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Catawba County Board of Commissioners
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The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 1, 2004, 9:30 a.m., at the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbits Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

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

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Joellen J. Daley, County Attorney Robert Oren Eades, Attorney Debra Bechtel and County Clerk Barbara E. Morris.

1. Chair Barnes called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.
2. Commissioner Hunsucker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. The Invocation was offered by Chair Barnes.
4. Commissioner Barger made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session of Monday, October 4, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Chair Barnes recognized special guests David Elder from the Hickory Board of Education and Incumbents for County Commissioners Barbara Beatty and Dan Hunsucker.
6. Public Comment for items not on the agenda:
 - a. David C. Dove, Readiness Officer of the 731st Maintenance Company, North Carolina Army National Guard invited the Board of Commissioners to be VIP guests at the Operation Freedom Salute Celebration to take place on Saturday, December 4, 2004, at 12:00 noon, at the Newton National Guard Armory. The 731st Maintenance Company is being recognized for their duty to the United States Army and the United States of America, and for their participation in Operation Noble Eagle.
7. Presentations:
 - a. Assistant County Manager Joellen J. Daley, introduced Akiko Miyazaki, a Japanese local civil servant, participating in a two-week study program coordinated by the Council of Local Authorities and International Relations (CLAIR), the Japan Local Government Center in New York and the International Center, Council of Governments. Ms. Daley noted that there is a long-standing tradition in the County of hosting Japanese visitors. Akiko has been staying with Joellen and her family during her time in the County. Ms. Miyazaki has spent time in Seattle, New York City and will visit Chicago prior to her return to Tokyo in a few weeks. Since she has been in Catawba County she has visited various departments and observed their operations and programs. Chair Barnes, on behalf of the Board, presented Ms. Miyazaki with a Resolution recognizing her participation in the study program and the promotion of the exchange of information, ideas and culture and extended a warm and cordial welcome to Catawba County. Ms. Miyazaki was also presented with a pin with the County Seal and a small key to the County.
 - b. The Board proclaimed November 2004 as Adoption Awareness Month in Catawba County and Commissioner Lail presented the proclamation to Sarah Shumate, Adoptions Supervisor of Family Builders of Catawba Valley and Julia Scronce, a 17-year-old adopted senior at Hickory High School, and Bobby Boyd, Director of Social Services. Regina Roberts, Adoption Social Worker, introduced Ms. Scronce, who was adopted at the age of 17 out of the Catawba County Foster Care system and is a State Board Representative of SAYSO (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out). Ms. Scronce spoke of her experiences in the foster care system and being adopted as a teenager and the positive effects of

LINKS (Independent Living Program) and SAYSO. Chair Barnes commended Ms. Scronce on being a model for others and thanked her for sharing her story.

- c. The Board proclaimed the week of November 14 – 20, 2004 as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Catawba County and Commissioner Barger presented the proclamation to Reverend Donna Thomas. Reverend Thomas stated she was grateful to receive the proclamation and it was a great credit for the County to recognize the problem of the homelessness and hunger and credit should be given to all the organizations that work to alleviate these problems.
- d. Commissioner Beatty, on behalf of the Board, presented Brad Deal of the Hickory Crawdads with a Resolution congratulating their second win of the South Atlantic League Championship in three years. The Crawdads were also recognized for the positive contributions to the community and their work with local non-profit organizations. Mr. Deal thanked the Board for the recognition and for the support of the County.
- e. The Board recognized twelve graduates of the County's Employee Mini Course. Personnel Director Debbie Bradley explained the purpose of the Mini-Course was to help employees understand the tasks and duties of other departments in the County. Participants in the course volunteered to give up their lunch hour and traveled to different departments to observe and attend each department's presentation. The following graduates were recognized: Bob Blair, Utilities and Engineering; Pecoila Farley, Social Services; Mark Fowler, Planning and Zoning; Rich Hoffman, Planning and Zoning; Marilyn Linger, Public Health; Martha Knox, Public Health; Alton Price, Sheriff's Department; David Pruitt, Emergency Services; Kim Reitzel, Public Health and Jeanne Willett, Public Health. The graduates will be further recognized with a luncheon on December 10, 2004. Chair Barnes thanked the participants for taking their personal time to complete the course.

8. Appointments: Chair Barnes noted there were none.

9. Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Mental Health Budget Revision.

County Manager Lundy reminded the Board that during the year there are usually two or three major budget revisions associated with Mental Health and this year is more unusual because the transition of Mental Health reform.

The Finance and Personnel Subcommittee recommended the approval of a revision of the current Mental Health budget, which adds additional State funding and increases the current Mental Health budget by \$692,441, bringing it to \$19,071,260. This revision adds two new positions, but requests no additional County funding. It adds an additional \$639,941 in State funding, allocated as follows: 1) \$100,000 will be utilized for the renovation of the Salvation Army's former shelter, which will become a one-stop comprehensive resource center for target population individuals and families. 2) \$41,000 will be used as a one-time allocation to fund expenditures to follow up with persons admitted to and/or discharged from detoxification programs. 3) A total of \$48,010 will be allocated to support a Traumatic Brain Injury group home and provide services needed for clients returning to the community as a result of the downsizing of mental retardation centers. 4) \$53,730 will be appropriated to the Adult Mental Health program, including \$40,836 in salaries and benefits for one residential services staff position and \$12,894 to cover housing support needs for clients. 5) \$154,326 for the Medicaid Community Alternative Program (CAP), for consumers who need CAP services. These funds establish a full-time Mental Health Clinician II position effective November 15, 2004, to provide additional services. 6) The realignment of \$242,875 in State allocations to decrease the Family N.E.T. line item by \$7779, decrease the Alcohol and Drug Services line item by \$56,275, increase the Comprehensive Treatment Services Program line item by \$256,322,

decrease the Mental Retardation/Mental Illness Services line item by \$34,922 and increase the line item for Catawba Valley Behavioral Health Care, one of the new entities created through the State's mental health reform initiative, by \$85,529. 7) Transfer \$14,000 from the Mental Health Fund Balance to cover four additional month's rent of space at Catawba Valley Community College for the Life Skills Program, due to delays in construction of the new Life Skills building. 8) \$26,000 in Medicaid/Medicare funds for a new medication program started after completion of the County's 2004-2005 budget, to meet the needs of clients released from hospitals and utilizing the drug Respidal, and for clients that need supervision in administering the drug. 9) \$12,500 needed to cover increased costs for in-house meals for consumers of the Connections Clubhouse program. 10) The transfer of \$165,000 in State funds to cover vacation pay for employees who will transition to employment with Catawba Valley Behavioral Health Care in January 2005. 11) \$11,766 set aside in the initial Mental Health Budget being transferred from the Residential Program and applied to miscellaneous non-target expenditures.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Account Number		Account Number	
Expenditures:		Revenues:	
110-530906-911420—	46,510	110-530906-635200—	46,510
DD Services		Adult DD	
110-530906-911420 —	1,500	110-530906-635200—	1,500
DD Services		Adult DD	
110-540200-911700—	2,492	110-540200-635000—	6,492
Client		Adult Mental Health	
Emergency Assistance			
110-540200-870100—	2,400	110-540200-635000—	25,000
Small Tools & Minor Equipment		Adult Mental Health	
110-540200-841010—	1,600	110-540200-691300—	-25,000
Travel		County Share	
110-530906-915610—	22,238	110-530906-635000—	22,238
CVBH Contract		Adult Mental Health	
110-540050-849160—	13,234	110-540050-691300—	13,234
Indirect Costs		County Share	
110-530901-849090—	11,766	110-530901-691300—	11,766
LME Misc. Non-Target		County Share	
110540060-833005—	13,000	110-540060-672102—	6,500
Drugs		Regular Medicaid	
110-530906-915610—	13,000	110-540060-672103—	6,500
CVBH Contract		Medicare	
110-540080-831090—	11,000	110-530906-672102—	6,500
Other Operating Supplies		Regular Medicaid	
110-540080-835005—	1,500	110-530906-672103—	6,500
Motor Fuels		Medicare	
110-540100-843520—	14,000	110-540080-671100—	12,500
Rent of Building		In-House Meals	
110-530905-812100—	20,254	110-540100-690101—	14,000
Regular Wages		MH Fund Balance	
110-530905-821100—	1,537	110-530905-672116—	154,326
FICA		Medicaid Cap	
110-530905-823100—	2,967	110-530905-635610—	-
Group Health		State LME Fund	128,326

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110530905-823300— Group Dental	127	110-530906-633100— Mental Health Trust Fund	100,000
110-530905-825500— Short Term Disability	65	110-530906-622400— Adult SA Federal	41,000
110-530905-822100— Retirement	980	110-530901-635610 -- State LME Fund	128,326
110-530905-823610— Basic Life Insurance	20	110-530906-633105— TSP Contract	256,322
110-530905-823600— Disability Long Term	50	110-530906-633209 -- MRMI	-34,922
110530906-868193— Salvation Army	100,000	110-530906-635000— Adult Mental Health	18,494
110-530906-915520— Contract SA Services	41,000	110-530906-635100— Child Mental Health	-4,779
110-530901-993030— LME Reserve	128,326	110-530906-635400— Adult Substance Abuse	-56,275
110-530906-915615— Family N.E.T.	-7,779	110-530906-635500— Child Substance Abuse	-7,400
110-530906-916520— ADS Contract	-56,275	110-530906-635640— Work First	4,400
110-530906-915950— CTSP	256,322	110-540100-635680— DD Waiting List	-56,585
110-530906-911350— MRMI	-34,922	110-530906-635680— DD Waiting List	-
110-540090-911700— Client Emergency Assistance	5,000	110-540100-622200— Adult DD Federal	109,452
110-530906-915610— CVBH Contract	18,494	110-540100-635200— Adult DD	22,577
110-530906-915610— VBH Contract	24,271	110-530906-635200— Adult DD	34,008
110-540201-831090— Misc. Operating Supplies	1,000	110-530906-622200— Adult DD Federal	65,626
110-540201-911100— Client Recreation	1,000	110-530906-622200— Adult Mental Health	43,826
110-540202-831090— Misc. Operating Supplies	600	110-540080-635000— Adult Mental Health	5,000
110-540201-841505— Telephone Services	200	110-530906-635200— Adult DD	13,493
110-540203-831005— Office Supplies	200	110-540203-635200— Adult DD	24,271
110-540203-831090— Other Misc. Operating Supplies	2,513	110-540204-635200— Adult DD	5,713
110-540203-835005— Motor Fuels- Gas	200	110-540205-635200— Adult DD	5,712
110-540204-831005— Office Supplies	200	110-540206-635200— Adult DD	7,133
110-540204-831090— Other Misc. Operating Supplies	4,513	110-540201-691300— County Share	2,000
110-540204-911100— Client Recreation	1,000	110-540202-691300— County Share	800
110-540205-831010— Janitorial Supplies	200	110-540203-691300— County Share	-2,800
110-540205-835005—	1,000		

Motor Fuels – Gas	
110-540205-835025—	200
Parts – Automotive	
110-540205-831090—	4,312
Other Misc. Operating Supplies	
110-540206-831090—	2,133
Other Misc. Operating Supplies	
110-540206-835025—	1,000
Parts Automotive	
110-540206-843520—	4,000
Rent of Building	
110-540080-831090—	13,493
Other Misc. Operating Supplies	

