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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 Wednesday, November 4, 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

-INFORMAL SESSION-

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

(1A) STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE

(2A, B, & C) CLOSED SESSION - BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION, PERSONNEL MATTER AND CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Note: 2A) Business Location and Expansion was removed from the agenda.

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 go into Closed Session for the following purposes: 2B) Personnel Matter and 2C) Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:20 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

3) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items 10, 11, 14, and 15.

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

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Invocation was given by Commissioner Bentley, 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

(1A1) FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

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

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Bentley and received by Marsha McElroy with the Department of Social Services and Katie Kutcher with the Council on Aging.

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

(1A2) VETERANS DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Cooksey, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating November 11, 2009 as Veteran's Day in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Cooksey and received by Robert Weeks, director of Veteran Services and Jim Cardo.

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

(1A3) VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a joint proclamation designating November 11, 2009 as Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day in Charlotte/Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Murrey and received by Robert Weeks, director of Veteran Services and Jim Cardo, chair of the Mecklenburg County Vietnam Memorial Committee.

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(20) KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA RESOLUTION (CHAIRMAN ROBERTS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to adopt a resolution recognizing veterans of The Korean War and supporting the erection of a memorial in the Town of Mint Hill on June 25, 2010,

the 60th anniversary of the beginning of the war.

The resolution was read by Chairman Roberts and received by Robert Weeks, director of Veteran Services and Colonel Billy J. Reed.

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

(1B1) CUSTOMER SERVICE HEROES AND GERALD G. FOX EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Board recognized the County's 2009 Customer Service Hero Award Winners.

Note: Each year the County recognizes one Customer Service Hero for each of the five Customer Service Standards identified in the County's Customer Service Philosophy. The five standards are below:

- **Service Quality** - Meeting and exceeding our customers' requirements and expectations within the context of achieving the organization's mission and legal mandates.
- **Ethics** -Defined as "doing what is fundamentally appropriate." We believe in the highest standards of lawful and ethical conduct. Our reputation for truthfulness, fairness, and honesty is earned by each of us in our daily work.
- **Timeliness**- We are dedicated to meeting or exceeding customer expectations in a timely manner.
- **Courtesy and Respect**-We will show courtesy and respect for all customers while performing the services they require.
- **Communication**- We will communicate clearly and deliberately with customers as a key building block to excellent customer service and customer satisfaction.

The County also recognizes one employee as the Gerald G. Fox Employee of the Year. This is the 48th consecutive year for the award which recognizes employees who go above and beyond in the performance of their duties. Recipients are nominated by co-workers and selected by an independent panel of judges from the Charlotte Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). Nominees are evaluated based on their contributions to the goals of the County and the welfare of the community. The recipient will receive a \$600 check from The Employer's Association (the sponsor of the award) in recognition of this accomplishment.

The County's 2009 Customer Service Hero Award Winners were:

Service Quality: Florence Jones, Community Support Services

Ethics: Chris Dellinger, LUESA Code Enforcement

Timeliness: Cynthia Van Houghton, Public Health

Courtesy & Respect: Jackie Rogers, Park & Recreation

Communication: Leroy Lewis, Area Mental Health

The Board also recognized Megan Coffey from Community Support Services as winner of the 2009 Gerald G. Fox Employee of the Year Award.

Note: Megan Coffey is a Health Program Coordinator Supervisor with Community Support Services. She was recognized for her excellence in showing compassion in service to the homeless.

Blake Hart with the Office of Strategic Organizational Improvement presented these matters to the Board. He was accompanied by Kenny Culbert, president of the Employers Association, sponsors of the award, with respect to the Gerald G. Fox Employee of the Year Award.

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(1B2) MECKLENBURG COUNTY BAR DIVERSITY RECOGNITION

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 adopt a proclamation recognizing the Mecklenburg County Bar Association's work in the area of diversity.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Cogdell and received by Mr. Pat Kelly, president of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association and Robert Harrington.

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

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

No one appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting.

(3A) APPOINTMENTS

WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Women's Advisory Board:

Brenda Adams	Commissioner Bentley
Natalie Bingham	
Deborah Bosley	
Takisha Boyd	
Chia-Li Chien	Commissioners Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, and Roberts
Victoria Chopra	None
Jenifer Daniels	
Sue Ann Davis	
Zaria Davis-Humphries	
Crystal Dempsey	
Jill Dinwiddie	
Deborah Early	
Laura Everett	
Andrea Ferguson	
Beverly Foster	
Bliss Green	
Laurel Grier	
Beverly Hunt	Commissioner Leake
Alice Jackson	
Kathryn Johnson	
Angela Joyner	
Marquerite King	
Sharon Lachow-Blumberg	
Brook Maybach	
Kate Maynard	Commissioners Cooksey and Murrey
Simona Mitchell-Kelly	
Mary Murphy	
Mariana Nunez	
Letisha Perry	
Constance Purcell	
Stacey Rose	
Belverie Ross	

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Deborah Snowdon
Melba Streeter
Janie Sumpter
Heather Swindells
Gay Thornton
JoeAnna Trotman
Melissa Wansker
Ann Wargo
Mimi Zelman

Round Two

Brenda Adams
Chia-Li Chien

None
Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Murrey,
and Roberts

Voting Ceased

Chairman Roberts announced the appointment of Chia-Li Chien to the Women's Advisory Board for a three-year term expiring October 31, 2012.

