

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 7:00 pm Monday, September 19, 2011 in the main court room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Twine, Jernigan, Hora, Owens and Jordan were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell.

A prayer was led by Commissioner Jordan. Commissioner Twine led the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Twine stated the Agenda needed to be amended by the following: Renee McGinnis, Tax Administrator, will be added under Department Reports and the County Manager will be added under Old Business and New Business. Commissioner Hora requested a second Citizen's Comment period after the library presentation.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the amended Agenda. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Citizen's Comments

Mickey Lee, Gatesville, reported on his personal experience with a library and how a library has made a difference in his life.

Tiffany Cummings, Gates, read a letter from Lawrence Minx, requesting the County to do the right thing, create jobs, take care of the County, and have a public access to the schools after hours.

Robert Winslow, Sunbury, thanked the Commissioners for voting to go forward with a new library.

Earl Rountree, Sunbury, voiced his opinion on a new library, a quality building needs to be built and the Board needs to compromise and go forward.

Department Reports

Patrice Lassiter, GITS Director, presented the FY 2012 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Agreement for Gates County.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the ROAP Program Agreement. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Mrs. Parker, Sunbury, stated she had just moved to the area and wanted to have the GITS Program explained. Mrs. Lassiter explained the program and travel schedule.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to close the Public Hearing for the ROAP Program Agreement. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to accept the ROAP Program Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hora seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Reba Green-Holley, Extension Director, announced the Reid's Grove School (EIC Building) is now on the National Historic Register.

Renee McGinnis, Tax Administrator, discussed the value of the old Beulah Baptist Parsonage Teacherage on the Sunbury School property. She recommends a 55% depreciation for a house value of \$137,155 and a total value of \$170,075.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to accept the new tax value of the old Beulah Baptist Parsonage Teacherage of \$170,075. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Commissioner Hora presented a slide presentation on library data.

Toby Chappell, County Manager, stated the Board asked him to return with a contract for LS3P Associates. He presented a draft contract.

The consensus of the Board was the information had just been received and they would like to review it before making a decision.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to table the draft contract until the October 5 meeting. Commissioner Hora seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

New Business

Chairman Twine stated Abrom Saunders has been a member of the EIC Board for 25 years and he would like to be reappointed for another term.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to reappoint Abrom Saunders to another term on the EIC Board. The term will run from September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. Commissioner Hora seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Chairman Twine presented a resolution authorizing individuals to sign the requisition of funds for the Community Development Block Grant Contingency Capacity Building Grant.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing individuals to sign the requisition of funds for the Community Development Block Grant Contingency Capacity Building Grant. Commissioner Hora seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING AS THE INDIVIDUALS TO SIGN THE REQUISITION FOR FUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONTINGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING (CB) GRANT AWARDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE: COUNTY MANAGER; FINANCE OFFICER; COMMISSIONER GRAHAM TWINE OR COMMISSIONER JACK OWENS.

WHEREAS, the County of Gates has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for Gates County Housing Needs Assessment; and

WHEREAS, under the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, a maximum of four (4) or a minimum of two (2) signatures are required on each requisition form; and

WHEREAS, in order to request funds, an authorized signature card must be completed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective September 19, 2011, the following individuals are hereby authorized to sign a Requisition for CDBG Funds: County Manager; Finance Officer; Commissioner Chairman Graham Twine or Commissioner Jack Owens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to be the Certifying Official on the Signatory Form and Certification.

In the County of GATES

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2011

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

Mr. Chappell presented a Request for Surplus and Disposition of Assets for a 2005 Chevrolet Impala from the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the Request for Surplus and Disposition of Assets. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Chappell presented a resolution for the designation of agents authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state financial assistance from FEMA.

Commissioner Hora made a motion to appoint Billy Winn, Emergency Management Director, and Sandy Pittman, Finance Officer, as the designated agents for FEMA assistance. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

The Resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION	
DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT	
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management	
Organization Name (hereafter named Organization) COUNTY OF GATES	Disaster Number: FEMA-4019-DR-NC
Applicant's State Cognizant Agency for Single Audit purposes (If Cognizant Agency is not assigned, please indicate):	
Applicant's Fiscal Year (FY) Start Month: JULY Day: 1	
Applicant's Federal Employer's Identification Number 56 - 6000301	
Applicant's Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Number 37 - 073 -	
PRIMARY AGENT	SECONDARY AGENT
Agent's Name SANDY PITTMAN	Agent's Name BILLY WINN
Organization COUNTY OF GATES	Organization COUNTY OF GATES
Official Position FINANCE OFFICER	Official Position EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR
Mailing Address PO BOX 148	Mailing Address PO BOX 148
City, State, Zip GATESVILLE, NC 27938	City, State, Zip GATESVILLE, NC 27938
Daytime Telephone (252) 357-1251	Daytime Telephone (252) 357-5569
Facsimile Number (252) 357-0073	Facsimile Number (252) 357-0073
Pager or Cellular Number	Pager or Cellular Number
<p>BE IT RESOLVED BY the governing body of the Organization (a public entity duly organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina) that the above-named Primary and Secondary Agents are hereby authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of the Organization for the purpose of obtaining certain state and federal financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act, (Public Law 93-288 as amended) or as otherwise available. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named agents are authorized to represent and act for the Organization in all dealings with the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for all matters pertaining to such disaster assistance required by the grant agreements and the assurances printed on the reverse side hereof. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the above-named agents are authorized to act severally. PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20__.</p>	
GOVERNING BODY	CERTIFYING OFFICIAL
Name and Title	Name
Name and Title	Official Position
Name and Title	Daytime Telephone
CERTIFICATION	
<p>I, _____, (Name) duly appointed and _____ (Title) of the Governing Body, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by the Governing Body of _____ (Organization) on the _____ day of _____, 20__.</p>	
Date: _____	Signature: _____
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Citizen's Comments

Ear Rountree, Sunbury, stated Commissioner Hora's presentation was based on who uses the library. He questioned how much space is needed for the new library.

J. E. Harrell, Gates, stated he would like for the Board to share a payment plan with the citizens; questioned the hidden cost for a larger library; and would like the Board to keep the citizens informed.

Dan Bazemore, Eure, questioned why this information not furnished to the citizens a year ago. He felt the Board was withholding information. He would like the Board to give a majority of the citizens a chance to voice their opinion.

Sandra Nickens, Gatesville, stated she would like the Board to work together with accord and listen to the people of the County.

Megan Mallory, Gates, stated she has a library card but it was hard to get to the library with small children. She has an IPAD and gets E-Books. She suggests the Board talk to other engineers to reduce the cost. She lives on a budget and does not want taxes to go up.

Dan Etheridge, Hobbsville, spoke on the history of Gates County. Feels the old courthouse needs to be saved and the library needs to be kept in the old courthouse.

William Smith, Portsmouth, needed clarification on his tax bill.

Carolyn Riddick, Eure, stated the County is being torn apart because of the library. The County needs a library but the County needs to be concerned with jobs; revenue is needed in the County.

Jim Miller, Gatesville, stated he doesn't use the library but one is needed. All the citizens in the County need to be considered.

Commissioner Comments

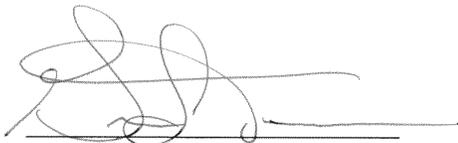
Commissioner Hora stated he was compassionate for those who want a library but wants to spend money wisely.

Commissioner Owens stated this is a sensitive topic. He will support local contractors building a new library.

Commissioner Jordan states he thinks the citizens should be canvassed by telephone and if the citizens say yes to a library then their money should be spent wisely,

Commissioner Jernigan stated a library was definitely needed. Hopefully when the bids come in we can build a library for less than anticipated.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hora seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.



Graham L. Twine, Chairman



Diane R. Hendrix, Clerk

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