

Regular Session, December 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room of the 1924 Courthouse, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty and Commissioners Dan A. Hunsucker and Randy Isenhower. Commissioner Lynn M. Lail was present by teleconference.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Managers Dewey Harris and Mary Furtado, County Attorney Debra Bechtel and County Clerk Barbara Morris.

1. Chair Katherine W. Barnes called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Vice-Chair Barbara G. Beatty led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Chair Barnes offered the invocation.
4. Vice-Chair Beatty made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting and Closed Session of December 3, 2012 and the Special Meeting and closed Session of December 7, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Recognition of Special Guests: Chair Barnes welcomed all and specifically recognized Catawba County Youth Council members who stood and introduced themselves. She thanked Donna Mull for all her efforts with the Youth Council. At this time Chair Barnes noted that Commissioner Lynn Lail was attending the meeting through teleconferencing. County Manager J. Thomas Lundy then introduced Glenn Pinckney, Chair of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Lori Wray, a county employee who is taking part in the County's Leadership Academy.
6. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda: None.
7. Public Hearing:
Social Services Director John Eller requested the Board hold a public hearing to receive public comment and consider approval of the submission of a grant application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for the Targeted Transit Assistance Program for Elderly and Disabled Individuals.

The Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority (WPRTA) is currently providing transportation for seniors to attend congregate nutrition and access essential shopping and other services. However, the majority of funding utilized by WPRTA to provide these services for seniors will end on June 30, 2013, resulting in insufficient funding for transportation of seniors.

Catawba County Social Services is applying for \$500,000 from the NCDOT, Section 5310, Targeted Transit Assistance Program for Elderly and Disabled Individuals. The proposed project will allow seniors who have no other means of transportation to attend the congregate nutrition program and have access to shopping, medical appointments, pharmacy, banking and other essential services. WPRTA is not applying for 5310 grant funds for several reasons including a required match, which is 50% for transit systems, compared to 10% for contracted services. As a result, Catawba County Social Services intends to contract with WPRTA to provide transportation services using 5310 grant funds. The \$500,000 grant requires a 10% local match. Social Services will provide the match using current local funding allocated for senior transportation. There will be no increased cost to the County.

Approximately 175-250 individuals will receive transportation each year for the period of the grant (July 2013-June 30, 2015). Many of the seniors will utilize transportation for multiple purposes and a large percentage of the target population will utilize transportation daily. Providing transportation will allow older adults the opportunity and choice to remain active and involved in the community.

Chair Barnes opened the public hearing, noting it had been duly advertised. No one came forward to speak and Chair Barnes closed the public hearing. Commissioner Isenhower confirmed that the 10% required match was coming from Social Services operating funds and would not disrupt any other services and then made a motion to authorize the submission of the grant application, adopt the Public Transportation Program Resolution regarding the 5310 grant and authorize Social Services Director John Eller to submit the grant application. The motion carried unanimously. The following Resolution applies:

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Commissioner _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was adopted with a vote of ____ of ____.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Section 5310 program is to provide financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities in all areas—urbanized, small urban, and rural; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has been designated as the State agency with principal authority and responsibility for administering the Section 5310 program for all areas—urbanized, small urban, and rural; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has been designated as the State agency with principal authority and responsibility for administering the Section 5316 and 5317 programs for small urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Catawba County hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the John Eller, Director, Catawba County Department of Social Services, on behalf of Catawba County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to submit a grant application for federal and state funding, provide the required local match, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide public transportation services.

I Barbara Morris, County Clerk do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners duly held on the 17th day of December, 2012.

8. Appointments:

Vice-Chair Beatty made the following recommendations for appointments/reappointments: the appointment of Rita Beaver for a first term and the reappointment of Larry Johnson for a fifth term and Richard Thompson for a seventh term on the Catawba County Board of Adjustment. These terms will expire November 30, 2015; the reappointment of Rita Busbee for a third term and Dr. T. Reginald Williams for a second term on the Catawba Valley Medical Center Board of Trustees. These terms will expire December 31, 2016; the reappointment of Clyde Robinson for a fourth term and Rick Young for a third term on the Town of Catawba Planning Board. These terms will expire December 1, 2015; the reappointment of Allen Biggerstaff for a fourth term, Glenn Boston for a tenth term, Bill Hefner for a tenth term, Robert Huffman for a third term, Danny Setzer for a fifth term, Darrel Turbyfill for a fourth term and Fitzhugh Young for a tenth term on the Volunteer Fire Department Fireman's Relief Fund Board of Trustees. These terms will expire December 31, 2014. Chair Barnes recommended her designation as the Voting Delegate at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Legislative Goals Conference on January 24-25, 2013. These appointments came in the form of a motion which carried unanimously.

9. Departmental Reports:

A. Social Services:

Social Services Director John Eller introduced Michelle Roseman, Executive Vice President, Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley and Mark Bumgarner, Executive Director, Adult Life Programs, who presented a report on progress of the Catawba County Aging Coalition. The Coalition is designed to promote the general well being of older adults and their caregivers and advise the community and elected officials concerning aging issues. The report addressed the creation of a coordinated network of services/providers designed to reduce duplication and to ensure services are accessible for older adults and caregivers; a goal to increase public awareness about the needs for older adults and caregivers and the resources available to them; establishment of a local PACE(Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly) Program; promotion of safety and protection of older adults; encouragement of senior-friendly commerce and mobility; and development of neighborhood organizations to provide opportunities for older adults and other citizens to participate in activities of personal and public concern. Chair Barnes thanked Ms. Roseman and Mr. Bumgarner for their efforts and leadership and Commissioner Isenhower thanked them for clearly identifying all the issues that had to be addressed. This report was for information only and no Board action was required.

B. Debbie Bradley, Staff, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, presented a request for Board approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Funding Plan for the Catawba County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). The amendment includes adding one new service for at-risk and delinquent youth. This amendment allocates previously unallocated funds and was recommended by the Council.

The JCPC is an organization established by the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Division of Juvenile Justice. The JCPC exists to identify risks of youth in the community, prevent crime among at risk youth, review court data, and identify needed programs to provide intervention and prevention. Membership is determined mostly by the North Carolina Statute establishing the JCPC. Representatives are those involved with youth. Funding is allocated by the State, distributed to the County, and then to programs.

The Board of Commissioners approved the JCPC's Annual Plan, including an original Funding Plan, in the summer of 2012. The Plan included \$72,520 in unallocated funds. The State requires that JCPC allocate those funds by December 31 or revert the funds to the State.

Required advertising was done in October and November. Proposals were received for two new programs and a request for additional funds was received from a current program. The two new proposals were for rapid response/emergency shelter and a mentoring program. On December 5, the mentoring program withdrew from the JCPC.

Alexander Youth Network is the new program recommended. The program service is rapid response/emergency beds for youth. The recommended funding is \$36,250. The program will bill no more than \$100 per night, per bed. State mental health funds no longer fund this service, which the JCPC reports is greatly needed. If the revised funding plan is approved, the program is expected to begin providing service on January 1.

With the mentoring program not being funded, \$36,260 remained unallocated. Notices were sent to current, approved programs asking them to submit a proposal for additional funds if interested. Three programs requested additional funding in the following amounts: JCPC Administration \$1,560; Conflict Resolution Center \$2,989 and Family Net \$23,401. This leaves \$8,310 in unallocated dollars. These funds may revert to the State, but the program's area consultant advises this should not affect future funding. It is hoped these funds can be used to cover some possible State cuts to the JCPC funding should those cuts occur.

The funds for Administration will be used for anticipated costs in advertising, including covering the cost of an October ad, mileage, increased postage and other expenses. The Conflict Resolution Center will use the funds to cover the costs of additional youth served and anticipated class costs. This program has exceeded its contractual numbers for youth served every year and anticipates exceeding these numbers again this year. Family Net funds will be used to help increase staff time. The therapist serving youth in substance abuse is hourly and this increase will help cover the costs of an 80% position (32 hour per week). Family Net is implementing the "Reclaiming Futures" program, and the use of the "GAINS" assessment tool for identifying substance abuse treatment needs. These best-practice programs will provide a higher level of service to youth, and the program anticipates an increase in the number of youth with substance abuse problems being served. The plan does not require any Catawba County funding, and as stated previously, is subject to the State budget. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to approve the proposed amendment. The motion carried unanimously. The following appropriations apply:

Supplemental Appropriation:

Revenue:

110-190050-630615	JCPC Planning	\$1,560
110-190050-630617	JCPC Conflict Resolution Center	\$2,989
110-560249-630603	JCPC Family NET	\$23,401
110-190050-630618	JCPC Alexander Youth Network	\$36,260

Expense:

110-190050-849179	JCPC Planning	\$1,560
110-190050-868143	JCPC Conflict Resolution Center	\$2,989
110-560249-812100	JCPC Family NET	\$23,401
110-190050-868218	JCPC Alexander Youth Network	\$36,260

10. Other Items of Business: None.
11. Attorney's Report: None.
12. Manager's Report: None.

13. Adjournment. Chair Barnes wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk