

NOVEMBER 3, 2010

**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MECKLENBURG COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

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 3, 2010.

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: None

-INFORMAL SESSION-

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

(1) REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) they wanted removed from consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items 11, 12, 13, and 19.

(2) STAFF BRIEFINGS - IBM JOINT CAPITAL MASTER PLANNING PILOT PROJECT TEAM

The Board met members of the IBM Joint Capital Master Planning Pilot project team.

County Manager Jones addressed the planning project and then introduced Matthew C. Thiemann, IBM Client Vice President, Financial Services Sector and Anne McNeill, IBM Corporate Community Relations, Program Manager. They both addressed the Board and expressed their delight in being able to assist the County in this manner. They then introduced the other members of the team.

Note: IBM will provide consulting services to analyze the issue of integrating capital master planning in Mecklenburg County and recommend a course of action. These services will be delivered by five IBM executives working full-time in Mecklenburg County for three weeks, from November 1, 2010 until November 19, 2010. At the conclusion of the three weeks of consulting, IBM will deliver a roadmap document with short and long-term recommendations for integrating capital master planning in Mecklenburg County.

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(3A, B) CLOSED SESSION - BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION AND CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

Prior to going into Closed Session, Attorney Bethune announced the following Consult with Attorney matter to be discussed in Closed Session:

- Jack Stratton, on behalf of the United States of America, Plaintiff/Relator Versus Mecklenburg County, Richard Jacobsen, Tyrone Wade, Robert Adden in their personal and official capacities, Martha Curren, in her personal capacity, David Cayer, Yvonne Mims-Evans, Elizabeth Miller-Killegrew, Lisa Bell, Louis Trosch Jr., Hugh B. Lewis, Rickye-McCoy Mitchell, Regan Miller, Rebecca Thorne-Tin, Fritz Mercer, Resa Harris, Avril Sisk, in their personal capacities, Council For Children’s Rights, Brett Loftis, Defendants

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentley, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purposes: A) Business Location and Expansion and B) Consult with Attorney.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:27 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:05 p.m.

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

-FORMAL SESSION-

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

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

(1A) INDUCTION INTO THE ORDER OF THE HORNET – PETER S. GILCHRIST, III

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to induct Peter S. Gilchrist, III into the Order of the Hornet.

Note: The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor the Board bestows for service to the community.

Retiring Mecklenburg County District Attorney Peter S. Gilchrist, III has served as the District Attorney for the 26th Prosecutorial District (City of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County) for nine terms, a total of 36 years.

The following judges were present and expressed thanks and gratitude to District Attorney Gilchrist for his years of service. The honorable Judge Calvin Murphy, Judge Yvonne Mims-Evans, Judge Albert Diaz, Judge Charlotte Brown-Williams and U.S. Attorney Ann Thompkins.

District Attorney Gilchrist thanked the Board for bestowing this honor upon him. He was accompanied at the podium by his wife, Ann.

(2) PUBLIC APPEARANCE

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

Robert Mussen, president and chairman of the Charlotte Zoological Park, LLC addressed how and why their organization was formed. He said Charlotte/Mecklenburg needed a zoo and addressed the benefits of having such a major attraction. He said Charlotte Zoological Park, LLC's goal was to build a world class zoo in Mecklenburg County on 300 acres. He said they plan to fund the zoo through memberships, private donations through individuals and foundations, corporations, and through federal grants. Mr. Mussen said they were not asking the County for funding. He said the timing may not seem to be the best, but the cost of the land they've looked at was 50% less. Mr. Mussen said they were sharing this information with the Board as an FYI.

Charles Clark addressed Charlotte-Mecklenburg School (CMS) funding and the proposed school closings by the Board of Education. Mr. Clark suggested doing the following to address CMS funding needs:

- Place a 25 cent education tax on all game tickets for school games and professional games, i.e. football, basketball, & hockey
- Place a 25 cent tax on all alcohol sold in Mecklenburg County, i.e. beer, wine, & liquor.

Mr. Clark said doing this would provide more than enough money for schools and libraries.

