

**MINUTES**  
**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008**

The Davie County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2008 in the Commissioners' Room of the Davie County Administration Building, 123 South Main Street, Mocksville, NC.

Commissioners Present:

Thomas G. Fleming, Chairman  
Chris Anderson, Vice-Chairman  
John L. Frye  
Bobby H. Knight  
Richard B. Poindexter

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Beth M. Dirks, County Manager  
James J. Stockert, Deputy County Manager  
Sally W. Smith, County Attorney  
Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Fleming called the meeting to order.

Ms. Beth Dirks, County Manager, gave the invocation.

Mr. Neal Smith, Information Systems Director, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Employee Service Awards:** A total of thirty-four employees were recognized for their years of service with Davie County.

On behalf of the Davie County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Fleming expressed appreciation to the employees who were recognized.

**Public Comments:**

**Carol and Bob Head, Highway 601 South, Mocksville** – Ms. Head stated that she and her husband are animal lovers. She inquired why Davie County does not have a law that requires owners to provide shelter for animals that are chained or confined in pens. Ms. Head explained that these animals are exposed to the elements with no way of seeking shelter. She asked what action could be taken to remedy these situations.

**Mr. Jesse Gentry, 3198 NC Highway 801 North, Mocksville** – Mr. Gentry expressed appreciation to Commissioners Tom Fleming and John Frye for their four years of service to the citizens of Davie County.

Mr. Gentry stated that for the past five years he has complained about the loud speakers at the Farmington Dragstrip being too loud. He is able to hear the announcer not only while he is in his yard, but also while he is in his home. Mr. Gentry stated that the current owners are not abiding by the terms of the gentlemen's agreement and he felt that they need to be held accountable.

**Annual Report of the Davie County Nursing-Adult Care Homes Community**

**Advisory Committee (CAC):** Ms. Vickie Turner, Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman, with the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging, presented an overview of the collaborative efforts by the Davie County Nursing-Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Regional Ombudsman from October 1, 2207 through September 8, 2008.

The mission of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is to advocate for high standard of care and good quality of life for the long term care residents of Davie County.

The Davie County CAC is comprised of ten volunteers who are appointed by the Board of Commissioners. These committee members have spent 234 hours carrying out their duties and have driven a total of 847 miles in service to long term care residents.

The following is a list of activities conducted by the CAC:

- Met quarterly to conduct committee business and receive on-going training
- Made unannounced quarterly visits to the seven (7) long term care facilities in Davie County to distribute information on Residents' Rights, interact with residents and family members, observe the general living conditions, make recommendations to the administration, and follow up on issues of concern.
- Initiated Culture Change Project for residents in one nursing home to create more relaxing, comfortable shower/bathing experiences.
- Responded to calls of inquiry from the general public regarding long term care options, regulations, how to file a complaint, Advance Directives, POA, and guardianship.
- Conducted elder abuse prevention and education
- Made presentations on Resident's Rights and the Ombudsman Program to the Aging Services Planning Committee, Department of Social Services, Health Department and Facility Resident and Family Councils.
- Provided information and technical assistance to facilities on topics affecting residents, such as tax stimulus checks, DTV conversion, voting rights, proper transfer/discharge notice, and dealing with difficult behaviors.
- Handled 18 formal complaints.

**Consent Agenda:** The following item to the consent agenda:

- (1) EMS - Request to Increase Rates to Coincide with 2008 Medicare Allowable Amounts.

The following items were presented and approved on the Consent Agenda:

- (1) **Approval of the Minutes** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting (Special, Regular, and Closed Session). Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- (2) **Tax Reports, Releases and Refunds** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve the tax reports, releases and refunds for the period of September 15, 2008 through October 14, 2008 as incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment A**

- (3) **Davie County Identity Theft Prevention Program** - The Davie County Identity Theft Prevention Program was developed pursuant to the Federal Trade Commission's Red Flags Rule, which implements Section 114 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act of 2003.

Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve the Davie County Identity Theft Prevention Program as incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment B**

- (4) **Resolution Supporting Health Care Services to Veterans at the W.G. (Bill Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting health care services to veterans at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner Veterans Affairs Medical Center as per resolution incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment C**

- (5) **Amendments to the Records Retention Schedule for Tax Administration** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve the amendments to the Records Retention Schedule for Tax Administration. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- (6) **Appointments**

