

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**MINUTES**

**JANUARY 18, 2005**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MITCHELL COUNTY**

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on January 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were Keith Masters, Chairman; Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman; Phil Byrd, Member; Mike Hensley, Member; Jim Saylor, Member; and Kathy Young, CMC to the Board. Also present were Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; Lloyd Hise, County Attorney; David Forbes, Sanitation Director; Eric Wiseman, Emergency Management Director; Steve Murphy, Reporter from WTOE/WKYK; Nathan Hall, Reporter with the Mitchell-News Journal; Ed & Jana Reid, Carl Braswell and Jean Saylor.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION**- Commissioner Hollifield gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – Commissioner Hensley moved to add an update on the status of the Three-Mile Facility to the agenda. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None
5. **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES** - None
6. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**
  - A. **Altamont Environmental, Inc. Agreement** – County Attorney Hise provided the Board with an update on the meeting held with Blue Ridge RC&D concerning the Emergency Watershed Program. He informed the Board that Blue Ridge RC&D would not be able to administer this program for Mitchell County. He told the Board he had contacted Altamont Environmental and they had worked out the proposed agreement.

Commissioner Hollifield moved to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with Altamont Environmental, Inc. (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - B. **Convenience Centers** – Sanitation Director Forbes provided the Board with approximate tonnage from each of the convenience centers and the mobile unit sites (a copy of the reports are attached and becomes a part of the minutes).

**C. Update of the Three-Mile Facility** – Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board told the Board that she had contacted William (Bill) Stovall, Director of Engineering with NC Department of Correction concerning the Three-Mile Facility. Mr. Stovall had stated that there was some outside interest in the Three-Mile facility and they were currently using the facility for storage and for training. Clerk to the Board Young informed the Board that she had discussed the Board's proposal for the alternate use of the Three-Mile Facility with Mr. Stovall. Mr. Stovall stated that he would have to discuss the proposal with the Prison Director and his Western Region Director. Clerk to the Board Young stated that she had received an E-mail from Mr. Stovall on Thursday, January 13, 2005 regarding the proposal. Mr. Stovall stated that having discussed this with the appropriate people, they had concerns about the impact to their operations should this facility no longer be available for logistical support functions. The Division of Prisons operates two large facilities within a few miles of the Three-Mile Facility. He stated that with high demands on capital construction, storage space and training space were at a premium with the correctional facilities since space for these functions are typically the first things sacrificed when funding falls short of meeting all building needs. In consideration of this, they do not contemplate declaring the property surplus at this time. However, they do remain committed to assisting Mitchell County address its public safety challenges should the county ultimately desire to use some of the facility for jail space. Clerk to the Board Young stated that she and Mr. Stovall agreed to keep an active dialogue so that their mutual long-term interest in this state facility may be properly coordinated.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS** - None

8. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS** - None

9. **APPOINTMENTS** - None

10. **RELEASES/REFUNDS** - None

11. **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT** - None

12. **BOARD COMMENTS** - None

13. **CLOSED SESSION** - None

14. **CITIZEN & AUDIENCE COMMENTS** - None

15. **ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Keith Masters, Chairman

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Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman

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Phil Byrd, Member

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Mike Hensley, Member

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Jim Saylor, Member

ATTEST:

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Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board