

**NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY
CITY OF OXFORD**

**OXFORD CITY HALL, BOARD MEETING ROOM,
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006 AT 7:00 PM**

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford met for Regular Session at City Hall, 300 Williamsboro Street at the above-mentioned time and place.

Present: Mayor Alvin Woodlief, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Howard G. Herring, Sr.
Commissioner Chance Wilkinson
Commissioner Stephen C. Powell
Commissioner Robert Shope
Commissioner Robert B. Williford, Sr.
Commissioner S. Quon Bridges

Absent: Commissioner Paul Kiesow

Present also were City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, City Manager Thomas S. Marrow, City Clerk Tanya S. Weary and Deputy Clerk Donna B. Hosch.

All members of the board and local news media were notified of the time, place and purpose of the meeting.

Mayor Woodlief called the meeting to order.

Reverend Phillip Betts gave the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the audience signed the Public Comment sign up sheet requesting to speak on item(s) not on the agenda.

MAYOR'S YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD -
KAREN KEETON – JULY'S RECIPIENT

Mayor Woodlief recognized July's Mayor's Yard of the Month winner, Karen Keeton. Mayor Woodlief read the certificate, which recognizes her for the outstanding job of landscaping maintenance and overall attractiveness of 511 Harris Street. He added that a sign would be placed in her yard recognizing her as the winner for Mayor's Yard of the Month and that a picture would be taken for the *Oxford Public Ledger*.

GREENWAY MASTER PLAN ADOPTED

Jackie Sergent of the Granville-Vance District Health Department explained the Health Promotion Workgroup in fall 2004 was awarded \$11,165 to create a Master Greenway Plan for Granville County. Various utility easements (power, gas, water, sewer and rail) were inventoried 22 routes were suggested and 15 recommendations were made. Public meetings were held in Butner, Oxford and Stovall to seek input from county residents. Ms. Sergent noted County Commissioners adopted the plan. She stressed the information included in the plan are proposals only. Ms. Sergent referred to the proposed connecting greenway corridors that specifically pertain to Oxford: Oxford-Clarksville Trail Jefferson Davis Way; Jordan Creek Trail; Oxford Loop and Foundry Branch Trail. She noted a benefit of having a comprehensive master plan and identifying road routes is that if the DOT proposes road improvements, the DOT is required to listen to the request to widen the shoulder for bike traffic. She stated the plan is a way to bring money into the area without any extra expense. She indicated in the future it is the hope to connect from the American Tobacco Trail of Durham County to the southern end of Granville County through Oxford and north towards Clarksville, VA. She noted she had spoken with the East Coast Greenway Alliance and if this connection occurred it would be one of the significant

greenways east of the Mississippi. Ms. Sergent noted if there are more than 10 miles of trail it is not only an enhancement but also a destination.

Commissioner Bridges recognized he had received a few calls and letters from individuals who were concerned about a greenway behind their homes in a wooded area. He added that they were concerned that this would be an escape route if their homes were broken into. Commissioner Bridges asked if there would be an opportunity to talk with the community about their concerns. Ms. Sergent responded yes, persons in the community affected by the route would be notified when a specific route is determined. She stressed greenways deter crime and increase property values.

Mayor Woodlief asked if the Workgroup was asking the City to pay for the easements? Ms. Sergent replied no, that they are only requesting for the City to support the greenway plan and for the Board to look into what it is doing to make it easier for people to move around on foot and bike. She suggested an ordinance requiring subdivision developers be required to make the community walkable and bikable. She added the Greenway Advisory Council includes a space for a representative from each of the 5 municipalities.

Commissioner Powell asked for all to look to the future in terms of what is best for the City and what will enhance new citizens and health related values.

Commissioner Herring motioned to adopt the Greenway Master Plan. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITIES RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Darryl Moss, City of Creedmoor Mayor, noted it is the intent of the National League of Cities President Jim Hunt for municipalities to encourage inclusive communities across North Carolina. He added Creedmoor is engaged in a tremendous annexation controversy. He

commented citizens have requested to fix the bad relationships created with the County Commissioners. He stated the resolution encourages civic engagement and he is presenting the resolution to the municipalities across Granville County. Mayor Moss noted Creedmoor is looking for ways to work together with Oxford. He added Creedmoor is holding a Southern Granville County Growth Forum. He noted elected officials, DOT and economic developers will be invited to the forum.

Mayor Woodlief recognized Mayor Moss as a director for the National League of Cities.

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to adopt the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities Resolution as presented by Mayor Darryl Moss. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Creedmoor is committed to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns are the best place to make inclusiveness an everyday priority; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials can and should lead the way forward in making inclusiveness a priority in America's cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has designed the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities to support cities and towns in their commitment to inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and its members believe an inclusive community promotes equal opportunity and fairness; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and its members believe an inclusive community promotes citizen participation and engagement; and

WHEREAS, National League of Cities President Jim Hunt, councilmember, Clarksburg, West Virginia, has invited local officials to join the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities and to make a commitment to building more inclusive communities in their own cities and towns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Creedmoor hereby reaffirms our commitment to inclusion as a fundamental aspect of our community, pledges active efforts to seek to achieve that goal, and urges all citizens of Creedmoor to join together to support this effort.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Creedmoor joins the Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities.

This the 27th day of June, 2006.

GRANVILLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Granville County EDC Director Leon Turner noted July is usually the second slowest month of the year, however it has been busy this year. Mr. Turner stated Carolina Academic Press is in the process of moving into the old High Price Warehouse. This company prints and sells college textbooks. CRL Marketing, a cosmetics firm, has leased a building from Premier Quilting and it is up and running. He added the Cristex building is under contract and hopefully will close by the end of the month. He informed the three companies would employ over 100 people. Mr. Turner noted Cormetech vacated the old Burlington Industries building in May and added the old part is not useable. He commented the new part would get a new roof and minor repairs within 60-90 days and would be available for lease. He reported Santa Fe Natural Tobacco leased the Hancock building. He informed preliminary information has been sent out to

potential major projects. He commented a corporate official would visit within the next two weeks to look for a site to construct a 100,000 sq. ft. facility. He added the Granville Business Park is moving forward and inside and outside roads have been discussed with DOT and plans are moving forward concerning wastewater. Mr. Turner reported the General Assembly approved \$1 million from the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of doing a new study on the tobacco research station to see what can be done to upgrade it to make it usable. He commented this would put the Department of Agriculture in a position to deal with a biotech company or federal agency.

RETIREE CAPTAIN BOB WILLIAMSON AWARDED FIREARM

Commissioner Herring motion to award firearm (40 Cal Berretta) and badge to Captain Bob Williamson who retired from the Oxford Police Department on June 30, 2006 after 30 years of service. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2006

Finance Officer Stephen McNally supplied the Board with a copy of the June 2006 financial report that included General Fund actual revenues of \$357,984 actual expenses of \$610,043; Water Fund actual revenues of \$331,310, and actual expenses of \$1,100,227 and Other actual revenues of \$49,570 and actual expenses of \$55,942. The subtotals to date are General Fund actual revenues of \$6,394,679 and actual expenses of \$6,435,031; Water Fund actual revenues of \$9,710,572 and actual expenses of \$9,949,994; Other actual revenues of \$863,336 and actual expenses of \$872,920. Mayor Woodlief noted that if there were not any questions concerning the report, Finance Director McNally would be in his office tomorrow for any questions.

EDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION ANNEXATION FEASIBILITY

Commissioner Herring placed this item on the agenda.

Commissioner Herring explained Edgewood Subdivision should be annexed because the area is eligible. He recognized the rocks in the area and added that if an area becomes eligible for annexation the Board of Commissioners should act upon this in order to increase the population of the City. He asked what is the procedure for the Board to bring Edgewood Subdivision into the City. He stressed he would not back off from wanting to proceed with the process to annex Edgewood Subdivision. He stated if rules are applied across the board for everyone, then they should be applied for the annexation of Edgewood Subdivision. He requested City Manager Marrow to explain if the area is eligible for annexation and what is the process to annex it.

Judge Claude Allen of 305 Salem Road noted he did not live in Edgewood Subdivision but felt he would be annexed if the subdivision were annexed. He recognized this issue came up 10 years ago and it was not feasible at that time. He reported 4-5 houses have been built since that time. He explained the area is very rocky and one body of water in the area. He explained if water and sewer were run to the area, everyone would be assessed \$23,000 - \$25,000. He noted people would move and homes would be hard to sell with this assessment. He stressed the neighborhood would deteriorate. He asked the Board of Commissioners to look to the future and see if the people currently living in the area are still there because they will not be able to pay the assessment for water and sewer when it is not needed.

Hattie Jean Overton of 306 Salem Road asked the Board of Commissioners to be fair and think about the decision to annex and what it will cost the City. She asked to look at what is best for everybody and the citizens and what is best for the City economically.

William Mullins of 103 Edgewood Drive noted he had lived in Granville County for 50 years and even though things may be legal; they are not always the right thing to do. He reminded the Board this issue came up 15 years ago and was turned down. He stated at the time George Wright was commissioner as well as Commissioner Herring, Mr. Wright stated the citizens in the area have ordinary income and cannot afford to pay the assessment at that time of \$10,000 - \$12,000. He added he did not see any practicality and he chose to live outside the city limits. He asked for the Board to turn down the request to proceed with annexing and asked that they study carefully the feasibility. He recognized the streets would have to be upgraded.

No one else from the public wished to speak.

City Manager Marrow noted the standard process is to do a field survey to see if the area is eligible for annexation. He added if eligible the next step is to consider adopting a resolution of consideration, which would take 365 days because this would be involuntary. After 365 days, the City will begin a series of public hearings and informational meetings for 6-8 months. Then around 18-20 months the area would become eligible for annexation.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if it is required to annex an area once it becomes eligible for annexation. City Manager Marrow noted that it is up to the City to annex or not.

Commissioner Herring questioned if Edgewood is never annexed, could the City jump over a non-annexed area to annex another area? City Manager Marrow explained it could not be done involuntarily, but the area could petition to be annexed. He added the area must be contiguous to corporate limits if it is involuntary.

Commissioner Bridges recognized that it is important for him to get a feel on how the people in the area feel about being annexed. He asked for the individuals who live in Edgewood

to raise their hands and asked how many support annexation? No one in the audience supported annexation of Edgewood Subdivision.

Commissioner Powell asked why the individuals did not want to be annexed? It was indicated that the \$20,000 - \$25,000 assessment for water and sewer was the problem.

Commissioner Herring asked if it would be feasible to annex the area without providing water and sewer? City Manager Marrow explained a petition must be signed by every resident in the proposed annexation area so the City would not have to provide water and sewer services. He noted the City is required to provide the same services to areas that are annexed and the only way to get around it would be for a petition to be signed by every resident. Mayor Woodlief noted the residents of Maluli Drive hired an attorney and everyone agreed to no water and sewer services.

Mr. Crews, an audience member, asked if someone would eventually want water, what would happen? City Manager Marrow noted there is a two-year window and if a resident asks after two years the City does not have to provide services.

Commissioner Wilkinson questioned the wisdom of annexing an area and not providing water and sewer services. He commented the City should look at if this would benefit the City and if it would put an undue burden on people. He added he felt a \$17,000 assessment per house is an undue burden and areas annexed since he has been on the Board have not had to pay this.

ORIGINAL MOTION

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned not to proceed with annexing Edgewood Subdivision.

Commissioner Herring disagreed and added the Board should vote yes or no for annexing Edgewood. He commented once the decision is made, yes or no, he would live with the decision.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Commissioner Herring made a substitute motion for City Manager Marrow to proceed with the annexation process to annex Edgewood Subdivision and Salem Road. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. Commissioners Herring and Bridges voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Shope, Powell, Wilkinson and Williford voted against the motion. The motion failed 4-2.

Commissioner Powell commented he did not know if the Board was being too hasty and added he was not intelligent about the feasibility of annexing Edgewood right now.

Commissioner Wilkinson noted he wanted to vote this down because the prices are high and if any study is done, the prices for water and sewer will be about the same. He did not feel like the Board should be wasting the people's time.

Commissioner Bridges commented 1-2 meetings are not burdensome on people. He noted in order to represent the community, the Board should have enough information to make a decent vote on the issue. He explained because he wants City Manager Marrow to look into the feasibility of annexing the area, does not mean he supports the annexation.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked what City Manager Marrow would look into because he has already provided the Board with figures for water and sewer. Mayor Woodlief noted J.B. Clay had requested the area to be annexed years ago and studies were done at that time. He added the assessment was around \$8,000 - \$9,000. He informed currently the price would be \$23,000, which does not include lift stations. He added the individuals would feel the same about being annexed and continued that they contribute to the economy of Oxford.

ORIGINAL MOTION

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned not to proceed with annexing Edgewood Subdivision. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. Commissioners Wilkinson, Williford and Shope voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Herring, Bridges and Powell voted against the motion. In the event of a tie, the Mayor votes to break the tie. Mayor Woodlief voted in favor of the motion not to proceed with annexing Edgewood Subdivision. The motion passed 4-3.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM CRAWFORD

Representative Crawford opened the floor to questions.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the bill was passed for cable companies to be regulated by the State? Representative Crawford explained one bill expands broadband and noted one has passed and the other has not. He added the intent of the bill is to earmark part of the taxes to expand broadband into the rural areas. City Manager Marrow noted the City collects around \$70,000 per year from franchise taxes and stated the City needs the money. Representative Crawford added the bill would not allow for the City to continue to receive the franchise taxes.

Mayor Woodlief asked if the intangible tax would be given back to the smaller communities. Representative Crawford explained the General Assembly has given to the education system and are trying to do additional programs for the City, such as one with the Oxford Housing Authority and Mary Potter School. He stated recreation money is available and the City has received a grant for Oxford Park. He added the budget included \$44 million in education to replace money taken from the schools. He noted money was set aside for mental health. Representative Crawford noted a bill was passed for the South Granville Water & Sewer Authority, which will now go to the Senate and passed in the same bill a reciprocal authority for the public safety in Butner so they can help with fires outside of their district. He believes

Butner will eventually incorporate. He explained money is available for the hub project and Stovall. He noted a research biotech company is coming to Vance County around VGCC and will employ 500 employees. He reported a satellite annexation bill was adopted for Stovall and Stem. Representative Crawford noted money was put aside for the court system for personnel and technology.

Commissioner Shope asked about Highway 50? Representative Crawford noted that the Governor understands that Highway 50 is a priority and environmental studies are being done. Mayor Woodlief noted that Highway 50 not being four lanes is a deterrent for economic development and grants.

Representative Crawford assured Oxford would have a license plate agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR WOODLIEF

A joint city and county dinner meeting has been scheduled following the Agenda Session on Monday, July 31 at Tony's Restaurant. He added the Granville County Board of Commissioners approved \$22,486 to assist with expenses the City of Oxford incurred due to the SOC.

REQUEST BY PATRICIA HUNT – FLOWER & BIBLICAL GIFT SHOP DENIED

Mayor Woodlief noted the Planning Board unanimously denied Patricia Hunt's request because they felt amending the ordinance for this type of business could open up a can of worms for other businesses (atheist gift shop, adult book store, etc.). The Planning Board also said R-15 should stay designated as the most restricted residential district and would be unfair to the residents of the R-15 district if they amended the ordinance for a business. R-15 is a very large part of Oxford and felt that property values (tax base) would suffer significantly if businesses were allowed in R-15.

Commissioner Shope motioned to deny the request by Patricia Hunt of 1003 Williamsboro Street to amend the Oxford Zoning Ordinance to allow a Christian Gift Shop in the R-15 zoning district as a special use permit as unanimously denied by the Planning Board. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**VARIANCES APPROVED FROM SUBDIVISION RULES
AS REQUESTED QUENTION & PAULA JONES**

Mayor Woodlief explained the variances needed for this request are for lot area (2,811), lot width (15.06), and lot depth (39.80). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of this request because this is a situation where the structures already exist. They noted that each lot had their separate entrances. Also, the houses were built before Oxford had any zoning regulations. The purpose for this request is so this couple can sell these houses.

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve variances from the subdivision rules in order to separate a lot with two houses located on it (314 & 320 Linden Avenue) as requested by Quention and Paula Jones. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDED - SECTION 92.12(d) STREET LIGHTS

Commissioner Wilkinson motion to amend the City of Oxford Subdivision Ordinance under section 921.12(d) Street Lights to require all streetlights to be spaced at 500 ft. intervals and at every intersection. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE APPROVED

Commissioner Bridges motioned to approve a sidewalk sale in downtown Oxford on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5, 2006. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

LIGHTNING DAMAGE REPAIR AT PUBLIC WORKS

City Manager Marrow noted an estimate has been acquired for the damage to the gas pump in the amount of \$3,500. He added several computers, phones and the copier were knocked out. He requested an approved lump sum or to bring a budget amendment back to the Board. City Manager Marrow estimated the cost to be around \$6,000 and added the City has a \$1,000 deductible. He added Gerial Proctor of Progress Energy is going to assess the building in order to try and prevent this from happening again.

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to repair lightning damage to the Public Works Complex and come back to the Board of Commissioners with a budget amendment accordingly. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER – NEW COLLEGE STREET WATER LINE

The item to consider change order for New College Street water line was taken off the agenda.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – CORNER OF WILLIAMSBORO & COLLEGE

STREETS

City Manager Marrow noted once Union Bank completes the exterior design (around Labor Day) the sidewalk improvements will begin. Commissioner Shope requested to look for funds to do around the corner on College Street to the alley (Union Avenue). City Manager Marrow noted this if done at the same unit price would be around \$30,000, which would come from the Powell Bill Fund.

Mayor Woodlief suggested sending this request to replace the sidewalk from the corner of Williamsboro Street and College Street on the west side of the street towards the Granville County Office building and add the corner of College Street to Union Avenue to the Property

Committee and report back at the August Regular Session meeting. The Board of Commissioners agreed.

RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Herring placed this item on the agenda.

Commissioner Herring recognized at June meeting there were concerns about what it is the Board needs to look at in terms of approving a recreational complex. He suggested revisiting the issue and look at what the Board wants to do in terms of revising the master plan if needed and be specific about what the next step is. He stated the Board has not committed any funding to enhance or bring the recreational plan to light. Commissioner Herring commented it needs to be on paper and if it is not available to be done tonight, but should be done later on.

Mayor Woodlief suggested sending this request to the Recreation Committee and Recreational Advisory Committee. He added the Board has done a lot within the last 12 months at Lake Devin, Granville Street and the Hix complex. Commissioner Herring recognized this had been done.

Commissioner Bridges, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, commented that the Committee has done a lot of things and recognized the work done to receive a \$500,000 grant and the basketball court. He stated the basketball court is one step towards what has been promised to the community. He added he was impressed for the Oxford Park Swim Club and added guests can attend for a small fee with a property owner in Oxford Park. He suggested programs at the swim club for the larger community. He added the Recreation Committee would discuss what is needed with the Recreation Department and promised that the recreation plan would not be forgotten. He recognized the greenway plan approved tonight is part of recreation.

Mayor Woodlief noted the City has a public swimming pool. Recreation Director Mary Caudle noted it had been well attended.

BUDGET DELAY DISCUSSION

Commissioner Herring placed this item on the agenda.

City Manager Marrow had explained that the budget delay is due to the fact that to be completely finished with the new budget book the rate charts need to be updated in the back of the budget to reflect all the changes in the budget. The water and sewer rate has not even been adopted yet.

Commissioner Herring noted he was okay with the Manager's comment.

WELCOME TO OXFORD SIGN APPROVED

Commissioner Williford, Chairman of the Property Committee, motioned to approve a Welcome to Oxford sign to be located at Highway 158. Commissioner Bridges seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

ANNEXATION FEASIBILITY – STRIP MALL ON HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH

Commissioner Herring placed this item on the agenda.

Commissioner Herring asked if the current city limit sign was correct? City Manager Marrow explained the line is staggered. Commissioner Herring noted the strip mall on Highway 15 South is located in the city limits.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if the annexation would benefit the City; how much would the City receive from taxes and how much it would cost? Mayor Woodlief noted an 8" water line, hydrants and services and an 8" sewer line, manholes and services would cost \$72,825.00. He stated the revenue per year would be under \$1,000. City Manager Marrow noted the current water line installed in 1980 stops at the beginning of the hotel property. He

added the policy has changed that anyone who extends a water and sewer lines must extend to the far end of the property line. He recognized one person owns the property.

Commissioner Bridges asked City Manager Marrow what he thinks about the feasibility? City Manager Marrow noted it had been looked at in the past and was deemed not feasible due to the cost of water and sewer. He explained currently the water and sewer lines go out the back of the building and if a sewer line is run the floors would have to be torn up to reverse the flow to come out the front or choose to run, it behind the building (this would not provide water and sewer to anyone else along Highway 15). He commented it might also require a pump station.

Mayor Woodlief recognized property beyond the strip mall might need water and sewer and suggested to wait for this in order to make it profitable.

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to table annexing the strip mall on Highway 15 South until property is purchased beyond the mall that would require water and sewer. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

GRANVILLE COUNTY UNITY RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to adopt Granville County's Unity Resolution for South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA). Commissioner Powell seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

UNITY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the provision of critical water and wastewater services in Granville County is complicated because the County is large (5th largest in the State), geographically dispersed, and resides in three of the State's eight river basins; and

WHEREAS, we realize that potential growth, economic stability and good quality of life are dependent upon adequate supplies of water and wastewater capacities; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of all of the municipalities and the County are stridently unified in the belief that the local response to this issue will require cooperation, strategic and regional planning, and a unified effort among all the local governments in Granville County; and

WHEREAS, we understand that this resolution is signed by all of the elected local officials in the County – City of Oxford, City of Creedmoor, Town of Stem, Town of Stovall and the Butner Advisory Council – as a clear signal of our unity in bringing together the governments of this County for the good of the people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we support the efforts of SGWASA in providing a regional approach for the Southern end of Granville County and realize the importance of its success for all of Granville County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the elected leadership and citizens of Butner be allowed to decide if they wish to incorporate and if so, be given the freedom to complete that effort within the next 12 months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Commissioners supports a bill to be introduced by Granville County’s legislative delegation this session that provides for the efficient and timely transfer of assets to SGWASA from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, including the terms of payment to continue the Town of Butner both before and after any incorporation of the Town of Butner as set out in the draft bill.

Adopted by the Oxford Board of Commissioners this 11th day of July, 2006.

WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY APPROVED

Commissioner Williford motioned to approve the Raftelis Water & Sewer Rate Study.

Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve meeting minutes of June 5 and 13, 2006.

Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL

On a motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Herring, the Board voted to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the closed session and on motion by Commissioner Williford, seconded by Commissioner Herring, the Board voted unanimously to return to the Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Woodlief adjourned the meeting.