

**Gates County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2008**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, 202 Court Street, Gatesville, NC. Commissioners Pierce, Jernigan, Askew, Nickens and Twine were present. Also present was County Manager, Toby Chappell.

Chairman Pierce called the meeting to order. A prayer was conducted by Rev. Eugene Fields. The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Pierce.

Chairman Pierce introduced and welcomed the new County Manager, Toby Chappell.

Commissioner Twine made a motion to have Toby Chappell sworn in as the County Manager. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Nell Wiggins, Clerk of Superior Court, came forward to swear in Toby Chappell as the County Manager.

Commissioner Twine made a motion to swear in Diane Hendrix as Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

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Commissioner Nickens made a motion to approve the minutes as written with the addition of the bid from the Britt Fence Company for the Community Center project was also presented at the October 6, 2008, Board Meeting.

**Scheduled Appointments**

Renee McGinnis, Tax Assessor, came forward with the Proposed Schedule of Values. Notices to the public will be sent in January and February, 2009.

Commissioner Twine made a motion to accept the Proposed Schedule of Values. Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Colleen Turner, Director of Social Services, presented a proposal by the Aging Task Force for a Senior Center. No additional funds will be needed. It will be sponsored by Golden Leaf funds and grant monies. She is asking for a vote of support from the Board.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to support the Aging Task Force to continue their efforts for a Senior Center. Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Mrs. Turner stated statewide the Department of Social Services have been working with the Department of Emergency Management and the Disabled and Elderly Emergency Management Task Forces to create a Special Needs Registry for all 100 counties. This registry would be beneficial in the event of an emergency or natural disaster to notify the Department of Social Services and the Emergency Management Office of citizens with special needs. The county owns the software to implement this service. The form presented would be used to build the data base.

Reba Green-Holley, Extension Director, informed the Board that East Coast Ethanol will be constructing four (4) ethanol plants in the southeastern part of the U.S. East Coast Ethanol will be hosting an informational dinner meeting on November 12, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Chairman Pierce commented on the Proposed Animal Control Ordinance. The ordinance is still being reviewed.

### **Unscheduled Appointments**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson presented their concern on the Proposed Animal Control Ordinance; in particular the section regarding noise. They presented a packet of information and CD to each Commissioner for consideration.

### **Business**

Sandy Pittman, Finance Officer, presented Budget Amendments 21 through 24.

Commissioner Askew made a motion to accept Budget Amendments 21 through 24 as presented. Commissioner Twine seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Toby Chappell, County Manager, presented a request by the Economic Improvement Council to have Mr. Abrom Saunders re-appointed to the Economic Improvement Board of Directors for the period of September 1, 1008 through September 1, 1010.

Commissioner Jernigan made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Abrom Saunders to the Economic Improvement Board for the requested time. Commissioner Nickens seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Chappell presented to the Board the request from the Mental Health Board requesting one (1) Commissioner and one (1) citizen to serve on the Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Jernigan stated he has taken on this appointment temporarily but has not received any correspondence.

Mrs. Turner will pursue this issue in hopes of getting a volunteer and report back to the Board.

Mr. Chappell presented a request by the Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of the American Red Cross soliciting financial support.

Commissioner Nickens stated the Board has adopted a budget and the funds are limited.

Commissioner Askew stated it is difficult to come in the middle of a fiscal year and request funds when our budget has been adopted.

Commissioner Twine suggested a representative from the Red Cross attend the December 1st Commissioners' Meeting to discuss their needs.

Mr. Chappell presented a concern for the Robert S. Segal, Expense Reduction and Revenue Enhancement services.

Mrs. Turner requested if the County entered into a contract with Mr. Segal the Department of Social Services be exempt from this service.

Mr. Jordan commented the County needs to be very careful when entering into any contract.

Dan Bazemore commented he had experience with budgeting and financing. Having someone come into review employees' work is not showing a distrust but a failsafe to make sure work is done properly. This could be a learning tool for the county.

Commissioner Twine asked if the County Manager could personally meet with Mr. Segal.

Mr. Chappell commented he will have an answer for the Board at the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mr. Chappell presented the Proposed Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner Twine stated he felt citizen comment still needed to be reviewed.

Commissioner Nickens felt a committee needed to be appointed to review the proposed ordinance. He suggested Dr. Peggy Johnston, Lulu Eure and Dan Lang serve on this committee with the Animal Control Officer. Charles Ferguson volunteered to serve on this committee.

Commissioner Nickens made a motion a committee be formed to discuss the Proposed Animal Control Ordinance comprised of Dr. Peggy Johnston, Lulu Eure, Dan Lang, Charles Ferguson and Lacy Wilkins. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Twine stated he would like to be in attendance when the committee meets. Commissioner Nickens asked Mr. Chappell to also be in attendance.

Commissioner Nickens requested an attendance sign-in sheet be made available at all future meetings.

Commissioner Twine made a motion to enter into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-317.11(a)(b). Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Nickens made a motion to enter into Regular Session. Commissioner Askew seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition.

There being no further business Chairman Pierce recessed the meeting until November 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room.