

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2005

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 7, 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; Nathan Hall, Reporter with the Mitchell-News Journal; Steve Murphy, Reporter with WTOE/WKYK; Stephanie Wiseman, Communications Director; Brian Hyder, Ray Miller from Country Cablevision; Larry Thompson CEO of Western Highlands; John Howell, TCI; Ed & Jana Reid, Jean Saylor, Monroe Buchanan, Kathleen Byrd, Fleet & Jan Hensley; Dr. Carroll; Penny Bailey, Lisa Byrd and Jack Byrd.

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 Hollifield moved to add a Personal Property Resolution as Item 7. C. to the agenda. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2005, January 18, 2005, February 7, 2005, and February 11, 2005. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION**
 - A. **Second Reading and Approval of the Charter Franchise Agreement** – Commissioner Hensley moved to adopt the Charter Franchise Agreement (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - B. **Western Highlands Status Report** – Mr. Larry Thompson, CEO of Western Highlands reviewed the following with the Board:
 - Timetable of events, Western Highlands, LME
 - Priority of Needs, September 2004
 - Status Report, Crisis Center Feasibility Study
 - Provider Network, Mitchell County
 - Client Services Overview, Mitchell County
 - Overview of Changes in Medicaid

A copy of each is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

- C. **Community Services Block Grant** – Commissioner Saylor moved to authorize the Community Services Block Grant (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. **Request to Change the Name of SR 1104** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to request that the name SR 1104 be changed to Old Laurel Way. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- E. **Software Support Proposal and Contract** – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Software Support Proposal and Contract (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

7. **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ORDINANCES**

- A. **Resolution Designating the 2nd Week of March 2005 as “Extension Living Well Week”** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adopt the Resolution Designating the 2nd Week of March 2005 as “Extension Living Well Week” (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. **Resolution Extending Country Cable TV Franchise** – Commissioner Byrd moved to adopt the Resolution Extending Country Cable TV Franchise (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- C. **Resolution on Personal Property** – Commissioner Hollifield moved to adopt the Resolution on Personal Property (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. **REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS** - None

9. **APPOINTMENTS**

- A. **Designation of the Senior Citizen Center as the Lead Agency for Senior Services in Mitchell County for the 05/06 Budget**
Commissioner Hollifield moved to designate the Senior Citizens Center as the Lead Agency for Senior Services in Mitchell County for the 05/06 budget. Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. **Appointment of the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee** – Commissioner Byrd moved to appoint the following to the Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee.

Ken Carroll Senior Tarheel Legislature
Frank Woody Mitchell County Council on Aging
Barbara Buchanan Mitchell County DOT
Max Gouge, Sr. Older Adults of Mitchell County
Kay Rodgers Mitchell County Health Department
Mavis Parsley Mitchell County Finance Office
Denise Baker Cooperative Extension Service
Clarice Turner Hospice of Mitchell County
Joe Martin New Vista
Clarence Tichenor Mitchell County Council on Aging

Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. RELEASES/REFUNDS

A. Releases/Refunds for Board Approval – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Releases/Refunds for Board Approval (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Byrd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Releases/Refunds Approved by County Manager – A copy of the Release/Refunds Approved by County Manager is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

11. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT - None

12. BOARD COMMENTS - None

13. CLOSED SESSION – Commissioner Hollifield moved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with G.S. 143-315-11(a)(5), which reads as follows: To establish, or instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hollifield moved to go out of Closed Session. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held from 6:50 p.m. until 7:35 p.m.

14. CITIZEN & AUDIENCE COMMENTS

A. Matters on the Printed Agenda - None

B. Matters not on the Printed Agenda – Larry Gortney asked if there was anything the Board could do about the junk cars and trash in Mitchell County. Chairman Masters asked Clerk to the Board Young to meet with Sanitation Director Forbes concerning this issue.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Keith Masters, Chairman

Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman

Phil Byrd, Member

Mike Hensley, Member

Jim Saylor, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board