax Parcel 007-121-02 (+/- 4.777 acres)
- (7) Tax Parcel 007-152-32 (+/- 2.02 acres)
- (8) Tax Parcel 007-152-33 (+/- 0.9 acres)
- (9) Tax Parcel 007-152-34 (+/- 0.15 acres)

*Note: The above listed parcels owned by Mecklenburg County are within close proximity of the Town of Cornelius. The Town has asked that the County approve the voluntary annexation of these parcels, totaling +/- 83.82 acres. The property is the site of a high school under construction on Bailey Road and is scheduled to open in August, 2010.*

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for clarity purposes. County Attorney Bethune addressed this item.*

***Commissioner Cogdell returned to the dais.***

**(22) GANG PREVENTION COALITION COMMUNITY IMPACT PROJECT GRANT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to approve submission of an application for a Gang Prevention Coalition Community Impact Project grant; and recognize, receive and appropriate funds if grant is awarded by the Gang Prevention Coalition.

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

**(26) DISPLACED HOMEMAKER GRANT APPLICATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, to (1) Approve submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission to Community Support Services, Women's Commission Division for the New Choices Strategies for Success Program in the amount of \$54,899 (\$13,128 from "Displaced Homemaker State Funds" and \$41,771 from "Divorce Filing Fees".) (2) If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate grant funds.

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

***Commissioner Murrey returned to the dais.***

**(27) SHERIFF'S SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to recognize and appropriate for the Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund, \$124,000 from Inmate Commissary.

*Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.*

**STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS - NONE**

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

**(31) DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FINANCING MODEL (COMMISSIONER COGDELL) – ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**(32) CMS LAW ENFORCEMENT (CHAIRMAN ROBERTS)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, adopt a resolution indicating support for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Law Enforcement Department county-wide territorial jurisdiction.

Prior to the above vote, Bud Cesena, Director of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools' (CMS) Law Enforcement Division addressed this issue. It was explained that the Board was being asked to support Senate Bill 270 and House Bill 538 to allow the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education to maintain a campus police agency. Thus, it would be an independent Police Agency concentrating their efforts on the safety and security of school activities and events in Mecklenburg County, which is desirable and beneficial to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. County wide jurisdictional authority is necessary for the successful completion of those duties. Since its inception in 1970 the Department has had territorial jurisdiction throughout Mecklenburg County, first through the auspices of the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County and then through the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department as Reserve Officers.

Director Cesena said this is really a technical change and it does not involve any funding.

In response to a question regarding the cost of CMS to provide this service rather than the Sheriff or one of the other local law enforcement agencies, it was noted that it's cheaper for CMS to provide the service. Also, that the chiefs of the local law enforcement agencies are supportive of this request.

*Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 44-A, Document # \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Commissioner Murrey left the dais and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.*

**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 Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Leake and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, and Roberts voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Janice S. Paige, Clerk

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Jennifer Roberts, Chairman