(3A) APPOINTMENTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Wells Van Pelt	None
Lloyd Scher	Commissioners Leake and Roberts
Charles Payne	None
Sean Mulhall	Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, and Murrey

Voting Ceased

Gerard Carroll
Thomas Derham
John Fortson
Gloria Johnson
Jeffrey Johnson
Michael Knowles
Janet Lama
Kevin Leonard
James Mathis, III

Chairman Roberts announced the appointment of Sean Mulhall to the Criminal Justice Citizen's Advisory Committee as the District 5 representative to fill an unexpired term expiring May 31, 2012.

Note: He is replacing Bill Munson.

(3B) WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to appoint Richard Deming to the Waste Management Advisory Board as recommended by Charlotte City Council to fill an unexpired term expiring May 18, 2013.

Note: He is replacing Gregory Scharlemann.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

(4A) UNIFORM SCHEDULES OF VALUES, STANDARDS AND RULES AND THE PRESENT-USE VALUE SCHEDULE FOR 2011 REAPPRAISAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to open a public hearing on the Uniform Schedules of Values, Standards and Rules for the 2011 reappraisal.

No one appeared to speak.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to close the public hearing on the Uniform Schedules of Values, Standards and Rules for the 2011 reappraisal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to open a public hearing on the Uniform Schedules of Values, Standards and Rules for Present-Use Value for the 2011 reappraisal.

No one appeared to speak.

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(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

(6A) LIBRARY TASK FORCE

County Manager Jones introduced Library Task Force Chairman James "Jim" Woodward.

Dr. Woodward addressed the Library Task Force's formation and their funding request.

A report was provided to the Board entitled Recommendations For The Future Of The Library Task Force Presented By Future Of The Library Task Force Design Team.

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

Chairman Roberts thanked Dr. Woodward for updating the Board on the status of the Task Force and for his leadership in this process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clarke, seconded by Commissioner Cooksey and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve appropriating up to \$75,000 from contingency to support the Future of the Library Task Force.

Prior to the above vote, Commissioner Leake asked for clarification regarding the other funding sources for the Task Force's work, which was addressed.

(6B) IMPACT OF FY2010 BUDGET GEOGRAPHICALLY ON LIBRARY, RECREATION CENTER AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Budget/Management Director Hyong Yi addressed the impact of the FY 2010 budget geographically on library, recreation center and proposed school closings and hours of operation in City within a City neighborhoods as defined by the City of Charlotte.

A copy of the report/maps depicting this information is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Murrey said he requested this information out of concern for neighborhoods that could have already lost a library or recreation center and now face the possibility of losing a school in light of current discussions by the Board of Education.

Commissioner Murrey suggested that perhaps going forward forums could be held in those neighborhoods in order to find out what the impact has been, so that the County could determine how it could go about trying to address those neighborhood needs in the upcoming budget or possibly within this budget year.

Commissioner Clarke said he shared Commissioner Murrey's concern. Commissioner Clarke said the information provided was a little incomplete because there were some instances where a neighborhood may lose its "neighborhood school" but the facility would remain but be used for other purposes.

Commissioner Clarke said the Board of Education's focus has been on the schools and what can be saved. He said a lot of these decisions were going to have an enormous impact on neighborhoods in other ways.

Commissioner Clarke said he thinks there's a "real distrust" in how this process has been handled by the Board of Education. He said he knows they've done their best but thinks the loss of "public confidence" in the process, leads him to think that perhaps the Board of Education should consider "shelving" this matter. Commissioner Clarke said he doesn't think the full cost or savings versus the total impact on neighborhoods has been taken into account. Commissioner Clarke said if you consider the impact on neighborhoods, the savings is not "worth it."

Commissioner Clarke said the "fairest" way to go about this matter of saving money is to "spread the pain" across the entire County and not have it so "disproportionately" impact threatened and transitioning neighborhoods.

Commissioner Cogdell said the data presented by Director Yi clearly shows those areas of the community that are being "hit hard."

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Commissioner Cogdell said there would be a cost associated with this. He said there would be a cost when a transitioning neighborhood because of decisions made, gets categorized into a “challenged” neighborhood; and a neighborhood that’s not “challenged” or in transition suddenly becomes a transitioning neighborhood. Commissioner Cogdell said there’s an overall community cost to that.