**TRANSFERS OF
APPROPRIATIONS**

110-530901-993030—	-165,000	110-530901-849090—	165,000
LME Reserve		Miscellaneous	
110-530901-993030—	-3,638	110-530901-849160—	3,638
LME Reserve		Indirect Cost	
110-530901-993020—	-160,000	110-530903-812100—	20,780
Non Target Pop Reserve		Regular Wages	
110-530901-993020—	-90,000	110-530903-821100—	1,590
Non Target Pop Reserve		FICA	
		110-530903-822100—	1,012
		Retirement	
		110-530903-823100—	2,967
		Group Health	
		110-530903-823300—	127
		Group Dental	
		110-530903-823600—	50
		Long Term Disability	
		110-530903-823610—	20
		Basic Life	
		110-530903-825500—	65
		Short Term Disability	
		110-530902-915510—	55,000
		Non-Target Out Patient Therapy /	
		CBS	
		110-530903-915515—	20,000
		Non-Target Provider Network	
		Development	
		110-530903-911700—	10,000
		Non-Target Client Assistance	
		110-530903-858200—	35,819
		Non- Target Consumer Support	
		110-530903-841010—	1,695
		Travel	
		110-530903-841020—	875

Training & Education 110-530901-849090—	10,000
Miscellaneous Non-Target Population 110-530903-841520—	5,000
Public Relations- Non-Target Population 110-530903-841590—	5,000
Other Communications- Non Target Population 110-530906-856307—	30,000
Med Services /Psychiatric Non-Target Population 110-530906-915611—	30,000
CVBH Non-Target Assistance 110-530906-915616—	20,000
Family N.E.T. Non-Target Assistance	

b. Awarding of Bid to Construct Structural Culvert at the Blackburn Landfill.

The Policy and Public Works Subcommittee recommended the awarding of a bid for construction of a structural culvert at the Blackburn Landfill, to Buckeye Construction Co., Inc. of Canton, North Carolina. In fiscal year 2002-03, McGill Associates completed an analysis/comparison of the soil borrow access options available for accessing soil from property located on the north side of Rocky Ford Road, which is across the roadway from the landfill. Options considered were 1) constructing an at-grade crossing of Rocky Ford Road and using conventional tandem dump trucks to transport operational borrow soil, and borrow soils needed to construct future landfill expansions, and 2) constructing a structural culvert under Rocky Ford Road and using off-road equipment to transport these soils from the north to the south side of the road.

McGill Associates findings determined that constructing a structural culvert under Rocky Ford Road is the best option available to the County for accessing soil borrow material from the north side of the road. This would ultimately save the County approximately \$395,000 in operational costs over using conventional tandem trucks via an at-grade crossing, provides numerous operational advantages and flexibility, and eliminates County liability that would be associated with an at-grade crossing of Rocky Ford Road.

The County and McGill Associates held a pre-bid conference at the Blackburn Landfill site on September 16, 2004 to answer questions regarding the scope of the project, discuss the bidder qualification requirements, and allow bidders to view the actual construction site. On September 29, 2004, the County received bids for the construction of an elliptical corrugate metal culvert and block modular or cast-in-place endwalls, including associated earthwork, roadway construction, and minor utility construction. A total of four bids were received ranging from \$561,675 to \$483,238. Buckeye Construction Co., Inc. of Canton, North Carolina is the lowest responsible bidder with a total bid of \$496,174 (their base bid of \$514,785, with a deduction of \$18,611 because of the use of the alternate bid to use cast-in-place endwalls instead of concrete blocks and encased piping). The lowest original bid, from APAC of Statesville, NC, was rejected because APAC's original bid included the use of materials that are not approved by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Department Reports:

a. Budget:

1. Transfer of Capital Funds for Catawba County Schools.

Dr. Ann Hart, Superintendent, presented the request for the transfer of funds from planning money for Bunker Hill High School expansion to a project for the purchase of property at Bunker Hill High School. An additional 40 acres has become available for purchase and the purchase of this land would allow planning for Phase 1 of the school, which would provide additional classrooms and upgrading of the athletic facilities. The request is for funds to purchase 20 of the available acres and a community member will purchase the remaining 20 acres. The purchase of 20 acres will allow the school to be at standard for a high school of that size. Bunker Hill High School has had growth and is currently over capacity with three trailers and 912 students with a capacity of 825.

Commissioner Hunsucker inquired if the land to be purchased was fairly level and Dr. Hart indicated the 20 acres to be purchased by the County are fairly flat and required little grubbing.

Judy Ikerd, Budget Director, indicated that in the current fiscal year \$280,000 was appropriated to begin the Bunker Hill expansion project. The request is for \$61,000 to be transferred into a line item for property acquisition. \$172,000 is currently available in that line item. After the transfer, the line item would have the \$233,000 necessary for this property purchase.

Chair Barnes questioned whether that would leave a balance for the design and Ms. Ikerd stated it would leave approximately \$141,000 which the school officials feel will be sufficient for the design of the expansion.

Chair Barnes further clarified the addition of 8 classrooms as well as upgrades of the athletic complex would be included in Phase 1. In response to Chair Barnes' question regarding the existence of a track, Ernest Williams stated the school does not have a softball field, a track or a soccer field and then clarified they do have an old track that does not meet present day standards. He further stated that the area where the baseball field is currently located could be used for future expansion of the school building and the baseball field could be moved to this newly purchased acreage.

Transfer of Appropriation

To:	420-750100-863200-31106-1-01 BHHS Land Acquisition	\$ 61,000
From:	420-750100-863200-31106-3-04 BHHS Expansion	\$ 61,000

Commissioner Barger made a motion to approve the transfer of the capital funds for the purchase of this property. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Social Services:

1. Work First County Plan 2005-2007

Social Services Director Bobby Boyd presented the Work First County Plan for Fiscal Years 2005-2007. Every two years the State General Assembly requires each community to resubmit a plan in keeping with welfare reform. In 1996, Congress established the Temporary Assistance to Needy Family Program and authorized welfare reform that converted the program from an entitlement program to a personal responsibility effort. This program has been extended to March of 2005. Jo Sloan, a social services employee who has been with the Work First program since its inception, was introduced by Mr. Boyd and was available for any clarification of the Plan.

The Board voted on September 20, 2004 to pursue "Electing County" status, which offers a limited number of counties the opportunity to have greater control over local welfare policies, as well as greater control over available funding. A committee was appointed which met and considered the plan.

Mr. Boyd stated at the time that this effort began in the County in 1995, there were 1224 families receiving aid to families with dependent children (the old Work First Program). Today, we have 363 families receiving Work First funds, which is a reduction of 71%. Of those receiving these funds today, 204 are child only cases. That leaves only approximately 100 families receiving the typical Work First aid. Currently there are approximately 100 applications per month for assistance and there are approximately 100 cases per month that are coming off of assistance, resulting in a stable caseload for the last ten months. These figures are indicative of the success of the Work First Program over the last nine years in this community and also show that the program needs little adjustment.

The plan calls for the following changes in eligibility guidelines from those used by non-electing counties.

Job Quit Policy: All adults receiving or applying for Work First benefits are expected to: 1) actively seek employment; 2) accept employment when it is offered; 3) work the number of hours specified by their employer; and 4) maintain employment. The Job Quit Penalty will be applied to Work First applicants/recipients who have been informed about the policy, and who voluntarily quit a job without good cause; refuse to accept a bonafide job offer without good cause; are dismissed for misconduct connected with their work or fired for excessive absenteeism without good cause; voluntarily request a reduction in hours without good cause; or work fewer than 40 hours per week when 40 hours of work are available. If the individual quits a job without good cause, a sanction will be applied to the Work First case. The sanction will follow the State's sanctions for non-compliance with the Mutual Responsibility Agreement signed by all persons in the Work First program.

Medical Initiative: The Work First application process will include an independent medical screening for all applicants/recipients that claim status as disabled and/or incapacitated individuals as part of the eligibility criteria. This option is contingent upon cost and availability of a provider. Information obtained from an independent medical provider will help in assisting these families and staff in developing an appropriate Mutual Responsibility Agreement plan for treatment, filing for Social Security disability, or employment. If the applicant refuses or fails to keep a scheduled appointment with an independent provider, the Work First application will be denied and the case will be evaluated for Medicaid. Screening must be done before the application is processed; and/or at any other time considered appropriate. On-going recipients who refuse or fail to be screened will lose eligibility, and their Work First Family Assistance case will be terminated and the case must be evaluated

for Medicaid. If the individual fails, without good cause, to comply with the Mutual Responsibility Agreement developed based on the recommendations of the independent medical provider; a sanction will be applied to the Work First case that will follow the State's sanctions for non-compliance with the Mutual Responsibility Agreement.

Sanctions: (for both job quit and medical requirements)

First Sanction: 25% reduction of payment for three months

Second Sanction: Pay After Performance for a minimum of three months (have to comply with the requirements before they receive any pay at all – and then after the fact rather than up front.

Commissioner Barger commented he had attended the public input meeting that was very well attended and the response was very positive and he believes the proposed changes will make the plan even stronger.

County Manager Lundy requested clarification on timeframes for submission and when the decision is to be made on whether to proceed with the Electing County status. Mr. Boyd stated the plan was due on this date (November 1st) and Jo Sloan stated the last day to withdraw from Electing status is April 1 and between this date and April 1, the County would have good information on the funding available. County Manager Lundy stated the County had been down this road before and once the funding information was available, the County had withdrew its request for the Electing Status. Mr. Boyd said there was a lot of speculation as to what happens to the excess money with the reductions of aid recipients and while one would expect the Electing County to be able to keep that money, this has not been the case. Chair Barnes clarified that the County wanted to be in the position to claim Electing Status if desired.

Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to adopt the plan. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Attorneys' Report.

County Attorney Robert Eades stated the Board had recently issued certificates of participation to projects at Maiden High School and CVCC. As a part of that process, a portion of the property at CVCC was conveyed from the school to the County and they are now in the early stages of construction. One of the things that has to be done is get power to that construction site. Attorney Eades has received a prepared deed of easement from Duke Power granting a power line easement across the portion of land that the County owns. This needs to be signed and recorded as quickly as possible. Attorney Eades requested a motion be made to authorize the Chair to sign the deed on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Beatty made a motion to grant the easement. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Manager's Report:

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy reminded the Board and public the subcommittee meeting scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2004 was cancelled. The Board will be having their Fall Retreat on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at the Hickory Metro Higher Education Center and the morning will start with coffee, Danish and juice at 8:00 a.m. The subcommittee meeting will start at 8:15 a.m., followed by the Board setting its goals for 2005-2006. There will be a discussion among the Board members about the recent Foresight Report to get a consensus on the top two or three items from the Report in each of the four categories that the Board would like to have as their goals for 2005-2006 year. There will also be two presentations. One will be a Federal Relicensing update and discussion by Scott Millar on the most favored industry recommendation which came out the Foresight Report. Over lunch will be a presentation on the Stormwater/Erosion Control Ordinance the County plans to have in effect by July 1, 2005.

13. Other items of business:

Commissioner Hunsucker recognized new jobs and growth in the County as a result of the \$81,000,000 Getrag expansion in the old Hooker Furniture building and the addition 302 jobs. Chair Barnes noted that the focus for Leadership Catawba is for elected officials to focus on what the County is doing for economic development.

The November 15, 2004 Board of Commissioners meeting will take place at Jacobs Fork Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Barnes noted County Manager J. Thomas Lundy has been "given the grand necklace" of the Presidency of the ICMA and the upcoming year will be a learning experience for both County Manager Lundy and Catawba County.

Commissioner Barger asked the press to encourage all the County's citizens to go out and vote. He further stated that early voting had been very successful in Catawba County and throughout North Carolina.

14. Adjournment:

At 10:31 a.m., there being no further business to come before the Board, Commission Hunsucker made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Katherine W. Barnes
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Barbara E. Morris
County Clerk