

**OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**  
*November 3, 2014*

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

***Present were:***

***Chairman:*** David T. Smith

***Commissioners:*** Tony W. Cozart      R. David Currin, Jr.  
 Zelodis Jay                      Timothy Karan  
 Ed Mims                              Edgar Smoak

***County Manager:*** Michael S. Felts

***County Attorney:*** James C. Wrenn, Jr.  
***Assistant County Attorney:*** Gerald T. Koinis

***News Reporters:*** Elizabeth Coleman – *Butner-Creedmoor News*  
 Linda Nicholson – *Oxford Public Ledger*

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman David T. Smith called the meeting to order, and recognized Commissioner Ed Mims for the invocation. Commissioner Mims introduced Mr. Jim Blanchard, Chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, who led the Pledge of Allegiance in recognition of Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

(A) Approved the Summary of Contingency and Use of Fund Balance report which showed the following balances:

General Contingency Balance	\$ 170,000
Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$ 10,000
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,643,772

(B) Approved Budget Amendment #5 as Recommended by the Finance Director:

***Budget Amendment #5***

***Be it ordained,*** the FY 2014-2015 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

Expenditures: Increase / (Decrease)

Human Services

Social Services

\$ 14,645

<i>Total Expenditures</i>		\$ 14,645
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Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)		
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 14,645	
<i>Total Revenues</i>		\$ 14,645
(For Reference Only)		Total
<i>General Fund/Social Services</i>		
<i>Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)</i>		
10-3990-991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 14,654 \$2,643,772
<i>Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)</i>		
10-5300-630	Adoption Assistance	\$ 14,654 \$ 34,565

*Description:* To re-appropriate funding for Adoption Assistance from prior year budget.

- (C) Approved the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 Meeting as recorded.
- (D) Approved the Proclamation Recognizing November 25, 2014 as Granville County Teen Court Day as follows:

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 25, 2014 AS  
GRANVILLE COUNTY TEEN COURT DAY**

*WHEREAS*, the mission of Granville County Teen Court is to assist juvenile offenders in assuming responsibility of their criminal behavior; to hold them accountable for their actions and teach them to make better decisions in the future; to involve the community through volunteer programs and community service opportunities; and to promote better communication between youth, parents, schools, law enforcement agencies and the community; and

*WHEREAS*, this program gives first time offenders the chance to be sentenced by their peers, rather than enter the traditional juvenile justice or adult system and thus, ultimately keep their criminal records clean; and

*WHEREAS*, since it's first hearing on November 24, 2009, over 160 youth offenders charged with shoplifting, possession of marijuana, simple assault, property damage and other misdemeanor crimes have successfully had their cases heard in the diversion sentencing program; and

*WHEREAS*, each defendant appears in court with his/her parents and admits responsibility for the charge and a jury deliberates and recommends a sentence; and

*WHEREAS*, Granville County Teen Court does not determine guilt or innocence, but teaches juvenile offenders that they must take responsibility for their actions, complete their sentences within 90 days, and restore relationships with their community through accountability and personal development; and

*WHEREAS*, Granville County Teen court gives youth a better understanding of the legal system and the consequences of breaking the law; and

*WHEREAS*, the intent of Granville County Teen Court is to utilize a restorative model focused on positive peer pressure to foster school, family and community involvement;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED***, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the important contribution that Granville County Teen Court makes to our community and the youth of the County of Granville and declares November 25, 2014 as Granville County Teen Court Day.

- (E) Approved the Resolution Proclaiming April 19<sup>th</sup> as Patriot's Day in Commemoration of the Events of April 19, 1775 as follows:

**A Resolution Proclaiming April 19<sup>th</sup> as Patriots' Day in Commemoration of the  
Events of April 19, 1775**

Be It Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina:

**WHEREAS**, April 19, 1775, marks the date when the Massachusetts towns of Lexington and Concord were marched upon by British regulars from Boston in an effort to confiscate the munitions stored there for the local militia; and

**WHEREAS**, the standing order of the militia on April 19, 1775 was "Do not fire unless fired upon!;" and

**WHEREAS**, the regulars under the command of British Colonel Francis Smith fired upon colonial militia Captain John Parker and his men assembled at Lexington, where five colonial fathers and sons were parted by death; and

**WHEREAS**, in Concord, the British regulars fired a volley against the colonial militia at the North Bridge, killing Captain Issac Davis and Private Abner Hosmer, but were met with accurate return fire causing the British regulars to turn back to Boston; and

**WHEREAS**, at Meriam's Corner, colonial militia fired upon the British regulars, for the first time without orders, in defense of their countrymen and the fight for independence began; and

**WHEREAS**, the events of this day were the spark that ignited the passions of the colonial patriots resulting in the American Revolutionary War and the founding of a great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, John Adams in 1777 advised, "Posterity! You will never know, how much it cost the present Generation, to preserve your Freedom! I hope you will make a good Use of it. If you do not, I shall repent in Heaven, that I ever took half the Pains to preserve it.;" and

**WHEREAS**, Patriots' Day is an opportunity to reflect on the great and enduring American Revolution and to recognize the sacrifices that were laid at the Altar of Liberty by our ancestors in hopes that the current generation will continue to be faithful stewards of Liberty;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville of the State of North Carolina, that we proclaim April 19<sup>th</sup> of every year as Patriots' Day, in commemoration of the opening events of the American Revolutionary War and the struggle through which the nation passed in its early days to be established as the great land of freedom in which we live today.

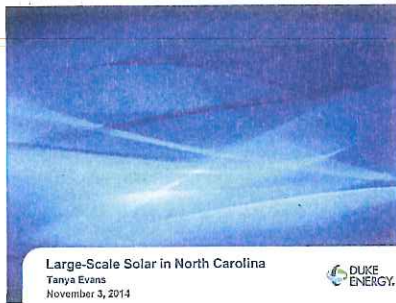
#### **RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP GRANVILLE CLASS OF 2014-2015**

The Commissioners met informally with the Leadership Granville Class of 2014-2015 prior to the regular meeting. Chairman Smith recognized the Leadership Granville Class and noted that they will meet with Department Heads on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The members of the Class are as follows:

Kathy Adcock	Granville County Register of Deeds
Larry "Spence" Bailey, Jr.	Vance-Granville Community College
Reid Daniel	Town of Butner
Tracey Edmonds	The Grissom Agency/Nationwide Insurance
Kathy Furst	Granville County Schools
Melanie Hobgood	Granville Health System
Alva Petway	Retired
Cuilen Ports	Carolina Sunrock
Jeff Tingen	Altec Industries
Sarah Slade	Bridgestone
Christine Usry	City of Oxford-Parks & Recreation
Heather Wilson	Granville Health System
Arthur Hommel	Retired
DL Page	Minister-Delrayno Baptist Church
Allen Winston	Winston International LTD

#### **PRESENTATION ON DUKE-ENERGY'S COMMITMENT TO SOLAR ENERGY**

Chairman Smith stated that Tanya Evans with Duke-Energy was present to do a presentation on Duke-Energy's commitment to solar energy. She then spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation:



**Large-Scale Solar in North Carolina**  
Tanya Evans  
November 3, 2014



**Topics**

- Solar energy – at a glance
- Duke Energy's commitment to solar
- Growth of large-scale solar projects
- Duke Energy's strategy for distributed energy

**North Carolina – regulated operations**

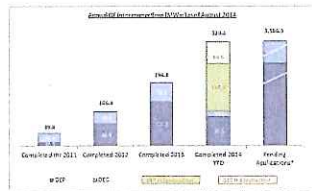
- Third in the nation for solar capacity installed in 2013: 4% overall
- 450 MW purchased power
- 1,700 customers using rooftop solar
- 3,500 MW of utility-scale projects proposed by developers
- \$500 million commitment to major solar expansion in North Carolina



**Commitment to major solar expansion in North Carolina**

Duke Energy Owned				Total: 278 MW \$500 MM commitment
Project Name	Capacity (MW)	Location	Development Status	
① Duke City	40 MW	Waynes	Advanced	
② Mountain	40 MW	Lincoln	Advanced	
③ Highlands	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
④ Asheville	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑤	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑥	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑦	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑧	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑨	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
⑩	20 MW	Transylvania	Advanced	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>278 MW</b>			

**Trend in Qualifying Facilities (typically 5 MW and-under)**

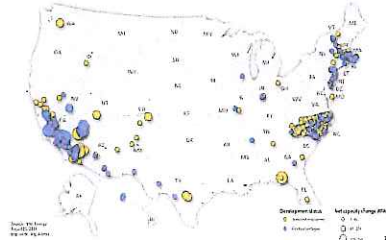


**NC Interconnection Process**

- Exponential increase in solar project interconnection requests across the state
- April 2014, NC Utilities Commission requested comments on the current 2005 guidelines
- Utilities and developers are working with Public Staff on ways to best manage the requests, while continuing to encourage solar development
- Objectives of stakeholder groups include:
  - Create a more predictable process
  - Reduce congestion in the queue
  - Enable projects that are construction ready to move quickly through process
- Comments due Oct 31; Commission action would follow

**Drivers: Policy, Technology, Consumer**

US planned utility-scale solar projects in advanced development or under construction



**Duke Energy's strategy to support distributed energy**



Summary

- North Carolina – a leader in the growth of solar energy
- Expect to see more development of solar and renewables in the state
- Nationally – evolution of the way we provide electricity to meet customers' needs
- Opportunity to develop / strengthen current policies / practices to support that growth in an affordable, sustainable way

After the presentation, Board members asked questions and noted concerns. Mrs. Evans noted that solar power is in the infant stage and is the most advanced renewable technology. She said that Duke Energy has a \$500M investment and they are well on the way to achieving their goal of 12.5% by 2021. She also noted that there are not further plans for additional request for proposals at this time, that agreements are between property owners and developers and that if power is produced it has to be purchased. Board members asked that property owners and their land be taken care of and noted concerns of solar farms being built and left as eye sores when power is no longer purchased.

**ONE SPOKE DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT VARIOUS TOPICS**

**Ed Gleason, 1973 Bowles Avenue, Creedmoor, NC,** noted that as a retired Fire Chief, a member of the International Fire Chiefs Association and the Fallen Firefighters Association, he thanked the Board for the Proclamation Honoring the Courageous Firefighters and Emergency Services Personnel that was presented recently at Butner Presbyterian Church recognizing Bells Across America. He thanked Commissioner Smoak for presenting the plaque and for Commissioner Mims being present on behalf of the Board. He mentioned Veterans Day and the importance of supporting our Veterans' groups and organizations, noting that his father fought in the Battle of the Bulge and died very young in the line of duty as a police officer. He reminded citizens to vote if they had not done so and reminded everyone that we are our brother's keeper.

**BOARD APPROVED ELECTRICAL WORK ASSOCIATED WITH CONVENIENCE SITE TRASH COMPACTORS WITH CONTINGENCIES**

Chairman Smith stated that bids were received for the electrical work to be installed at the Oxford, Butner and Wilton convenience sites. The electrical work will involve three-phase power to two (2) additional compactors for recyclables at each site. The electrical work will also allow for the installation of two (2) pre-crushers at Butner and Wilton to maximize load volumes. These improvements were approved by the Board with the recent

award of the “*Waste Collection Franchise Agreement and Convenience Site Contract*” that began in January 1, 2014. These improvements will maximize load volumes for both recyclables and MSW wastes for the term of the contract. Staff worked with Kilian Engineering, Inc. to develop the scope of services, prepare a bid document, conduct a pre-bid meeting, and summarize bids. He referred to the bid document and summary below:

Company	Total
Rick Edwards Electric	\$57,500.00
Brummitt Electric	\$71,256.00
ST Owen Electric	\$50,000.00
Enon Electric Company	\$58,350.00

He noted the Environmental Services Director’s recommendation of awarding the contract to the low bidder, ST Owen Electric, Oxford, North Carolina, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$50,000 as recommended by Michael Kilian, PE of Kilian Engineering, Inc.

County Manager Felts asked that his recommendation be contingent upon meeting the insurance requirements, bid specifications and the General Statute requirements.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved contracting with ST Owen Electric, Oxford, North Carolina, at a not-to-exceed cost of \$50,000 for the electrical work associated with the convenience site trash compactors located at the Oxford, Butner and Wilton sites, contingent upon meeting insurance requirements, bid specifications and General Statute requirements.

**BOARD REAPPOINTED ETHEL ANDERSON TO THE KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ethel Anderson (District 1) to the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments’ Advisory Council on Aging.

**BOARD REAPPOINTED R. DAVID CURRIN, JR. TO THE SOUTH GRANVILLE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed R. David Currin, Jr. to the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority.

**BOARD APPROVED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BREAKFAST**

County Manager Felts stated that in previous years, the Board has held an Employee Appreciation Breakfast prior to the Christmas Holiday. The Oxford Methodist Church is again available to host the breakfast on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. if the Board wishes to proceed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Employee Appreciation Banquet on December 4, 2014 from 6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Oxford Methodist Church.

**BOARD APPROVED FY 2013-2014 REVISED AUDIT CONTRACT**

County Manager Felts stated that on April 21, 2014 during their regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the audit contract for fiscal year 2013-2014 with Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP in the amount of \$49,700.00. Fiscal year 2013-2014 is the third year under a three year audit fee agreement approved by the Granville County Board of Commissioners in March 2011. Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP has provided audit services to Granville County since fiscal year 1999-2000.

