

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
October 20, 2014

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 20, 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 Tony W. Cozart for the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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	\$ 2,629,118

(B) Approved Budget Amendment #4 as Recommended by the Finance Director:

Budget Amendment #4

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

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures: Increase / (Decrease)

Human Services	
Social Services	\$ (990)
Senior Services – Nutrition/In-Home Aid	\$ 5,951
Area Projects and Other Appropriations	
Special Projects	\$ 1,909
Pass Thru Funds	\$ (19,356)

<i>Total Expenditures</i>			\$ (12,486)
Revenues: Increase / (Decrease)			
	Restricted & Intergovernmental	\$	98,231
	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	(110,717)
	<i>Total Revenues</i>		\$ (12,486)

(For Reference Only) Total

<u>General Fund/Non-Departmental</u>			
<i>Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)</i>			
10-3990-991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	1,909
			\$ 2,741,744
<i>Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)</i>			
10-8500-657	Human Relations Council	\$	1,909
			\$ 18,800

Description: To carry over prior year appropriations for the Human Relations Council.

<u>General Fund/Senior Center North</u>			
<i>Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)</i>			
10-3990-991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	(112,626)
10-3327-333	ROAP Grant	\$	98,231
			\$ 2,629,118
<i>Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)</i>			
10-5300-314	Work First Transportation	\$	(990)
10-5859-505	EDTAP - Transportation Grant	\$	5,951
10-8580-140	KARTS / RGP Allocation	\$	(19,356)
			\$ 14,336
			\$ 55,951
			\$ 67,644

Description: To adjust the current year budget to reflect fiscal year funding for the Rural Operating Assistance Program grant.

- (C) Approved the Minutes of the September 18, 2014 Special Joint Meeting with the Planning Board and the October 6, 2014 Meeting as recorded.
- (D) Approved the following Tax Releases as Recommended by the Tax Administrator:

**Tax Releases
October 20, 2014**

ACCT	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
58463-101	Creedmoor Wellness Center PLLC	29.66	Items disposed of in 2013
TOTAL		\$ 29.66	

- (E) Approved the Resolution for North Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Division Building Reuse Grant Application – Ideal Fastener as follows:

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT
North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program**

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1352, authorizing funds to stimulate economic development and job creation in distressed areas through constructing critical water and wastewater facilities, addressing technology needs, renovation of vacant buildings, and implementation of research and demonstration projects; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1473 to expand the Economic Infrastructure Fund and to provide funding to facilitate economic transitions in rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program was created to spur economic activity and job creation by assisting in the productive use of buildings in rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville is engaged in activities to assist in the productive use of buildings, specifically the renovation of the building for IDEAL Fastener Corporation, located on 204 W. Industry Drive in Oxford, that will increase the number of jobs in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville intends to request grant assistance from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE:

That the County of Granville will provide 5% of the grant award for the project, if approved for the grant.

That the County of Granville will provide for efficient administration, implementation, and operation/maintenance of the project.

That the County Manager is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the County of Granville with the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program.

That the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the North Carolina Department of Commerce may request in connection with the grant application and project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the County of Granville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

BOARD HELD RECOGNITION OF JOANN J. PENDLETON

Chairman Smith stated that Ms. Pendleton was unable to attend and the recognition would be held for a later date.

PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE UN-RAPPIN' THE G.I.F.T. PROGRAM

Chairman Smith stated that Latonia Oakley, the Founder and Coordinator of the Un-Rappin' the G.I.F.T. (Girls Internally Finding Themselves) Program was in attendance to do a presentation.

Ms. Oakley thanked the Board for allowing the group to come and explained that the Un-Rappin' the G.I.F.T. and He Matters programs are both teen programs in Granville County that meet once a week. The programs are funded by 4-H Best and the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program (JCPC) that work on interpersonal skills. She then introduced Alexis Bass, a J. F. Webb High School student in the Un-Rappin' the G.I.F.T. program for a presentation.

Miss Bass recognized the authors of the book being presented and the young ladies and young men that were present representing the Un-Rappin' the G.I.F.T. and He Matters programs. She then presented a book entitled *Miss-Understood* to the Board on behalf of a group of young girls in Granville County whose founder had the vision to help them find their voices, unwrap their gifts, and share their stories with the world. The book is a

collection of excerpts by some of the girls in the program and other caring adults in their support system and their perspective on life issues and how “*we’re not out of control, but simply Miss-Understood.*” The books are available at North Carolina Cooperative Extension office in Granville County for \$10 and the money goes back to the Un-Rappin’ the G.I.F.T. program.

Board members thanked Ms. Oakley, Charissa Puryear and Paul Westfall for their hard work with the group of young people.

AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED THE RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING

Chairman Smith stated that several years ago, the North Carolina Department of Transportation consolidated three programs administered by the State at the County level into a single program. The three programs are the *Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)*, the *Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMP)*, and the *Rural General Public Program (RGP)*. The program is now called the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP). He stated that a public hearing would be held to receive comments from the public on the Rural Operating Assistance Program Funding (ROAP).

He recognized Kathy May, Director of Senior Services, for a brief presentation.

At this time, Chairman Smith declared the public hearing open and asked those wishing to speak to come to the podium and give their name and address for the record.

Mrs. May stated that the Rural Operating Assistance Program is a yearly grant that they have been receiving from the North Carolina Department of Transportation for approximately 20 years. She added that the Rural General Public funding goes directly to KARTS and that the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMP) goes directly to Department of Social Services. She noted that EDTAP will be divided among three programs and the majority goes to Senior Services and is shared with the Harold Sherman Adult Day Care Center and a Sheltered Workshop in Henderson under Cardinal Innovations.

Commissioner Mims asked for ideas or guidance for transportation opportunities for the youth in Granville County.

With no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Smith declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Rural Operating Assistance Program Funding in the amount of \$148,231 as outlined in the following chart as recommended by the County Manager:

	<i>EDTAP</i>	<i>EMP</i>	<i>RGP</i>
Granville County Senior Services	\$55,951		
Harold Sherman Adult Day Care	\$9,000		
Community Workforce Solutions	\$1,300		
Granville County DSS		\$14,336	
K.A.R.T.S.			\$67,644
Total	\$66,251	\$14,336	\$67,644

BOARD DENIED CERTAINTEED BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX APPEAL

Chairman Smith stated that a memorandum dated August 19, 2014 from Judy Stovall, Tax Administrator, regarding an appeal by Ryan, as Tax Representative for CertainTeed Corporation, appealing the taxable valuation of plant equipment for the 2014 fiscal tax year was included in the agenda. Ryan is a leading global tax services firm with the largest indirect and property tax practices in North America. Ryan has been appointed by CertainTeed Corporation (D.B.A. Saint-Gobain Corporation) for the purpose of filing real estate and personal property statements, and/or assessment appeals, and other related tax matters. He noted that Mrs. Stovall, Tax Administrator, recommended that the Granville County Board of Commissioners uphold the County's present valuation and tax bill for 2014 and that Granville County's Industry Auditor, Phil Evans of EVANS & Associates, was available to provide an overview and answer questions.

Andrew Grove stated that he works for Ryan, LLC, the tax representative for CertainTeed Corporation. He passed out a binder with information regarding their appeal. He stated that he was present to discuss the business personal property for the facility in Oxford, North Carolina. He explained that CertainTeed is a worldwide company that manufactures building products and building materials. The facility in Oxford is a shingles manufacturing plant and noted that he was here to discuss the 2014 business personal property value. He referred to the first page of the document that listed the Granville County assessed value of the CertainTeed property as \$49,173,698. He noted that the indicated value that CertainTeed and Ryan have come to show is \$36,796,946 for the 2014 tax year. He said

that the main basis for the appeal is the additional adjustment for the economic obsolescence. He explained that the assessed value is the original cost of the equipment less the state's depreciated value which equals \$49,173,698. He said additional depreciation called economic obsolescence should be applied to the property. He explained that there is no disagreement about the physical depreciation, but economic obsolescence should be considered. He referred to pages 5 and 6 in his document and said that the County had made an adjustment to the machinery/equipment number of \$49,336,802 for lab and test equipment and that is why that number is different than the \$49,173,698. He referred to page 8 of the document and pointed out from the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following:

105-317.1. Appraisal of personal property; elements to be considered.

(a) Whenever any personal property is appraised it shall be the duty of the persons making appraisals to consider the following as to each item (or lot of similar items):

- (5) The productivity of the property;
- (7) The effect of obsolescence on the property;

He noted that economic obsolescence is the loss in value resulting from factors external to the property. He said that CertainTeed in Oxford was significantly affected by the downturn in the economy in 2008 and they are still trying to recover. He then read from page 9 the following regarding an order from the North Carolina Property Tax Commission regarding a court of appeals decision:

"while the county applied a depreciation schedule to the property, it did not consider functional or economic obsolescence in the valuation."

He then referred to a letter from the North Carolina Department of Revenue that was sent out with depreciation schedules on page 12 of the document and pointed out the following paragraph:

These schedules have been prepared by this office as a general guide to be used in the valuation of business personal property, utilizing the replacement cost approach to value. It is important to remember that the schedules are only a guide. There may be situations where the appraiser will need to make adjustments for additional, or less, functional or economic obsolescence, or for other factors.

He referred to a chart on page 26 that showed capacity utilization. He explained that the difference between capacity and production is what is called economic obsolescence. The percentages ranged from 83.5% in 2006 to 52.1% in 2013 and noted that the housing market affects their business as a whole.

He concluded that economic obsolescence should be applied to CertainTeed's business personal property based on the current condition of the industry, the market and the

utilization chart presented. He explained how they calculated to determine the additional 32% depreciation to be applied after the physical depreciation. He referred to graphs explaining the new housing starts and how it has declined since 2006 due to the effects of the economy. He noted that the utilization rate in quarter 4 of 2013 was 52.1% which is what the plant was in the calendar year 2013. He also referred to a full fixed asset listing of the plant in Oxford that included the acquisition cost of each piece of equipment, the physical depreciation currently applied by the County, and the depreciated value. He asked that the economic obsolescence factor of 32% be considered and applied to the equipment.

Commissioner Currin asked how many employees had been laid off or shifts reduced at CertainTeed in Oxford in the last year.

Mr. Grove did not have the answers.

Attorney Wrenn asked if the trending schedules prepared by the state take into account the utilization averages in the industry.

Mr. Grove stated he did not believe that they take it into account and he referred to page 12 that said that the schedules are only a guide, but that *“there may be situation where the appraiser needs to make adjustments for additional or less functional or economic obsolescence.”*

Attorney Wrenn asked what the schedules are based on when they are prepared.

Mr. Grove answered that the schedules apply to all kinds of assets for depreciation purposes. He noted that the Granville County Tax Assessor was taking into account exactly those factors for physical depreciation and asked for economic obsolescence to be considered also.

Commissioner Currin asked what the trend in the depreciation schedule for CertainTeed has been in the last three years. He rephrased the question and asked about the capital equipment purchases for the last three years.

Mr. Grove said that purchases fluctuate from year to year and that approximately \$1 million was purchased in 2013 solely for machinery and equipment.

Commissioner Currin asked how that would compare with the previous two years.

Mr. Grove stated that the equipment purchase was more than in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Commissioner Mims asked if CertainTeed's product mix has been the same in the last two or three years.

Mr. Grove explained that the product is shipped all over the country and that the product overall has not changed.

Attorney Wrenn asked if the CertainTeed's operating statements showed an economic change from what is considered to be normal demand levels.

Mr. Grove stated that he could not speak to that specifically. He noted that Saint-Gobain has products other than just shingles and that he was not sure that those statements would reflect those kind of demands because some segments of the business probably did better than the shingles manufacturing side of the business.

Attorney Wrenn asked if separate records are kept for Oxford's plant as far as economic performance.

Mr. Grove stated that as far as production, the chart included in the document that showed that the percentage of capacity to production has gone from 83.5% to 52.1%.

Attorney Wrenn asked if 2006 was a normal year.

Mr. Grove stated that the market in 2006 was definitely better and then the market started going down significantly.

Attorney Wrenn noted that 2006 was perhaps a peak year.

Mr. Grove stated that he was not an economic expert, but that was probably the better year.

Phil Evans, Evans & Associates, stated that he assists the Granville County Tax office in performing business personal property reviews on businesses. He was asked by Mrs. Stovall to review the appeal. He said that the argument presented by Mr. Grove with Ryan is for a 68% obsolescence which would result in a 32% write-down of the property as it relates to the manufacturing equipment. He explained that the argument is based on the production capacity versus the actual production and the North Carolina Department of Commerce information relating to new housing starts. He noted that this information was reviewed and he came to a different conclusion based on the same two measurements. He stated that Oxford plant's production utilization was above the industries average in all of the years reported and new, privately owned housing starts are an insignificant portion of the total market for new shingles. He also noted that roofing shingles are also sold as replacements to existing houses and not just for new houses and added that new houses have risen from 2006-

2013 from approximately 126 million to approximately 132 million. He also reported the following that was included in the letter in his packet:

