

**NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY
CITY OF OXFORD**

**OXFORD CITY HALL, BOARD MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford met in 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 Robert Shope
Commissioner Stephen C. Powell
Commissioner Paul F. Kiesow
Commissioner A. Chance Wilkinson
Commissioner Robert B. Williford, Sr.
Commissioner Walter Cantley

Present also were City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, Interim City Manager Steve McNally and City Clerk Tanya S. Weary.

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

Mayor Al Woodlief, Jr. 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 wished to speak.

MAYOR'S YARD OF THE MONTH AWARD – BRUCE & LORRAINE LEGATES

Mayor Woodlief recognized February's Mayor's Yard of the Month winners, Revs. Bruce & Lorraine LeGates. Mayor Woodlief read the certificate, which recognizes them for the outstanding job of landscaping maintenance and overall attractiveness of 100 Byron Court. He

added a sign would be placed in the yard recognizing them as the winners for Mayor's Yard of the Month and that a picture would be taken for the *Oxford Public Ledger*.

WEBB FOOTBALL TEAM RECOGNIZED

Mayor Woodlief and Commissioner Powell recognized Head Coach John Hamme and the Webb football players by giving each a certificate recognizing them as the Eastern North Carolina Division 3 Second Place Winners.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES WITH
KERR-TAR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION -
GRANVILLE BUSINESS PARK**

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for public comment regarding an amendment to contract services with the Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation as it pertains to Granville Business Park.

No one from the audience wished to speak on this matter.

Mayor Woodlief closed the public hearing.

**AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICES WITH
KERR-TAR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION -
GRANVILLE BUSINESS PARK APPROVED**

Commissioner Wilkinson motioned to approve the amendment to contract services with Kerr-Tar Regional Economic Development Corporation as it pertains to Granville Business Park. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
GRANVILLE PARK PARTNERS - GRANVILLE BUSINESS PARK**

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for public comment as to an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with Granville Park Partners, LLC as it pertains to the Granville Business Park.

No one from the audience wished to speak on this matter.

Mayor Woodlief closed the public hearing.

AMENDMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH GRANVILLE PARK PARTNERS - GRANVILLE BUSINESS PARK APPROVED

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve the amendment to the reimbursement agreement with Granville Park Partners, LLC as it pertains to Granville Business Park. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING PUBLIC HEARING – 900 ROXBORO ROAD

Mayor Woodlief opened the public hearing for comment. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for comment as it pertains to the request from Howard Mize to rezone 900 Roxboro Road from R-A (residential-agriculture) to O-I (office-institutional) for a dental lab and a possible dentist office. Mayor Woodlief noted the Planning Board recommends approval based on the fact that it is across the street from the newly rezoned property of the NC State Employees Credit Union. Reviewing the land use study that was approved on March 16, 1999 suggests that the property should be commercial. This rezoning would serve as a compromise to the commercial zoning. The property is 93/100 acre.

Cathy Anna of 902 Roxboro Road asked her neighbors to stand and stated her purpose was to voice their opposition to the rezoning of 900 Roxboro Road. She noted her house is approximately 75 feet from the structure. Her main concern is safety because there is only one driveway that leads into the residence. The driveway sits 65 ft from one of the busiest above average intersections for accidents in the State. The State is planning to expand. The wrap around drive comes onto her property and Mr. Mize will not be able to use this. The one driveway he will use is located under the stoplight. Ms. Anna explained the State has spoken with her about acquiring hers and her neighbors' properties as of 2010, which is for an expressway. Her house and the house that Mr. Mize wants to turn into a business will be torn

down. The State will offer fair market value, so why rezone the property now because it will not be there in 2-3 years. She suggested talking to the State Employees Credit Union about acquiring property from them. She asked the Board to reverse the Planning Board's recommendation. She told that Mr. Mize started a petition to stop an elderly couple from getting a cell tower put on their property in order to earn extra income because he did not think it would look good coming out of Foxcroft Subdivision.

Alan Baker of 1000 Roxboro Road noted the area is currently zoned R-A and he and his neighbors would like to keep it this way. He stated he did not know there was a Planning Board meeting to consider this because he would have attended. He respectfully requested that the Board refuse to rezone this property.

Commissioner Williford asked Mrs. Anna if the property located at 900 Roxboro Road was sold as a private residence, could they use the driveway to which Mrs. Anna replied no. The property is currently being rented and they are not using Mrs. Anna's driveway.

Commissioner Wilkinson recognized there is a lot of traffic difference between a dental lab and a dentist office. Mrs. Anna noted he plans to put in the dentist office.

Commissioner Williford asked if the property owners were contacted regarding the Planning Board meeting to which Planning Director Cheryl Hart responded she could not say whether or not Mr. Baker received the letter, but a letter was sent to the property owners.

Commissioner Kiesow asked about the State taking over the property to which Mrs. Anna explained they have met with DOT and seen the site maps. The project has been budgeted and funded with a projected date of 2010. She stressed she wanted to keep the property residential.

Commissioner Powell asked if Mr. Mize is aware of the State's intentions to which Planning Director Hart noted a structure is already there, so it would not cost him a lot of money.

Howard Mize of 5605 Farmington Drive noted he is requesting to rezone 900 Roxboro Road from R-A to O-I. He noted he is willing to continue this until the April meeting in order to ask for annexation. The purpose of the request is to use the property for a dental lab and dental office. He believes it is a good location. The dental lab does not deal with the public, but a dental office will have more traffic. He stated he would like to have a licensed dentist at the location operating a dental office.

Commissioner Cantley asked why Mr. Mize was moving from Foxcroft to which he is under B-A Homeowners A occupation working out of his home and explained he needs more room. Commissioner Cantley asked Mr. Mize if he was aware the property was going to be condemned in 2010 to which Mr. Mize noted he had heard the possibly of widening Highway 158 but rumors have been around for years. DOT has not contacted him.