Note: She is replacing Maxine Eaves.

Note: Chairman Roberts asked about the possibility of expanding the Women's Advisory Board, in light of the fact that there are so many great applicants. Attorney Bethune said in order to accomplish this, the Board would need to place an item on a future agenda, since all nine commissioners were not present; 1) to consider increasing the size of the advisory committee and 2) to make additional appointments.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(4A) EXCISE TAX REFUND

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to hold a hearing on request by Horack-Talley Attorneys At Law for reimbursement of overpayment of North Carolina excise tax in the amount of \$290.

No one appeared to speak.

Note: According to the documentation submitted, the tax was paid on July 27, 2007. The deadline for submitting a request for reimbursement was January 27, 2008. The request was received on August 20, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to close the hearing on the request by Horack-Talley Attorneys At Law for reimbursement of overpayment of North Carolina excise tax in the amount of \$290. Secondly, to deny the request for reimbursement on the grounds that the request was not received within six months after the date the tax was paid as required by NC G.S. 105-228.37(a) Refund of Overpayment of Tax.

(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

Commissioner Cooksey returned to the dais.

MANAGER'S REPORT

(6) RECEIVE MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Jones announced a new procedure that is being put in place for employees to report incidences they believe to be representative of unethical behavior. The new procedure, the Mecklenburg County Report Line, will be unveiled on Friday, November 13, 2009. It will be available to employees on a 24 hour basis. Employees can either call in or go on-line. The site is secure and can be done anonymously. The County is using an independent service provider called The Network.

County Manager Jones said the Report Line will be evaluated over the course of the year to determine what the volume of complaints might be and at that time, consideration would be given to whether it's possible to provide this service externally.

County Manager Jones shared copies of the brochure regarding the Report Line with the Board.

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

Comments

Commissioner Murrey complimented the County Manager on taking this step. He said his company has used a similar service for a little over a year. He said it has worked well and has proven to be a helpful management tool.

Commissioner Cogdell asked would all comments received be passed on to the County's Internal Audit Department for follow-up.

County Manager Jones said all information will go to the Internal Audit Department. They will review the information and make a determination as to whether or not there is evidence of unethical behavior, fraud, or abuse.

Commissioner Cogdell asked what happens if a determination is made that there is evidence of something.

County Manager Jones said established procedures would then be followed. He said it could result in disciplinary action being taken, counseling, or even referral of the information to other authorities, including and up to, law enforcement for further follow-up.

County Manager Jones said this initiative will continue to place before employees the importance of engaging in ethical behavior.

Commissioner Bentley also complimented this initiative. She said her company does this also.

Commissioner Bentley said it's important for employees to feel free to speak and to express their concerns without fear of retribution or anything negative happening to them.

(2B) CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER – COUNTY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION

Chairman Roberts complimented County Manager Jones on his responsiveness to the Board.

Chairman Roberts said Manager Jones listens to his Board, to employees, and to the community.

She said he provides positive solutions to challenges that help re-establish trust and a positive

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working environment. Further, that Manager Jones has done an excellent job as manager in a very difficult year.

Chairman Roberts noted also that Manager Jones, in light of the current economic times, asked the Board to keep his salary the same as last year, because he wanted to be treated like other employees.

Commissioner Clarke, on behalf of the Board's Compensation Committee, addressed the process used in determining the County Manager's compensation.

Commissioner Clarke noted the elements of the Manager's compensation for the prior year, current year, and the percentage of increase.

Commissioner Clarke said the percentage of increase for the County Manager over last year, like all County employees this fiscal year, is zero.

