MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 2, 1997

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chairman Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant Staff Attorney Jennifer Jackson, County Attorney Don H. Elkins, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were: Planning Director Matt Matteson, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, County Planner Karen Collins, Solid Waste Director Eldon Owen, Integrated Solid Waste Planner Nippy Page, and Easement Representative Doyle Freeman.

Absent were: Commissioner Vollie G. Good and Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hawkins led the pledge to the American Flag.

INVOCATION

Rev. Harold McKinnish, Interim Pastor of East Flat Rock First Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Commissioner Hawkins pulled item "C" from the Consent Agenda. It was added as item D-5 under Discussion Items. Mr. Hawkins also added Justice Wide Area Network as item D-4.

Commissioner Ward added a reason for going into Closed Session - to consult with the County Attorney regarding a personnel item (a)(6).

David Nicholson deleted the listed item (a) (3) from Closed Session.

Chairman Eklund added item D-6 -Telecommunications Grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

AMENDED CONSENT AGENDA included the following:

Henderson County Public Schools Financial Report (April)
The Henderson County Public School System had supplied their April
Financial Report for information only. No action required.

Road Petitions (addition to the State Maintenance System)
The Board had received a petition from the residents on E.
Chippendale Drive for their road to be added to the State
Maintenance System. It has been the policy of this Board to accept
petitions and forward them to NC DOT for their consideration.

INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

<u>Dr. John Caldemeyer</u> - Dr. Caldemeyer, Chief of Staff at Pardee Hospital, spoke regarding the proposed change of governing status of the hospital to the Hospital Authority. He spoke in favor of a BIG AUTHORITY. He wished to make it public that the change of government is not being considered because the hospital is in any kind of trouble. The hospital is in good standing. He stated that no direct financial support has been received from the County to the hospital since 1996.

<u>Dr. Peter Goodfield - Dr. Goodfield</u>, a member of the Board of Trustees of Pardee Hospital. He read the hospital's mission statement. He also spoke in favor of a BIG AUTHORITY. He stated that the hospital had no interest in things like eminent domain and that they would be willing to secede certain powers that would be part of a full hospital authority. If their powers are restricted too much, it would be a useless change.

<u>Dr. Robert Dowdeswell - Dr. Dowdeswell stated that he is practicing</u> here <u>because of, not in spite of</u>, the Pardee Hospital facility. He requested the Board of Commissioners act favorably in consideration

of a BIG AUTHORITY. Dr. Dowdeswell is a practicing Pathologist at Pardee.

Fred R. Dorsey - Mr. Dorsey spoke briefly concerning the proposed Western North Carolina Justice Academy at Edneyville. Mr. Dorsey read the Mission Statement of the Board of Commissioners. He requested the Commissioners consider the possibility of naming the Justice Academy "Justus Justice Academy" because of Larry Justus' efforts in getting the Justice Academy to locate in Henderson County.

PUBLIC HEARING - Special Use Permit Application #SP-46-96 by Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital for Proposed Nursing Home Facility and Hospice Facility in an Office and Institutional (O&I) District

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go into Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chairman Eklund stated this hearing was being held as required by Section 907 of the Henderson County Zoning Ordinance pursuant to the application of Frank Aaron on behalf of Pardee Hospital, Barbara Stewart on behalf of Four Seasons Hospice, David Sink on behalf of Blue Ridge Technical College Foundation, Tim Wilson on behalf of Toms Enterprise Incorporated, and Thomas Duane Hatchett and wife Judy Pace Hatchett pertaining to their application for a Special use Permit. This is a public hearing in that the public at large is allowed to be present; however, members of the public were not allowed to speak because the hearing was a Quasi-Judicial Hearing. The hearing was conducted under the Henderson County Board of Commissioners' Rules of Procedure for Quasi-Judicial Proceedings and section 907 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Quasi-Judicial Hearing is a hearing in which one's individual rights are being determined under the provisions of a particular ordinance. The law requires that when the Board is making individualized decisions such as this, that the procedure for making that decision be much like a court proceeding. This means that all who participate will be placed under oath before speaking and all who speak will be subject to questioning by the other participants.

Chairman Eklund reminded the Board that they could ask questions of any participant at any time.

The only persons who were allowed to participate were those who may be affected by the outcome of the decision. In this case, the Henderson County Planning Department, Pardee Hospital, Four Seasons Hospice, Blue Ridge Community College, Toms Enterprises Incorporated, Thomas Duane Hatchett and wife Judy Pace Hatchett and anyone who could demonstrate that they would specifically be affected by the outcome of the hearing.