In June 2014, the Office of the State Auditor notified auditors of additional audit procedures required for County Governments and Health Departments in which the County is recipient of Federal funding channeled through the State. The additional procedures required by the State are for programs over and above what are required for the County's financial statements. These procedures will continue every year; however the annual fee is dependent on how many programs the State chooses to monitor. For fiscal year 2013-2014, Medicaid and TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) were chosen for Granville County. The additional audit procedures are estimated to cost approximately \$3,350 resulting in an overall contract price of \$53,050.00. A copy of the letter of instruction from the Office of the State Auditor and the revised audit contract were included in the agenda packet.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revised audit contract with Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Company, LLP for the fiscal year 2013-2014 audit period in the amount of \$53,050.00.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Wrenn stated that he had one attorney-client matter for closed session.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Jay noted that he now has cell phone service at his home and thanked the Board.

Commissioner Currin noted that District 5's appointment to the Environmental Affairs Committee had written another article for the newspaper. He asked Commissioner Mims where we stood with this.

Commissioner Mims asked if he wanted the representative to come speak to the Board about his concerns. He thought some of the discussions took place at the Environmental Affairs Committee meeting and asked Commissioner Jay if there had been.

Commissioner Jay stated that there have been discussions about the "Waters of US Resolution" at the Environmental Affairs Committee meeting. He noted that the Chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee and he had explained the procedure.

Commissioner Currin stated that it must be a matter of protocol that he has a problem with and he was expressing his opinion.

Commissioner Cozart stated that the Central Children's Home basketball league is getting underway, thanked the Board for their support, and asked if any local churches wish to participate in the league that they let them know so the schedule can be made. He expressed that he is happy with the progress that Social Services' staff is making in processing Medicaid applications in a timely manner and that the State is recommending hiring more staff. He mentioned that work at Social Services has become more stressful and some are leaving for better paying jobs in surrounding areas that are similar in size to Granville County. He said that he hated to see trained and experienced people leaving and that he mentioned it because there has not been a cost of living increase in several years. He noted that he will attend a meeting regarding mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse services in the State at a North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' meeting regarding these issues on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and would be asking for input for Lisa Harrison, Director of the Granville-Vance District Health Department, and others for recommendations regarding these issues.

Commissioner Mims stated that he met with Ms. Harrison and advised her of the upcoming meeting and that the Board of Health would be asked for their input on the issues. He asked County Manager Felts if there had been a Road Bond Committee meeting.



County Manager Felts answered that staff needs a few more days to gather information and then the Road Bond Committee meeting will be scheduled.

Commissioner Mims stated that he would do a Veterans Day address at the South Granville Senior Center on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and would make Veterans Day comments on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> prior to the service at Synama Grove Baptist Church. He encouraged everyone to attend the Veterans Day ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Butner and the Veterans Day parade in Oxford on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. He noted that the keys for the display cases at the Expo Center had been turned over to the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee and that memorabilia will be on display in the near future. He noted that others had reminded everyone to vote and that he had written and submitted to local media an editorial saluting our Veterans and thanking them for their sacrifice and patriotism. He said that he attended the High School 2A volleyball ladies' championship game at Reynolds Coliseum. He said that the South Granville Lady Vikings participated, played well, but did not win.

Chairman Smith noted that the Granville County Senior Center was having their annual Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. He said that he had been contacted by a small business owner regarding a \$50 fire inspection fee by the Fire Marshall and asked for an update on the matter as far as requirements and scheduling. He noted that it was the first time in eight years that small business owner had the inspection done and that he lives in District 2 but the business is in District 7.

Commissioner Smoak said that he had spoken with the County Manager and there are some discrepancies in how the regulation is written in his opinion.

County Manager Felts noted Doug Logan, Fire Marshall, was present.

Mr. Logan explained that fire inspection for the Butner area was inherited by the Fire Marshall's office when Butner was incorporated in approximately 2007. He noted that routine inspections in an "ideally staffed" fire inspections' office for certain types of businesses occur annually, every two or every three years. He said that his office is responsible for all fire inspections in Granville County except for the City of Oxford and that new constructions takes priority and that the inspection fee schedule has been in place for approximately 10 years. He said that they charge for all routine fire inspections when they can get there and try to be as aggressive as possible with adhering to the fire code.

Chairman Smith asked the County Manager and Mr. Logan to look at the matter and that education is the key.

Mr. Logan added that press releases had been done in the past when the fire inspection fees were put in place. When asked by Commissioner Smoak, Mr. Logan answered that the State inspects Central Regional Hospital.

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Commissioner Mims stated that Lisa Harrison, Director of the Granville-Vance District Health Department, informed him today that there are no known cases of Ebola in North Carolina to date. He said that an individual from Person County returned from Liberia and came down with a fever. The individual is in quarantine at Duke University Hospital and the first test for Ebola was negative.

**BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board went into closed session for attorney-client matters.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ed Mims, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

**BOARD ADJOURNED**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra A. Weary, NCCCC, CMC  
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED BY:

  
David T. Smith, Chairman