

DECEMBER 19, 2005

The Pender County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, December 19, 2005, at the Pender County Public Assembly Room, 805 South Walker Street, Burgaw, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Stephen Holland, Vice Chairman F. D. Rivenbark, and Commissioners Eugene Meadows Bill Moore, and David Williams.

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bauer, County Manager, Paul Parker, Assistant County Manager, Trey Thurman, County Attorney, Melinda Knoerzer, Deputy Clerk to the Board, and members of the Press and Public.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Holland called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Rivenbark offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

There were no requests for public information presentations by the agenda deadline.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Holland presented the 14 items on the Consent Agenda and said there was a question regarding item number five (5). Mr. Meadows asked if a full time Building Inspector would be more appropriate than the part-time person being proposed. He said he has heard concerns from Contractors experiencing delays in inspections. Mr. Bauer said the Planning/Inspections Department added a Permit Technician this year, and this temporary fix is a "bridge" to the end of this fiscal year. He said he evaluates the staffing situation frequently. Upon the motion of Mr. Rivenbark, second by Mr. Williams and unanimous vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Resolution Approving Minutes of Regular Meeting: November 21, 2005 and Closed Session Minutes: November 21, 2005
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: E-911: Reallocation of Telecommunication Expense \$108,000 Decrease
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Health Promotion: \$13,693 Decrease
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: DSS: Public Assistance: Crisis Intervention \$1,829.00 Increase
5. Resolution Authorizing Award & Contract Execution: Building Inspection Services: William R. Manley: Not-to-Exceed \$6,912
- 5a. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Contract Inspection Services: \$6,912
6. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Women's Health: Health Promotion: \$11,494 Increase

7. Resolution Awarding & Authorizing Execution: Lease: Probation & Parole: 312 W. Williams Street, Burgaw, NC: \$21,931 Per Year
8. Resolution for State Assistance from the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources: Division of Water Resources: Mill Creek Dredging Project, Inc., \$32,680 – No County Funds Involved
9. Resolution Authorizing Pender County Cooperative Extension to Apply for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant in the amount of \$45,000
10. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Hampstead Kiwanis Park Donation – Playground: \$52,300
11. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Child Health: \$75,000 Increase
12. Budget Ordinance Amendment Establishing Water/Wastewater Capacity Fees Establishing Account to Receive Revenues: \$500,000 Increase
13. Resolution Authorizing Official Signatories of County Bank Accounts

RESOLUTIONS

14. Resolution to Increase Wastewater Capacity Fee

Mr. Bauer said this would be a one-time fee to recover initial costs associated with obtaining treatment capacities and to generate capital reserves to pay for future upgrades. He said the Board approved these fees at \$5 per gallon of wastewater. However, since the Wastewater Master Plan has progressed, actual construction costs have been determined to warrant an increase to \$8 per gallon. Mr. Moore asked if this could increase again as construction costs escalate. Mr. Bauer stated that it would be monitored periodically to keep fees in line with construction costs. Upon the motion of Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Moore, and unanimous vote, the Board approved item 14 as presented.

15. Resolution to Revise the 2006 Calendar of Board Meetings

Mr. Bauer said this is being proposed in order to address the concerns of Commissioner Rivenbark who would have missed two (2) meetings on the previously approved calendar, due to his attendance at NACo meetings in March and August. After some discussion, it was decided to modify the recently approved calendar in that two (2) meetings would be held in March (March 13 and 20), two (2) meetings would be held in July (July 10 and 24) and one (1) meeting would be held in August (August 21) of 2006. This was approved by a vote of 4 to 1, having been motioned and seconded by Commissioners Rivenbark and Moore respectively. Mr. Meadows voted in opposition.

