

**Camden County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.
March 21, 2005
Camden County Courthouse
Camden, North Carolina**

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held Monday, March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Camden County Courthouse, Courthouse Complex.

The following members were present:

Chairman Melvin J. Jeralds
Vice Chairman Clayton D. Riggs
Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, and Mike Andrews
County Manager Randell Woodruff
Clerk to the Board Ava Murgia

Also attending was Attorney O.C. Abbott, Planning Director Dan Porter, and Finance Officer Clarann Mansfield.

Chairman Jeralds called the regular meeting to order. Vice Chairman Clayton Riggs gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Pat Cuthrell, Camden Education Foundation, thanked the Board for the donation and support to the Education Foundation Fundraiser. Mrs. Cuthrell expressed concern that delaying the construction of the sewage treatment plant would result in losing \$2m in QZAB funds for the schools.

Bill Norton, 339 Lambs Road, expressed concerns regarding the following: the decision of the location of the sewage treatment plant is still in limbo; the Board looking into another location site; secret meetings and keeping the citizens informed. Mr. Norton questioned Commissioner Andrews regarding the town hall meetings to be held in each township. Mr. Norton stated that NCDOT met with Belcross Bakery, Doris Harris, and Camden Trophy and that NCDOT is taking their property. Belcross Bakery needs a place to relocate. Mr. Norton stated Belcross Bakery septic system was grandfathered and will have to meet all state guidelines regarding sewage when relocating. Mr. Norton stated the county needs sewage to retain current county businesses, and hopes that Camden County does not lose the sewage grant.

Commissioner Andrews stated he was working on a schedule and would call Mr. Norton personally with the town hall meeting schedule.

Chairman Jeralds stated that Mr. Norton's questions would be answered at the April 4, 2005 Commissioners meeting when the Board meets with the engineers from Hobbs UpChurch.

Commissioner Carolyn Riggs stated for the record, in response to Mr. Norton's statement, that there have been absolutely no secret meetings at all, and that is something she is not going to be a part of.

Sheriff Perry recognized and presented the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and pin to Major Jon Worthington.

Chairman Jeralds, on behalf of the Board, thanked and congratulated Major Worthington.

Buddy Tucker, 617 Trotman Road, stated the invocation given at meetings is supposed to be non-denominational.

Consideration of Minutes – February 8, 2005 Corrections, February 15, 2005 Joint Meeting w/Dept of Revenue, February 17, 2005 Retreat, February 21, 2005 Regular Meeting

Vice Chairman Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2005 with corrections, the February 15, 2005 Joint Meeting with the Department of Revenue, the February 17, 2005 Retreat, and the February 21, 2005 Regular Meeting. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Consideration of Agenda

Chairman Jeralds called for any amendments to the agenda.

Commissioner Andrews requested that *Item IX. New Business, H. Capital Funding* be added to the agenda.

County Manager Randell Woodruff requested that *Item IX. New Business, I. Authorization for Funding* be added to the agenda.

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

Animal Control Ordinance

Planning Director stated he had reviewed surrounding counties' animal ordinances.

Hearing no objections, Chairman Jeralds so ordered Dan Porter to draft amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance for the Board's review at a later date.

Ordinance No. 2005-02-02 Proposed Amendment to Article 151 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances

The Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 2005-02-02 was advertised and held on February 21, 2005 to receive comments from the public.

Ordinance No. 2005-02-02 Amendment to Article 151 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances with recommended changes to 151.243 stating "Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all improvements are installed" was added and brought back to the Commissioners meeting on March 7, 2005 for approval. The Board voted 4-0 to approve Ordinance No. 2005-02-02.

According to general statutes an ordinance must receive the unanimous vote of all members of the board in order to be adopted at the meeting at which they are first introduced. If an ordinance receives a majority but not unanimous vote, or it is not voted on, then it is to be considered at the next regular meeting and may be adopted if it then, or at any time within 100 days of its first introduction, receives a simple majority vote.

Therefore, the Board needs a full board majority vote to adopt this Ordinance.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2005-02-02. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Ordinance No. 2005-02-02 reads as follows:

Ordinance No. 2005-02-02

**A Proposed Ordinance
Amending the Camden County
Code of Ordinances**

Camden County, North Carolina

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS as follows:

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Article 151 of the Camden County Code of Ordinances of Camden County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the County Commissioners on December 15, 1997, and subsequently amended and as otherwise incorporated into the Camden County Code.

Article II. Construction

For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Ordinance language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. Language of an adopted ordinance shall be shown in italics (*italics*).

Article III. Amend Section 151 as amended of the Camden County Code which shall read as follows:

§ 151.065 HEIGHT LIMITATIONS.

(A) No building or structure may exceed a height of 35 feet. Any applicant for a structure (such as a wireless telecommunications facility) with a height of 50 feet or more shall obtain written documentation from the manager of any airport which regularly handles commercial or military air traffic and is located within 15 miles of the proposed site that the structure will not interfere with air traffic or otherwise pose a risk to air traffic. The applicant may appeal to the Board of Adjustment if the manager of the airport does not provide the applicant with a statement as required by this section, and the Board may grant the permit if it makes written findings of fact that all other requirements under this chapter are met and if the proposed structure will not interfere or otherwise pose a risk to air traffic.

(1) Lattice-type towers less than 300 feet in height having a width greater than 24 inches at any point over 50 feet are prohibited in the county.

(2) In calculating the height of a building or structure for determining its compliance with height limitations contained in this chapter, the following structures may exceed the maximum height allowed for the roof line of the building: church spires and steeples, belfries, cupolas, domes or ornamental towers, monuments, water towers, chimneys, smoke stacks, conveyors, flagpoles, parapet walls and any necessary mechanical appurtenances, excluding signs.

(B) Also excluded from other height limitations contained within this chapter are wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF), as defined in § 151.600. The siting, height, setbacks, application for construction, use, maintenance and disassembly of WTF must conform to the regulations of this section, as follows and Article 151.380 through 151.390 of this ordinance if located within a special flood hazard area:

(1) *Siting.*

(a) *Zoning districts.*

1. Wireless telecommunication facilities (WTF) are permitted ~~by right in general use districts in accordance with Article 151.334 of this ordinance,~~ if they adhere to all applicable requirements stated herein.

2. WTF are permitted as ~~conditional~~ special uses in accordance with Article 151.334 of this ordinance and the HC, I-1, I-2 and MC districts, subject to the requirements of this section and any additional regulations and requirements imposed by the ~~Board of Adjustments~~ Board of Commissioners as provided in §§ 151.495 through 151.518.

3. WTF are prohibited in all other districts.

(b) *Co-location.* It is the stated policy of this chapter to minimize the number of WTF and to encourage the co-location of antenna arrays of more than one wireless communication service provider on a single support structure.

1. Antennas or arrays may be attached to an existing WTF support structure that is in compliance with all applicable county regulations, as long as the height of the tower is not increased and structural integrity of the WTF is not compromised.

2. No new WTF support structure may be constructed within one mile radius of an existing support tower unless it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Director or ~~BOA~~ Board of Commissioners that the existing support tower is not available for co-location of an additional

WTF, or that its specific location does not satisfy the operational requirement of the applicant.

3. All new WTF support structures over 150 feet shall be structurally designed to accommodate the applicant's communications equipment as well as comparable communications equipment for at least two other users.

4. WTF may be mounted or attached to any existing structure (such as water towers, steeples or electric transmission towers) provided that the owner of the structure and the Planning Director or BOA Board of Commissioners are in agreement that the WTF is not obtrusive or otherwise disagreeable.

(2) *Height.*

(a) WTF less than 35 feet in height, and used for personal and private purposes are permitted by right in all districts and are subject to the setback requirements of the district in which it is located.

(b) Any WTF ~~between 35 feet and 300~~ over 35 feet are subject to the regulations contained within this chapter.

(c) ~~WTF more than 300 feet are not permitted in the county.~~

(3) *Setback.*

(a) The single parcel of land proposed as a WTF site shall be of sufficient size to accommodate a fall line easement of not less than a circle with a radius equal to the setback distances described below. Preserving an easement shall be a required condition of any zoning or conditional use permit issued in accordance with site approval. No structure, other than the existing single residence of the property owner and its customary, accessory structures shall be permitted within the fall line easement.

(b) Excluded from this requirement are the necessary equipment shelters, cabinets, guy anchors or other on-the-ground ancillary equipment which shall meet the setback requirements of the zone in which it is located.

1. Without exception, the radius of the circle containing the fall line easement must be 100% of the tower height when the parcel proposed for the WTF abuts or is within 1,000 feet of property containing a residential structure, church, school or public park or any platted major residential subdivision. If the conditions of division (B)(3)(a) above are not present, then:

2. The radius of the circle containing the fall line easement may be reduced to 50% of the height of the WTF when the proposed structure is a monopole.

3. The radius of the circle containing the fall line easement may be reduced to 75% of the tower height when the WTF is a lattice-type tower with guy wires. Guy anchors must be located on the same parcel and must conform to standard building setbacks for that zoning district. Guy anchors must also be visually screened according to the requirements hereof.

(4) *Application for sitting and construction.* Any applicant for the placement of a new WTF support structure must submit an application package to the Planning Director containing at least the following information, regardless of whether it is permitted by right or a ~~conditional~~ special use in the zoning district in which it is proposed.

(a) A copy of the deed for the property in question, including a legal description, and/or a copy of the survey of the property or leased area, if applicable;

(b) A copy of any necessary access easements and/or lease agreements between the property owner and the service provider; (This agreement must include a statement of responsibility for tower removal.)

(c) Written statements assuring the WTF site complies with:

1. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), including the registration number if the WTF is over 200 feet in height;

2. All applicable Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations; and

3. All applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.

(d) A letter regarding non-ionizing emitted radiation (NIER), quantifying the level of radiation exposure;

(e) Owner of the property, including full name, address and telephone number;

(f) Owner of the WTF, including full name, address and telephone number;

(g) Precise drawings, in plan and cross-sectional view, of all proposed structural components of the WTF, including documentation from a licensed professional engineer demonstrating the proposed facility's compliance with applicable building code standards and describing the general structural capacity of the proposed facility, including the number and type of transmission and/or reception devices that can be accommodated on any WTF support structure over 150 feet. Any additional engineering review

required by the county, will be at the cost of the applicant;

(h) A vicinity map drawn to sufficient scale which depicts all adjacent properties, structures, rights-of-way, the fall line easement, zoning district boundaries, site access on site and adjacent land uses to a radius of 1,500 feet from the WTF;

(i) The power of attorney from the property owner to the applicant, if different, acknowledging that the owner of the property is aware of the application;

(j) A landscape plan drawn to sufficient scale to show specific location and species of vegetation; and (This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director or Board of ~~Adjustment~~ Commissioners based upon existing conditions.)

(k) A surety bond from a reputable financial institution for 120% of the cost of removal of the proposed WTF. The cost of removal of the WTF shall be determined by an engineer of sufficient expertise and agreed to by the Planning Director or ~~BOA~~ Board of Commissioners.

(l) Any other information as is deemed by the Planning Director or ~~BOA~~ Board of Commissioners to be necessary to render a decision.

(5) *Specific requirements regarding construction and use.*

(a) Installation and use of wireless communication antenna arrays shall conform to such standards as are required by the Federal Communications Commission and the radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines issued by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

(b) Any and all proposed telecommunications transmissions shall not interfere with any existing telecommunications facilities.

(c) Towers shall not be artificially illuminated unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other governmental regulation. Ground level security lighting is permitted if kept less than 20 feet in height and is designed to minimize its effect on adjacent properties.

(d) Only those signs for cautionary or advisory purposes shall be permitted on any part of a WTF, these may not be posted higher than 15 feet.

(e) WTF and support facilities shall be designed to be compatible with the natural and built environment. This includes, but is not limited to materials, textures, colors, screening and landscaping that are harmonious with the surroundings.

(f) The perimeter of the tower area shall be landscaped with a buffer of plant materials that effectively screens the view of the tower base. This standard buffer shall consist of a strip at least five feet wide outside the perimeter of the tower area. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director or Board of ~~Adjustment~~ Commissioners based upon existing conditions.

(6) *Maintenance and alteration.* Minor modifications to existing WTF, whether emergency or routine, are permitted, provided there is no remarkably significant change in the visual appearance of the facility. Also permitted without further approval is the addition of transmission/reception devices of other service providers, provided there are no substantial changes made to the existing support structure and the alteration does not increase the height of the WTF.

(7) *Abandonment and disassembly.*

(a) A WTF shall be considered abandoned if it falls into obvious disrepair or a reasonable attempt is made by the Planning Director to contact the applicant and/or owner of the WTF, and no contact can be established.

(b) Once a WTF is deemed abandoned, the owner of the property and/or the owner of the WTF is responsible for its removal. If arrangements for the removal of the WTF are not made within 90 days, the county may then utilize the surety bond to dismantle or remove the structure by any means necessary.

(Ord. passed 12-15-97; Am. Ord. passed 1-24-00; Am. Ord. passed 4-2-01; Am. Ord. 2002-08-01, passed 8-5-02; Am. Ord. 2003-04-01, passed 5-5-03)

§ 151.243 IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES

(A) Agreement and Security Guarantees

In lieu of required completion of asphalt street paving, shoulder/ditch grading, and seeding prior to final plat approval, the County of Camden may enter into an agreement with the developer whereby the developer shall agree to complete all asphalt street paving, shoulder/ditch grading, and seeding. Once the agreement is signed by both parties and the required security is provided, the final plat may be approved by the Camden County Planning Board, if all other requirements of this ordinance are met. To secure this agreement, the developer shall provide, subject to the approval of the Administrator any one or combination of the following guarantees.

(1) Surety Performance Bond

The developer shall obtain a performance bond from a surety bonding company authorized to do business in the State of North Carolina. The bonds shall be payable to the County of Camden and shall be in an amount equal to 1.25 times the entire cost, as estimated by the developer and approved by the Administrator, of installing the asphalt street paving and completion of final shoulder/ditch grading and seeding. The duration of the bond shall be until such time as the improvements are determined by the Administrator to be in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. All improvements must be made within twelve (12) months of final plat approval. Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all improvements are installed.

(2) Cash bond with the Camden County Finance Officer named as trustee.**§ 151.243 4 MAINTENANCE OF DEDICATED AREAS UNTIL ACCEPTANCE.**

(A) All facilities and improvements with respect to which the owner makes an offer of dedication to public use shall be maintained by the owner until the offer of dedication is accepted by the appropriate public authority.

(B) The developer of any development containing streets intended for public dedication shall post a ~~letter of credit cash bond or other sufficient surety~~ to guarantee that the streets will be properly maintained until the offer of dedication is accepted by the State Department of Transportation.

(1) This maintenance guarantee may be combined with any provided under § 151.243.

(2) The amount of the security shall generally constitute 15% of the cost of the improvements. The developer shall provide information sufficient to determine the cost of the improvements.

(C) The Board may relieve the developer of the requirements of this section if it determines that a property owner's association has been established for the development and that this association has assumed and is capable of performing the obligations set forth in division (A) above.
(Ord. passed 12-15-97)

§ 151.244 5 ACCEPTABLE BOND TERMS AND METHODS.

The following types of bonds/guarantees will be acceptable to the Board for the purpose of satisfying maintenance (generally 15%) and performance guarantees (generally ~~15%~~ 125%) prior to recording of the final plat:

(A) Surety bonds by a licensed surety bond company;

~~(B) Irrevocable letters of credit, on forms approved by the County Attorney with a banking institution insured by the FDIC or some other reputable banking institution; and~~

(C) Cash bond with the Finance Officer named as trustee.
(Ord. passed 12-15-97)

§ 151.334 TABLE OF PERMISSIBLE USES.

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USE #	DESCRIPTION	R-1	R-2	R-3	CCD	NCD	HC	MC	GUD	I-1	I-2
18.000	Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (WTF), Towers, Other Related Structures										
18.100	WTF, antennas, supporting structures, radio or TV towers which are 35 feet or less, and receive only earth stations	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z	Z
18.200	WTF, antennas, support structures and towers of all types that are over 35 feet tall, subject to 151.065						S	S	Z- S	S	S


18.300	WTF, antennas, support structures and towers of all types that are over 100 feet tall, subject to 131.062								S	S	S
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Adopted by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Camden this the 21st day of March, 2005.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Viper System Grant Participation

Christy Saunders, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained the Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER), which is 100% state funded from Homeland Security Funds. The state has mandated the Emergency Management Agency use the funds for a VIPER System. Camden County's proposal includes contraction of a 480' tower in the northern portion of the county. The height of this tower will be sufficient to benefit the northern portion of Pasquotank County and the northeastern portion of Currituck County. The tower can not be used to make a profit, but can only be used for public safety with a 800 MHz system installed on the tower. Mrs. Saunders stated the grant application requires the support of Camden County for a proposed 480' tower in Camden County.

Buddy Tucker, 617 Trotman Road, spoke in favor of the proposed 480' tower in northern Camden County.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to support the Emergency Management VIPER System Grant application for a proposed tower in Camden County. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Sheriff's Office - Monthly Report

Hearing no questions or comments regarding the Sheriff's Monthly Report, Chairman Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

Tax Matters – Set Dates to Advertise Delinquent Liens

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the advertising of the delinquent tax liens as submitted by the Tax Administrator on April 11, 2005 in the Daily Advance. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Planning Dept – Resolution No. 2005-03-05 - Land Water Conservation Fund Grant (LWCF)

Planning Director Dan Porter requested approval for a grant application to the Land & Water Conservation Fund for the purpose of making improvements to Camden Community Park. This funding, if approved by the LWCF, would provide a second outside funding source for the project. (LWCF is a federal program through the state)

In January 2004 staff submitted an application for a grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF). In submitting the application the Board of Commissioners: 1) approved a county wide parks & recreation plan; 2) approved the Camden Community Park Master Plan; authorized submittal of the PARTF grant application; and 3) committed \$300,000 local match for a \$600,000 project to make Phase 1 improvements to the Camden Community Park

In addition to the PARTF grant, a second 50 - 50 grant opportunity is available from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF - deadline March 31, 2005). The maximum grant is \$250,000, and the county can submit the same project for this grant. If successful the two (2) grants should be able to be matched with the same local funding committed to the PARTF application.

In order to avoid over committing local funds beyond the \$300,000 local match, the LWCF Project Budget total has been reduced to \$500,000. The reductions are in the playground and parking expenditures.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-03-05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andrews. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; Commissioner Carolyn Riggs voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2005-03-05 reads as follows:

Resolution No. 2005-03-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL MATCH FOR THE LAND AND
WATER CONSERVATION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, provides for the making of grants by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, to States and to local governments in support of outdoor recreation projects, and such funds are available after approval of the appropriate state agency and the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, adopted procedures by the State of North Carolina and the National Park Service require that applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications, signature authorization, and the availability of local matching fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of County Commissioners hereby:

- (1) Approves the filing of an application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund program to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the State of North Carolina, for acquisition and/or development of the Camden Community Park; and
- (2) Certifies that the County of Camden has budgeted or currently has available its 50% share of the proposed total project funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 and will allocate these funds toward this project upon project approval by the State and National Park Service; and
- (3) Agrees to comply with all appropriate state and federal regulations, policies, guidelines, and requirements as they relate to the application and the Land and Water Conservation fund program; and
- (4) Certifies no property acquired and/or developed under this project, without the approval of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, be converted to non-public outdoor recreation uses. And, such approval may be granted only if it is in accord with the then existing Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and only upon such conditions as deemed necessary to assure the substitution of other recreation properties of at least equal fair market value and reasonable equivalent usefulness and location; and
- (5) Certifies the information contained in the application is based on the most accurate data available and is correct.

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to adopt the foregoing resolution, seconded by Commissioner Andrews.

Read, approved and adopted this the 21st day of March, 2005.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Ava Murgia, Clerk to the Board

Proclamation Spring 2005 Litter Sweep April 16 – April 30, 2005

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve A Proclamation of the Camden County Board of Commissioners Declaring April 16 – 30, 2005 as Camden County Spring 2005 Litter Sweep Roadside Cleanup. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Proclamation reads as follows:

Proclamation

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING APRIL 16 – 30, 2005 AS CAMDEN COUNTY SPRING 2005 LITTER SWEEP
ROADSIDE CLEANUP**

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation annually organizes a spring statewide roadside litter cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Spring 2005 LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup will take place April 16 – 30, 2005, and encourage local government leaders, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families, businesses and individual citizens to participate by organizing cleanups in Camden County; and

Whereas, local government leaders, civic and professional groups, churches, schools, families, businesses and individual citizens may receive certificates of appreciation for their efforts; and

Whereas, the LITTER SWEEP cleanup will educate and encourage the children of Camden County the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life North Carolinians enjoy; and

Whereas, the great natural beauty of Camden County and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

Whereas, the cleanup will raise awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

Whereas, the Spring 2005 cleanup will celebrate the 17th anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and the thousands of volunteers who contribute their time and labor year round to keep our roadsides clean.

Now, Therefore, I, Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman of the Camden County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Spring 2005 LITTER SWEEP Roadside Cleanup on April 16 – 30, 2005.

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2005.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(Seal)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Resolution No. 2005-03-03 In Support of a Local Option Lottery

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that Resolution No. 2005-03-03 is no longer a local option but is now statewide.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion for staff to send a letter of support for a statewide lottery to legislative officials. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; Commissioner Carolyn Riggs voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Resolution No. 2005-02-04 Supporting The Funding of Albemarle RC&D

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-02-04. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs,

Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Approved Resolution No. 2005-02-04 reads as follows:

Resolution No. 2005-03-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE FUNDING OF ALBEMARLE RC&D**

WHEREAS, Camden County is located within the geographic service area of Albemarle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D); and

WHEREAS, Albemarle RC&D plays an important role in protecting the environment in a way that improves the local economy and standard of living in Camden County; and

WHEREAS, the Camden County Board of Commissioners believes that natural resource conservation continues to be of prime importance in Northeast North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle RC&D provides technical assistance and project administration for vital resource projects; and

WHEREAS, the lack of adequate Federal funding will cause Albemarle RC&D to no longer have the assistance of a full-time coordinator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Camden County Board of County Commissioners encourages and supports any and all efforts to secure adequate Federal funding to fully staff Albemarle RC&D, allowing that organization to continue to serve Camden County and Northeast North Carolina.

Adopted this the 21st day of March, 2005.


Melvin J. Jerald, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board

Capital Funding

Commissioner Andrews requested a breakdown showing the amount of new tax required to fund each of the following: Camden Intermediate School, Camden Village Sewage Treatment Plant (Keeter Barn Road location), Registrar of Deeds office, the new regional jail, QZAB cost for the school media center, and if there were any other departments that money could be transferred from (i.e. Sheriff's Department) to pay for a new school.

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated he would have the report at the next Board meeting.

USDA - Authorization for Funding

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that USDA needs authorization that the Board will receive the application package for the school funding.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to authorize the County Manager to proceed with the authorization for funding from the USDA for school funding. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

County Manager's Report

Rescind NC GS 104-7

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that a resolution was received from Washington County, which originated from the OLF issue, for reversal of NCGS 104-7.

Commissioner Andrews made a motion to table the issue until April 4, 2005 for further discussion. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

Reports from Commissioners Serving on Other Boards

Commissioner Jennings reported on the Jail Commission meeting regarding construction of the new jail; proposals had been sent out and fourteen (14) responses had been received.

County Manager Randell Woodruff stated that a joint meeting with the Jail Commission was scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Elizabeth City Courthouse.

Closed Session

Commissioner Clayton Riggs made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for the purpose of consultation with the county attorney, and pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) for the purpose of acquisition of property. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The Commissioners entered closed session at 8:07 p.m.

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

The Commissioners re-entered regular session at 9:41 p.m.

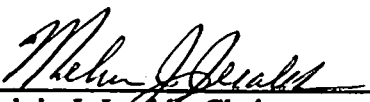
Upon entering regular session, Chairman Jeralds called for any motions.

Hearing no motions or comments, Chairman Jeralds proceeded with the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, Commissioner Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Chairman Jeralds, Commissioners Jennings, Carolyn Riggs, Clayton Riggs, and Andrews voting aye; no Commissioner voting no; no Commissioner absent; and no Commissioner not voting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.


Melvin J. Jeralds, Chairman
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Ava Murgia
Clerk to the Board