Commissioner Wilkinson suggested continuing the public hearing until the April 8, 2008 Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM. Commissioner Herring recognized the Board would be calling for a public hearing tonight scheduled for April 8 to consider amend the Oxford Zoning Ordinance under the table of permitted uses to allow dental labs as a permitted use. He explained this issue would need to be addressed first. Commissioner Kiesow asked to check with the State. City Engineer Larry Thomas noted he was not sure on the date, but did know the State wants to 4 lanes. Mrs. Anna noted she would share her papers with City, to which Mayor Woodlief noted they would check with the County's coordinator concerning this matter.

Commissioner Powell noted not to forget the safety issue. Commissioner Williford asked if the driveway could be changed to which Mr. Mize responded he should be able to move the driveway and keep it a circle driveway.

A consensus of the Board of Commissioners was taken and it was agreed unanimously to table this hearing to the April 8, 2008 Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Mayor Woodlief declared the public hearing open. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow for public comment as it pertains to adopting a historic district as proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission.

David Wicker, Historic Preservation Commission Co-Chair, noted the Commission recommends adopting the historic district to include downtown, but has prepared a second option for the historic district without the inclusion of downtown. He noted the HPC meetings have been open to the public and property owners have not attended the meetings. The purpose of the historic district is to preserve the character of Oxford in its present condition in both residential and commercial areas. The district will stabilize property values and encourages individuals to come into the district. The increased property values equate to increases in tax values. Mr. Wicker noted Edenton reports a \$3.2 increase in construction and development within the historic district, which includes downtown. The creation of the historic district will create tax revenues for the City and tax credits will be available from the state or federal government to property owners who invest their money in restoration of the buildings. Commercial properties have the benefit of a 40% tax increase for every dollar invested; the owner will receive \$0.40 back (\$0.20 from the federal government and \$0.20 from the state government). The tax credit is a direct tax write off on the tax you owe. This is a 30% state tax benefit to a residential owner; a deduction is not valid from federal return. In order to create a demolition by neglect statute, which will allow the commission to impose fines on individuals who do not maintain properties, but let them to become demolished through their own neglect and failure to maintain their

property, a historic district is needed. Excluding the downtown and any other commercial property will exclude the structure from the possibility of having a demolition by neglect control whether or not the property is maintained or allowed to deteriorate to the extent it is no longer viable for use. The historic commission does not have the power to require anyone to make any changes to any structure whether commercial or residential; they cannot instruct them to make any change to their property. The purpose of the historic district is to advise and to issue a certificate of compliance to make sure the building is congruent with the other buildings. Their job is to protect the other homes and businesses that surround the business that wishes to renovate; so the business or homeowner does not do anything to detract from other businesses or homes within the historic district. The historic commission does not instruct what color to paint the house or building. If the paint color chosen is consistent to what would have been within the era the property was constructed; then the HPC is mandated to approve it; in other words is it appropriate for the structure. Mr. Wicker referred to the windows being refurbished at the Granville County Courthouse and noted it is cheaper than purchasing new windows. The Department of Interior notes the operation of the old windows is not significantly different as compared to new windows. They must be properly installed and maintained. Wilson does not include the downtown as part of the historic district, but is reconsidering this because a property owner demolished a structure that others in the City wanted to preserve. There were no means in place to preserve the building. A metal structure was constructed, which was incongruent to the other structures in downtown. Mr. Wicker referred to comments made that the historic district would impose too many burdens or restrictions on the commercial owners and noted the HPC disagreed with this because they cannot require the owner to do anything. It does not cost anyone anything if the historic district is approved. If discussions were made in regards to

burdens placed on commercial owners; then it would be appropriate to discuss property owners who are commercial located outside the downtown. He asked to consider the businesses outside of downtown and gave the example of the funeral home located on College Street. You have to consider how it is consistent to say it is not okay for the downtown, but it is okay to put the burden on this one business. He asked if the funeral home is excluded, is the board going to spot zone the one business out of everyone else and commented he does not think this is appropriate or permitted. Portions of the Masonic Home are located in the historic district. HPC's position is that there is no burden. He recognized the guidelines only pertain to the exterior; the commission does not make changes to the interior. Interior changes may be included in regards to tax credits if exterior changes are being made and a certificate of appropriateness has been received. Other cities that do not have the downtown included in the historic district are Louisburg and Murfreesboro. Reason being per the State is that these cities no longer have a significant number of buildings that are considered historic. The downtown historic district has been lost. He reported most historic districts, such as Black Mountain, Salisbury, Edenton, include its downtown and reports no detrimental effects to downtown. Property values went up in these cities and the downtowns were rehabbed. He recognized the Vision Committee sent out 3000 surveys with 25% responding, 90% of these responses indicated that it is very important that the downtown and residential historic structures be preserved. He asked the Board to consider if the historic district would benefit the entire City and asked if it is a benefit to everyone in the City to preserve the historic nature and character of Oxford. Mr. Wicker recognized downtown has more businesses going out than coming in; this is an opportunity to create an environment to attract businesses. This illustrates what will happen 10-20-30 years

from now. He noted the right thing to do is approve the historic district that includes downtown. It is an opportunity to preserve Oxford for the future.

Commissioner Shope asked if the historic district is passed could the Board rescind at any time to which City Attorney Burnette noted the Board could rezone and disband the Historic Preservation Commission.

Commissioner Kiesow noted he replaced the windows in his home and the pitch on the windows saved energy. He noted he had a problem with Mr. Wicker stating this was not true. Mr. Wicker noted he received his information from the Department of Interior. Commissioner Kiesow noted the windows came with a 29% guarantee of savings on energy. Mr. Wicker asked what was the guarantee; would the old windows be replaced to which Commissioner Kiesow replied they would pay up to a certain amount.

Michael Currin of 4100 Dupont Lane noted the consideration based on energy is the factor of several things: windows are properly installed and appropriately energized. He commented energy was used in the manufacture of the windows, when you preserve the window you are reducing the amount of energy being used. When you look at the work being done by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Harvard, all findings indicate that when you weigh the cost of new energy and add this to the loss energy that the net result is less through the conservation of existing windows and with proper use of storm windows. This achieves energy conservation and maintains the historic character. He recognized NC is a model for the rest of the country in the preservation of historic structures and noted there are provisions at the state that will allow the current building code to be compatible with the type of things, which come into play with the preservation of windows. He reiterated without including the downtown there

is potential to lose structures that can never be done. Mr. Currin noted the historic district is about creating vitality and a positive future for downtown.

Commissioner Powell asked if the property owner would have the right to decide not to engage in any financial outlay. City Attorney Burnette explained that owners are not required to spend money as the buildings presently are; monies are only spent if there are exterior changes made to the structure. Commissioner Powell questioned if the property owner could be forced to make a more expensive change to which City Attorney Burnette explained if a property owner wants to make a change, he/she must submit an application for a certificate of appropriateness to the HPC. The proposal on how to change the structure is submitted and the HPC looks at the proposal from their perspective: is it consistent with the neighborhood and how the building would have been when it was constructed. The HPC will work with the owner to advise a way to have a plan that is acceptable to the owner and the HPC. A problem that may occur is if the change is of such a nature that there is a substantial difference amount of money that would have to be spent to do this; some property owners may want to do it in the least expensive way or in a way that would not be in compliance with the guidelines. It is not an effort of the HPC to dictate to property owners what they have to do; it is an effort for the owner and the HPC to reach an agreement that is consistent and what is the best way to spend the money.

Joseph Melamed of 220 Gilliam Street recognized some tax credits are not available to owners if they are not part of a historic district.

Mr. Wicker addressed Commissioner Powell by stating the HPC considers repairing the roof structure as the most expensive repair and noted the HPC considered if the roof is not visible in the downtown district; the HPC will not reject a new material for the roof because it

cannot be seen from the streets. The HPC will advise the owner to contact the State to inquire if the new material qualifies for a tax credit.

Lance Hobson of 214 Main Street stated he understood an appeals process before the Board could be made if the property owner did not agree with the HPC. It was clarified that the property owner would go before the Board of Adjustment.

Claire Weinberg of 102 Greenbriar Circle and owner of 110 Main Street, Teamcare, noted her and her husband wanted to preserve the building; when purchased it was in terrible condition. She explained due to the change of business the codes had to be brought up. She told it would have been cheaper to build a new building. An entire steel structure had to be installed to support the building. She recognized unforeseen factors, such as meeting the fire codes by planting block concrete throughout the entire building. This is due from going from retail to a commercial business. The compromise was to install a sprinkler system, which cost almost \$100,000 beyond budget. Mrs. Weinberg stressed that what happens on the inside can influence what happens on the outside. They had planned for apartments in the upstairs of the building, but the financial burden during the construction process prohibited completion of the apartments. She agrees with historic preservation, but there is the aspect that there must be some way to have financial assistance if the building owner wants to make changes. Financial assistance is needed in order to encourage beautification in downtown.

Mr. Wicker clarified the HPC guidelines do not control electrical, structural; these are building guidelines set out by the state. He stressed the HPC regulates the exterior and they do not get involved with the structure, plumbing, or electrical. Mrs. Weinberg stressed what happens inside can have the effect to what the building owner can financially afford on the exterior of the building.

Charles Dean, owner of 135 Main Street, noted he had canvassed 85% of building owners in downtown and reported the majority is not for this. The owners are aware of the guidelines and tax credits. He stated it would boil down to a financial issue. He stressed the building owner should have the last say because the money comes out of his/her pocket. He recognized the letter sent by the Board was the best way to handle the issue by letting the building owners decide.

Gary Weaver of 221 Gilliam Street commented this is to make Oxford better and noted he supports the district as proposed by the HPC. He hopes all decisions are taken with the long view and not the short view. He asked the Board to consider the following questions:

1. Are the majority of owners in the district in favor the HPC and the district proposed which includes downtown?
2. Think about supporters at commissioners meetings and attendees at other meetings held on this subject.
3. Think about the number of people at the Vision Committee.
4. Think about the small number of individuals resisting change.
5. Does it appear that existing businesses are thriving or struggling?
6. Are new retail and service businesses eager to locate in the business district?
7. Without guidelines in place, a developer could tear down a building that could never be replaced.
8. What can be done to stimulate business downtown?
9. What can be done to make it better?
10. Will having a charming business district be better or worse for business?
11. What kind of mark does you as a group and individual hope to leave on Oxford?

He requested the Commissioners to take the long view and preserve and promote what Oxford has. It is important to embrace change which in the long term is in the best interest of Oxford. He asked to remember Penny Furniture, Western Auto, A Touch of Class, Hall's Drug Store, Carolina Images, Back 2 School, Scribbles, Styles & Shears, Sherman Hardware, Ashton's Restaurant, Sweet V's, Memory Lane, Capehart Cleaners, etc. These are businesses that have gone out of business during the past 10 years. The effort brought before the Board is due to the fact the question was asked what could we do to revitalize Oxford. Approving the district as proposed is the best long-term interest of everyone in Oxford.

Francis Dean of 1425 NC Highway 96 gave the example of his uncle's house located in Tarboro and stated a hurricane in 1959 took off a section of the slate roof (less than 10 squares). He stated the house was repaired with solid sheaves to put on a 30-year composition roof. This house was cut up into 4 apartments during WWII and his brother lived in one of the apartments. It was found that the house was not in compliance with some historical group and it cost him over \$50,000. This is where the rubber meets the road.

Charlotte Evins, member of the Oxford Vision Committee, noted the Committee was asked to search the city with a survey and discover the vision for the next 10-20 years. She referred to the following:

Preliminary Survey Results of Approximately 740 received

Question 10: In the future, what 3 things would you like to preserve in Oxford? (Extracted the written comments as they pertain to historic preservation)

- Old/Historic Homes 152
- Old/Historic Sites 45
- Old/Historic Buildings 94
- Old/Historic Appearance (general, features, looks) 52
- Downtown/Business District 114

- Historical District (neighborhoods, streets, sidewalks) 22

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Question 12: How important do you feel “Preserving historic buildings and sites” are to improving the future of Oxford?

Not Important	51
Somewhat Important	239
Very Important	433
Don’t Know	12

Question 13: How important are the following actions in terms of historic preservation in the City of Oxford?

- Protect historic homes in residential neighborhoods

Not Important	63
Somewhat Important	249
Very Important	402
Don’t Know	23

- Protect historic buildings and properties in downtown

Not Important	56
Somewhat Important	218
Very Important	423
Don’t Know	16

Assistance Provided by Central Regional Office



Louis Barrington of 214 Main Street, recognized it cost money to keep up a home. He cares about his neighbor and he cares about what his neighbors care about and that is Oxford.

Charles Dean noted he takes pride in his building.

Ben Floyd of 136 Pine Cone Drive stated he hears from the building owners how can they hang on in a struggling and dying economic situations. He asked if they had thought about the benefits of a historic district. It brings people who spend money, people who fix up their

homes, small shops, and restaurants. He believes everyone will see a gradual improvement in the economic atmosphere.

Joan Roberson of 502 North Country Club Drive noted the people who own the businesses and homes in Oxford have done a remarkable job. It is not the people who are here now who may make the town look different; developers are waiting to do something different. Oxford is a great place and she would like to see it stay the way it is.

Joseph Melamed commented Oxford is a special place and likes the way it looks. He appreciates his neighbors, appearance of the town, a place where children can walk to get lunch, go to the library, post office, and able to walk to meet neighbors. He pointed out developments are being built to mimic what can be found in Oxford. He referred to Celebrations being built by Walter Disney. Most restorations done have been done without benefits of tax incentives. He believes downtown needs to catch up. The community needs standards. The downtown should be a vital part of the community, which should be preserved.

David Wicker of 404 College Street noted the historic district would affect him. He recognized a contractor offered him the opportunity to tear out the windows and replace them with new vinyl windows. He submitted changing the windows would have drastically changed the appearance of the property. He recognized renovations of the home are still ongoing and he is trying to maintain the character of the home. He reported the roof cost him \$100,000 and it has stopped him from completing the renovations. He noted his family has not lived in the formal rooms of the home. He told he did not receive any tax credits because he was not part of a historic district.

Susan Wicker of 404 College Street suggested that the decision before Board is going to characterize the Board. She noted the decision would make a real difference. Sending out permission letters is not really leadership and she considers this a point for leadership.

Michael Currin recommended asking community banks if low interest loans could be made available to those property owners which would assist with renovations. He recognized building codes are in place and create costs for downtown property owners. The district does not make the situation worse; it offers the opportunity to ease the cost that comes with meeting certain codes.

Commissioner Cantley thanked the HPC for their work and professionalism. He noted the HPC had worked hard to present correct and thorough information. The current generation is responsible for leaving the world in a more beautiful place to live. If this fails, what will the future generations have to enjoy; will they remember us for what we have destroyed? Tourism is the 2nd largest industry in NC with employment of 1,061,000 people and \$2.5 billion in annual payroll. The number one reason people come to visit NC is because of the historic structures. In addition to cultural, aesthetics, social, historic and environmental contributions that historic preservation provides, the economic importance of historic preservation throughout NC leaves a better and richer place to work and live. Commissioner Cantley noted Oxford is known for its old homes and buildings. It would be a travesty for the Board to reject this opportunity to include both residential and downtown as part of the historic district.

Commissioner Williford quoted the NC Historic Preservation Office: the local government is not obligated to create a preservation commission regardless of how many nationally register properties and/or districts that might be in the community. Preservation commissions are generally established only where there is sufficient local interest in historic

preservation in the local planning environment. He requested to wait for the results of the survey to be returned to the Vision Committee before he votes. Commissioner Williford reported the downtown building owners are against the proposed district.

Cathy Weaver, member of the Vision Committee, reported the surveys have been turned in and the figures read by Ms. Evins pertain to historic preservation for Oxford. The people have spoken.

Commissioner Wilkinson stated there are pros and cons to this. He recognized the business owners were polled and recognized they are there to make money. He stated the businesses left Oxford because they were not making money and he does not know if the district will change this or not. This will not suddenly make downtown a retail boom. Downtowns, such as Wake Forest, have empty buildings. Retail businesses are struggling because of big box stores. He is bothered by the comment by some members of the HPC that the following businesses that have come to downtown within the past five years, such as Teamcare, State Farm, Union Bank, Edmundson & Burnette would not have met the criteria. These are all viable businesses in downtown. He recognized questions on surveys can be worded in such a way to get the answer you want. Generally, people do want to preserve downtown. He suggested putting the historic district in place for residential and if it works out maybe look at it again for downtown in 1-2 years. He has reservations that it may discourage business. He noted he would vote no to include downtown.

Joseph Melamed asked to see statistics supporting Commissioner Wilkinson's comments. Cathy Weaver noted she called 85-90 historic preservation commissions across NC and reported including downtown was a boost for economic development. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if it is such an economic boost why are downtown businesses against it?

Commissioner Herring noted the HPC had done a tremendous job. He added he owns a home dated in the 1800's. He noted the Board wanted to know precisely how the downtown property owners felt about the historic district: 25 said no and 8 said yes. He told he could not vote to include downtown as part of the historic district.

Commissioner Kiesow agrees with the HPC that downtown should be included, but that is the end of it. He noted this puts a burden on the HPC and reported they should have contacted the building owners and explained to them what to expect. The HPC's role is to help and he does not believe they have done this. He referred to page 33, Storefront and Signage of the Historic Preservation Guidelines and reported one owner thought this applied to signs. He referred to results obtained from downtown property owners and suggested doing the same type mailing to residential owners. He suggested putting the vote off until this information is obtained. He was told that downtown should be a part of the district, but it was not done right. He noted he would vote against including the downtown.

Commissioner Powell commented he does not feel the survey is an adequate tool to determine this scenario. He believes the Board has a decision to make about what they think is best for the City and not looking at a situation as to whether or not we are going to appease the owners or the residents. The HPC has done a tremendous job and he believes the Board should take a step to move forward and not be hung up on fears of what will happen if this doesn't happen, etc. Oxford needs progress. He believes this will be a boost for Oxford. The issue at hand is what is the best thing for Oxford and do we have the courage to make this decision as a Board. He stated he would vote yes. He stated this is not the answer to the hold package; traffic needs to be increased, attractive businesses and a way for people to stay in downtown longer. He believes the downtown businesses should be open longer.

Commissioner Shope commented Oxford had tried without a historic preservation and hasn't tried it the other way. He noted the Board has a chance to make Oxford and the Board history and to promote Oxford. He supports the proposed district 100%.

Maureen Taylor, Co-Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, recognized the Board did not receive 9 responses and imagined that these were considered a yes. The surveys should not be relied on as a voting factor.

Mr. Floyd asked the Board to have the power and backbone for Oxford and don't let it come down to vinyl windows.

Commissioner Herring recognized democracy is great and everyone in the room has the power to make a decision based upon how he or she feels.

Mr. Wicker clarified that Team Care, Edmundson & Burnette, Union Bank are contributing. Commissioner Wilkinson questioned if the Union Bank would have been approved as contributing to which Mr. Wicker replied absolutely. Commissioners Kiesow noted the Chairman of the Board did not agree. Mr. Wicker stated the Chairman of the Board for Union Bank had never been to one of the HPC meetings to which Commissioner Kiesow responded yes, Stanley Fox did attend. Ms. Taylor stated Mr. Fox had never been to a HPC public meeting; he attended a tax credit meeting.

Mayor Woodlief closed the hearing and offered the following comments:

He noted this reminded him of 1990 when the present City Hall building had holes in the roof; 400 people were screaming to tear the building down. He told that of the 7 people on the Board; the vote was 6-1, with him being the descending vote. He noted he is proud of the building and believes it is the best thing the City has ever done. He recognized he could not vote. What is being done in Oxford is not working and he doesn't know if this will work or not.

The attorney has stated the Board can take it out or can include it at a later date. He thanked the HPC for their work. He commented if the “will” that the commission has now would ever come back if it doesn’t go now.

Commissioner Shope motioned to adopt the historic district including downtown as proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion. Commissioners Shope, Powell and Cantley voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Kiesow, Herring, Wilkinson and Williford voted against. The motion failed.

HISTORIC DISTRICT EXCLUDING DOWNTOWN ADOPTED

Commissioner Herring motioned to adopt the historic district excluding downtown as proposed by the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. Commissioners Herring, Wilkinson, Powell, Shope, Williford and Cantley voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Kiesow voted against. The motion passed 6-1.

FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008

Finance Officer Stephen McNally supplied the Board with a copy of the February 2008 financial report that included General Fund actual revenues of \$611,496 actual expenses of \$786,713; Water Fund actual revenues of \$323,732, and actual expenses of \$384,546 and Other actual revenues of \$112,064 and actual expenses of \$73,404. The subtotals to date are General Fund actual revenues of \$5,298,340 and actual expenses of \$4,920,144; Water Fund actual revenues of \$2,705,333 and actual expenses of \$3,315,362; Other actual revenues of \$1,197,885 and actual expenses of \$523,141. 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.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

SURETY BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to adopt Surety Bone Ordinance as part of Chapter 13: Licenses, Taxation and Business Regulations, Article II: Privilege Tax. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO: 08-03-01
ADOPTED: 03-18-08
EFFECTIVE: UPON ADOPTION

ARTICLE II: PRIVILEGE TAX

13-37 SURETY BOND.

Each licensed plumbing, electrical, HVAC, refrigeration, demolition and tower work contractors must furnish the City of Oxford with a surety bond issued by a surety company duly licensed to conduct business within the State of North Carolina, in an amount of not less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) prior to the issuance of a privilege license as provided for herein. The bond must remain current and in effect at all times while such contractor conducts business within the city limits of Oxford.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – BRUMMIT ELECTRIC AWARDED
CONTRACT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERATOR

Commissioner Herring motioned to approved contract and a budget amendment made payable from the General Fund in the amount of \$38,000.00 as submitted by Brummit Electric for the installation of a generator at the Oxford Fire Department. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010530550	Fixed Assets >\$5,000	\$38,000.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$38,000.00	

REPORT ON NLC CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE – WASHINGTON, DC

Commissioners Cantley and Shope gave a brief report on their trip to Washington, DC regarding the NLC Congressional City Conference.

EMPLOYEE QUIT SMOKING INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPROVED

Commissioner Shope noted the City has an obligation to provide smoke free facilities. The use of tobacco is a health, safety and environmental hazard for employees and visitors. The City will consult with the provider of a cessation service to provide nicotine replacement therapy for employees and their spouses. The City of Oxford will continue to partner with the Granville County Health Department and Granville Medical Center to provide employees and visitors with prevention education, access to support system and other programs and services that encourage them to stem from tobacco use.

Commissioner Shope, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, motioned to adopt the following policy:

In order to give employees some incentive to quit using any tobacco products, the City will do the following:

- I. Ask the employee to see their family physician and obtain a prescription for whatever the doctor thinks might help them quit. An example is the “patch” or “Habitrol” as described on the attached document. The value of the Habitrol patch is \$281.07 for the 8-week program. Blue Cross makes this available for \$110.00. The City will pay the co-pay for the doctor’s visit.
- II. The Employee will buy the patches for \$110.00 and when they are tobacco free for a total of 90 days, they receive a rebate of \$55.00 from the City. To avoid the tax implications the City will use its HRA (Health Reimbursement Account) vendor, Elkin and Associates, to handle the reimbursement.

The employee also has an option of a helpline and support.

Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1-LOT SUBDIVISION APPROVED – OLIVER’S TOWING SERVICE

Mayor Woodlief noted Oliver’s Towing would be on well and septic tank.

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve a 1-lot subdivision consisting of 2 acres located on Industry Drive, which is subdivided from the former 84 Lumber site with access of Noblin Road. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM FRANK STRICKLAND

Frank Strickland requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss policies and procedures to include the policy on speaking to the Board.

Frank Strickland, 112 Planters Place, thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing him to speak and recognized he has always adhered to the policies when addressing the Board. He noted the list of guidelines for speaking before the Board has a minor error: instead of *Failure to follow 1-5*, it should state *Failure to follow 1-4* because there are only 4 items listed. He continued that the guidelines state that all accusations must be backed by facts and he is prepared to back up his concerns with facts. The present policy states that all concerns will be answered by mail. Mr. Strickland stated one concern is that there are different standards for the Mayor and Board. There have been cases where members of the Board and Mayor have verbally attacked or made disrespectful remarks about citizens in violation of the guidelines set forth by the Board. He continued that he should not have to remind the Board that elected officials are accountable for any comment they make while serving as representatives of the City. Elected officials are on duty all the time from the day they are sworn in until they vacate the office. He referred to a list of concerns submitted by the Ministerial Alliance and the response was the Board would respond in writing and informed it should be made public.

Mr. Strickland noted he came before the Board in 2005 to protest a letter sent to him by Mayor Woodlief dated November 15, 2005. As he begin to read the letter, Mayor Woodlief gaveled him down and stated he did not write the letter as an official but a concerned citizen.

The letter was written on city letterhead and the first sentence stated: *in my capacity as Mayor of Oxford*. He pointed out several statements in the letter that were untruthful and Mayor Woodlief commented he meant every word. The minutes will reflect his incident. He stated the letter he received was not the letter placed in the minutes; the draft letter was inserted in the minutes. Mr. Strickland stated he had to appear before the Board to get this corrected. He stated he did not receive any response about his complaint. Mayor Woodlief published the letter as a political ad with untrue comments attached to it and called him a slanderer and liar. He had no basis for the comments and is unable to produce any facts to support his claims. He stated that the Chief of Police had committed no wrong acts and had been the most scrutinized chief in the history of Oxford. He maintained the SBI had investigated the chief, knowing this was not true. He listed several agencies had performed an investigation as well and most had no investigative authority. The letter was implicated in the lawsuit against the city filed by Ms. Iglesias. The City Manager submitted a press release to the Ledger on January 27, 2007 stating the SBI, District Attorney, City Attorney, city auditors and city manager had investigated the chief concerning the allegations of taking money from the drug fund. Mr. Strickland reported Tommy Marrow knew this was a false statement and the Board had to know the press release was false. The Attorneys representing the city said they did not know the contents of the press release.

Mr. Strickland noted prior to the November 2007 election, several racial emails surfaced that had Mayor Woodlief as the sender. The Mayor denied sending these in an article found in the Dispatch on November 5, 2007. The Mayor stated it sounded like one of Strickland's tactics. Mr. Strickland commented in his opinion the Mayor did forward the emails because he received them from several citizens who said they received them from him. He recalled in the past 30 days the Mayor had made several negative comments. He referred to an article on corruption

written by Bill West and the Mayor posted the following comment on February 25, 2008: *These issues have been printed and printed enough. I thought you were a member of the Oxford community and as you know these are allegations and have yet to be proven. The story in question smells of Frank Strickland. I am sure you were tricked into writing this. Oxford has a fine and respected police chief and staff, be proud of it and not hate it like Mr. Strickland does and has tried to project with any new residents or news media that comes to the area.* He continued that the Dispatch published an article on March 12, 2008 concerning comments made at the March Agenda meeting. He stated the comment appears to be talking about him when the Mayor stated it wasn't like Jesus was coming, maybe the other but not Jesus. The Mayor denied he was speaking about him. The Mayor went on to say that Mr. Strickland had signed up to speak in October 2007 but did not show up. Mr. Strickland noted he was at the meeting but requested to be removed from the agenda.

Mr. Strickland addressed Mayor Woodlief by stating he is responsible for his actions and comments. Mr. Strickland demanded Mayor Woodlief either prove your slanderous and outrageous comments that have damaged the city and private citizens or resign as Mayor effective immediately.

Commissioner Cantley asked Mr. Strickland if he had full documentation to prove what is being said without a doubt to which Mr. Strickland replied yes, no one had ever asked him questions and no personnel privacy act covers criminal activity. He continued he would make it available to the Board if they would like to see it. He added the City wouldn't have a lawsuit if they had called in an outside investigator; you don't investigate yourself. He referred to the attorneys that advised the Board about Mr. Strickland and the attorneys advised the Board not to

talk to Mr. Strickland and he will go away. Mr. Strickland stressed it is not going to happen and Oxford has problems.

Commissioner Herring related Mr. Strickland's comments to the accusations made that the City contaminated the water in the Antioch Community. He recognized he had heard the comments, accusations and unethical behavior, unauthorized use, mistreatment and he suggested to Mr. Strickland that he sue the City so that the factual documentation will come out. Mr. Strickland noted if he sues the City and for some reason he does not win, he will have to pay for the City's legal fees, which is unfair. Mr. Strickland asked the City to sue him. He added no one on the Board could disagree with the fact that if an SBI investigation had been done there would not be a lawsuit. Mr. Strickland added he has a copy that he got from the HR Director of the drug fund that shows the chief took money from this. Human Resources Director Don Jenkins asked if it was a copy of the redacted version and a copy of the other version? Mr. Strickland said this could be reversed because of modern technology. Commissioner Herring noted there are comments made that no one can put a finger on and the only way is to get it in court. Mr. Strickland stated this part is in court and if he was to take it to court that whoever presents the best case and not always the truth; the deep pocket will win.

Mr. Strickland noted the Mayor needs to stop the remarks he is making about people and himself. It is very unprofessional.

Commissioner Kiesow asked Mr. Strickland to give City Clerk Weary the information he is referring to which Mr. Strickland noted he would give a partial copy tonight.

STREET RESURFACING CONTRACT AWARDED – ST WOOTEN

Commissioner Shope motioned to award resurfacing contract for East McClanahan Street from Lanier to Railroad; Hillcrest Drive from Tranquil to Williamsboro; and Saddletree Road

from Planters Place to Station 1250 (Gary Davis' home) to ST Wooten in the amount of \$152,63.75. Commissioner Kiesow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ALIVE AFTER FIVE EVENTS APPROVED

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve request by the Granville County Chamber of Commerce to close Littlejohn Street parking lot and restrict parking on Littlejohn Street from 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 7 through Thursday, May 8 until 9:00 PM and from 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, September 24 through Thursday, September 25 until 9:00 PM; close Littlejohn Street and Gilliam Street (from Williamsboro Street to Spring Street) from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM on the days of the event' provide additional trash receptacles and pickup; provide electrical needs; assist with stage setup and provide fire and police protection on Thursday, May 8 and Thursday, September 25, 2008 for Alive After Five. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING SET – AMEND ORDINANCE –OBSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE DITCHES; SPECIFICATIONS FOR CULVERTS

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to call for a public hearing in conjunction with the April 8, 2008 Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM to consider amending Chapter 18, Article 1, Section 18-2(C) *Obstruction of Drainage Ditches; Specifications for Culverts* of the Oxford Code of Ordinance. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT APPROVED – UTILITY FRANCHISE TAX REVENUE

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve a proposal for Robert S. Segal, CPA, PA to do an audit of the accuracy of the utility franchise tax revenue the City is receiving from the State. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ZONING PUBLIC HEARING SET – AMEND TABLE OF
PERMITTED USES – ALLOW DENTAL LABS**

Commissioner Herring motioned to call for a public hearing in conjunction with the April 8, 2008 Regular Session beginning at 7:00 PM to consider amending the Oxford Zoning Ordinance under the table of permitted uses to allow dental labs as a permitted use. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motioned and carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – RADIO FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Commissioner Williford motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,600.00 made payable from the General Fund to purchase an additional radio for the Executive Office. Commissioner Kiesow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010420543	Fixed Assets < \$5,000.00	\$1,600.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$1,600.00	

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE #12

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$9,000.00 made payable from the General Fund to pay for repairs (impeller shaft) to Fire Engine #12. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010530550	Fixed Assets >\$5,000	\$9,000.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$9,000.00	

BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – GENERATOR PROCEEDS

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$23,100.00 made payable to the General Fund to accept proceeds received from the sale of the generator. Commissioner Cantley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
030385040	Sale of Surplus Property	\$23,100.00	
030665707	Transfer to Gen Fund	\$23,100.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance		\$23,100.00
010375000	Transfer from Water Fund	\$23,100.00	

**BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – GOVDEALS
COMMISSION – SALE OF GENERATOR**

Commissioner Williford motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,732.50 made payable form the General Fund to fund the cost of selling the pump station generator on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010410275	General Govt – Supplies	\$1,732.50	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance	\$1,732.50	

**BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED – LIGHTING FOR
OXFORD ATHLETIC PARK**

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$120,700.00 from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to pay for the lights at the Oxford Athletic Park. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

ACCOUNT NO.	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
010391010	Oxford Athletic Park Grant	\$120,700.00	
010399000	Approp Fund Balance		\$120,700.00

DOWNTOWN PARKING DISCUSSED

Commissioner Herring placed this item on the agenda.

Commissioner Herring noted he had received a call about the mechanics of parking tickets and implementing it and where does the money go? Who is responsible for seeing that the tickets are paid? Mayor Woodlief explained 90% of the money goes to the school system. He recognized some of biggest violators are business owners. Does this program need to be fixed?

Captain Glen Boyd noted Mr. Woodlief marks and writes tickets in certain areas of downtown. He is paid \$12,000 per year, as a part time employee. The police department is the issuing and collection agency and this could be seen as a conflict. It has been recommended that the tickets be paid at the Finance Department. The department looks at the 10 biggest violators and of those 60-70% are downtown merchants. The ordinance is written that each and every parking citation is a separate violation of the city ordinance. When it is pursued criminally, the police department must pursue if 40 tickets have been given, then 40 criminal papers must be done for each parking ticket issued. Captain Boyd stressed an ordinance should be added which makes it a violation for the person failing to pay the parking ticket or fines in general. The same problem appears with the animal control ordinance. An ordinance is needed to make it a violation for unpaid parking tickets; then the parking tickets can be listed in one paper.

Commissioner Cantley asked the percentage of tickets being collected to which Captain Boyd stated 50-60%, exceptions are given to handicap, persons serving on jury or the court

system. Commissioner Cantley stressed the importance of being consistent and asked if the City is losing money. Captain Boyd noted the City would never make any money.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if there is a policy that states the police department will take out a warrant once a certain amount of parking tickets have been issued to which Captain Boyd stated no, he submits the paperwork twice a year and goes after the 10 worse violators. In some cases the violators are not paying. Commissioner Shope asked if the salary can be justified by the tickets collected to which Captain Boyd replied no because 90% goes to the school system. Commissioner Kiesow asked if the ordinance is amended would the City get additional money to which Captain Boyd replied that the percentage to the school system would not change. Commissioner Powell suggested a vehicle penalty to get additional monies.

City Attorney Burnette noted the Town of Wrightsville Beach has the best parking enforcement system with the smallest ticket fine being \$50 that must be paid within 2 days, \$75 for three and \$100 if not paid within a week and then it gets sent to DMV for license to be revoked.

Captain Boyd asked that the Finance Department be the collecting point. This item will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

ANNEXATION RESOLUTION OF CONSIDERATION ADOPTED –
QUAILRIDGE ROAD – 2 LOTS

Commissioner Herring motioned to adopt Resolution of Consideration for involuntary annexation of 2 lots located on Quailridge Road. Commissioner Williford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF CONSIDERATION
QUAILRIDGE ROAD – 2 LOTS
A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN AS BEING
UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR ANNEXATION AND NOTIFICATION

**TO CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNERS OF THEIR RIGHTS
TO DELAYED ANNEXATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTIES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford that:

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 160A-49(i), the following described area(s) is/are hereby identified as being under consideration for future annexation by the City of Oxford, under the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 4A, Part 3 of the General Statutes of North Carolina:

Beginning at an iron stake located in the southern edge of the right of way of Quailridge Road, said stake being the northeastern corner of the hereinafter described property and the northwestern corner of property heretofore conveyed to Genevieve A. Lister and husband Michael Lister by deed dated July 27, 1977 and recorded in the Granville County Registry, and running thence South 05°30' West 208.0 feet to an iron stake located in the property line of the now or formerly Thorndale Country Club property; thence with the property line of said Thorndale Country Club property North 84° 30' West 280.0 feet to an iron stake located in the property line of the now or formerly N.C. State property; thence North 05° 30' East 208.0 feet to an iron stake located in the southern edge of the right of way of Quailridge Road; thence with said right of way of Quailridge Road South 84° 30' East 280.0 feet to the Point and Place of Beginning and being Lots 1 and 2 Block A of Quailridge Estate, Section No. 2 as shown on plat of Survey entitled "Map of Property of James I. Carey and W.G. Woltz, being a Re-Subdivision of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block A, of Quailridge Estates, Section No. 2, Oxford Twsp, Granville Co., Oxford, NC" date November 1977, prepared by Johnnie C. Currin, Registered Land Surveyor. A copy of said Survey being attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section 2. Owners of agricultural land, horticultural land, and forestland within the area(s) under consideration for annexation as described in Section 1 above are hereby notified that they may have rights to a delayed effective date of annexation. G.S. 160A-49(f1) and (f2) provide that land being taxed at present-use value taxation but which has not been in actual production for the time period required by G.S. 105-277.3 may qualify for delayed annexation by making application to the Granville County Tax Assessor for certification. For qualified tracts, the annexation will not become effective for most purposes until the last day of the month in which the tract or part thereof becomes ineligible for present-use value classification under G.S. 105-227.4 or no longer meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-49(f1)(2). Until annexation of a tract becomes effective, the tract will not be taxed by the City of Oxford and will not be entitled to services from the City of Oxford.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed with the City of Oxford Clerk.

Section 4. This Resolution shall remain effective as provided by G.S. 160A-49(i).

Adopted this 18th day of March, 2008.

CDBG HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRANT – AUTUMN RIDGE APARTMENTS
TABLED

The following item was tabled to the Board Retreat scheduled for March 27, 2008:
Consider CDBG Housing Development Grant to fund water and sewer infrastructure for proposed Autumn Ridge Apartments.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

A. Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kiesow motioned to approve meeting minutes of January 22, February 4, 12 & 21, 2008. Commissioner Shope seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

B. Tax Releases

Commissioner Herring motioned to approve the following tax releases. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
John & Peggy Howell	\$1.65	Boat was charged to wrong account
Earl & Joyce Green	\$2.20	Charged City of Oxford in error
Earl & Joyce Green	\$2.48	Charge City of Oxford in error

CLOSED SESSION – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

On a motion by Commissioner Cantley, seconded by Commissioner Herring, the Board voted to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11 to consult with Attorney on administrative procedure. The motion passed unanimously.

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES UNSEALED

The following minutes were approved for unsealing during the Closed Session:

September 14, 2004 (excerpt Update on Easement Acquisition)

April 12, 2005 (excerpts of Red Barn Property; Discussion Men's Garden Club Property; Closed Session Minutes To Be Unsealed)

October 3, 2005 (excerpt of Water & Sewer Request – Proposed Central Granville High School)

October 11, 2005 (excerpt of Payment to Dewberry & Davis – Coon Creek Pump Station)

December 13, 2005 (excerpt of Street Resurfacing – Granville Street)

February 14, 2006 (excerpts of Dewberry & Davis – WWTP Upgrade Update; Dewberry & Davis – WWTP Upgrade Additional Services)

August 8, 2006 (excerpt of Dewberry & Davis – WWTP Contract Extension Approved)

September 12, 2006 (excerpts of Fire Rating; Barn Behind County Offices)

October 10, 2006 (excerpt of Unsealing Of Closed Session Minutes)

January 2, 2007 (excerpt of Fencing Contract For The WWTP)

January 9, 2007 (excerpt of Wal-Mart)

February 5, 2007 (excerpt of WWTP Final Settlement)

ADJOURNMENT

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