- (1) **Davie County Economic Development Commission** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to appoint Ms. Beth Dirks to serve as the county manager representative on the Davie County Economic Development Commission. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- (2) **Davie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to appoint Ms. Beth Dirks to serve as the county manager representative on the Davie County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0. (Term expiration 06/30/09)
- (3) **Davie Domestic Violence Services and Rape Crisis Center Board** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to appoint Ms. Beth Dirks to serve as the county manager representative on the Davie Domestic Violence Services and Rape Crisis Center Board. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- (4) **Northwest Piedmont Job Training Consortium** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to appoint Ms. Beth Dirks to serve as the county manager representative on the Northwest Piedmont Job Training Consortium. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- (7) **Budget Amendments/Transfers** – Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve Budget Amendments No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 40, No. 41 and Budget Transfer No. 15 as incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- (8) **Request to Increase EMS Rates to Coincide with the 2008 Medicare Allowable** - Commissioner Poindexter made a motion to approve the request to allow Davie County EMS to charge the 2008 Medicare Allowable (Rural) for those services that are currently being charged at a lower rate. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

|                     | <u>Updated Medicare Allowable (Rural)</u> | <u>Current Charge</u> |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|
| ALS NE A0426        | \$233.49                                  | \$227.00              |
| ALS E A0427         | \$369.69                                  | \$359.00              |
| BLS NE A0428        | \$194.58                                  | \$200.00              |
| BLS E A0429         | \$311.32                                  | \$303.00              |
| ALS A0433           | \$535.08                                  | \$520.00              |
| Urban Mileage A0425 | \$ 6.61                                   | \$ 9.65               |
| Rural Mileage 1-17  | \$ 9.92                                   | \$ 9.65               |
| Mileage >50         | \$ 8.26                                   | \$ 9.65               |

(Medicare’s reimbursement is based on the Medicare Fee Schedule or the charged amount, whichever is less. Increasing the rates will ensure that the county is maximizing the potential revenue for Medicare claims.)

**Appointment of Finance Director:** The position vacancy announcement for Finance Director was posted internally. Ms. Robin West, Interim Finance Director, submitted an application for the position. Ms. Beth Dirks, County Manager, and Mr. James Stockert, Deputy County Manager, conducted an interview with Ms. West.

Ms. Dirks and Mr. Stockert recommended that Ms. Robin West be appointed Finance Director, with a contract.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to appoint Ms. Robin West to serve as Finance Director, with contract as incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment D**

**Order Adopting the Final Schedules, Standards and Rules for the 2009 Revaluation and Appraisal of Real Property:** A public hearing on the proposed schedules was held on October 6, 2008.

Commissioner Frye made a motion to approve the Order Adopting the Final Schedules, Standards and Rules for the 2009 Revaluation and Appraisal of Real Property as incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment E**

**Staff Report:**

Mr. James J. Stockert, Deputy County Manager, reported on the following items: (1) **Senior Services** – A dinner will be held at 5: 30 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2008 for all veterans. (2) **Library** – Mr. Elliot Engle is scheduled to present a program on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be a fundraiser on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center. The proceeds will be used toward the purchase of a new sign for the Davie County Public Library. The sign is an Eagle Scout project for Jason Lambert. (3) **Cooperative Extension** – Staff has scheduled a Producer Grant Workshop for Wednesday, November 12, 2008. The grants are for new farm and business ventures. (4) **Veterans' Service** – Mr. Don Cover will participate in a Veteran's Program on Friday, November 7, 2008 at North Davie Middle School.

**County Manager's Report:**

(1) **Letter of Appreciation** - Ms. Beth Dirks read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Larry Colbourne, President, Mebane Charitable Foundation, regarding the \$1,000,000 commitment made by the Board of Commissioners for school technology projects. (A copy of the letter is attached.) (2) **Elections** – The polls will open tomorrow at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. The returns will be posted at the Davie County Courthouse. (3) **Public Utilities** – The Redland Road Booster Pump Station is nearing completion. The lines should be tested within the next two weeks. The US Highway 64 water line project should be completed this month.

**Attachment F**

**(5) Proposed Workshop** – At the October 6, 2008 regular meeting, Chairman Fleming mentioned the possibility of scheduling a workshop. Ms. Dirks announced that due to scheduling conflicts, the workshop has been postponed.

Ms. Dirks gave a brief recap of the some of the projects that have been completed during the past year.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Resolution in Support of a Turn Lane on US Highway 64 East at John Crotts Road (SR1602)** – Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adopt the resolution in support of a left turn lane on US Highway 64 East at John Crotts Road as per resolution incorporated as part of the minutes. Commissioner Poindexter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

**Attachment G**

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Commissioner Frye stated that he had enjoyed serving the citizens of Davie County for the past four years.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Frye made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 to 0.

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Brenda B. Hunter, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners

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Thomas G. Fleming, Chairman  
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