Commissioner Cogdell said “we sometimes struggle with the short term survivability without calculating the cost of the long term impact” of decisions.

Commissioner Cogdell said he hopes the Board of Education would be mindful of this as they move forward with the decisions they have to make.

Commissioner Cogdell said this data opens the door for all the public bodies within the county to have more collaboration, communication and more understanding. He said everyone has to stop looking at libraries and parks to the exclusion of neighborhoods and neighborhood impacts and infrastructure and quality of life. He said the “bigger picture” has to be looked at.

Commissioner Dunlap said the data presented clearly indicates why everyone should be concerned.

Commissioner Dunlap asked had this information been shared with the Board of Education. *The response was no that it was just completed this afternoon.*

Commissioner Dunlap said this information needed to be shared with the Board of Education.

Commissioner Dunlap said he was concerned because schools often have an impact on the value of homes and the stability of neighborhoods. Thus, when you close schools, the homes in those communities become less “desirable” because people can’t be assured that if they reside in that particular neighborhood that they are going to have a “home school” or that their children are going to have a good school in which to attend.

Commissioner Dunlap said a lot of the schools that were built were done so to help stabilize communities.

Commissioner Dunlap said when you consider the fact that these neighborhoods where these schools are located were already negatively impacted by the libraries that may or may not remain open or have limited hours or by other factors affecting that community, that this data needs to be shared with the Board of Education prior to them making a decision.

Commissioner Bentley said what would add benefit to this data from her perspective would be if staff could show the proximity to facilities (schools and recreation centers/parks) that would remain open. She said she omitted libraries since that’s still in transition.

Commissioner Leake said she, too, feels this data should be shared with the Board of Education. She said this way the Board of Education could look at the total impact on a community as they consider closing schools.

Commissioner Leake said per the data shared, it appears that these are the areas of the community that always get impacted by any major decisions in the community that would lend towards sending it into a “challenged” neighborhood. She said it “worries” her to see the same area of poverty impacted.

Commissioner Leake noted that she has tried for two years, as Chairman of the Board’s Education Liaison Ad Hoc Committee to schedule a meeting with Board of Education representatives but to no avail. Commissioner Leake asked Chairman Roberts when did she

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plan to communicate with the Board of Education, the County's Education Liaison Committee's desire to meet.

Chairman Roberts said she asked members of the school board to attend tonight's meeting in order to hear this conversation but because of a forum taking place regarding the closing of schools they were unable to be here.

Chairman Roberts said she has also asked the Board of Education if they could attend the Board's meeting on November 16, 2010 and provide the Board with an understanding of some of the guiding principles the Board has read about, but have not had an opportunity to ask the Board of Education personally about.

Chairman Roberts said she has also requested, if possible, that the Board of Education delay some of their actions until they do have an opportunity to speak with the Board since the County was one of their major funders.

Chairman Roberts said with respect to the Board's Education Liaison Committee that she made a formal request to the Chair of the Board of Education that this committee be activated. Also, that when the new Board of County Commissioners is sworn in, that the Board make appointments to the committee and let the Board of Education know that the Board wants to have regular communications through the Education Liaison Committee.

Commissioner Leake said she wanted the committee to meet as soon as possible.

Chairman Roberts said she would follow up with the Board of Education to make this happen before the Board of Education makes a decision.

Commissioner Leake requested a listing of the areas addressed in the information shared where schools, libraries and parks have been cut off and the district the facility falls in.

Commissioner James said when he looks at the data, what he noticed was that there was a lack of library and park and recreation facilities in his district. He said there were some but not many.

Commissioner James said he understands the concern about what CMS is doing, but he doesn't view what CMS was doing to be any different then what the County did, with respect to the various budget cuts that were made.

Commissioner James said he felt Harding high school should not be closed but instead close Waddell high school and move Smith Academy into the Waddell facility.

Commissioner James said it seems "strange" to him that the Board would be "ringing its hands" about what the Board of Education is doing in reducing their expenses, when the Board did the "exact same thing, to the exact same areas" for parks and libraries.

Commissioner Murrey said what this data brings up to him is the recognition that the decisions the County and library board, and soon the Board of Education, have made collectively will have an impact on neighborhoods. Commissioner Murrey said the important thing to remember was, what's the neighborhood's perspective. What's happening to the citizens in these neighborhoods as a result of what "we've all done." He said each entity needs to bear some responsibility for that.

Commissioner Murrey said he doesn't think it's fair for the Board to go to the Board of Education at the end of an eight month process and tell them "you have to choose something different because now we have this information." Commissioner Murrey said it would be nice if the Board of Education could do that, but he doesn't expect them to do that. He said what he

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expects them to do is to enter into a process with the Board that would allow the County Commission, the Library Board and the Board of Education to make decisions in the future that recognize the impact that its decisions have on neighborhoods going forward.

Commissioner Murrey said the Board of Education didn't have control over the decisions the Board made and the Board doesn't have control over the decisions the Board of Education make. Commissioner Murrey said he was simply advocating for the perspective of the neighborhood and for collaboration between the County Commission, Library Board, and Board of Education, to get to a better decision for neighborhoods in the future.

Commissioner Cogdell said there were two goals for the data shared. One was to produce the information and make it available for anyone that wants it and that it would be available prior to the Board of Education making a decision on November 9, 2010.

Commissioner Cogdell said he doesn't feel this information would necessarily change the outcome of the decisions the Board of Education has to make, nor was it necessarily designed to change the outcome. Commissioner Cogdell said he was glad, however, that it was available for those Board of Education members that wish to take it into consideration.

Commissioner Cogdell said the second goal as it relates to this data was that it should be used as a model moving forward with the Board of Education, the Library Board, community colleges, and the City of Charlotte, in looking at where they're putting infrastructure investment in neighborhoods; so that it can be looked at from a global perspective of collectively trying to ensure that resources were being put where we see the best return on that investment of public resources.

Commissioner Dunlap said one of the things he hopes this discussion would do is cause all of the local governmental entities to look at planning together collectively.

Commissioner Dunlap said each entity needs to know how the decision of one impacts the other.

Commissioner Dunlap said he asked if the Board of Education had this information because he felt they needed it. He said he does not want to get into trying to tell the Board of Education which schools to close.

Commissioner Bentley said what she would like to understand more was how do you track and quantify the impact of these decisions on neighborhoods.

County Manager Jones said he didn't have a specific answer at this time but that the County should be able to develop a way to track that information.

County Manager Jones said the concern he had regarding closings was the cost of closing facilities. County Manager Jones said when a facility gets closed in a threatened neighborhood, there's a theory that police use that's called the "broken window theory" and its impact on crime and other behavior, "social deviant" behavior in a community.

County Manager Jones said the County needs to track these closings, so the County could clearly and early on define an alternative use for those facilities, so that they don't remain unused such that they fall into a state of disrepair. County Manager Jones said the tracking would have to involve the County's partners.

Chairman Roberts said there were a lot facilities that have been built in the community that were not listed on the data shown. Thus, it was not a question of what district has what and which doesn't.

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Chairman Roberts said it's a question of "how do we use the most information, in the most useful, effective way, to plan in a way that we know the outcomes and know ahead of time what the result is going to be and are prepared to act in response to what's going to happen."

Chairman Roberts said she would recommend this data be shared with the Board of Education, the City of Charlotte, and all of the Town Boards and Councils and to let them know that the data doesn't depict everything but it's a good start to see where things stand.

This concluded the discussion. No action was taken or required.

(7) STAFF REPORTS AND REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND REQUESTS

(8a) FUNCTIONAL CONSOLIDATION OPPORTUNITIES (CHAIRMAN ROBERTS)

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell, to direct the County Manager to authorize staff to pursue functional consolidation opportunities with the City of Charlotte.

Chairman Roberts addressed this request.

Note: In April of this year, a letter was sent to members of the Board of County Commissioners and Charlotte City Council from the Mayor and Chairman Roberts regarding functional consolidation opportunities. This action is in response to that letter and to show the County's support of moving forward with reviewing functional consolidation opportunities.