- Saint-Gobain's Financial results reported North America operating income increase of 11% from 2012 to 2013
- The Oxford plant has added a reported \$ 49,356,561 of new production equipment in the past 7 years. This represents 61% of all reported equipment.
- This plant added new production buildings and a second highway entrance/exit to the facility to handle increasing truck traffic, raw material deliveries and order shipping
- This plant shifted production of other types of roofing materials like ply, base and cap sheeting for industrial buildings to other facilities in order to concentrate on asphalt shingle orders
- 85% of this plant's capacity is targeted to East Coast, replacement roof markets from Philadelphia to North Florida
- The remaining 15% is mostly allocated to the "high end" premium shingle orders from across the United States

If this were a distressed business weighed down by the "significant decline" in the new housing market and experiencing low utilization of its assets, we would expect the company to no longer be making significant capital improvements and to not be producing product at a capacity utilization well above the North American industry average.

- There is no provision in our State Statutes for valuing business property as a "value in exchange" where an investor would purchase this equipment in an open market transaction. This property has to be valued as a "going concern", in place in its manufacturing environment
- The NC Department of Revenue recommends we use depreciation trending schedules of 14 years on these manufacturing assets. You could almost say all but the last 7 years additions have aged out and are no longer taxed to the company. No doubt some or all of the older equipment is still in use or available for service. It is my opinion that by following these guidelines, we have valued and taxed appropriately for this business.

He noted that the company is dealing with a business cycle and not something external. He said something external would be a shift in a product market and gave an example of a slide ruler used for multiplication and division by engineering students in the past. He explained that the calculator replaced the slide ruler and if a company was making slide rulers it would have gone out of business because people do not use them anymore. The equipment making slide rulers would become obsolete because external factors impacted the business through no fault of their own. He then referred to the information in the document presented by Mr. Grove on page 12 regarding a 2005 decision by the North Carolina Court of Appeals, noting that it upheld the decision of North Carolina Property Tax Commission's decision. He noted that North Carolina accepts Tax Assessors using the trending schedules and that there are some considerations for the types of properties. He mentioned different schedules are used for the textile and computer industries. He noted that

there is some consideration in the trending schedules for the types of equipment being reviewed. He added that Mr. Grove is correct that additional economic obsolescence may not have been considered, but in his opinion there is no additional obsolescence that should be offered.

Mrs. Judy Stovall, Tax Administrator, asked the Board to look at page 26 of the document provided by Mr. Grove showing capacity and production according to CertainTeed. She noted that in 2006 the total capacity was just shy of 6 million production units and in 2013 it was 11 million units which is almost double that of 2006. She said the percent of usable capacity in 2006 was 83% and in the following years it dropped, not because the bottom fell out of the market, but because the capacity doubled when the new production line went in. She said that this new line is an investment in future production and they have not fully utilized the new production line yet. She noted that this does not mean it is obsolete. She also said that they are recommended to use an A-14 trending schedule and that means the equipment is only good for 14 years. She referred to page 26 again and said that two of the lines at CertainTeed are fully depreciated and that the company is no longer charged any personal property tax except 25% residual and that is what is considered salvage value. The new line has only received the first five years of depreciation. She stated that the depreciation schedules are generous. She said the first two lines were put in 1978 and 1987, so they have been in production for longer than 14 years. She said that these production lines are highly profitable to the company and the new line has not realized its potential capacity to produce. She noted that if the company did not believe it was a highly viable industry, they would not have put in \$49 million in equipment in 2008. He asked the Board to consider that numbers can be used to illustrate two different points and that she wanted the Board to have all the information to make a decision.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board denied the CertainTeed business personal property tax appeal and upheld the present valuation and tax bill for 2014.

BOARD APPROVED PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR THE ELEVATORS

Chairman Smith stated that the next agenda item was a request for the approval of Preventative Maintenance Service Agreements for the two passenger elevators and dumbwaiters located in the Granville County Courthouse, and the passenger elevator and

dumbwaiter located in the Department of Social Services building had been made. He noted that Scott Phillips, Development Services Director, recommended Awarding the three (3) year term/12 month renewal to Schindler Elevator Corporation for the amounts not to exceed the agreement pricing.

Commissioner Currin asked if Schindler was the original manufacturer of the elevators in the courthouse.

Mr. Phillips said that the courthouse has a Dover elevator that was retrofitted by Schindler.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding the three (3) year term/12 month renewal Preventative Maintenance Service Agreements to Schindler Elevator Corporation for two passenger elevators and dumbwaiters located in the Granville County Courthouse and the passenger elevator and dumbwaiter located in the Department of Social Services building for amounts not to exceed the agreement pricing.

BOARD APPOINTED RANDOLPH LOCKETT (DISTRICT 4) TO THE ORANGE STREET COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Randolph Lockett (District 4) to the Orange Street Community Center Board of Trustees.

BOARD APPROVED FIREFIGHTERS' RELIEF FUND BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Firefighters' Relief Fund Board as follows:

Department	Trustee	Trustee
Creedmoor	Richard Ray	Matthew Foley
Stovall	Tim Davidson	Marshall Roberts
Butner Public Safety	Christene Emory	Terry Turner

BOARD APPROVED RESERVED PARKING AT THE GRANVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

County Manager Felts stated that Randy Hemann, Oxford City Manager, notified the County that the City's new parking ordinance removes the on-street space designations for the Judges, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, and District Attorney on Court Street stating State Statutes do not allow for the designation of such on-street spaces for individuals. The Superior Court Judge has had a designated parking spot on Court Street since at least 1968.

At some time between the years 1996 and 1998, Mayor Hugh Currin petitioned the City Board to authorize designated parking on Court Street for the other elected officials (District Court Judge, DA, Clerk of Court, and Register of Deeds). The County was notified in January 2014 that the City was reviewing their parking ordinance and that the on-street space designations may be eliminated. County Manager Felts communicated to the City Manager that these individuals are very appreciative of the parking spaces and hoped that there will be a way to maintain the spaces where they currently reside. He stated he was notified that the ordinance does not allow this. Based on the City's adopted ordinance and the removal of the on-street space designations, the County Manager recommended identifying five (5) spaces in the County-owned parking area behind the Courthouse.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved identifying five (5) spaces as designated parking spaces to replace the spaces on Court Street that were removed by the City of Oxford's Parking Ordinance to be designated for the Judges, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, and District Attorney and approved requesting that the City of Oxford restripe the six (6) spaces in the parking lot adjacent to the Courthouse, currently marked hourly, as daily spaces.

UPDATE FROM ROAD BOND COMMITTEE MEETING

County Manager Felts stated that at the September 2, 2014 meeting, Chairman Smith appointed a committee to review the road bond policy and the issues that have been presented to the Board. At a meeting on September 24th, the committee reviewed the current road bond policy, General Statute 153A-205, and information provided by Oide Brassfield subdivision. The committee also discussed the following:

- The County's legal authority in regards to the bond funds
- The possibility of extending the time period associated with the County's current policy
- Homeowner Associations' (HOA) ability to make assessments
- County's ability to make assessments and proceed under G.S. 153A-205
- Inconsistent application of punch lists by the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT)
- Requiring Developers to draft HOA covenants and having them certified by a third party attorney that they meet basic requirements of the County
- How to address the needs of existing subdivisions and correct issues with future developments

He continued by saying that following their discussions, it was determined that Barry Baker, Planning Director, will meet with NCDOT representatives to discuss this issue and

specifically how to implement the requirements of G.S. 153A-205. County Attorney Jim Wrenn was asked to do some additional review of the County's security position as it relates to assessments. County Manager Felts stated that staff will meet October 23rd to discuss items researched after the September 24th meeting and the full committee will meet prior to the November 3rd meeting to bring back a report to the Board.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Mims stated that he and Commissioner Cozart attended a North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) Public Education Steering Committee meeting on October 6th where they ranked the goals of the NCACC. He also noted that he attended a Health and Human Services Steering Committee meeting on October 17th that determined the top five goals out of 36. He noted that the top three goals are to seek legislation to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act, to support the current model of public mental health administration, and to oppose shifting of Medicaid back to the counties. He mentioned that the top priority of the Granville-Vance District Board of Health was to increase funding to local public health to address rapidly emerging infectious disease and number two was to support the expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina. He noted possible problems with the quality of healthcare being trumped by costs as the restructuring and consolidation of healthcare in North Carolina takes place. He passed out an information flyer on Ebola noting that: (1) a person infected with Ebola can't spread the disease until symptoms appear; (2) Ebola is spread through direct contact with blood and body fluids; and (3) Protect yourself against Ebola. He mentioned a general information presentation to the public in the near future, that there are no known cases in North Carolina and the importance of tracking if someone is identified with Ebola. He reported that Granville County will receive hospice services, but it will not be provided by the Granville Vance District Health Department. The Board of Health met and a position on e-cigarettes and smoking will be taken April 15, 2015. He said that he hosted a State of District 5 report on October 14th and thanked those that participated in the event.

Commissioner Karan stated that the International Walk to School Day event was held in Creedmoor on October 8th and was sponsored by the Granville Greenways Committee,

City of Creedmoor, Granville-Vance District Board of Health and Creedmoor Elementary School. He reported that the event was well attended and thanked Granville County staff that attended. He mentioned that Dorothy Spurling from the Granville-Vance District Board of Health attended and wondered why our own representative did not take part. He said that 400 kids participated and that they plan to do another event in the spring. He reported that he attended the NCACC General Government Steering Committee meeting and that they narrowed down 30 goals to the top 14 legislative goals. He noted that a point of interest to him is that Pitt County had put together a goal for DOT responsibility for subdivision streets, asking that the legislature create a study committee to examine the timing of NCDOT's acceptance into the state road system maintenance of those streets dedicated as public right-of-ways and approved by the NCDOT Division Engineer. He said that many counties in the state are having the same issues as Granville County and it is one of the legislative goals. He reported that on October 15th he attended a CAMPO meeting. He noted that the data collection phase of the Highway 56 Corridor Study is underway and NCDOT has submitted a letter to the City of Creedmoor reducing the speed limit from 45 to 35 on Highway 56 between Hayes Road and Darden Drive (Mount Energy to Food Lion), pending action by the City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners. The next 10-year plan for the SPOT 3.0, state prioritization for roadway systems, was reviewed. Region C, which Granville County is a part of, has been dedicated to have \$754 million worth of road projects in the next 10 years. The NC 50 widening project from I-540 to NC 98 is the second to last scoring project on the list to be accomplished. He noted that a bid release from the federal government for an ID production of 9 million new applicants for identification was issued today and concerns with the transportation bid in January that moved people from the border throughout the country. He noted that this will mean 9 million new people needing identification and problems with moving citizens from our borders throughout the nation with new concerns of Ebola and Enterovirus D68. He also noted that Texas has issued a patent to a company for non-hydraulic fracturing and asked Commissioner Jay to have the Environmental Affairs Committee look at non-hydraulic fracturing as it can also cause problems and be a threat.

Commissioner Smoak noted that one of the topics of interest to him at the recent NCACC conference was the regional economic development being done by farmer's

markets. He visited some of the farmer's markets in the region and brought back information and ideas to share.

Commissioner Jay congratulated Dr. Harvey Spurr for being honored by the Pamlico-Tar River Foundation with the 2014 PTRF Great Blue Heron Award. He asked the Clerk to call North Carolina Department of Transportation to check on plans for the Noel Tuck Road as it is in poor condition.

Commissioner Cozart mentioned the leadership change at the NCACC, noting that David Thompson will be leaving to work with the National Association of County Commissioners (NACo) and Kevin Leonard will take over as the Executive Director. He reported that counties can expect to get back of a portion of money that they have sent to NCACC back and that 100% of counties in North Carolina are now members of the NCACC. He noted that the number one goal of NCACC Public Education Steering Committee was to protect the 40% of lottery proceeds that come back to counties to use for school construction. He mentioned discussion at this meeting regarding counties owning school buildings and also a possible state-wide bond for school construction. He asked the impacts of e-cigarettes on others and wanting more information on the topic.

Commissioner Mims said that he would ask the Executive Director of the GVDHD to make a presentation on the matter, noting that the increase in youth using e-cigarettes has been approximately 350% and that it leads to other things.

Chairman Smith noted that he attended the Kerr-Tar Council of Government's first annual Senior, Caregiver and Baby Boomer Expo last week and gave the welcoming remarks. He said that 72.1 million older Americans will be living in the United States in 2030. He said that approximately 300 people attended and there were 60 vendors with informative sessions and information being presented. He announced that open enrollment for Medicare D is available at the Granville County Senior Center with the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Coordinator. He encouraged senior citizens to make an appointment during open enrollment to sign up for a drug program to help with cost savings.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, 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.

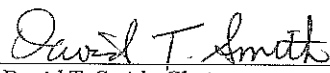
Upon a motion by Commissioner Ed Mims, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

BOARD ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Clerk to the Board

APPROVED BY:


David T. Smith
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