Mr. Frank Aaron acted on behalf of Pardee Hospital and the other named applicants as petitioner. All other parties to the proceeding were considered opponents. The Board of Commissioners sat as a Quasi-Judicial body for this hearing. The Board made Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and ultimately a ruling on property that is or may be legally titled in the name of Henderson County. All property on which the Hospital and related facilities sit is legally titled to the County even though the County is not involved in the operational functions of the hospital.

Parties to the Proceeding:

Pardee Hospital by Frank Aaron and by Sharon Alexander, Hospital Attorney.

Four Seasons Hospice by Barbara Stewart.

Blue Ridge Technical College Foundation by David Sink.

Toms Enterprise Incorporated by Tim Wilson.

Thomas Duane Hatchett and wife Judy Pace Hatchett.

Matt Matteson, Henderson County Planning Director.

Chairman Eklund asked if there were anyone in the audience who wished to become a party to the proceeding. There was one - Sam Fritschner, Council for Hospice.

Clerk to the Board swore in the participants above as well as Bill Lapsley, Consulting Engineer for Pardee Hospital and Karen Collins a Henderson County Planner.

Frank Aaron, CEO at Pardee Hospital, stated that the Hospital filed a certificate of need about 18 months ago with the State. They were determined the best applicant of nine and were granted the Certificate of Need on October 31, 1996. They have selected the site for the Nursing Home to be a 40 acre site located adjacent to

Blue Ridge Community College property at the corner of College Drive and South Allen Road. The Nursing Home facility and the Four Seasons Hospice House will be located on about 10.5 acres of the 40 acres. The building itself will cover about 1.3 acres with open space covering the remainder of the 10 acre site.

Mr. Aaron recognized Bill Lapsley who reviewed the preliminary plan for the structures. He showed the footprint of the proposed facilities on a map. This facility will have public water supply from the City of Hendersonville. A waterline is proposed on three sides of the project. Sanitary sewer service for the facilities will come from the Mud Creek Water & Sewer District from the sewer interceptor line which runs along Bat Fork Creek at the rear of this property. There are two access drives from Allen Road with the main entrance from College Drive.

Matt Matteson, Planning Director, recognized County Planner Karen Collins who has been working with this project and guided it through the application process. Mr. Matteson stated that the Planning Board met on April 29 and voted to send the Board of Commissioners a favorable recommendation on the application with conditions.

In accordance with Sections 907 and 1105 of the Zoning Ordinance and State law, notices of this public hearing were published in the May 16 and May 23 editions of the <u>Times News</u>. On May 16, notices of the hearing were sent by certified mail to the applicants and to the owners of property adjacent to and near the site proposed for development. The Zoning Administrator posted notices of the hearing on the project site.

Ms. Collins reviewed eight (8) conditions which the Planning Board suggested be added to the permit, if issued. Planning Staff supports the recommendation by the Planning Board and suggested the Board of Commissioners consider including the following items as conditions to the permit, if approved:

- 1. The project should generally conform with the following:
 - a. the application materials
 - b. the revised preliminary site development plan received 5/23/97
 - c. the letter from William Lapsley dated 5/23/97

2. Final construction plans must comply with the setback and parking requirements for hospitals, nursing homes and other extended care facilities as described in Section 614.02(2) of the Henderson County Zoning Ordinance.

- 3. The project should not create obstructions to travel vision. A final site development plan should be submitted at the time of application for a zoning permit which shows site triangles at the project entrances/exits and the location of any permanent signs.
- 4. Evidence that an erosion and sedimentation control plan for the project has been approved by the Land Quality Division of the NC Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources should be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at the time of application for a zoning permit.
- 5. Design plans for the interior roads on the project site should be submitted to the Planning Department for approval prior to obtaining a zoning permit.
- 6. A plan showing how people may travel between the Blue Ridge Community College campus and the proposed development, which includes pedestrian crossings, any necessary signage, proposed sidewalks and bike paths should be submitted for review by the Planning Department prior to obtaining a zoning permit.
- 7. A plan for outdoor lighting which adequately protects neighboring properties and roads from adverse impacts should be submitted to the Planning Department prior to obtaining a zoning permit.
- 8. Evidence that a Street and Driveway Access Permit has been approved by NCDOT should be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at the time of application for a zoning permit.
- Ms. Collins stated that the proposed uses do comply with the Henderson County Land Use Plan

Frank Aaron requested Bill Lapsley to comment on the three entrances to the project. The original plans had only one entrance. Mr. Aaron felt that they could comply with all the recommendations reviewed without any difficulties.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion for the Board to go out of Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to approve the special use permit, subject to the eight stipulations from the Planning Board.

Commissioner Kumor listed some findings of fact:

- 1. Pardee Hospital proposes to build a Nursing Facility for which they have a certificate of need on a 10.5 acre site adjacent to the Blue Ridge Community College
- 2. A Hospice House will be attached to the Nursing Facility on the same piece of property
- 3. The total building will use approximately 1.5 acres and 9+acres of land will remain for open space
- 4. The concept has been approved by the Planning Board with recommendations
- 5. Pardee Hospital has said that they will conform with the recommendations for the special use permit
- 6. Hospice will be purchasing the Hatchett property and deeding it to Henderson County
- 7. The entire proposal is a partnership of Pardee Hospital, Hospice, and Blue Ridge Community College.

Commissioner Hawkins called the question to allow the permit with the stipulation of compliance with the June 2 memorandum that the Commissioners just received.

Commissioner Kumor added one additional finding of fact as #8 - The Board has found that this project does not adversely affect the health and safety of persons residing and working in the neighborhood of the proposed use and it will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or public improvements in the neighborhood.

A vote was taken on Mr. Hawkins motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING on Solid Waste Plan

Commissioner Ward made the motion for the Board to go into Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Solid Waste Committee along with representatives from the municipalities have been working to develop the state mandated Solid Waste Plan. This plan must meet specific state guidelines. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept comments on the plan.

Nippy Page, Integrated Solid Waste Planner, presented the plan. In reviewing the plan, Ms. Page stated that this plan is intended to be used to project future waste disposal and waste reduction tonnages for Henderson County. This is a 10 year plan which is meant to be revised every three years. Waste reduction goals have been set for 2001 and 2006. Waste reduction is projected at 40% for 2001 and 50% waste reduction for 2006. There are eight long-range policy goals included in the plan.

Part I of the plan addresses geographic and solid waste stream evaluation. The plan covers the incorporated as well as the unincorporated areas of Henderson County. Seventy-nine percent of our population is in the unincorporated areas of the county. The four municipalities are included in the plan. The waste stream evaluation was done primarily by the DMG study conducted at the landfill in 1991.

Part II of the plan is local waste reduction goals. The percentage goals can be converted from percents to tons diverted by examining population estimates and past waste disposal figures. Baseline year per capita rate was 1.14 tons. You can apply projected population to get projected waste disposal rates. You can then convert our 40% waste reduction rates and 50% waste reduction rates to the new per capita rate to calculate the amount of tonnage that we need to reduce and the amount of tons for disposal.

Part III is meeting the waste reduction goals. It is divided into sectors of residential, non residential, and construction and demolition waste. When you apply the new per capita rate of .68 and .57 to the county and the incorporated areas, you can then determine how much each area must reduce their waste stream.

Part IV is the planning process and public participation. The plan was developed by the Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee which includes the original Solid Waste Advisory Committee, 11 members of the community, plus four members from the municipalities. The committee began meeting in early March to

complete the plan. There was a public notice in the *Times News* on April 20 to advertise the goals, the meeting dates, and the fact that the meetings were open to the public, and to notify the public that this was in process.

Ms. Page stated that comments made at the public hearing would be incorporated into the draft plan and brought back to the Board on June 18 for the Board's recommendations and comments. She will then bring it back to the Board at the July 7 meeting for adoption of the plan.

Part V is solid waste management methods, assessment of programs, and description of intended actions. Each method recommended in Senate Bill#111 which is Source Reduction, Collection, Recycling and Reuse, Composting and Mulching, Incineration with Energy Recovery, and Incineration without Energy Recovery, Transfer of Solid Waste and Disposal are all discussed in the Solid Waste Management Plan. The current programs and any intended action to be implemented are listed.

Part VI is Education. Special waste such as tires, used motor oil, hazardous waste, illegal disposal, littering and dumps, purchasing of recycled products. Each of these segments are discussed with a summary and intended actions.

Part VII is Solid Waste Costs and Financing Methods. There is a section with the County and Municipal budget with a current description of their costs for disposal and waste reduction programs. It shows a per ton fee or a household fee.

Part VIII is Facilities and Resources available through Private Enterprise. There is a section that states that the county uses both public and private operated facilities for our waste reduction and disposal programs.

The Henderson County Landfill will close January 1, 1998. We will no longer bury waste there. However our recycling center will remain as is. The solid waste department will deal with white goods, tires, used motor oil, and continue the textile program. The tub grinder will continue to deal with wood wastes. Henderson County will also have a permitted construction and demolition field.

We need to build and operate a transfer facility with completion to be by the end of 1997.

Ms. Page stated that this plan should be considered as Phase I. Several programs have been recommended to achieve the goals set forth in this plan. These include curbside recycling, a formal composting program, reuse such as a sharing shed. The specifics of these recommended programs will be considered in phase II of the plan complete with estimated costs and details of implementation. Tipping fees and other financing methods will also be addressed. They could not be addressed in this plan because the bids have not come in for the construction of the transfer station and because no decision has been made at this time for hauling and disposal. Other programs such as recycling and composting need to be addressed in detail before fees can be set. There has been no to how to provide curbside recycling decision made as These decisions will be addressed in the revision of composting. the plan.

Public Input

1. Rocky Holbert - Mr. Holbert, representing the Henderson County Solid Waste Haulers Association, stated that the Association is a non profit association made up of 18 solid waste companies operating in Henderson County. They represent residential, commercial, and industrial accounts throughout the county.

The haulers are in opposition to parts of the plan. They feel that suggestions they have made to the plan have been ignored. They are concerned that many county residents feel that they actually benefit their hauler financially by allowing their recycling items to be picked up. They are not against recycling but do not favor curbside recycling county-wide. For there to be a cost effective curbside recycling program in Henderson County, it would cost waste haulers and their customers at least an additional \$2-4 per month for the haulers to provide this service.

Mr. Holbert brought up several items in the plan that they are opposed to, one on page 6, page 18, and page 20.

The waste haulers recommend that Henderson County at least consider siting another landfill in case the fee escalates to more than we can bear.

2. Dutch Burdette - Mr. Burdette complimented Ms. Page on the wonderful job that she has done. He would like to see the Board pass an Ordinance requiring all haulers to furnish curbside recycling. This is one way to get to the 40% reduction goal.

3. Mary Jo Padgett - Ms. Padgett, Executive Director of the Environmental and Conservation Organization of Henderson County (ECO), spoke in support of the Solid Waste Plan, especially the plan to reduce waste flow by 40% by 2001, to implement county-wide recycling, and to initiate county-wide composting. She spoke in support of increased education of recycling efforts in the medical, commercial, and industrial sectors through the county and in the primary business district in the downtown area.

She spoke of concern about illegal dumping around the county, in regards to aesthetics, health, and environmental effects.

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go out of Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Nicholson to meet with the responsible parties such as Solid Waste Haulers, SWAC, Ms. Page, and others and iron out the issues.

CANE CREEK WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion for the Board to go out of General Session and to go into Cane Creek Water & Sewer District. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING - Proposed annexation of several properties in the vicinity of Highway 280 and the French Broad River into the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go into Public Hearing for proposed annexation of several properties in the vicinity of Highway 280 and the French Broad River into the Cane Creek Water and Sewer District. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Input

There was none.

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go out of Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Kumor made the motion for the Board to go out of Cane Creek Water & Sewer District and return to the regular session of Henderson County Board of Commissioners. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

AWARD OF BID FOR COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH AND FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM Bill Blalock reminded the Board that on Wednesday, April 16, 1997, the Board of Commissioners gave the Henderson County Sheriff's Department the go-ahead with the E-911 Project, for the purchase of a new E-911 system and relocation to 100 North King Street. Since that time, the Sheriff's Department has been working diligently to secure quotes, negotiate with vendors, and put together requests for proposals.

There are several components to the E-911 Project. The first is the actual hardware and software to operate the E-911 system. The software is Computer Aided Dispatch Software and File Management System Software. The list of hardware is contained in the sample Cost Proposal Forms included in the agenda packet. There will be six consoles in the dispatch room, and one console in the supervisor's office. The Sheriff's Department and staff are recommending that the County purchase the software and lease the hardware. Both the purchase and the lease were lumped into one Request for Proposal, which was put out for bid on May 17, 1997. Bids were received on June 2, 1997.

The Board raised questions and therefore the next item was presented also before any action was taken.

AWARD OF BID FOR CONSOLE FURNITURE FOR E-911 PROJECT

This is the second component to the E-911 Project. The Console furniture will house the hardware and software components of the new E-911 system and will serve as working space for the dispatchers. The Request for Proposals, including a sample of the console furniture was reviewed. There will be six consoles in the dispatch room and one console in the supervisor's office. The purchase of the console furniture was put out for bid on May 17, 1997. Bids were received on June 2, 1997.

Vision Software and Watson Furniture are the companies we will be dealing with if approved.

Following much discussion, Commissioner Kumor made the motion to accept the bids on both the Computer Aided Dispatch and File Management System and the Console Furniture, as presented by Mr. Blalock. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

OFFER TO PURCHASE/Foreclosed Property

Don Elkins reminded the Board that at the May 21 meeting, the Board of Commissioners rejected an offer to purchase of \$150.00 on a piece of property in Laurel Park. The gentleman who had bid \$150.00 on the property has raised his offer to \$250.00. He owns adjoining property. He paid a deposit and advertising fee. Upon motion by the Board, the Clerk will advertise the offer for upset bids.

Commissioner Ward made the motion - the Board proposed to receive the foregoing offer and the Clerk is directed to cause legal notice thereof to be published one time in the Times-News, Hendersonville, NC. In the event that an increased bid is filed, the Clerk is directed to re-advertise as required by law, and to repeat this procedure until ten days have elapsed from date of last publication without a qualifying upset bid having been received.

All voted in favor and the motion carried.

UPDATE ON PENDING ISSUES

1. Update on Hospital Reorganization - Angela Skerrett had prepared a chronology of events regarding Pardee Hospital Reorganization. Ms. Skerrett and Ms. Alexander (Pardee Hospital Attorney) are meeting and reviewing documents in detail.

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There is a need to educate the public.

2. Update on Bond Issue - David Nicholson met with Dr. Lundsford last week to work on some of the details of the program. Carey McLelland has begun with the drafting of the sample resolution. David and Carey will be in Raleigh this Friday morning to meet with

the Local Government Commission (LGC). They will present the basic information to the LGC of the bond proposal and get an application from them.

- 3. Mayor's Cup Raft Race The annual French Broad River Month "Mayor's Cup" Raft Race will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997. There were no Commissioners who could make it at that date and time. David will see if he can get a staff team together to represent Henderson County.
- 4. Justice Wide Area Network Commissioner Hawkins questioned why we lost funding for JWAN from the Governor's Crime Commission? He also asked where we would get \$75,000 to operate JWAN for four months?

David Nicholson said that we have not yet received formal notification that we have not received the Governor's Crime Commission funds. People have told us that from the state-wide level. David feels that because we got so much money last year for the project that maybe that is why we may not get it this year. The \$75,000 is a proposal that Mr. Nicholson would have to make to the Board as part of the budget process to finish up the project.

5. Resolution from

"American Heritage River" - Commissioner Hawkins requested more information on this before taking any action on this item that was in the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Kumor stated that the process started several months ago when the President said he would classify ten American Heritage Rivers. The RiverLink Board, who is the non profit advocate for the French Broad River, put together people from all four counties to go to the meeting and start talking about the advantages of having it designated as an American Heritage River. Commissioner Kumor is on the committee representing Henderson County.

Commissioner Hawkins requested more information on how this would affect Henderson County.

6. Land Of Sky - Chairman Eklund addressed a letter he had received from Land Of Sky requesting a letter of support from Henderson County for a computer web market program for four counties as a

four county consortium. No funds will be required of Henderson County.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to approve the request, sending a letter of support from Henderson County. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

NOMINATIONS

Chairman Eklund reminded the Board of the following vacancies and opened the floor to nominations:

1. Western Carolina Community Action Board of Directors - 1 ac. There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

2. Youth Advisory Board - 1 vac.

There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting. Anne Whitmire was nominated at the last meeting.

3. Henderson County Board of Health - 3 vac.

Commissioner Hawkins nominated Dr. Karen Davis, Larry Baber, and Pam Miller for reappointment. Commissioner Ward nominated Argie Taylor. This will be on the next agenda and the Clerk will poll the Board.

4. Jury Commission - 1 vac.

Dutch Burdette was nominated for reappointment at the last meeting. Commissioner Kumor made the motion to appoint Mr. Burdette. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. Mountain Area Workforce Development Board - 3 vac.

Patti Leonard was nominated for reappointment at the last meeting. Commissioner Kumor made the motion to appoint Ms. Leonard. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The other two appointments must be recommended by the Chamber of Commerce. We have not received their recommendation as yet.

6. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Advisory Council (RSVP) - 1 vac. Billie Sue Robinson was nominated for reappointment at the last meeting. Commissioner Kumor made the motion to appoint Ms. Robinson. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

7. Henderson County Child Fatality Prevention Program - 1 vac. There were no nominations at this time so this item was rolled to the next meeting.

8. Asheville Regional Housing Consortium - Board of Directors - 1 vac. Commissioner Kumor nominated Selena Coffey, Henderson County Budget Analyst. This will be on the next agenda for appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Commissioners Calendar was reviewed.

David Nicholson requested two additional dates for budget work session, June 10 and June 17, both at 5:30 p.m. This was agreeable with Commissioners.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Ward made the motion for the Board to go into Closed Session as allowed under NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

Robert D. Eklund, Chairman