16. Resolution Awarding Contract and Authorizing Execution: McKim & Creed Engineers: Engineering Services Related to Field Surveying: Tract A: \$13,800

Mr. Bauer said this work is necessary in order to begin preliminary implementation of the Wastewater and Water Master Plans for Pender County. He said this study has identified three (3) tracts of land (Tract A, Tract B and Tract C) that merit further investigation into their soil suitability, and hydrogeological orientation. In addition, it is necessary to determine how much land would be required to sustain these types of facilities. He introduced Tony Boahn of McKim and Creed and Ed Andrews, a hydrogeologic expert. Mr. Bauer assured the Board that while he is asking for authority to pay for full investigations on all three tracts, these folks will make initial evaluations along the way

and if early incompatibility is indicated, they would not need to spend the entire amount of money.

Mr. Andrews said they need to drill test wells and look for the connection between where water is disposed of and where it comes out. He said if the site is deemed appropriate, as he anticipates, this amount of money would get the County all documentation needed to obtain state permits and to move forward. He said he believes this plan will work, but must drill to actually see what is beneath the surface. They will work closely with the State and will be able to determine how much land is needed for these types of facilities. Mr. Andrews noted that reclaimed water is being sold (for irrigation) in the Town of Cary for \$2.75 per thousand gallons, while drinking water sells for \$3.75 per thousand gallons.

Mr. Holland called for a vote on the above referenced resolution as well as the following:

- 16a. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: McKim & Creed Engineers: Engineering Services Related to Field Surveying: Tract A: \$13,800**
- 16b. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: McKim & Creed Engineers Engineering Services Related to Field Surveying: Tract B: \$13,800**
- 16c. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: McKim & Creed Engineers Engineering Services: Water and Wastewater Plants Site: Tract C: \$24,960**
- 17a. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: Ed Andrews & Associates: Hydrogeological Investigations: Tract A: \$45,800**
- 17b. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: Ed Andrews & Associates: Hydrogeological Investigations: Tract B: \$45,800**
- 18a. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: Soil, Water & Environment Group: Soils Investigations Related to Tract A: \$17,550**
- 18b. Resolution Awarding Contract & Authorizing Execution: Soil, Water & Environment Group: Soils Investigations Related to Tract b: \$17,550**

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve 16a, 16b, 16c, 17a, 17, 18a and 18b. Mr. Rivenbark provided the second and the Board voted unanimously to approve all seven (7) items as presented.

ROCKY POINT/TOPSAIL WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Holland convened the Board as the Directors of the Rocky Point Topsail Water & Sewer District at 4:25 p.m.

- 19. Resolution Authorizing Change Order Number 2 to the McKim & Creed Engineering Services Contract for Additional Construction Administration and Construction Observation Services for Phase III Water Project: \$67,200**

Tony Boahn said that despite Hendrix Barnhill's attendance at monthly progress meetings and assurances that they were putting five (5) to seven (7) crews in the field, they only had two (2) or three (3) crews working. He said Hendrix Barnhill is now paying a "hefty" sum in liquidated damages. Phase III serves central Hampstead, from Topsail High School south to Brown Town. Mr. Bauer said this is not an unusual

problem when building water lines because contractors generally run behind. If the deadlines are not met, the liquidated damages are continued. There is no stipulation in the contract for increases in liquidated damages. Mr. Boahn said that to date, the amount kept in retainage would more than cover the liquidated damages through the end of March of 2006. Upon the motion of Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Meadows and unanimous vote of the Board, Change Order number two (2) was approved as presented.

Mr. Holland re-convened the regular meeting of the Pender County Board of Commissioners at 4:31 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

20. Resolution Approving Appointment of Citizens to Boards, Commissions, etc.

Mr. Bauer said there are three (3) applications for one (1) position and two (2) of the three (3) live in District 5, where the vacancy exists. After brief discussion, Mr. Moore made a motion to appoint Ms. Virginia Barnhill to the ABC Board to replace Dorothy Henderson for the period of December 19, 2005 to June 30, 2009. This motion was seconded by Rivenbark and carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

DISCUSSION/WORK SESSION

21. Draft Agenda: Board-Manager Retreat: 02/06/05 – 02/08/05

Mr. Bauer said the Board is free to hold this event anywhere within the County. Mr. Holland said that since every other meeting is held in Burgaw, it would be appropriate to consider holding the retreat once again on Topsail Island. He said this gives the Towns of Surf City and Topsail Beach an opportunity to talk with the County. Mr. Bauer advised the Board that they should plan to hold annual meetings with the Towns of St. Helena, Atkinson, and Watha altogether, and separate meetings with the Towns of Burgaw, Surf City and Topsail Beach, as well as the Cape Fear Community College Board, and the Pender County Board of Education. He said these should ideally be dinner meetings and they would generally be held on a Tuesday or Thursday evening in January or February. The Board approved the dates for the retreat and the location at Topsail Beach and indicated general consensus to holding the meetings as suggested by Mr. Bauer.

22. ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Bauer presented the following Items of Interest:

1. Pender County Financial Performance Summary: Nov. 30, 2005
2. Planning/Inspections Statistical Report: Nov 2005
3. Cooperative Extension Monthly Report: Nov. 2005
4. Status of Voting Equipment
 - a. NCACC Memo with information re: Infinity MicroVote (Pender's current voting equipment)
 - b. State Board of Elections Memo re: Decertification of Equipment
 - c. NCACC Press Release: "State fails to provide counties with enough money and time to comply with new elections standards"
5. NCACC Medicaid Alert
6. FEMA response to County letter asking for debris pickup on private roads

7. Metropolitan Planning Organization response to County letter asking for appointment of Al Freimark as County representative.
8. Topsail Island Shoreline Protection Commission: Revised Charter
9. Charter Communications letter re: Rate Increase
10. Area Agency on Aging – Assessment Results: Pender Adult Services, Inc
11. Resolution regarding Low Income Energy Assistance Program
12. Letter from Wayne County re: NC Passenger Rail Study and Wilmington to Wallace Rail Study

Mr. Bauer noted, with respect to item number one (1), that General Fund revenues are at 26.5% and expenditures are at 32.6%. He said this is appropriate because most property tax is not collected until late December or early January.

There was a brief discussion on the status of voting equipment recommended by the State Board of Elections. Some equipment approved by North Carolina has been rejected by other states. Mr. Bauer said that the NCACC is lobbying on behalf of the Counties' on this matter because this is a State of North Carolina decision. Mr. Rivenbark said that he learned in a meeting earlier this week that MicroVote is still attempting to obtain state certification. Mr. Bauer said the net cost to replace the County's voting machines, after a \$200,000 state grant, would be in the neighborhood of \$100,000 to \$200,000.

It was noted, with respect to item 7 above, that Mr. Williams would be the County's representative on the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization, by previous decision.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Thurman said he would have a discussion item for closed session. He noted that he would be addressing drainage issues at Morgan Cove Subdivision during the evening session. He said he toured the site with Mr. Walton (Engineer) and Mr. Palmer (Planning Director) and expects that residents of that subdivision and Old River Acres would be present for that discussion.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Williams noted that the potential income from the new lotteries is affected by the County's net effective tax rate. He said Pender is only projected at about \$600,000 per year. Mr. Bauer said this would be discussed at the retreat. With regard to Fire Department Contracts, Mr. Williams asked if these could be renewed with stipulations regarding membership to preclude convicted felons. Mr. Thurman said that language could be incorporated, but that could create potential future liability if the County does not take steps to enforce it on all levels. Mr. Williams noted that he would potentially be attending the North Carolina Division of Water Resources' meeting in Wilmington on December 20th on the maintenance of Corps of Engineers shallow draft navigation channels.

Mr. Rivenbark asked if the County was still involved with the NCACC health insurance benefits program. Mr. Bauer informed him that County "opted out" last year. Mr.

