

Catawba County Board of Commissioners  
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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Lynn Lail and Commissioners Dan Hunsucker, Glenn Barger and Barbara G. Beatty.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Lee Worsley, Assistant County Manager Dewey Harris, County Attorney Debra Bechtel, Deputy County Attorney Anne Marie Pease and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

1. Chair Katherine W. Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Vice-Chair Lynn Lail led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Commissioner Glenn Barger offered the invocation.
4. Commissioner Dan Hunsucker made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of February 2, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Barnes welcomed everyone present and specifically recognized Jerry McCombs, Randy Isenhower, member of the Catawba County Youth Council and the Newton-Conover Red Devils Football Team.
6. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda: Chair Barnes stated that this item on the agenda would be moved to after the public hearings were concluded.\*
7. Presentations:
  - a. All the Board members presented a Certificate of Commendation to the Newton-Conover High School Football Team for its outstanding performance in winning the North Carolina 2A Championship in 2008. The certificate commended the team and its coaches for their spirit, motivation and teamwork, and for bringing this impressive honor to Newton-Conover High School and Catawba County. All members of the team, as well as the coach, assistant coaches and Superintendent Barry Redmond, came forward to be honored by the members of the Board and all those present at the meeting.
  - b. The Board heard a presentation from the Catawba County Youth Council, formed one year ago to provide a youth voice and perspective to local government. The council consists of 25 high school students with 2-3 representatives from each school and selected community organizations. Members of the Council updated the Board on its accomplishments and focus after one year of effort and organization. It was noted later in the meeting that these Council members had provided input regarding the County's web page and their views on reaching the youth of Catawba County.
8. Public Hearings:
  - a. Chris Timberlake, Planner, came forward and requested the Board hold a public hearing and approve a request by Mr. Larry D. Drum and Ms. Denise D. Wright to rezone five parcels totaling 3.97 acres, at 2852 Buffalo Shoals Road and at 4144, 4188, and 4194 Highway 16 South in the Sherrills Ford Small Area Planning District, from RC Rural Commercial and R-40 Residential to HC Highway Commercial. Four parcels were zoned RC Rural Commercial and occupied by non-residential uses. One parcel was zoned R-40 Residential and is the location of a well and septic drain field used by some non-residential uses, but is otherwise unoccupied. Parcels to the north and east are zoned R-40 Residential and occupied by single family residences. Parcels to the south are zoned RC Rural Commercial and R-40 Residential and occupied by single family residences. Parcels to the west are zoned R-40 Residential and occupied by a single family residence; LI Light Industrial and vacant, and PD Planned Development and occupied by Buffalo Shoals Supermarket and Hardware.

The Catawba County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Section 44-418, HC Highway Commercial District states, "...this district provides areas for regional highway-oriented businesses, office, services and civic uses. The district regulations are designed to protect and encourage the transitional character of the districts by permitting uses and building forms that are compatible with the surrounding area".

The applicants indicated that rezoning the properties to HC Highway Commercial would allow the owners an increased number of uses over those allowed in the RC Rural Commercial district. Further, at the time Highway 16 is widened, it is highly probable that a sizable portion of these properties could be needed for right-of-way and road location. Rezoning each parcel will offer the applicants greater options and opportunities to redesign and relocate businesses at that time. According to the 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program, right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2013 with construction following in 2015.

The parcels are located in a Mixed Use Corridor-Overlay (MUC-O), Rural Preservation-Overlay (RP-O), and WS-IV Watershed Protected Area (WP-O). The MUC-O provides for architectural and pedestrian oriented design requirements and setback standards for certain uses. The RP-O requires that any new structures be set back 100 feet from the Highway 16 right-of-way and the WP-O requires that imperviousness not exceed 24 to 36% of the property, depending on the use of curb and gutter and amount of disturbed land. Depending on the amount of right-of-way expansion needed, buildings may have to be redesigned or relocated, properties may be reconfigured and new site plans would be reviewed administratively with respect to current land use regulations. The properties are currently served by private well and septic. There are future plans for providing public water to the site. At this location, Highway 16 is a two-lane roadway. Widening of Highway 16 is expected to include a combination of four-lane divided and five-lane cross-sections. Buffalo Shoals Road is a minor collector road. The Catawba County Thoroughfare Plan recommends minor widening to the lane widths on Buffalo Shoals Road, for safety reasons, once funding is available.

The Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan serves as the current land use plan for this area. The subject properties are in an area recommended in the plan for a neighborhood commercial center (equivalent to HC Highway Commercial) of approximately 10 to 25 acres. There are currently only 14.23 acres zoned (PD Planned Development) to meet the intent of the neighborhood commercial center. Because the request is for a higher intensity commercial district, staff considers it to be reasonable and in conformance with the Small Area Plan.

The Catawba County Planning Board held a public hearing on January 26, 2009. Mr. Miles Wright, son of Denise Wright, spoke on her behalf. He stated that increased competition across the street and removal of underground storage tanks on site have made this location less viable for the long standing convenience store. Approval of the request would allow for more uses of the property and additional commercial area, depending on how much property is needed for highway widening. One person spoke regarding a private easement adjacent to one parcel. It is intended to be closed. The Planning Board unanimously recommended the rezoning of the property to HC Highway Commercial based on the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan recognizing the parcels as being in an area proposed for a higher intensity commercial development, and the purpose of the HC Highway Commercial district noted above.

Chair Barnes opened the public hearing and no one came forward to speak for or against this rezoning request. Chair Barnes closed the public hearing. Commissioner Beatty made a motion to adopt the following consistency statement and rezoning ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ZONING MAP AMENDMENT CONSISTENCY STATEMENT**

On February 16, 2009, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners conducted a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering a zoning map amendment at the request of Larry D. Drum and Denise D. Wright (Case #RZ2008-11).

Upon considering the matter, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners find the item to be consistent with the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan and approves the zoning map amendment. This approval was affirmed by a vote of 5 - 0 of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners.

**Ordinance No. 2009-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AMENDMENT TO THE CATAWBA COUNTY ZONING MAP**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Catawba County Official Zoning Atlas is hereby amended by rezoning the following described properties from RC Rural Commercial and R-40 Residential to HC Highway Commercial.

Five parcels totaling 3.97 acres located at 2852 Buffalo Shoals Rd., 4144, 4188, and 4194 S NC 16 Highway in the Sherrills Ford Small Area Planning District, Caldwell Township, and further identified by Parcel Identification Numbers 3678-03-12-8235, 3678-03-12-9220, 3678-03-12-9185, 3678-03-22-0175, and 3678-03-22-2178.

**PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to NCGS 153A-341, and upon consideration of the recommendations and guiding principles of the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners finds the rezoning request to be consistent with the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan.

b. Chris Timberlake, Planner, came forward and requested the Board hold a public hearing and approve a request of Mr. David Clarke, representing Palliative Care and Hospice of Catawba Valley, to rezone one parcel totaling 5.2 acres, at 7473 Sherrills Ford Road in the Sherrills Ford Small Area Planning District, from R-20 Residential to PD Planned Development, and amend an existing site plan approved by the Board on February 18, 2008. The property that was at issue for rezoning is adjacent to the property shown on the existing site plan and was zoned R-20 Residential and undeveloped. Properties to the north and west are zoned R-20 Residential and occupied by a nonconforming commercial establishment, a single-family residence or undeveloped. Properties to the south are zoned R-40 Residential and undeveloped.

The Catawba County UDO, Section 44-443, PD Planned Development District states that “the planned development district is established to encourage the master planning of large scale, multiple and/or mixed use development patterns.” Applicants who propose a planned development have more flexibility and creativity in design than is possible under conventional zoning regulations. The Planned Development District allows for the layout of uses and open space that promote high standards in design and construction which furthers the purposes of small area plans; encourages well-planned, efficient development to promote economical and efficient land uses; allows a planned and coordinated mix of land uses that are compatible and harmonious, but were previously discouraged by conventional zoning procedures; encourages development of contiguous large lot parcels into an integrated and orderly pattern, with particular attention to developing an efficient and coordinated network of internal streets; promotes clustering of structures and other uses to preserve unique and natural features such as woodlands, wetlands, natural drainage systems and scenic areas; and reserves adequate public right-of-way for the extension of arterial and collector streets.

Palliative Care Center and Hospice of Catawba Valley has acquired an additional 5.2 acres which allows them to reconsider a site design offering increased visibility and access to the public. Hospice has recognized a need and growing demand for its services in the eastern portion of Catawba County and Lake Norman area. An ideal site for the proposed facility would be between 3 and 5 acres. In order to make this site a viable location, an economical use of the excess property is required. In this case, PD Planned Development offers the ability to have a non-residential use (Hospice) and single family residences on individual lots within a mixed use planned development. In February 2008, Hospice received approval for 16 lots (15 single-family, 1 non-residential) on 22.15 acres. The newly proposed site plan consists of 22.3 acres and a total of 22 lots (21 single-family, 1 non-residential). The Hospice facility would be located on a 5.05 acre parcel, have frontage

on Sherrills Ford Road, and would likely be built in two phases: first a six-bed facility with offices, workstations, and living areas, followed by six additional bedrooms and offices.

Because the property is in the Watershed Protected Area, imperviousness of the 5.05 acres is allowed to be 79,192 square feet. The proposed impervious area is 77,796 square feet. A walking trail and sidewalks would account for approximately 0.88 acres of open space on the Hospice site. Hospice would maintain a 50-foot setback from all residential districts, as required by the UDO, and a 100-foot setback from Sherrills Ford Road, as required in Rural Preservation-Overlays to preserve the rural character of the corridor.

As proposed, the single-family subdivision located to the rear of the facility includes 21 lots ranging in size from 0.52 acres to 1.3 acres. The proposed density would be 1.06 dwellings per acre (less than the February 2008 plan). A 30-foot buffer would exist around the perimeter of the residential portion of the development and 1.59 acres of natural area and sidewalks would be provided. If the rezoning is approved, the development of the property would be preceded by creation of a detailed site plan for administrative review. The County Subdivision Review Board would also review the subdivision before any residential development begins.

Public water is available and located along Sherrills Ford Road. The City of Hickory's Public Utilities Department has confirmed that a municipal water line adjacent to the site will be available for access. Public sewer is not currently available. As required by the UDO, all utilities will be underground. Sherrills Ford Road is a two-lane roadway. The Catawba County Thoroughfare Plan recommends minor widening of lane widths for safety reasons. The site plan indicates a divided entrance would be used to access the residential subdivision and Hospice would have a separate entrance with connection to the subdivision's internal road system. The applicant has requested that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) review the two driveway locations. If NCDOT does not approve both access points, the applicant will consider accessing the Hospice facility off the subdivision's internal road. All internal roads will be designed to NCDOT standards.

The Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan serves as the current land use plan for this area. The subject properties are in an area with a recommended density of 2 dwellings per acre. The density proposed for the residential subdivision is 1.06 dwellings per acre. Because of its residential nature and proposed density, staff considers the request reasonable and in conformance with the Small Area Plan.

The Catawba County Planning Board held a public hearing on January 26, 2009. Mr. David Clarke, the applicant, stated to the Planning Board that the proposed site plan amendment would allow Hospice to be more visible from the road. He was asked if Hospice planned to develop the residential lots, and indicated Hospice may sell the residential portion of the development because Hospice is not in the business of residential development. No one spoke in opposition to the request. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the revised site plan and the rezoning of the property from R-20 Residential to PD Planned Development based on the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan recognizing the parcels as being in an area proposed for medium density residential development, and the purpose of the PD Planned Development noted above.

Chair Barnes opened the public hearing. Mr. Clarke came forward to speak in favor of the rezoning request. No one spoke against the rezoning. Chair Barnes closed the public hearing. Mr. Clarke confirmed, in response to Board members' inquiries, that Hospice may sell the residential portion of the development to a developer, but it was further confirmed that the developer would have to meet the requirements set forth by the Planning Board and the Subdivision Review Board. Commissioner Barger made a motion to adopt the following consistency statement and rezoning ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

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Upon considering the matter, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners find the item to be consistent with the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan and approves the zoning map amendment. This approval was affirmed by a vote of 5 - 0 of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners.

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**, that the Catawba County Official Zoning Atlas is hereby amended by rezoning the following described properties from R-20 Residential to PD Planned Development.

One parcel totaling 5.2 acres located at 7473 Sherrills Ford Road in the Sherrills Ford Small Area Planning District, Mountain Creek Township, and further identified as Parcel Identification Numbers 4608-01-49-7568.

**PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to NCGS 153A-341, and upon consideration of the recommendations and guiding principles of the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan, the Catawba County Board of Commissioners finds the rezoning request to be consistent with the Sherrills Ford Small Area Plan.

c. Renee Hart, E-911 Addressing Coordinator, came forward and requested the Board hold a public hearing on a proposed name for an unnamed street in the Mountain Creek Township and approve naming of this street Bryant Jones Drive. The goal of the County's E-911 Office is to assign individual E-911 numbers to all dwellings located in Catawba County. One step toward this goal is to name streets or driveways that are at least 1200 feet in length and/or access three or more parcels. An unnamed street had been identified in the Mountain Creek Township off Highway 16 South, potentially accessed by six properties. A suggestion was received from Mr. Garrett Goodson and Mr. Gerald Goodson to name the right-of-way Bryant Jones Drive. No other names were suggested, and this name is not a duplicate. The E-911 Office recommended the Board approve the name Bryant Jones Drive. Chair Barnes opened the public hearing and no one came forward to speak for or against this request. Chair Barnes closed the public hearing. Vice-Chair Lail made a motion to approve the naming of this unnamed street Bryant Jones Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Barry Edwards, Director of Utilities and Engineering, came forward and requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive citizen input on the development of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for the coming year. North Carolina receives approximately \$50 million in CDBG funds each year. Local governments may apply for these funds for various activities that benefit low and moderate income persons with severe needs, including installation of infrastructure for businesses that will create jobs for low and moderate income persons, neighborhood revitalization, and housing development and rehabilitation. Two public hearings must be held to receive public comment on any project. The County must hold an initial public hearing to receive citizen input on the development of the application. Chair Barnes opened the public hearing. No one came forward to speak for or against these applications. Chair Barnes closed the public hearing and advised those present that the Board was not required to take any further action than to conduct the public hearing.

\* Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda. (Note this is item #6 above but moved to this place on the agenda per Chair Barnes.)

Chair Barnes then opened the floor for public comment for items not on the agenda and noted it appeared that many of those present were from the Sherrills Ford area and would likely speak regarding the anticipated closure of the Sherrills Ford Convenience Center. Chair Barnes first gave an overview of the County's efforts over the past eighteen months regarding the proposed relocation of the Center to Slanting Bridge Road, the resistance to that relocation from some Sherrills Ford residents, the efforts to identify other suitable property for relocation of the Center in the Sherrills Ford area, the effort to purchase the current site from Carolina Centers at a reasonable price, and the eviction of the County from the current location by Carolina Centers, effective March 31, 2009. She asked Jack Chandler,

Public Services Administrator to outline the timeline of the events which lead to the upcoming closure of the Sherrills Ford Convenience Center. He provided the timeline applies:

Eight people came forward to speak:

Morris Setzer – Had a problem with the appraised value of the Sherrills Ford Convenience Center property – said it wasn't in line with what other property in that area was appraised at and didn't like that the County would not buy the property. Thanked Chair Barnes for returning his call.