The areas to be considered would include: permitting; MEDIC and fire services; government television programming; and human resources and benefits programs. Charlotte City Council developed an approach in 1996 that has been used previously in considering functional consolidation opportunities that could be used as a guide for moving forward with this process.

A copy of the letter and process outline is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Leake asked for clarification.

Chairman Roberts said she was asking the Board to authorize the County staff to work with City of Charlotte staff to find efficiencies.

Commissioner Leake asked was there a timeline associated with this. Commissioner Leake said she felt there should be one.

Chairman Roberts said there was not a timeframe at this point but that it would be expected that staff would report back sometime within this fiscal year.

County Manager Jones said the Board needed to be aware that staff currently has some "fairly ambitious" work products already. He said to have this request added to staff's current list of tasks, he would hope the Board would be amenable to staff coming back and saying timing is something that's not good and/or that it's been determined that the resources aren't available at this time to undertake this.

County Manager Jones said he understood what Chairman Roberts was saying and the

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importance of continuing to look at functional consolidation, but he would really like to be in a position to have the resources to put the time into it. County Manager Jones said he was concerned about staffs' ability to complete and do well with what it already has on its plate.

County Manager Jones said he was not telling the Board not to approve this, but he would like to be able to have the discussion with the City around the resources and timing that's going to be involved. Per those discussions, he would then come back and give the Board a better idea as to whether or not the capacity and ability is there to do this in this fiscal year.

Commissioner Murrey said he felt the process was a valuable one and one that needs to be on-going, but he understands the County Manager's concern about resources. Yet, he doesn't want staff to start out assuming that it's not feasible at this time.

Commissioner Leake said she would like to know the number of staff reductions that have occurred in the County Manager's Office.

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

Commissioner Leake asked Chairman Roberts what was her thought with respect to when this would be done.

Chairman Roberts said her feeling was that this was really to empower the County Manager to make that decision.

Chairman Roberts said the purpose was to show the County's support for this effort and to authorize the County Manager, in his judgment and fitting it in with all of the other things that are incumbent upon him, to determine when it could be done. Chairman Roberts said she looked at it as an open-ended time commitment, considering everything that's going on.

Commissioner Bentley asked was it correct that fire services was something the Board would be hearing about soon from the volunteer fire departments. *The response was yes and that there would be a presentation to the Board in December.*

The vote was then taken on the motion as noted below.

Motion was made by Commissioner Murrey, seconded by Commissioner Cogdell and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, and Roberts voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no, to direct the County Manager to authorize staff to pursue functional consolidation opportunities with the City of Charlotte.

Commissioner Murrey returned to the dais.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Cogdell, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cogdell, Cooksey, Dunlap, James, Leake, Murrey and Roberts voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

(9) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes of Regular meeting held October 19, 2010; Special Meeting held May 25, 2010; and Closed Session held October 19, 2010 and September 8, 2010.

(10) POST JUDGMENT SERVICES CENTER TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

Recognize, receive, and appropriate \$5,103 as a donation from Justice Initiatives, a non-profit agency, to complete the Post Judgment Services Center Technology Project.

(14) CAPITAL RESERVE REQUEST – AQUATIC CENTER

Authorize and appropriate a capital expenditure of \$25,000 from the Consolidated Aquatic Capital Reserve Account to replace one of two scoreboards at the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center.

(15) GIFT OF A MEMORIAL GARDEN – PARK AND RECREATION

Recognize and receive the gift of a Memorial Garden in honor of fallen Officer Sean Clark to be constructed at Blythe Landing.

Note: On October 12, 2010, a presentation was received by the Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Commission from Pete Herrick (“Yankee Pete”), executive producer of the Ace & TJ Radio Show. The Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department (MCPR) has been working with Sherry Clark, widow of CMPD Officer Sean Clark, to create a memorial garden at Blythe Landing in Officer Clark's honor. Pete Herrick has been spearheading the fundraising efforts. There is no cost to the County for construction. Maintenance of the memorial garden will be provided at no cost to Mecklenburg County by Morris Irrigation Nature and Turf (MINT) for a minimum of seven years.

(16) SELECTION OF SOLAR DEVELOPER AND INSTALLER

Approve the selection of Soltherm Energy, LLC for the installation of solar hot water systems on five County-funded buildings, the Kuralt Centre, the Medical Examiner’s Office, Jail North, CPCC Culinary Arts Building, and CMS Metro School.

(17) TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$68,691 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.

(18) NC DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION

Authorize the County Manager to submit a grant application in an amount up to \$1,750,000 to the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management for the acquisition of flood-prone properties.

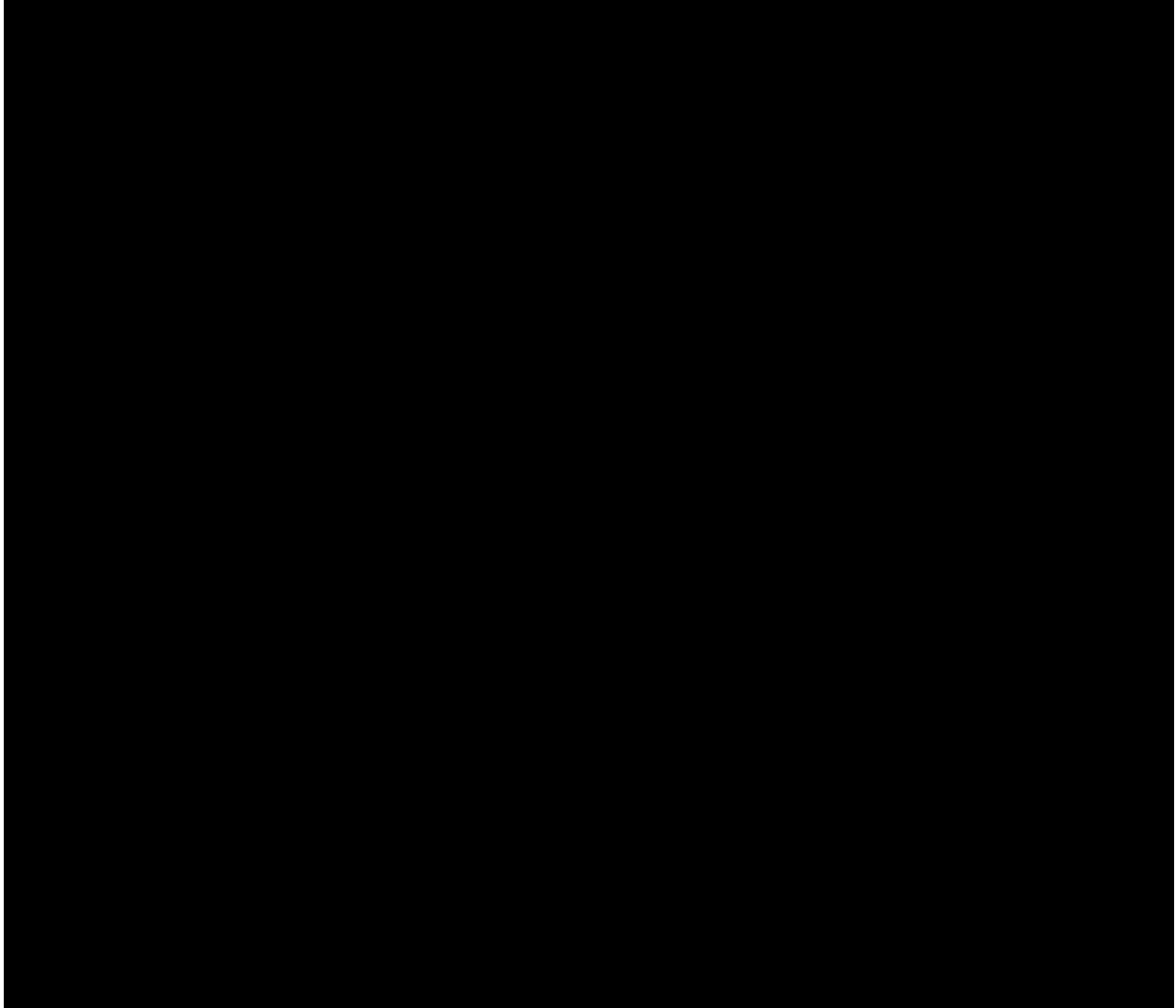
(20) AREA MENTAL HEALTH MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Receive Area Mental Health Monthly Financial Reports for the period ending July 2010 and August 2010.

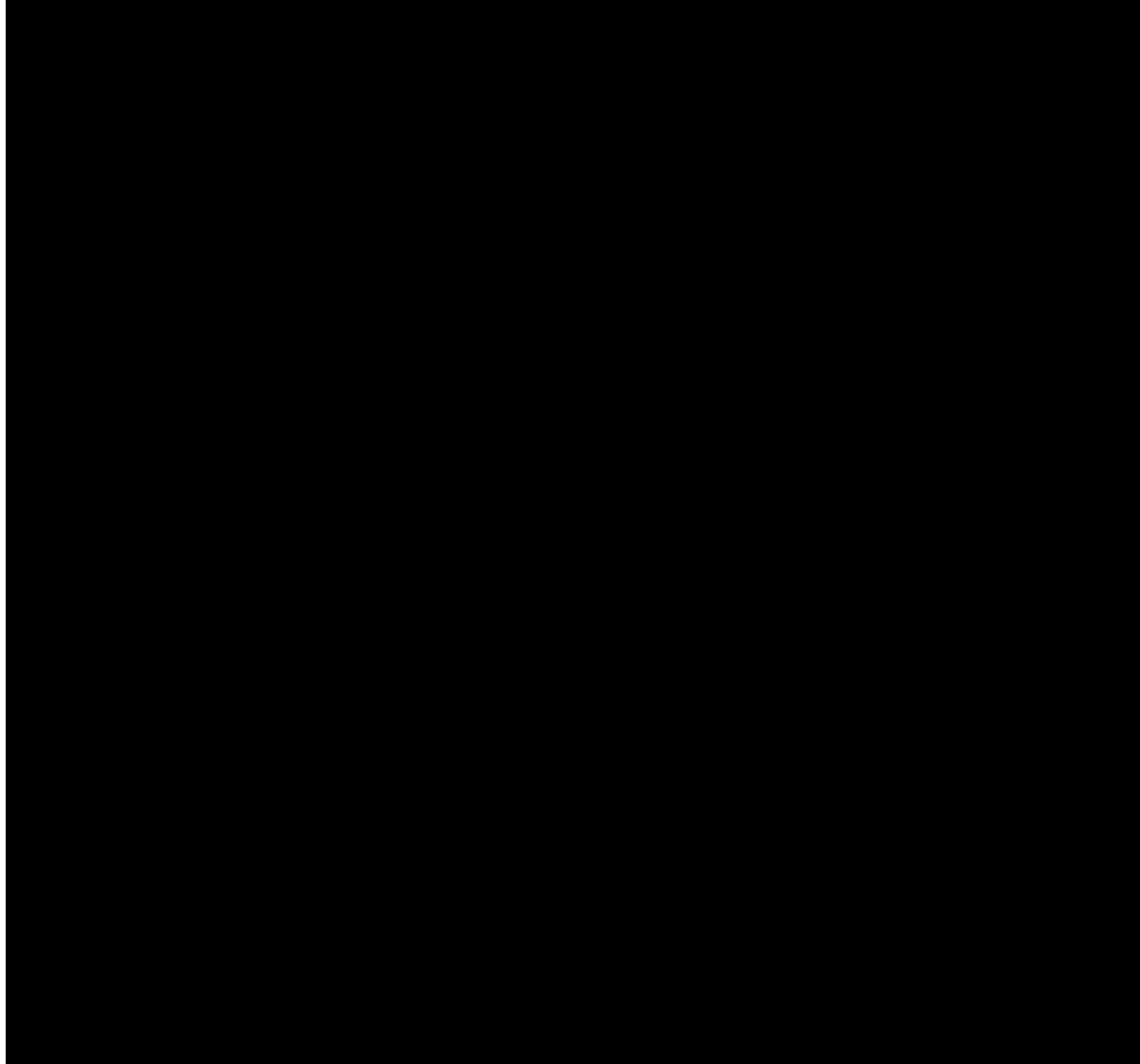
Note: In accordance with the Performance Agreement with the North Carolina Department of

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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.



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(21) DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS – OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Authorize the disposal/destruction of tax collections documents in accordance with the North Carolina Records Retention and Disposition Schedule.

Office of the Tax Collector - Documents to be Destroyed

- Proration correspondence 47 Boxes
- Daily Activity Reports 217 boxes
- Cash receipts 18 boxes
- Transaction Adjust forms 14 boxes
- OPC Summary 3 boxes
- Mortgage Correspondence 7 boxes
- Returned Checks 3 boxes
- Elderly Exemptions Correspondence/applications 1 box
- Miscellaneous Taxpayer correspondence 6 boxes
- Privilege License Application/correspondence 15 boxes
- ROPFRV returns and correspondence 18 boxes

(22) PRELIMINARY STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENTS – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Adopt a resolution of the Preliminary Assessment Roll for the operating cost of street lights and set a public hearing on November 16, 2010 on Street Lighting Preliminary Assessment Roll for the Capps Hollow, Cardinal Woods, Coffey Creek/Ayrshire Glen, Hearthstone, McGinnis Village, Mountain Point, Mountain Point Estates, Royal Oaks, and Spicewood Subdivisions.

Resolutions recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A Documents # _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and _____.

(23) PROCLAMATION – FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

Adopt proclamation designating November 2010 as “Family Caregiver Month” in Mecklenburg County.

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

(24) PROCLAMATION – GIS DAY

Adopt a proclamation designating Wednesday, November 17, “GIS Day” in Mecklenburg County.

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

(25) PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

Adopt a proclamation designating November 2010 as “National Adoption Awareness Month” in Mecklenburg County.

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

(26) IBM GRANT

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement between IBM and Mecklenburg County regarding a grant of services.

Note: IBM will provide consulting services to analyze the issue of integrating capital master planning in Mecklenburg County and recommend a course of action. These services will be delivered by five IBM executives working full-time in Mecklenburg County for three weeks. IBM may also engage consultants from the American Planning Association to provide consulting services in connection with the Project. At the conclusion of the three weeks of consulting, IBM will deliver a roadmap document with short and long-term recommendations for integrating capital master planning in Mecklenburg County. The estimated end date for the project is on November 19, 2010. There is no cost to Mecklenburg County other than staff time to coordinate with the IBM team. Mecklenburg County is under no obligation to enter into future business with IBM regarding the proposed roadmap or for other products and/or services.

(27) AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD AND EXECUTE MULTI-YEAR SERVICE CONTRACTS

Approve Resolution authorizing the County Manager or his designee to award and execute service contracts that cross County fiscal years or extend into multiple fiscal years.

Note: This resolution will authorize the County Manager or his designee to award and execute service contracts that cross County fiscal years related to funds that have been approved and budgeted by the Board of County Commissioners.

Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book 45-A Document # _____.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

Commissioners Cogdell and James left the meeting and were absent for the remainder of the meeting.

(11) BUDGET AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (INCREASE)

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to recognize, receive and appropriate \$17,752 from FY2010 unspent funds from United Family Services for victims of domestic violence.

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

(12) BUDGET AMENDMENT - AREA MENTAL HEALTH (REVENUE INCREASE)

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

A) Recognize, receive and appropriate one-time State funds in the amount of \$56,940 for individuals with traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

B) Recognize, receive and appropriate one-time Federal funds in the amount of \$58,500 for the Center for Prevention Resources (CPR) for the Western Region.

Note: These funds (B) will be used to provide the Strategic Prevention-State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) enhancement strategies for substance abuse prevention for the region and to support transition for Safe and Drug Free Schools.

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

(13) TRANSFER OF COUNTY FITNESS EQUIPMENT TO THE CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Clarke and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to approve the transfer of Park and Recreation Department identified fitness equipment to the Charlotte Housing Authority.

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

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

(19) BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANT—SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cooksey, Dunlap, Leake, Murrey, and Roberts voting yes, to recognize, receive and appropriate \$64,195 from the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program for vest replacement for Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office law enforcement officers.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, 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 8:19 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Jennifer Roberts, Chairman