Rivenbark said that Penderlea had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their new medical facility built with federal grant monies of which Penderlea was one of only 15 grant recipients.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rodney Simpkins, resident of Mallard Bay Road, and owner of four (4) contiguous lots on the waterway presented information he had discovered relative to the method of taxation used to value lots on the waterway during the 2003 Revaluation. Mr. Simpkins said he had begun to raise this issue with Commissioners in the Spring of 2003. He said the problem is that prior to Revaluation, all four (4) of his lots were valued the same, and after, revaluation, they were different: two (2) lots were valued at \$102,000 and the other two (2) lots were valued at \$157,000. He said he asked the Tax Assessor at the time, Mr. Harold Triplett, why the change, but received no answer. He said Mr. Triplett tried to make him believe that 50 foot lots (water frontage) were selling at a rate of 53.8% above premium. He said for the last three (3) years he has disputed this and has taken his protest to the Board of Equalization and Review in Pender County and the Property Tax Commission in Raleigh. He said in order to defend his position, he has taken a detailed look at how all properties on the waterway have been taxed and has discovered that properties along Mallard Bay Road, Kings Landing Road and Olde Point Road have been treated similarly; resulting in an undervaluation of some \$80 million of County real estate over the duration of the 2003 revaluation cycle. He said changes were made to the tax schedules in 2002, affecting the 2003 Revaluation. Mr. Simpkins provided a handout entitled, "Tax Schedule Changes May Cost Pender Millions in Land Values".

Mr. Simpkins said the tax schedules were presented to the Board prior to the 2003 Revaluation and were put on public review for 30 days, however, there was no way to know that Mr. Triplett would apply the six (6) schedules to evaluate waterfront property differently. He said that for the previous 24 years a "standard" schedule was used. However, beginning in January of 2003 the rates were applied differently (Alternate Schedule #4) and he still has no answer as to "why" this happened. He said he has joined with six (6) other families in questioning the "double standard" of taxing.

Mr. Williams stated that one (1) home on a 100 foot (water frontage) lot is not as valuable as two (2) homes on two (2) separate 50 foot lots. Mr. Simpkins said this inconsistency has occurred on only two (2) miles of the 30 miles of waterway homes; and values were established according to Alternate Schedule 4 and Alternate Schedule 1. He asked a series of questions that were posed in his handout. Mr. Simpkins said that he and his wife decided they would not go back to court to prove that the tax values are wrong.

Mr. Thurman said that typically on an appraisal the Board could not "selectively" re-value portions of the County. Mr. Simpkins asked Mr. Thurman if it is true that property cannot be revalued after the first year of the valuation cycle. Mr. Thurman said that if appeals are granted by the Board of E&R, or if a property is built upon, the values are changed, but absent those conditions, revaluation does not take place in pieces. Mr. Simpkins said he does not feel it is fair that he has to pay "over" his share of taxes, while his neighbors pay "under". He said that either Mr. Triplett misled the Commissioners or he knew, and no one else knew. He said he believes this is a terrible business decision

for this County and he has taken the time to stay with this so all taxpayers would understand the impact of this error. He asked to be taxed fairly and equally.

Mr. Thurman explained that if a “factual” mistake was made, this could be changed, for example; if land is taxed as waterfront but it is not waterfront a change could be made. He said “Appraisal” is an opinion of value, and does not rise to the level of a “factual mistake”. Mr. Simpkins said he conducted an exhaustive review and determined that every property in Mallard Bay has been taxed in error. He offered his telephone number should anyone need to reach him. Mr. Rivenbark asked about the possibility of pulling the tape of the meeting at which Mr. Triplett presented these schedules. Mr. Holland said this Board could not change what has been done in the past, because “spot” revaluations are prohibited. Mr. Simpkins said, “Spot revaluations have already occurred”, he then thanked the Board for their time. (Mr. Bauer also had previously provided the Board with a memo from the current Tax Assessor stating his opinion that the change in schedules used is an appraiser opinion and not a factual error; copy of this memo is included in the Agenda Book File.)

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:35 p.m., Mr. Rivenbark made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to preserve the attorney client privilege and to discuss Pender v. Bartlett. Mr. Williams provided the second and the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session.

OPEN SESSION

At 5:54 p.m. Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of closed session, Mr. Rivenbark seconded the motion and the Board approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Williams then made a motion to proceed with an appeal in the matter of Pender County versus Bartlett, also known as the “Redistricting” litigation, and to authorize additional expenditures of legal fees up to \$2,000 to appeal the decision of the three (3) judge panel to the North Carolina Supreme Court. Mr. Rivenbark provided the second on this motion, which passed by a vote of three (3) to two (2), with Mr. Meadows and Mr. Moore voting in opposition.

7:00 P.M.

23. Public Hearing on the Proposed Formation of the following Water and Sewer Districts: Moore’s Creek, Central Pender, Columbia-Union, Scott’s Hill, and Maple Hill

- 24a. Resolution Establishing the Moore’s Creek Water and Sewer District
- 24b. Resolution Organizing the Moore’s Creek Water and Sewer District
- 25a. Resolution Establishing the Central Pender Water and Sewer District
- 25b. Resolution Organizing the Central Pender Water and Sewer District
- 26a. Resolution Establishing the Columbia-Union Water and Sewer District
- 26b. Resolution Organizing the Columbia-Union Water and Sewer District
- 27a. Resolution Establishing the Scott’s Hill Water and Sewer District
- 27b. Resolution Organizing the Scott’s Hill Water and Sewer District
- 28a. Resolution Establishing the Maple Hill Water and Sewer District
- 28b. Resolution Organizing the Maple Hill Water and Sewer District

Chairman Holland opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. No one signed up to speak. Mr. Parker brought forth maps showing the various districts. Chairman Holland closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Upon the motion of Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Rivenbark and unanimous vote, the Board approved all items listed above as 23 – 28b.

PUBLIC HEARING/ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS

29. Zoning Map Amendment: Admah Lanier (8.347 acres, Shaw Highway)

Mr. Chambers presented this item and said it is a request to rezone four (4) parcels totaling 8.34 acres from R-20, Residential and FA, Flood Hazard Area to I-1, Light Industrial. He said the land is located on the east of Shaw Highway and the surrounding land use is residential, vacant and forestry. He said this is classified as Rural and Rural Transition, and as such, the proposed rezoning is not consistent with the 2005 Land Use Plan. He said the plan states, in part, that industrial development should not be located in areas that would diminish the desirability of existing and planned non-industrial uses. In addition, he said the proposed rezoning does not meet the standards of Section 5.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. He said that staff recommends denial and the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend denial. Mr. Holland asked what this property could be used for, absent approval of the rezoning request. The property is presently being used as a Wholesale Florist, where flowers are stored and distributed to Florists. Mr. Chambers said that they could maintain the existing use, which is a “legal non-conforming use”, but if the activity ceased for longer than 180 days, the zoning would revert back to residential. Mr. Holland said he believed that when this site was originally built (prior to county-wide zoning); it was for the purpose of housing a cabinet shop.

Mr. Rick Biberstein, representative of the applicant, said that at the Planning Board hearing, several neighbors expressed two (2) concerns: would their taxes go up by having this rezoned, and would they also be rezoned? Mr. Biberstein said the answer to both of those questions is, “No”. He said that although the building is presently being used for a wholesale florist business to supply to retailers, the lease will expire soon and the owner, Mr. Admah Lanier does not wish to carry on that type of business. He said the building was initially purchased to be a wear housing facility to receive batteries to be stored until they could be disposed of (under contract to Pender County). He said that G & H Construction on Highway 210 is adjacent and the Whitehead sand mine is nearby. He showed photographs portraying the current conditions. Mr. Biberstein said it is his conclusion that this use is not in conflict with the 2005 Land Use Plan Policies. Mr. Rivenbark stated that G & H Construction is in the paving and concrete business and they store heavy equipment on Highway 210. Mr. Thurman stated that one question asked at the Planning Board hearing was, “what are the allowable uses”. Staff provided a handout listing all the uses permitted under the I-1 Light Industrial classification. Mr. Thurman said that the rezoning is not limited to just what Mr. Lanier says he is going to do with the property.

Cynthia Green, a neighbor said she was not here to “stop” his business, but felt that permitting one business would open the door to additional future potential. She said the sand pit owner on the road promised one thing, but they are doing another. It was noted that the sand pit operator has a Special Use Permit that could be revoked should they be

operating outside of the terms of that permit. She said this is like “spot-zoning” and she does not think that is right. There were no other sign ups. Chairman Holland closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Meadows asked Mr. Biberstein about the condition of the stored batteries on site. Mr. Rodney Lanier (related to applicant) stated that they are wet lead acid batteries. Mr. Rivenbark said this is currently a “tax paying business” in Pender County and he understands the operator is moving his business. He then made a motion to approve the rezoning, for which Mr. Moore provided the second. The Board voted 4 to 1 to approve the rezoning, with Mr. Meadows voting in opposition. Mr. Rivenbark noted that this is already being used as a commercial establishment. Mr. Meadows stated that Zoning Ordinances are adopted and the Planning Board is appointed to decide if these proposals are appropriate, and he believed their recommendations should be followed.

30. Zoning Map Amendment: Robert Johnson (16.63 acres, US Hwy 17 & Edens Road

Chairman Holland opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Chambers said this is a request to rezone three (3) parcels consisting of 16.63 acres from Rural Transition (RT) to Planned Development (PD). He said the property is located on the east side of US Hwy 17 at Edens Road in Hampstead, also known as the “Gulf stream” property. He said the adjacent land use is residential, commercial, vacant and forestry. And the land is classified as Urban Growth Area and Conservation Area II. He said the proposal is not inconsistent with the 2005 Land Use Plan and complies with the criteria of Section 5.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. He said that both Staff and the Planning Board recommend approval.

Stephen Carpenter, formerly an employee of the Pender County Planning Department, now acting as representative for the applicant, Roger Johnson said this rezoning would merely extend the existing PD zoning to this parcel. He said there are more existing steel buildings on the site and Johnson’s Marine is relocating from New Hanover County to occupy this site. There being no other people signed up to speak, Chairman Holland closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Upon the motion of Mr. Williams, second by Mr. Meadows and unanimous vote, the Board approved item number 30 as presented.

ITEM FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

31. County Attorney Report: Drainage Issues at Old River Acres/Morgan Cove
As a follow up to an issue raised at the November meeting, the County Attorney reported that he had met with the engineers, concerned citizens and Mr. Palmer (Planning Director) on site at Morgan Cove/ Old River Acres. Mr. Palmer reported on their findings relative to reported drainage problems. He said that the State Department of Transportation has agreed to make substantial changes to the ditching there to improve the flow of water and the height of drainage ditches. He said that Engineer, Mark Walton is working on the storm water management system and it now meets the 25 year standard of DOT on oversized ditching capacities. He introduced Mr. Walton who said that Mr. Lanier would use his backhoe to clean out a portion of the ditch that the State says is on private property. He provided overheads showing the modified water flow anticipated following these revisions. He said they would cut swales deep enough so the water will run to its’ appropriate outlet. He said that Old River Acres would continue to have water

wash-outs, but no longer from Morgan Cove. He said the DOT work would help some, but not all of Old River Acres' washout problems.

Mr. Thurman summarized that the washout problems experienced at Old River Acres came in the wake of a major storm event during the time that Morgan Cove was constructing roads and ditches. He said Mr. Walton's work, which is being reviewed by the state, is designed such that no water up to the 25 year storm event should be draining on to Old River Acres land. Mr. Palmer commented that Mr. Walton's ditches exceed the 25-year standard because they are larger. He said his personal view as a "Planner" is that this is a good management plan. The neighbors in attendance were supportive of the actions taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Billy Savage arrived late for the public hearing on water and sewer and asked why the County is considering this? Mr. Holland responded that it is being done to attract industry and create jobs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Meadows adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Knoerzer
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By:

John Bauer
Clerk to the Board

As to Planning Matters:

Frank Palmer
Planning Director