Don Parham – Don's Point – Said the County Attorney should be talking with Mr. Short – letters weren't going to work and a telephone call or calls should be made. He estimated that it would be an hour and a half round trip from people from Sherrills Ford to go to the Newton Convenience site.

Betty Griffin – 8366 Drena Drive – had been a property owner for 24 years – believed elected officials should serve the people. She referenced the earlier meeting in Sherrills Ford and said those people who were against moving the Convenience Ctr to the Slanting Bridge property misunderstood and thought the Board was talking about putting a landfill on that property. She stressed the closure of the Sherrills Ford Convenience Ctr with no replacement in the area would cause a hardship on senior citizens and to use GDS would cost 4 times what it costs to use the convenience ctr. She also said she expected there would be more garbage dumping along roadsides due to the closure.

Chad Holsclaw – Asked about the Southeast Chamber and who was on it – said an increase of 25 cent a bag at the convenience center would be preferable to having to drive to Newton. He questioned the appraisal of the Sherrill Ford site and said it had to be worth more – the Board confirmed the current tax value on the land. While the Board said they would not buy land they did not need, he believed the citizens needed that land. He voiced his concern regarding the hardship the closure of the Sherrills Ford site would inflict on the senior citizens.

Rusty Callaghan – Nully Lane – He was surprised to hear the site was closing – believed it had not been communicated well. Said the southeastern part of the county paid a lot of taxes and the services didn't reflect the amount of taxes that area paid. Voiced his concern regarding the length of the trip to the Newton convenience site and said this was not a solution to the problem. Wanted more communications with Mr. Short regarding purchasing the property. Was not against an increase in cost per bag to keep the existing site open and suggested trying to get a lease for another year. Chair Barnes provided him (and those present) with Mr. Short's number.

Barry Sigmon – Drena Drive – never heard of the Southeastern Chamber. Insisted the Sherrills Ford area needed a trash facility – stated the citizens of the area were willing to work with the Board to come up with a solution.

Bill Holsclaw – Kiser Island Road – wants to help find a solution – the Newton site was too far away both due to time and distance of travel and gas costs. Suggested using the Slanting Bridge site and asked the approximate cost to close the Sherrills Ford site.

Betty Holsclaw – Reminded the Board that the meeting in Sherrills Ford had more people talking about the proposed ABC store than the Slanting Bridge property.

Chair Barnes said the Board would continue to research solutions to the problem. She noted a sign would be posted at the Sherrills Ford Convenience Center (besides the flyers currently being handed out to those using the site) regarding the upcoming closure.

The Board then instructed staff to prepare an estimate on time and cost to open a basic convenience center site on the Slanting Bridge Road property, with the options to phase in additional services at later dates.

9. Appointments.

Vice-Chair Lail recommended the reappointment of Jane Murphy for a fifth term, Bari Cooper for a third term and Rodney Franklin for a second term on the Nursing and Rest Home Advisory Board. Ms.

Murphy's term will expire February 14, 2012, Ms. Cooper's term will expire on March 19, 2012 and Mr. Franklin's term will expire April 6, 2012. Chair Barnes recommended the appointment of Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the Hickory Chapter of the NAACP, to the Children's Agenda Planning Group. These recommendations came in the form of a motion and the motion carried unanimously.

10 Consent Agenda:

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy presented the following two items on the consent agenda:

a. A request for the Board to accept a grant for \$5150 from the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium and Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to support the development of the "C3 Civic Leadership Academy", a collaborative project offered by Catawba County Government, Catawba County Schools, and the Catawba County Youth Council. The Academy will include a week-long summer program during which 20 high school students will learn about local government and issues, and enhance their leadership skills. This will be followed by a 35-hour internship experience with students working in different County departments, concluding with a presentation by the students. Donna Mull, Catawba County 4-H Agent, will serve as program coordinator, with assistance from a high school teacher who will work on a time-limited contract basis. A number of County employees representing different departments were involved in the development of the grant and will continue to be involved in program implementation. Funding will be received in the current budget year and carried over to the 2009-2010 budget year. Program progress will be measured through successful completion of local citizenship and community service programs, meeting requirements for chartering the Catawba County Youth Council as a North Carolina Youth Council, and evaluations completed by students.

b. A request for the Board to approve the establishment of a new job classification, Program Assistant, at a pay grade of 63, to apply to the Women, Infant & Children (WIC) eligibility staff at Public Health. These positions have been classified as Office Support Specialists, at pay grade 62, but have become more detailed and complex due to continued growth in program guidelines. These staff are responsible for meeting with clients to determine initial or continuing eligibility for WIC services. Employees in these positions obtain and verify personal client information, then analyze and evaluate appropriate eligibility for services. They are also responsible for independently interpreting State and Federal guidelines. The processing of new applications or determinations of eligibility must be done in a timely manner as mandated by the State. Once clients are approved for services, the WIC eligibility staff must explain the proper use of food instruments and refer clients to other organizations for further assistance when appropriate. Based on these job duties and responsibilities, the Human Resources Department and Board of Health recommended there be a different classification for these positions. According to job specifications from the Office of State Personnel, the Program Assistant classification seems the best match for these duties. Creation of this new classification would distinguish between the duties performed by these WIC positions and other Office Support Specialists. There are currently six employees serving in the WIC division. All are currently at or above the minimum pay for the proposed new grade 63, so there would be no financial impact on the County budget as a result of this change.

Chair Barnes asked if any Commissioner wished for an item or items to be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. None were requested. Commissioner Barger made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Departmental Reports:

A. Utilities and Engineering:

1. Barry Edwards, Director of Utilities and Engineering, presented a request for the Board to amend the County's Building Inspection Fee Schedule to include "Schedule J – Green Building Incentives", which becomes effective on February 17, 2009. Staff has developed these green building incentives, a special allowance to provide an incentive for building in accordance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or LEED, Energy Star, and/or North Carolina HealthyBuilt Homes programs. These incentives are intended to promote and increase renewable and sustainable energy technologies, and green building certifications for homes and commercial buildings in Catawba County.

The Green Building Incentives fee structure is a rebate program providing the builder and/or owner of new structures with a limited 25% reimbursement (not to exceed \$500) on permit(s) following the

issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, provided the project received Green Building certification, including but not limited to LEED, Energy Star, and/or North Carolina HealthyBuilt Homes programs, by a third party inspection agency. The Green Building Incentives fee structure will also provide the builder and/or owner of new structures with a 50% reimbursement of all fees related to plan review or express plan review for commercial buildings, provided the project receives Green Building certification by a third party inspection agency, as noted above.

The Green Building Incentives fee structure will provide owners of existing structures with 50% permit reimbursements upon approval for a Green Building certification, including but not limited to elements in the LEED, Energy Star, and/or NC HealthyBuilt Homes certification programs. County Building Services staff will certify renovations in the permitting process.

Presentations about this incentives program were made to various stakeholder groups including the Professional Construction Estimators' Association, Professional Engineers of North Carolina, Home Builders' Association and the Building Services Advisory Committee. Responses from these groups were very positive.

The impact of this incentives program on the Building Services budget is expected to be insignificant, and staff feels the benefits derived by the County from environmentally efficient and renewable buildings outweigh any minor funding adjustments that may occur.

**Schedule J – Green Building Incentives \***

<b>New Structures</b>				
Certification Agency		Incentive		
USGBC Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
NC Healthy Built Home Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
USEPA Energy Star Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
NAHB Model Green Building Home Guideline Certification		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
ICC/NAHB National Green Building Standard Certification (Currently in development)		25% Rebate of Blanket Permit Fee (Not to exceed \$500.00)		
<b>Existing Structures- One &amp; Two Family Dwellings</b>				
Single System	Mechanical Fee	Electrical Fee	Plumbing Fee	Building Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$27.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	
<b>Existing Structures - Commercial Installations</b>				
Single	Mechanical	Electrical	Plumbing	Building

System	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee
Geothermal Heat Pumps	50% Rebate (\$50.00 value)	50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)		
Photo Voltaic Energy Systems		50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)		
Solar Hot Water Heating		50% Rebate (\$12.50 value)	50% Rebate (\$25.00 value)	
Gray/Rain Water collection for flushing fixtures			50% Rebate (\$30.50 value)	

**Plan Review Fee Rebate Program \***

Catawba County will rebate 50% of the fees related to plan review or express plan review for commercial buildings seeking LEED certification, Energy Star, and/or NC HealthyBuilt Homes.

\* Regular fees must be paid in full at time of plan review or permit issuance. Fee rebates will be refunded upon project completion and certification by third party inspection agency.

Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to approve this amendment to the County's Building Inspection Fee Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director, requested the Board consider an item that was not included on the agenda. He explained that staff had just learned of the requirement of adopted resolutions to take advantage of funds that would be available through the new economic stimulus package and there was a deadline that would not allow this matter to wait until the next Board of Commissioners meeting. He asked that the Board approve ten individual resolutions which will allow the Utilities and Engineering Department to apply for grants under the new economic stimulus package for drinking water distribution systems and wastewater collections systems throughout the County. The following resolutions apply:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 04  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN CATAWBA COUNTY WATER SUPPLY LOOP PHASE III PUMP STATON AND  
STORAGE TANK**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a drinking water distribution system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a drinking water distribution system** project described as **a 4 million gallon per day water pumping station and a 1 million gallon storage tank. This project will provide needed water storage capacity for serving the Southeast Catawba County Water System which provides redundant water supply for the Towns of Maiden and Catawba, and Cities of Claremont and Conover, ensuring the continuous flow of drinking water by providing a fortified distribution system as well as the primary supply for the Town of Mooresville Interconnect, and will enable an Interconnect with the Lincoln County Water System, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

That the Catawba County will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant award.

That Catawba County will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of Catawba County agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Catawba County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the County of Catawba, any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Catawba County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That County Manager, J. Thomas Lundy, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Catawba County with the State of North Carolina for a grant to aid in the construction of the project described above.

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That Catawba County has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 05  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
LEELAND TERRACE SUBDIVISION WATER SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a drinking water distribution system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a drinking water distribution system** project described as **approximately 3,500 linear feet of water lines that will provide municipal water to a neighborhood of 25 existing homes that have been experiencing problems with their private ground water wells through the extended period of drought that has occurred in our area, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 06  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
BLACKBURN-PLATEAU WATER SUPPLY LOOP**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a drinking water distribution system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a drinking water distribution system** project described as **the Blackburn-Plateau Water Supply Loop project. This project consists of approximately 57,400 linear feet of water lines on Plateau Road, Grace Church Road, Hickory-Lincolnton Highway, Blackburn Bridge Road, Startown Road, Elbow Road, and West Maiden Road. This project will provide municipal water to the new Propst Crossroads Fire Station and along the western and southern boundaries of the Blackburn Landfill, enhanced fire protection in the Propst Fire District, municipal water and fire protection to proposed economic development projects; the expansion of the Catawba Valley Mills Manufacturing Facility (Ashfar Enterprises, Inc.) and the proposed Multi-Jurisdictional Park, and provides a secondary water supply loop to the Town of Maiden and the SECC Water Supply system, which serve an existing population of 4,907, in the event of a problem with the City of Hickory 36-inch water supply main on Startown Road, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

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That Catawba County will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-07  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR WASTEWATER REUSE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater treatment works**, and

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a wastewater treatment works** project described as **a Wastewater Reuse System to convey reclaimed wastewater from the City of Hickory's Henry Fork Wastewater Treatment Facility to the County's EcoComplex. The Wastewater Reuse System will be used for growing biodiesel crops, dust control, industrial equipment cooling processes, Energy Facility operations and steam generation, bio-reactor landfill operations, Wastewater Sludge management Facility operations, and to irrigate new greenhouses located at the County's EcoComplex**, and

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-08  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
SOUTHEASTERN CATAWBA COUNTY WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater collection system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct a **wastewater collection system** project described as **the southern section of the Wastewater Collection System consisting of 85,000+/- linear feet (LF) of varying size sewer lines, pumping stations, and related appurtenances, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 -09  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUMP STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater collection system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for, and intends to construct **a wastewater collection system** project described as **Blackburn Elementary School Pump Station and Force Main Project. Blackburn Elementary School's on-site wastewater treatment process is outdated and unsatisfactory and requires an improved and more economical means of wastewater treatment and disposal. The project consists of a sewer pump station and 9,200 feet of six inch sewer force main, and**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR WASTEWATER SLUDGE (BIOSOLIDS)  
PROCESSING FACILITY**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater treatment works**, and

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a wastewater treatment works** project described as **a Wastewater Sludge (Biosolids) Processing Facility to replace the existing outdated and full to capacity Regional Sludge Management Facility to improve regional wastewater sludge management from eight existing wastewater treatment facilities. The proposed Wastewater Sludge (Biosolids) Processing Facility will replace the existing 20 year-old Regional Sludge Management Facility. The proposed new Sludge Processing Facility will have the capacity to serve the wastewater sludge management needs of Catawba County and the Unifour region for approximately 20 years, there are currently several sites within Catawba County that are being used by municipalities inside and outside the County for the land application of their wastewater sludge. It is anticipated that several of these municipalities will use the proposed facility instead of continuing to land apply their sludge within Catawba County, and**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 11  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
HICKORY-CATAWBA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE AND EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater treatment works, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a wastewater treatment works project described as an Upgrade and Expansion to the existing Hickory-Catawba Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility from a 0.225 MGD facility constructed in 1959 to a 1.5 MGD Oxidation Ditch Facility This concept has been endorsed by both the City of Hickory and Catawba County due to the strong desire for Regional cooperation in provision of services and the need to provide those services in order to continue the smart planned development of rural sections of Catawba County, and**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL &  
SURROUNDING AREA WASTEWATER**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater collection system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct a **wastewater collection system** project described as **approximately 9,000 linear feet of gravity sewer, one (1) submersible wastewater pumping station, and approximately 17,500 linear feet of sewer force main from the existing Mountain View Elementary School to the existing City of Hickory gravity sewer line east of US 321 near River Road, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 13  
RESOLUTION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FOR  
BUNKER HILL/RIVERBEND/OXFORD SCHOOLS SEWER**

WHEREAS, the Federal Clean Water Act Amendments of 1987 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of **a wastewater collection system, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County has need for and intends to construct **a wastewater collection system** project described as **a municipal wastewater collection system to serve Bunker Hill High School, Riverbend Middle School, Oxford Elementary School, and the surrounding area consisting of approximately 19,300 linear feet of gravity sewers, a new submersible pump station, and approximately 7,750 linear feet of force main sewers, and**

WHEREAS, Catawba County intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

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Vice-Chair Lail made a motion to adopt these resolutions. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Information Technology

Terry Bledsoe, Chief Information Officer, presented an informational report on the County's Strategic Technology Plan, which provides direction for addressing short and long term requirements for cost-effective, practical technological solutions and places a strong emphasis on both external and internal customer services. This plan provides a framework for the effective management of information technology, with the primary goal of supporting the business objectives of the County, and to facilitate departmental efforts to provide efficient and effective services to the citizens, businesses and visitors to Catawba County.

12. Other Items of Business: None.
13. Attorneys' Report: None.
14. Manager's Report: None.
15. Adjournment: Commissioner Beatty made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Katherine W. Barnes, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

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Barbara E. Morris, County Clerk