



MINUTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Finance Committee meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened in the Small Conference Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, immediately following the regular meeting of the Board. Commissioners present included Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, and Robert T. Reives. County Manager John Crumpton, County Attorney K. R. Hoyle, Finance Director Lisa Minter, Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee, Economic Development Director Bob Heuts, and Solid Waste Superintendent Joe Cherry were also present.

Finance Committee Chairman Robert Reives called the meeting to order and the following items were discussed:

Lee County Industrial Park – An appropriation of \$4,100 for an engineering study to begin the process of bringing the Industrial Park into compliance with Federal permits was discussed. Economic Development Director Bob Heuts updated the Committee on the existing conditions at the Industrial Park and discussed land options and land owners. Mr. Heuts stated the project needs to move forward but can not until an engineering study has been completed. He further stated it could take up to two-years to receive something in writing from the Corps of Engineers; therefore, the County needs assistance with the process to complete requirements. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve \$4,100 for an engineering study. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, and Reives

Nay: None

Chairman Reives moved the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Solid Waste Landfill Discussion – County Manager John Crumpton stated the final report from Richardson Smith Gardner & Associates had been received in reference to a recommendation in closing the County's C&D Landfill. After some discussion, Mr. Crumpton stated he felt it was in the best interest of the County to close the permitted section of the C&D Landfill as of June 30, 2008, at a cost of \$210,000, and approve the use of Richardson Smith Gardner & Associates to assist with the closure process. The Convenience Center's will remain open and the public will take landfill material to the Waste Management Transfer Station on

Wilkins Drive. The two employees employed at the Landfill will be offered jobs at General Services. Commissioner Kelly moved to approve Mr. Crumpton's recommendation to close the landfill effective June 30, 2008, and have Richardson Smith Gardner & Associates assist in the closing process. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, and Reives

Nay: None

Chairman Reives moved the motion had been adopted unanimously.

BRAC Funding – County Manager John Crumpton stated the FY 2007-08 budget included \$23,300 for BRAC expenses. During budget deliberations, the Finance Committee was notified of an increase in BRAC costs; however, they voted not to increase the level of funding in the FY 2007-08 budget. Lee County has an obligation as a Trier I county of \$31,938 for BRAC funding. A bill has now been received from the BRAC Regional Task Force for an additional \$8,638, the difference between the \$31,938 and the FY 2007-08 budgeted amount of \$23,300. After much discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to increase BRAC funding by \$8,638. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, and Reives

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Sandhills Center Request – County Manager John Crumpton told Committee members a letter had been received from Sandhills Mental Health asking permission to make improvements to the county owned building located at 130 Carbonton Road (Mental Health Facility). Mr. Crumpton discussed the following improvements requested for the Carbonton Road facility:

- Paint and wallpaper;
- Installation of new carpet;
- Installation of "hanging ceiling" in the Medical Records section;
- Rewiring of light fixtures due to new ceiling;
- Re-routing of heating/air conditioning duct work due to new ceiling; and
- Removal of one non-load bearing wall

If approved, Sandhills will insure that all necessary permits are obtained and that work completed is in compliance with current building codes. The Sandhills Center will fund all work completed. After some discussion, Mr. Crumpton was asked to work with Sandhills Director Mike Watson on other options for staff to be housed.

Gymnastics Facility – County Manager John Crumpton discussed a lease option for Lee County Parks & Recreation gymnastics programs. Mr. Crumpton stated that currently gymnastic programs are housed at the old Ford Building on Carthage Street and charged \$1,000 per month for the 7,500 square feet facility that has no air conditioning. Parks and Recreation Director John Payne has negotiated a 3-year lease for a 7,700 square feet, air-conditioned facility at the Moore Business Park that would cost \$2,500 per month. In prepared spread-sheets, Mr. Payne stated that if the program moved in January 2008 to a new location, an additional \$9,000 would be needed in FY 2007-08. Gymnastics fees are increasing by \$5.00 per hour in January 2008 (approved in the FY 2007-08 budget). Based on prior year's fee collections in the months of January through June, the increase would produce approximately \$3,100 to cover the additional

lease costs. Mr. Payne stated if approved, he would take needed money from his current budget and not purchase new gym equipment that had been approved in the FY 2007-08 budget. After much discussion, the Committee asked Mr. Crumpton to handle the matter. No action was taken.

With no further business to come before the Finance Committee, Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly and Reives
Nay: None

Chairman Reives ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned in keeping with the motion.

Robert T. Reives, Chairman
Lee County Finance Committee

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk