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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

A special meeting between the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, and the Lee County Board of Education, was held at 1:00 p.m. on this date in the Assembly Room, Heins Education Building, 106 Gordon Street, Sanford, North Carolina. Commissioners present were James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, Nathan E. Paschal, and John T. Quiggle. Commissioners Robert H. Brown, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook were absent. Other staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, County Attorney K. R. Hoyle, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Mr. Frank Thompson, Vice-Chairman of the Lee County Board of Education welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Congressman Bob Etheridge and discuss the rising cost of fuel as it relates to schools. Congressman Etheridge stated that currently 70% of the fuel is purchased from overseas and the country needs to start looking for fuel alternatives. Sky-rocketing energy prices are impacting North Carolina's economy. He stated we must start investing in long-term strategies to reduce dependence on foreign oil, and Congress must also take steps to stabilize prices in the short run. As a member of the House Budget Committee, Congressman Etheridge has been working on a bipartisan basis to pass responsible legislation to respond to worsening economic conditions.

Reid Cagle, Lee County Schools Transportation Director stated he requested an additional \$120,000 in this year's budget just to cover fuel for the yellow buses. They are currently using a little over 1,000 gallons a day of gas for the buses alone.

A question and answer session followed Congressman Etheridge's presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jerry M. Lemmond, Vice-Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk