

Camden County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 15, 2006

7:00 P.M.

**Upstairs Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina**

Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds

Vice Chairman Clayton D. Riggs

Commissioners Jeffrey B. Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews

Also attending was County Manager Randell Woodruff, Deputy Clerk to the Board Lori Tuss, and various staff members.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called the meeting to order. Commissioner Carolyn Riggs gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of Award – Robert Hester

Robert Hester, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, presented an award to the Commissioners and county employees for their excellence in emergency management response. Special recognition was given to Emergency Management Coordinator Christy Saunders. Chairman Jeralds accepted the award on behalf of the County.

Presentation – Elsie Hollowell Pugh – Northeast Commission

Elsie Hollowell Pugh, representing the Northeast Commission, invited the Board to establish a clearer communication with the Northeastern North Carolina Regional Economic Development Commission. Mrs. Pugh provided information to the Board that included Organizational Committee recommendations, By Laws, and the 2004-2005 Annual Report.

Van Rogerson, Vice President, spoke regarding his involvement with the Department of Commerce.

Presentation – EMS Proclamation

County Manager Randell Woodruff read the proclamation. Walter Meads, EMS Training Officer, was present to receive the EMS Week Proclamation.

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to adopt the proclamation. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Chairman Jeralds declared the week of May 14-20, 2006 to be recognized as EMS week.

Introduction of New Employee – Planning Department

Permit Officer Dave Parks introduced Mr. Joshua Harris, as the Code Enforcement Officer to the Commissioners and public. The board welcomed Mr. Harris.

Public Comments

Chairman Jeralds called for any comments from the public, stating it was an opportunity for citizens or property owners of Camden County wishing to present unscheduled items of concern or interest to the Commissioners.

Hearing no comments, the meeting proceeded.

Consideration of Minutes for April 17, 2006 – Joint Meeting with South Mills Fire Department, April 17, 2006 – Regular Meeting, and the May 1, 2006 – Regular Meeting

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2006 Joint Meeting with South Mills Fire Department, April 17, 2006 regular meeting and the May 1, 2006 regular meeting, subject to correction of technical and typographical errors. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Consideration of Agenda

County Manager Woodruff asked to amend the agenda under *Item XIV. New Business, O. Estimated Tax Values.*

Chairman Jeralds amended the agenda under *Item XXIII. Closed Session, 1. Consultation with the Attorney regarding litigation brought by the City of Chesapeake against Camden County and Black Bear Disposal* to be omitted due to Attorney John Morrison's illness.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds added *Item XXII. Closed Session. 4. Personnel* to the agenda.

Hearing no further changes, Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Chairman Melvin Jeralds recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting and reconvened the Board of Equalization and Review.

There being no cases to be heard, Chairman Melvin Jeralds recessed the Board of Equalization and Review until Monday, June 5, 2006.

RECONVENE

Chairman Melvin Jeralds reconvened the Board of Commissioners meetings.

Public Hearing – Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution No. 2006-05-05

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go into public hearings to receive comments from the public regarding the Camden County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution No. 2006-05-05. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Christy Saunders gave a brief detailed description and purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing none, Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to close public hearings for Resolution No. 2006-05-05. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2006-03-48 Home Occupation – Shawna Robertson

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding UDO 2006-03-48 Home Occupation - Shawna

Robertson. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Staff Permit Officer Dave Parks was sworn in under oath by the Deputy Clerk. Mr. Parks stated *"Mrs. Robertson applied for a special use permit to operate a home business at 151 Upton Road that will be a massage studio in her house. The Planning Board met on April 19, 2006 and voted 5-0 to recommend approval with conditions as recommended in the Findings of Facts which I offer as evidence to the Board"*.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds asked if Mrs. Robertson was present.

Mr. Parks stated *"yes, she is"*.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing no comments, Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go out of public hearings for UDO 2006-06-48. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Public Hearing – Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2006-03-59 – Private Airport – E & J Holdings

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go into public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding Special Use Permit Application - UDO 2006-03-59. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Dave Parks, having already been sworn in, presented the application. Mr. Parks stated, *"E & J Holdings, better known as Blackwater USA, applied for a Special Use Permit for a private airport they own. Mr. Dehart is here to represent them"*. Mr. Parks stated *"the Planning Board met on April 19, 2006 and voted 5-0 to approve the application with conditions as recommended in the Findings of Facts."*

Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any comments from the public.

Hearing none, Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to go out of public hearing for E & J Holdings – UDO 2006-03-59. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Impact Fees – Introduce and Set Ordinance No. 2006-05-02 for Public Hearing

County Manager Randell Woodruff asked that the Board table this item until Monday, June 5, 2006 Commissioners meeting because the presenter, Attorney Morrison, was unable to attend the meeting. In addition, Ordinance No. 2006-05-02 will not be set for public hearing at this time.

Attorney's Report: Subdivision Moratorium Update

The Attorney's report was postponed until the Monday, June 5, 2006 Commissioners meeting.

Register of Deeds – Proposals for Addition

County Manager Randell Woodruff presented introductory proposals for consideration from Jeffrey A Lees, AIA, of Maryland in the amount of \$4,000.00, and Giffels Corporation of Raleigh, NC in the amount of \$45,000.00.

Chairman Jeralds recommended that the Board will need to table any decision in order to look over the proposals presented to the Board.

Presentation of FY2006-2007 County Budget, Budget Message by County Manager;
Introduction of: Ordinance No. 2006-05-01 An Ordinance of the Board of County
Commissioners of Camden County, NC Relating to the FY2006-2007 Budget,
Resolution No. 2006-05-06 A Resolution of Commissioners of Camden County, NC
Relating to a Budget for FY2006-2007, and Resolution No. 2006-05-07 A Resolution
of the Camden County Board of Commissioners Establishing Salaries and
Compensation for Various Boards and Commissioner for FY2006-2007

Finance Officer Clarann Mansfield passed out the updated Budget Message.

The Budget Message reads as follows:

THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Mr. Clayton D. Riggs, Vice Chairman
Mr. Jeff Jennings
Mr. Mike Andrews
Ms. Carolyn O. Riggs

May 15, 2006

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

In accordance with General Statute 159-11, I hereby submit to you for your consideration the proposed FY 2006-07 budget for Camden County. A copy of this recommended budget has been filed with the Clerk to the Board and is available for public inspection.

GENERAL FUND

The FY 2006-2007 Budget is presented for your consideration. The Ad Valorem tax rate will remain at \$0.90. The funding is in place to cover the debt service on the \$10,000,000 Camden Intermediate School Loan and the \$2,000,000 Loan for renovations at Grandy Primary School. In the near future the county should be given a projection of the utility franchise fees it will receive.

With the \$0.90 per \$100 valuation and 97.28% collection rate on the real and personal property and 80.38% collection rate on vehicles, one cent of tax equals \$50,980.

Also included in the \$0.90 tax rate is the "School Dime" which is used to fund other school debt service.

This year's General Fund Budget is \$287,169 or 3% more than last year's budget. The department budget increases are minimal although there have been some increases:

Revaluation Reserve	\$100,000
Property & Liability and Wkrs. Comp. Insurance	\$ 18,144
Central Communications	29,458
Schools Current Expense	74,726
Department of Social Services	100,684
Fire Marshall-Elizabeth City	12,454
Pasquotank-Camden Library	9,411

SOUTH CAMDEN WATER & SEWER

The Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant has been operating since October 2002 and has been very successful. We have 1891 active water accounts. We add several each months. With the "Debt Setoff" Program, we have collected \$4,142 in past due water bills.

With the permits in hand for the waste water treatment plant and spray field, \$400,000 in additional funding from the Rural Center, the \$600,000 CDBG Urgent Needs Grant and a promise of \$1,000,000 from CWMTF, the project will be going out to bid soon and construction should begin in late summer.

COURTHOUSE/SHILOH FIRE COMMISSION

The fire tax will remain at \$0.05 per \$100 valuation this year. The Fire Commission is purchasing a new Custom Pumper which will be delivered in the spring.

SOUTH MILLS FIRE COMMISSION

The Fire Commission has requested an increase, but the fire tax is included at the present \$.05 in their budget. \$10,000 is included for a match on a grant for a pumper truck and \$15,000 for other grant matches.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The total budget shows an increase of \$100,684 in the county portion of the budget, due mainly to the Medicare increase. There should be no major changes in the service delivery or staffing.

JOYCE CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT

A \$0.02 per \$100 valuation tax rate for the district is again proposed for this year. This year the remainder of the debris from Hurricane Isabel will be cleared.

PARKS GRANTS FUND

A new fund has been created for the purpose of recording all the grants and expenses for the new additions at the Community Park.

REVALUATION RESERVE FUND

With the new revaluation scheduled for 2007 and Pearson Appraisal Company already working in the county, the county contribution had to be increased to \$100,000 this year.

LAND TRANSFER TAX FUND

The funding for this fund comes from the \$0.01 Land Transfer Tax which is levied on land sales. The revenues are estimated at \$540,000. The major expense will again be the debt service on the portion of the Yeskolski property in South Mills which is not being used for the sewer spray fields.

SCHOOL CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

A percentage of the Local Option Sales tax and "School Dime" funds will be used for debt service on the QZAB I, QZAB II and the \$1,000,000 Loan and the School Capital Outlay expense of \$200,000 and the balance on the mobile classrooms of \$57,836 and \$139,370 which is the MB Kahn contract that is over the original budget.

GRANDY RENOVATIONS/CAMDEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PROJECT

The \$10,000,000 USDA loan is for 40 years at 4.25%. USDA will be doing the construction loan on \$10,000,000. The Grandy Primary renovations will also be funded by a \$2,000,000 loan from USDA and the county will have a local construction loan, which is budgeted.

Chairman Melvin Jearlds questioned Article XXIX. Tax Levy, Section 3 of Budget Ordinance No. 2006-05-01.

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that the changes are based on the Board of Commissioners last two (2) budget sessions. The Commissioners suggested that they take time to review the updates to the budget due to the size of the report. Mr. Woodruff stated that the proposals are a presentation for the Board to review.

The Board received the budget message, draft Ordinance No. 2006-05-01, draft Resolution 2006-05-06 and draft Resolution 2006-05-07 and decided to set this portion of the meeting aside for the Budget workshop on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 in order to review the changes to the budget.

Consideration of Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution No. 2006-05-05

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2006-05-05. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Resolution No. 2006-05-05 reads as follows:

Resolution No. 2006-05-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RELATING TO THE CAMDEN COUNTY
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the County of Camden are subject to the effects of natural hazards and man-made hazard events that pose threats to lives and cause damages to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas, i.e., flood hazard areas, are particularly susceptible to flood hazard events; and

WHEREAS, the County of Camden desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Section 1 Part 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (adopted in Session Law 2001-214—Senate Bill 300 effective July 1, 2001), states in Item (a) (2) "For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to G.S. 166A-6(a) after November 1, 2004, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act"; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local government must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Camden County Board of Commissioners to fulfill this obligation in order that the County of Camden will be eligible for state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved that the Camden County Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. Adopts the Camden County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Vests the County Manager with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain or flood-related erosion areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to

management of adjoining floodplain and/or flood-related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

- (c) Adjust the boundaries of Camden County and the municipal planning jurisdiction whenever a municipal annexation or extraterritorial jurisdiction revision results in a change whereby the municipality assumes or relinquishes the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area in order that all Flood Hazard Boundary Maps (FHBMs) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) accurately represent current planning jurisdiction boundaries. Provide notification of boundary revisions along with a map suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating municipal corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries to all concerned parties.
3. Appoints the County Manager to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and in greater detail at least once every five (5) years to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Camden County Board of Commissioners for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A public hearing was held on May 15, 2006.

Adopted on this the 15TH day of May 2006.



Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Attest:



Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Consideration of Special Use Permit Application – Application – UDO 2006-03-48
Home Occupation – Shawna Robertson

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to approve Special Use Permit Application - UDO 2006-03-48 Home Occupation - Shawna Robertson with conditions as recommended in the Findings of Facts. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Consideration of Special Use Permit Application – UDO 2006-03-59 – Private
Airport – E & J Holdings

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Special Use Permit Application - UDO 2006-03-59 - Private Airport- E & J Holdings with conditions as recommended in the Findings of Facts. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Finance Office - Budget Amendment – 2005-06-BA035

Staff received a request, by the Ferebee Family, to donate \$14,368.00 to the Ferebee Trust Fund, using the money to redo the curbing in front and at the side of the renovated Courthouse.

Clayton Riggs made a motion to accept the donation in the amount of \$14,368.00 to be placed in the Ferebee Trust Fund with the understanding that the funds be held until the curbing is ready to be properly completed. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Budget Amendment 2005-06-BA035 reads as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Camden, North Carolina that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

Section 1. To amend the Ferebee Courthouse Trust Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ACCT	AMOUNT	
		INCREASE	DECREASE
565000-574000	Capital Outlay		\$14,368.00
	Courthouse Curbing		

This will result in a net increase of \$14,368.00 in the expenditures of the Ferebee Courthouse Trust Fund. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased. These additional revenues have already been received:

ACCT NO.

56390500-439701 Contributions \$14,368.00

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board, and to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction. Adopted this 15th day of May, 2006.


Clerk to Board of Commissioners


Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Maintenance Dept, - Surplus Items

The following items need to be declared surplus and advertised for sale by sealed bids: a John Deere LX 176 #176x013812, John Deere T 105C Weed Eater #TL20PFD – T8J, a John Deere 21S Weed Eater #M00218X017157, a Lawn Boy Weed Eater Model 1460 #31019104, a John Deere T105S Weed Eater #TLE20FD-TAJ #043081, a Southland 20" Push Mower Model 32-9620 #2283757, a One (1) lot of small office equipment, and Two (2) wooden doors

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to declare the items surplus and authorize staff to advertise for sealed bids. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Camden County Board of Education - Budget Amendment

The budget amendment for the Capital Outlay Fund was submitted by the Board of Education for approval.

The Commissioners questioned the refurbished cost of \$14,873.00 for the lawn mower/tractor purchased for the athletic fields.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs made a motion to approve the capital Outlay Fund Budget Amendment. Commissioner Carolyn Riggs voting aye; Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

GIS – Data Agreement and Fee Schedule

Chairman Melvin Jeralds questioned the customized GIS projects fee schedule. The Board questioned the cost and any break down in cost in fairness to the customer.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs asked that Dave Parks have the GIS Technician research the cost of the GIS Technician and materials in more detail.

Chairman Melvin Jeralds stated that the Board will review the requested breakdown costs and fee at the next regular scheduled board meeting.

Tax Office - Tax Releases, Refunds, Refunds and Pick Ups

Ella Riggs Heirs

Chairman Melvin Jeralds excused Commissioner Carolyn Riggs from voting on the Ella Riggs Heirs tax pick up due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve the Ella Riggs Heirs tax pick up on Roll Back Tax. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; Commissioner Carolyn Riggs excused from voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve tax releases, pick ups and refunds as presented by the tax department for Donald Reasoner and James Marshall and the refunds to be issued by the Finance Office in the amount of \$294.55. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

The approved tax releases, pick ups and refunds are as follows:

Ella Riggs Heirs	283.53	Pick Up	Roll Back Tax
Donald Reasoner	9.50	Release	Incorrect Value
	115.90	Pick Up	
	106.40	Adjustment	
James Marshall	467.96	Pick Up	

Tax Office – Tax Collection Report – April 2006

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to approve the April 2006 Tax Collection Report as submitted by the Tax Administrator. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Property Address Dispute

A property address dispute was brought to the Board by Stephanie Schaad at 106 Wisteria Lane. Mrs. Schaad stated that while the tax department and the 911 emergency services recognize that her house is actually 102 Wisteria Lane. Her concern is that 911 will not be able to respond to the correct address due to the numbering error. Mrs. Schaad wants the county to change the address to 106 Wisteria Lane.

After lengthy questions from the Board, staff and Mrs. Schaad, Commissioner Jeralds requested that the Board table this matter until Monday, June 5, 2006, in order to further review Mrs. Schaad's request to change the property address from 102 to 106 Wisteria Lane.

Tax Office – Vehicle Appeals

Dean Goulet

Mr. Goulet did not attend the meeting to present his case. No change was recommended by the Tax Administrator. No action was taken.

Georgia Johnson

Mrs. Johnson stated she purchased a 1997 Ford Pickup with 340,000 miles for \$1500.00 and that the tax department valued the vehicle at \$8,640.00.

Following discussion, the vehicle would need to be more adequately assessed after the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is verified by the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV).

Parking Lot Proposal

Hearing no objections, Chairman Melvin Jeralds so ordered this matter is tabled due to lack of information.

Fit Together Grant Agreement

The goal of the Fit Together Program and the Camden County Gateway to Healthy Living Partnership is to increase active and healthy living behaviors of citizens leading to a reduction in chronic disease. The conclusion of the Fit Together grant period will be marked with a grand opening event at the new and improved Camden Community Park, and will be a new era for Camden County.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation Grant Agreement for the Fit Together Grant. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

Estimated Property Values

Tax Administrator Mary Rhodes read to the public, and presented the estimated tax values to assist the Commissioners in setting the tax rate for FY2006-2007.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Randell Woodruff reported on the schedule of upcoming events of interest to the Commissioners and stated that the state has estimated that Camden County is currently taxing at 49%, which justifies the necessary revaluation.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs read the Northeastern North Carolina Regional Economic Development Commission recommendations for re-organization.

Closed Session

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go into Closed Session, with the deletion of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of consultation with Attorney regarding litigation brought by the City of Chesapeake against Camden County and Black Bear Disposal, the addition of G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of discussing Industrial Recruitment and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition that is owned by Ray Meiggs located in the Belcross area for the schools. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 9:29 p.m.

Commissioner Jeffrey Jennings made a motion to come out of closed session and back into regular session. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 10:58 p.m.

Upon re-entering regular session, Chairman Melvin Jeralds called for any motions.

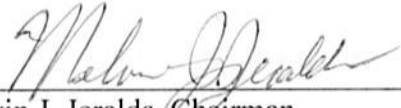
Hearing no motions, Chairman Melvin Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Mike Andrews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Commissioners Jeffrey Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, Mike Andrews, and

Chairman Melvin Jeralds, voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.



Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board