

January 14, 2013, MB#52
Special Meeting

Special Session, January 14, 2013, 8:40 a.m.
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 8:40 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Government Center in Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of this special meeting was to review the proposed designs for the Sherrills Ford Library.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Barbara Beatty and Commissioners Dan A. Hunsucker and Randy Isenhower.

Commissioner Lynn M. Lail was absent

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Managers Dewey Harris and Mary Furtado, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Library Director Karen Foss, Purchasing Manager Debbie Anderson and County Clerk Barbara Morris. Architect Ben Benson and Sherrills Ford Friends of the Library member Linda Greenwell were also present.

Mr. Ben Benson of the architectural firm of Jenkin Peer presented a short summary of the floor plan and Board members expressed their pleasure at the flow and design and it was acknowledged that citizens from the Sherrills Ford area had voiced their support of such a floor plan.

Discussion then took place about the overall design of the building and what changes could be made to make the entry more inviting. Concerns were voiced over the warmth and desire for a village look. After reviewing different options, it was agreed that the canopy at the recessed entry would be enlarged as well as offset brick work would be added to the entrance piers. Stonework would be incorporated in the signage and landscaping. This final plan would be reviewed by the Friends of the Library and then be placed on the County's website for citizens' comments.

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy then noted this would be Library Director Karen Foss' last Board Meeting prior to her retirement and expressed how much Ms. Foss had meant to the County Library system. All the Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the programming that she had brought the community and wished her well in her retirement.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk