

**NORTH CAROLINA
GRANVILLE COUNTY
CITY OF OXFORD**

**OXFORD CITY HALL, BOARD MEETING ROOM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Oxford met for a Special 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 Paul F. Kiesow
Commissioner A. Chance Wilkinson
Commissioner Robert B. Williford, Sr.
Commissioner Walter Cantley

Absent: Commissioner Stephen C. Powell

Present also were City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, City Manager Mark Donham 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.

CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACT

At 6:03 PM, on a motion by Commissioner Cantley, seconded by Commissioner Kiesow, the Board voted to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss a contract. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Commissioner Wilkinson, seconded by Commissioner Williford, the Board voted unanimously to return open session (6:24 PM).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY FORMALIZED

Commissioner Shope motioned to formalize the City's policy of requiring entities to voluntarily annex into the City of Oxford to receive its services to ensure that the City is fairly compensated for its services. Mayor Pro Tem Herring seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kiesow asked if each industry would come back to the Board of Commissioners and gave the example if the County would pay for the water and sewer would the City turn them down because they did not wish to annex? The Mayor explained each individual case would have to be dealt with. City Manager Donham clarified each one would be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners. He added the way industries have been located in the past has left the City having to pay for public safety services out of taxes that are not property taxes.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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