Commissioner Clarke said based on the Committee's review of the County Manager's performance, the Committee would have given him an increase in his Pay-at-risk because his performance rating was higher this year than last year. He said the County Manager, however, informed them that to receive an increase would not be right. He said the County Manager wanted to be treated the same as other employees, as noted earlier by Chairman Roberts. Thus, the Committee reduced the Pay-at-risk to the amount that it was last year. Commissioner Clarke said this was approximately 10% less than what he would have otherwise been entitled to with respect to the Pay-at-risk component.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve the recommendations of the Board's Compensation Committee and approve the pay-at-risk and the other elements of the County Manager's compensation as recommended by the Compensation Committee. (See below)

Element of Manager's Compensation	Prior Year	Current Year	Percentage Increase
Base Salary	\$215,655	\$215,655	0%
Pay-at-risk	\$ 38,400	\$ 38,400	0%
Benefits & Retirement	\$ 5,822	\$ 5,822	0%
Deferred Compensation Match	\$ 10,783	\$ 10,783	0%
Deferred Compensation	\$ 13,824	\$ 13,824	0%
Longevity	\$ 6,221	\$ 6,221	0%
Expense Allowance	\$ 12,149	\$ 12,149	0%
Total Compensation	\$302,854	\$302,854	0%

County Manager Jones thanked the Board, County employees, and the community for having the opportunity to continue to serve.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to approve the following item(s) with the exception of Items 10, 11, 14, and 15 to be voted upon separately:

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular Meeting held October 20, 2009 and Closed Sessions held October 20, 2009 and October 6, 2009.

(8) TORRENCE CREEK STREAM RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

Adopt a resolution of Award to Eagle Wood Incorporated for the Torrence Creek stream restoration project.

Note: This project will restore approximately 3 miles of Torrence Creek, located in the McDowell Creek Watershed (which drains to Mountain Island Lake upstream of a CMU drinking water intake). The project will reduce sediment (a major pollutant) and improve aquatic habitat. This project is partially funded by funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Federal Stimulus funding) in the form of a \$2.6M loan from the NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Resolution Approving Award of Contract is required by the NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund as part of the loan approval process.

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

(9) AREA MENTAL HEALTH FIRST QUARTER FY 2010 REPORT

Recognize and receive the First Quarter 2010 Area Mental Health Report.

Financial Management

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Received</u>
Revenue Source			
Medicaid & CAP	15,716,737	1,013,750	6.45%
State and Federal	34,859,677	2,431,690	6.98%
Third Party/Other	97,293	11,289	11.60%
County	41,567,076	12,906,658	31.05%
Total Revenues	92,240,783	16,363,387	17.74%

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
Service Continuum			
Children's Developmental Services	7,001,354	1,550,115	22.14%
Child & Adolescent Services	14,179,546	1,626,652	11.47%
Adult Mental Health	9,118,852	1,265,994	13.88%
Adult Substance Abuse	12,958,650	2,581,673	19.92%
Local Management Entity	10,637,008	1,894,504	17.81%
BHC Randolph	19,268,029	4,746,078	24.63%
Developmental Disabilities	19,077,344	2,698,371	14.14%
Total Expenditures	92,240,783	16,363,387	17.74%

Note: In accordance with General Statute 122C-115.1(e), within 30 days of the end of each quarter of the fiscal year, the program director of the county program shall present to each member of the board of county commissioners a budgetary statement and balance sheet that details the assets, liabilities, and fund balance of the county program. This information shall be read into the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented. The program director of the county program shall provide to the board of county commissioners ad hoc reports as requested by the Board of County Commissioners.

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

(12) AREA MENTAL HEALTH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Recognize and receive Area Mental Health Monthly Financial Report.

**AREA MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
FY 2010, For the period ending August 31, 2009**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Received</u>
Revenue Source			
Medicaid & CAP	15,312,274	742,933	4.85%
State and Federal	34,448,877	1,999,190	5.80%
Third Party/Other	97,293	10,019	10.30%
County	40,013,042	6,472,580	16.18%
Total Revenues	89,871,486	9,224,722	10.26%

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>% Spent</u>
Service Continuum			
Children's Developmental Services	7,001,354	1,039,812	14.85%
Child & Adolescent Services	13,599,047	741,493	5.45%
Adult Mental Health	7,775,818	688,631	8.86%
Adult Substance Abuse	12,958,650	1,322,198	10.20%
Local Management Entity	10,426,008	1,280,308	12.28%
BHC Randolph	19,268,029	2,928,899	15.20%
Developmental Disabilities	18,842,580	1,223,381	6.49%
Total Expenditures	89,871,486	9,224,722	10.26%

Note: All revenue received from outside sources plus County revenue covers total expenditures incurred

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. The program director of the county program shall provide to the board of county commissioners ad hoc reports as requested by the board of county commissioners.

(13) LUESA BUDGET AMENDMENT

Recognize, receive and appropriate \$145,521 for Land Development (LUESA) and carry forward the unspent balance at June 30, 2010 to FY11 to complete the project.

Note: Funds are being received due to the default of a bond obligation for completion of subdivision requirements in Harrogate Subdivision Phase 2. A letter of credit was provided by Harrogate At The Lake, LLC for completion of this work on April 18, 2006. Mecklenburg County found the developer in default of the bond obligation due to the work not being completed. The funds received by the County will be used to complete improvements required by the Town of Cornelius Subdivision ordinance. Any funds remaining after completion of these improvements will be returned to Harrogate At The Lake, LLC and their guarantor, M & I Marshall & Ilsley Bank.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

(10) CHILD DEVELOPMENT GRANT (AREA MENTAL HEALTH)

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve Area Mental Health Children's Developmental Services submittal of a grant application to Smart Start of Mecklenburg County estimated to be \$175,200 in FY 10-11; and approve, recognize, receive and appropriate the amount of the award when received.

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

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

(11) AREA MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENT (INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to recognize, receive and appropriate State funds in the amount of \$187,102 for services provided by Children's Developmental Services of Area Mental Health; and establish one full time position Case Coordinator position.

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

(14) CONSOLIDATED GOLF CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENDITURE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to authorize a capital reserve expenditure of \$425,000 from funds accumulated to design and install an irrigation system and to construct new and renovate existing greens and tee boxes at the Revolution Park Golf Course.

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

Commissioner Clarke returned to the dais.

(15) HEALTH DISPARITIES GRANT (HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

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 approve the submission of a health disparity grant application for \$250,000 over three years to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, effective June 1, 2010; and if awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate grant funds awarded.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. It was addressed by Health Director Wynn Mabry.

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(16) AREA MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET AMENDMENT (REDUCTION)

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 reduce State funding, with respect to the Area Mental Health budget, in the amount of \$5,211,872 due to a decrease in allocated funds.

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Note: This action is necessary due to a reduction of state funding from the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Statewide, the Division received an appropriation reduction of \$55,000,000 which affects Local Management Entities (LMEs) management and service funding. Mecklenburg County's portion of that reduction was \$6,457,638.

Area Mental Health Director Grayce Crockett addressed this matter.

(17) H1N1 IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING

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, receive and appropriate \$1,790,299 from the Centers for Disease Control through the NC Division of Health and Human Services, Preparedness Program for H1N1 implementation activities.

Health Director Wynn Mabry addressed this matter.

(18) BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT: PREMIER, INC.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to approve a Business Investment Program grant to Premier, Inc. for a total estimated amount of \$335,986 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a contract.

Note: Premier, Inc., headquartered currently in San Diego, CA, is a national healthcare alliance entirely owned by not-for-profit hospitals and health system organizations. Premier serves more than 2,000 hospitals and thousands of non-hospital sites such as nursing homes and ambulatory centers. Owners participate to share services and programs aimed at improving clinical quality and cost-effectiveness. Premier employs 650 workers in Charlotte. In January, 2009, Premier temporarily put the project on hold due to market conditions. The County was notified recently that the company has re-initiated the project, which now includes the relocation of its corporate headquarters and the creation of 300 new jobs. The revised project as described by the company was determined to meet all of the criteria for a five-year Business Investment Grant of 50% of net new property taxes to the City and County. The fiscal impact analysis of the project shows a net present

value to the County of \$1,065,460 over 10 years. The expansion will create 300 new jobs within five years, at an average annual salary of \$70,000, and 90% of the new positions will be hired locally. Both the City of Charlotte and the State of North Carolina will provide financial assistance to this project.

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**(21) HALL HOUSE AND SALVATION ARMY'S CENTER OF HOPE
(COMMISSIONER LEAKE)**

The Board received an update regarding Hall House and the Salvation Army's Center of Hope.

Note: In December, 2008, the Charlotte Housing Authority made arrangements with the Salvation Army and A Child's Place for use of a 191-unit apartment building known as Hall House. The use of Hall House would enable temporary transitional shelter for homeless women with children. Sixty-eight (68) families receiving services from either The Salvation Army or A

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Child's Place were selected to move into Hall House. When Hall House closed in July of 2009, 51 of the 68 families (75%) were moved into stabilized housing. The remaining 17 families returned to The Center of Hope and continued to work toward achieving permanent housing.

The Center of Hope is a 36,000-square-foot, 204-bed women and children's shelter located near Charlotte's center city. Overcrowding is a constant issue that has worsened since the downturn of the economy. Demand for shelter at the Center has increased by 27% over the past two years. It currently houses more than 300 families.

The update was given by Deronda Metz, director of Social Services for The Salvation Army Center of Hope and Major Hawks with The Salvation Army.

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

STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(19) CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG 2010 CENSUS UPDATE

The Board received an update on the purpose and work of the Census 2010 Complete Count Committee created through a partnership of Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and the Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness and encourage increased participation in the U.S. 2010 Census.

The update was given by Co-chairs Sue Breckenridge and Melody Sizemore. They were introduced by Public Service and Information Director Danny Diehl.

They provided the Board with copies of various literature regarding the census.

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

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 Leake, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman