

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2010**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners reconvened in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, 202 Court Street Gatesville, NC. Commissioners Twine, Jernigan, Askew, Nickens and Jordan were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell.

Chairman Twine called the meeting to order. A prayer was led by Rev. Gene Asbill. The pledge of allegiance was conducted by Girl Scout Troop 1461 under the direction of Troop Leader Stacy Winslow.

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Twine stated the Agenda needed to be amended, under New Business, A. 2. Lassiter's Day Care needed to be removed and the Board will enter Closed Session as authorized by NCGS.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to accept the Agenda with modifications. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Mr. Chappell gave an update on the Memorandum of Agreement between the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Program/North Carolina A & T University and Gates County for the 4-H Agent position. A & T University agreed to pay 54 % of the position rather than just 50%. This percentage of allocation will exist for the current employee only.

Chairman Twine stated the Board needs to appoint an at large member to the Albemarle Commission Board. Notify the Clerk to the Board of your recommendations and the appointment will be placed on the February 3 Agenda.

Aaron Perry read a Resolution recognizing February 8, 2010 as Boy Scouts of America Day the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts,

Commissioner Nickens made a motion to adopt the Resolution Declaring February 8, 2010 as Boy Scouts of America Day. Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

The Resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION
DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AS BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY**

Whereas, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates the 100th Anniversary of its formation on February 8, 2010; and

Whereas, throughout its history, the Boy Scouts of America have provided training to youth in leadership development, service to others, and civic responsibility; and

Whereas, numerous youth in our county have participated in the Scouting program through the years, becoming accomplished leaders both past and present; and

Whereas, Boy Scouts have performed a variety of valuable service projects throughout our county and its communities; and

Whereas, a National study has shown that youth who participate in Boy Scouts five or more years have:

- improved performance in reading, science, math and physical fitness;
- higher percentage of attendance to colleges and universities;
- obtained higher paying jobs;
- better ethical decision making; and
- higher attendance at religious services with their family;

Whereas, the national study has also shown that adults who were in Boy Scouts as a youth have:

- stated that Scouting had a positive influence on their lives as a youth and adult;
- learned positive character traits such as a being a good team player, always being honest, taking better care of the environment, respecting life and property of others; having pride in their country, respecting the elderly and having confidence in their abilities

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Gates County Board of Commissioners on this the 20th day of January, 2010 that February 8, 2010 is hereby declared "Boy Scouts of America Day."

Graham L. Twine, Chairman

Diane R. Hendrix, Clerk

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Askew discussed the concern of the use of center fire rifles in the County. George Owens, Wildlife Officer, stated the law regarding the use of rifles in the County and on game lands.

Joe Greene, Eure, stated he would like to see the Board proceed with the rifle concern.

Commissioner Jordan stated Smithfield Foods will be closing affecting 21 County residents.

Commissioner Askew announced he will be running for re-election for Commissioner of the Eure District in 2010.

Commissioner Jernigan stated he would like the County Manager to attend the legislative session in February.

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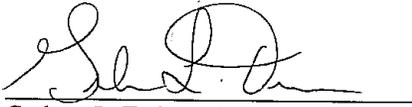
Commissioner Jordan stated he would like for the County's Housing Committee to be a part of the selection process of the Single Family Rehab Grant the County will be receiving.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to enter into Closed Session as authorized by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

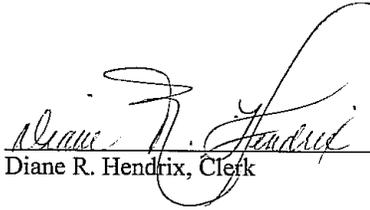
Commissioner Nickens made a motion to exit Closed Session and enter into Regular Session. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion referencing the employee discussed in Closed Session; he requested the County Manager provide the Board with an update in six months. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Nickens made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.



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