

Windsor, North Carolina
May 2, 2016
Regular Meeting

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00pm at 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald "Ron" Wesson, District I
Stewart White, District II
Tammy A. Lee, District III
John Trent, District IV
Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent: None

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer
Clerk to the Board Sarah S. Tinkham
Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston
Finance Officer William Roberson
Network Administrator Joe Wilkes
Emergency Services Director Mitch Cooper
Economic Development Director Steve Biggs
Former DSS Director, Linda Speller
Tax Administrator Jodie Rhea
EMS Division Chief Crystal Freeman
Council on Aging Director Venita Thompson
Human Resources/Risk Mgmt. Director Carolyn Fornes
Sheriff John Holley
Water Superintendent Ricky Spivey

Leslie Beachboard of the Bertie Ledger-Advance and Gene Motley of the Roanoke-Chowan News Herald were present from the media.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Trent called the meeting to order and thanked those present for their attendance.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wesson led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during this section.

APPOINTMENTS

Convene as the Board of Equalization and Review

Chairman Trent called for a motion to for the Commissioners to meet as the Board of Equalization and Review in order to hear one (1) tax appeal received by Tax Administrator, Jodie Rhea.

Vice Chairman Bazemore made a **MOTION** for the Bertie County Board of Commissioners to convene as the Board of Equalization and Review per general statute. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Commissioners convene as the Board of Equalization and Review.

Tax Administrator, Jodie Rhea, introduced the first, and only appeal for this session.

Jerry Dunlow of Dunlow Dozer Service was present with his appeal for the Board to waive the imposed penalty regarding his business personal property tax.

There was some discussion regarding Mr. Dunlow's storage of spare parts for his equipment. Mr. Dunlow stated that he did not store spare parts, and that parts were only ordered on an as needed basis. He confirmed that he did not keep an inventory of parts, only equipment.

Mr. Dunlow stated that he has no problem paying taxes, and that he has paid them fully for 44 years, but does not believe he should have to pay approximately \$1,038 in penalties.

Commissioner Wesson thanked Mr. Dunlow for bringing forth his appeal, but stated that the County has to begin recuperating lost funding due to businesses being under charged in years past.

Chairman Trent thanked Mr. Dunlow for attending today's meeting, and informed him that the Board would take this matter under advisement, and notify him of a decision within 30 days.

Tax Administrator Rhea informed the Board that there were no other appeals.

Commissioner White made a **MOTION** to adjourn as the Board of Equalization and Review for FY2015-2016. All appeals heard today will be considered, but no new cases may be presented this fiscal year. The Board will respond to today's appeal within 30 days. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Presentation by Bertie County's new YMCA Executive Directory, Casey Owens

Newly appointed YMCA Executive Director, Casey Owens, was present to introduce himself to the Board. He also provided a brief update of some upcoming events that will be hosted by the YMCA in the coming weeks.

Mr. Owens stated that an event will be held in the coming weeks called the "Bedroom Bus" which will assist parents in finding the most common hiding spots where young adults tend to hide recreational and prescription drugs. The event will also feature a "prescription take back" element where parents can drop off outdated prescriptions.

He announced that May 14th would be the date of a kickball tournament, as well as June 4th as a Public Safety, "Unity in the Community" softball game. The softball game will feature players from law enforcement and emergency medical staff in an effort to raise awareness of the good work that these professionals do every day.

The Board commended Mr. Owens for his work with the YMCA, and stated that Mr. Owen's energy and work ethic is an asset to the organization.

NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) response to County letter dated March 2, 2016 by Anthony Roper, Division Maintenance Engineer, Winn Bridgers, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer, Jason Davidson, Division Traffic Engineer, and Lydia McKeel, County Maintenance Engineer

Anthony Roper, Division Maintenance Engineer, of NCDOT was present along with members of his staff including: Winn Bridgers, Assistant Division Maintenance Engineer, Jason Davidson, Division Traffic Engineer, Lydia McKeel, County Maintenance Engineer, and Chad Webb another County Maintenance Engineer.

Mr. Roper was present to respond to the various concerns noted in a letter from the County dated March 2, 2016. The letter included areas such as Indian Woods Road, Woodard Road at Roquist Creek, and NC 11/308.

Most of the concerns addressed involved solutions to flash flooding and traffic accidents.

Chadd Webb approached the Board stating that an investigation was still ongoing regarding a traffic signal at the intersection of NC 11/308. He stated that a private firm was scheduled to monitor the traffic amount and patterns at that intersection, and that data would then be used to further understand what solutions could be put in place.

He admitted that the area had not fared as well as previously thought with the addition of a caution signal, so Mr. Webb was hopeful this new information could yield better results in the future.

Mr. Roper concluded that results of that study would be available soon, and that he would come before the Board again in June with any available updates.

Presentation by Dr. Denauvo Robinson, CEO of the Albemarle Smart Start Partnership, and staff of Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children

Dr. Denauvo Robinson, and staff from the Transformation Zone project, were present to introduce a new program (Better Beginnings for Bertie's Children) that would fall under the Albemarle Smart Start Partnership. The program would feature a "child find" tool which would allow educators to pinpoint children in need of Pre-K programs. Studies have shown that 60% of Bertie County children go into Kindergarten without pre-school education.

Due to no maternity facility in Bertie County, children are born in surrounding counties, and birth information cannot be easily obtained which leaves an underserved population who are still in need of these, and other services.

Superintendent Elaine White, who was also present, stated that this deficit in knowledge puts these students at a disadvantage as they are constantly forced to "play catch up" into first, second, and even third grades.

The same children sometimes struggle with social behavioral skills.

Dr. Robinson stated that he felt this program would be a win-win for not only the children, but for parents, educators, and the County as a whole.

Lastly, Dr. Robinson requested that the Board consider funding this program with a total of \$52,000 for this fiscal year, and increase the amount of \$104,000 in the years to come.

The Board thanked Dr. Robinson for his presentation, and agreed that the program would be a valuable program addition, but that the County was not at liberty to immediately distribute the requested \$52,000.

Commissioner Wesson came forward to address the Board at the public podium, and reiterated the importance of this program, and assured Mr. Robinson that their funding request would be considered during the upcoming budget sessions for FY2016-2017.

Mr. Wesson also spoke very highly of the work that the Transformation Zone and Albemarle Smart Start have done in similar capacities for Bertie's children, and encouraged the Board to strongly support this new initiative.

Budget presentation by MCC-Bertie Campus Interim Director, Norman Cherry

MCC-Bertie Campus, Interim Director, Norman Cherry, came before the Board to present the budget for Martin County Community College. President of MCC, Dr. Ann Britt, was also present.

Mr. Cherry began by handing out a copy of the budget, and thanked the Board for all of its support in past, and stated that he looked forward to working with the County this year.

In summary, Mr. Cherry reported that enrollment at MCC had increased for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year, and that the rise can be attributed to the program offerings mostly in the trade skills such as Automotive Technology and Welding.

Ultimately, MCC is requesting approximately \$108,200 for the Bertie Campus. This cost includes operational costs, new electronic and wireless pass locks for employee and student safety, as well as new carpet.

Mr. Cherry stated that MCC continues to anticipate reductions in State funding, and that MCC was always searching for available grant opportunities to help offset costs.

The Board thanked Mr. Cherry, and Dr. Britt for the presentation, and commended them for their continued work ethic in providing beneficial learning opportunities for Bertie County.

Presentation by Roxobel Mayor, Alvin Simmons, and Town Commissioners

Roxobel Mayor, Alvin Simmons, was present to bring a concern to the Board regarding EMS and Law Enforcement personnel in West Bertie.

Mayor Simmons explained that he felt West Bertie was “the forgotten part” of Bertie County, and expressed concerns about the length of time it takes for Law Enforcement and EMS personnel to reach the area in emergency situations.

He also stated that he was not aware of many Sheriff’s Office staff in the area on a regular basis, and addressed Sheriff John Holley with this matter.

Sheriff Holley, also present, responded that “just because you don’t see us doesn’t mean we aren’t there,” and that hiring qualified candidates to the Sheriff’s Office continues to be a challenge.

Mayor Simmons commended the work that Sheriff Holley does each day, and suggested that the County consider placing a satellite EMS and Sheriff’s station in the old Southern Bank. The location is right in the heart of Roxobel and was described as a potential “access point” for the communities of Lewiston-Woodville, Kelford, and Roxobel.

The Board thanked Mayor Simmons for his suggestion, and encouraged him to network with the other area towns and commissioners to also work on the possibility of a joint, local police force that could span the West Bertie area.

Sheriff Holley mentioned that talk of this has come up in the past, but that it was very difficult to get the Towns and communities to come together on this issue to make any progress.

Commissioner Wesson also suggested the possibility of Mayor Simmons working to encourage local citizens in West Bertie to contact the Sheriff's Office as the Sheriff was not opposed to sending qualified candidates to the appropriate training especially if they have clean criminal records.

Mayor Simmons also addressed Emergency Services Director, Mitch Cooper, about EMS personnel using NC 11 through the Town of Lewiston to reach the communities of Kelford and Roxobel. Mayor Simmons inquired about why they are using that route instead of using NC 11 to Harrell Siding Road when they are departing from the Aulander EMS Station.

Mr. Cooper stated that a map study with all of his personnel was still being completed, and that staff are asked to visit these areas of the County to familiarize themselves with the alternative routes to ensure citizens in need of emergency services are assisted as soon as possible.

Mayor Simmons thanked Mr. Cooper and Sheriff Holley for their work, and stated that he would move forward with some of the suggestions given at tonight's meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

DSS Board

Vice Chairman Bazemore made a **MOTION** to reappoint Curt Kedley to DSS Board for an additional 3-year term to begin on July 1, 2016. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Nursing Home/Adult Care CAC

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to reappoint Clara Barrow, Rev. Gail McNeil, and Mary Davis to the Nursing Home/Adult Care CAC Board. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Voluntary Agricultural Districts

Commissioner White made a **MOTION** to reappoint Carl Bond, Herbert “Herbie” Tayloe, Shelby Castelloe, and Curtis Brown to the Voluntary Agricultural Districts. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon review by Chairman Trent, Commissioner Bazemore made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety as presented. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

1. **Tax Release Journal** – March 2016
2. **Minutes** – Regular Session 4-4-16, Work Session 4-4-16, Closed Session 4-4-16
3. **Policy** – Public Comments Rules and Procedures
4. **Budget Amendment** - #16-11
5. **Contract** – Choanoke Area Public Transportation Authority (CPTA) for FY2016-2017

DISCUSSION AGENDA

JROTC Military Ball request for funding (\$750) by Senior Army Instructor, Randy M. Cherry

Chairman Trent asked for a motion.

Commissioner Wesson asked the County Manager and Finance Officer about the amount the County has given to this cause in the past.

County Manager Sauer and Finance Officer, William Roberson, stated that they were not certain that the County had a history with this program.

Commissioner Wesson stated that he remembered attending an event like this in the past, but could not recall if the County had made a contribution. He encouraged the inspection of County financial information to verify the relationship with this organization.

Finance Officer Roberson stated that he wasn't familiar with it off hand, but that he would verify with the County's MUNIS system to be sure.

Chairman Trent inquired whether the Board would like to table this matter for the moment, or to move forward with the contribution.

Commissioner Wesson stated that it would be more helpful to the JROTC staff if the decision could be made today as the Ball will is scheduled to be held later this week.

Chairman Trent made a **MOTION** for the County to contribute the requested \$750 amount to the 2016 JROTC Military Ball. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously, but Commissioner Lee interjected by stating that the opportunity was not given for other board members to object.

Chairman Trent stated that a silent vote was equivalent to a “yes” vote under Parliamentary Procedure.

Commissioner Lee clarified by stating that she was not in favor of the decision, which if the vote were to settle now, it would pass in a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner White stated that he would prefer to wait until the County Manager and Finance Officer were able to review County financial records to see what amount(s) may have been given in the past.

Chairman Trent then polled Vice Chairman Bazemore.

Vice Chairman Bazemore agreed with Commissioner White.

Commissioner Wesson suggested a different motion be made, but the first motion on the floor approving the request must take priority now before considering another per Parliamentary Procedure.

Chairman Trent summarized the latest discussions and noted that the vote stands now 3-2 with Vice Chairman Bazemore, and Commissioner’s White and Lee tabling the matter until County staff can research the matter within finance records. Chairman Trent and Commissioner Wesson are in favor to immediately contribute \$750 to the JROTC Military Ball.

The motion died in a 3-2 vote.

Commissioner White made a **MOTION** to table the matter until it has been fully reviewed by County staff. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** in a 3-2 with Chairman Trent and Commissioner Wesson voting against.

Later on in the meeting, Finance Officer Roberson announced that upon a preliminary review, the County has not had a previous relationship with the JROTC program. He stated that he would continue to search in other areas for final verification.

Discuss approval of Relay for Life 2016 resolution, and consider additional funding for this year’s event per national award recognition

Jo Ann Jordan, Relay for Life volunteer, was present to present the Board with a national award for the most per capita funding raised for the population category of 15,000-19,000,

and asked that the Board approve this year's Relay for Life resolution declaring May 13, 2016 as Relay for Life Day in Bertie County, and that this year's theme is "Paint Your World Purple."

Vice Chairman Bazemore made a **MOTION** to pass the Resolution as written. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

In addition, Ms. Jordan requested that the Board consider increasing the annual donation to the Relay for Life event.

Commissioner White made a **MOTION** to increase the annual contribution to Relay for Life from \$500 to \$2,000. Vice Chairman Trent **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** in a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Lee voting against.

Commissioner Wesson expressed his concern that the Board has voted to increase funding a number of times recently, and stated that discussion of additional funding to any cause or organization be conducted during budget season. He reminded the Board that a new budget will be presented to the Board in the next 30 days, and that is the time for discussions like these.

Commissioner Lee concurred and stated that citizens should have the option to support these organization with money from "out of their pockets" versus with Board appropriated tax dollars.

Chairman Trent requested that there be no more funding requests from new organizations for the rest of the current fiscal year, and that discussions take place in the near future regarding Special Appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Review status of JCPC grants for non-profit agencies

County Manager Sauer reviewed recent 501(c)(3) organizations who have come forward to the Board requesting funding including Visions in View, Esquires for Education, and the Family Resource Center.

On March 7th, the Board confirmed the County's approval for the budget review process for the above listed, related non-profit organizations to be administered by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) using local funds provided by the County.

The organizations were given a window of opportunity to apply for funding directly with the JCPC.

For planning purposes, and additional clarification, the figure of \$42,500 was used as the JCPC prepares for its FY 2016-2017 budget allocations. The breakdown decided was recommended as follows:

Esquires for Education	-	\$7,500.00
Visions in View	-	\$10,000.00
Family Resource Center	-	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
		\$42,500.00

County Manager Sauer reported the results of the recent JCPC funding application process, and stated that Visions in View was the only organization to complete the required steps. In turn, Ms. Larree Cherry, Chairman of the JCPC, inquired about the next steps regarding the funding figure above with only Visions in View submitting an application.

He also requested clarification on behalf of the Council on whether or not the Board would like to: 1.) supply the funding to JCPC for Visions in View, and allot the additional funding elsewhere, 2.) disqualify the Family Resource Center and Esquires for Education for this funding, and instead include them in FY2016-2017 budget considerations next month, or, 3.) choose not to fund Esquires for Education and The Family Resource Center.

Vice Chairman Bazemore stated that the Board approved the motion to allot \$42,500 under the impression that all three organizations were going to apply. The Vice Chairman stated that since was not the case, and applications were not submitted for all three organization, that she felt that the funding should not be given at all.

She also expressed concerns that the motion made back on March 7th implies that the Board would "dictate" the actions of the JCPC regarding the dispensing of funds and for monitoring of each program, and that she is not favor of doing so.

Commissioner Wesson concurred with Vice Chairman Bazemore and stated that any organization with similar targets and goals of the JCPC can already submit their requests for

funding directly to that Council. Those applications would then be submitted with a budget request to the State, and the County would pay 10% of that request.

Vice Chairman Bazemore added that she was under the impression that the JCPC could choose to fund other organizations that fit the appropriate criteria, and not just the three organization submitted on March 7th. She concluded that this process needs to be “fair” and that “we have to monitor” each organization.

There was some additional discussion between Vice Chairman Bazemore and Commissioner Wesson regarding concerns of “double dipping” with funding, and suggestions made to continue forward with the \$42,500 County contribution, with \$10,000 being allotted to Visions in View, and the remaining balance be distributed to other qualifying organizations that meet JCPC criteria.

Lastly, Vice Chairman Bazemore reiterated that she did not believe the County should dictate to JCPC on what to do with potential funding, and that things should be fair across the board.

Chairman Trent called for a motion to close this matter.

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to rescind the previous motion on this matter made on March 7th and to not provide additional funding to JCPC as organizations already have the ability to request funding directly with that Council, and the County will provide the 10% match.

Commissioner Lee interjected and inquired about the outcome for Visions in View as that organization had followed the needed steps as instructed.

Commissioner Wesson stated that Visions in View could still be funded directly with JCPC, and that the organization does not lose that opportunity.

Commissioner Lee confirmed that the amount of \$42,500 would instead be kept in the General Fund, and not be given to any of the three 501(c)(3) organizations, and that Visions in View could “quite possibly” receive funding directly through JCPC.

Some additional discussion ensued, and Chairman Trent reminded the Board of the motion currently on the floor. Final clarification was given that all three organizations could work directly with JCPC for funding, and funding would be up to the discretion of the JCPC.

Regarding the motion currently on the floor, Commissioner White **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** in a 4-1 vote with Vice Chairman Bazemore voting against.

Commissioner Lee made a **MOTION** that all 501(c)(3) organizations that fit JCPC criteria should apply through JCPC only, and would not be funded in the County’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

There was no further discussion on this matter.

Discuss resolution in honor of service and retirement of former DSS Director, Linda Speller

Former DSS Director, Linda Speller, was present to thank the Board for the support over the span of her 32 years of service to Bertie County DSS.

She also thanked other members of staff including the Information Technology and Finance Departments, as well as the County Manager, and County Attorney staff for their support.

She stated that she was thankful to have served the citizens of Bertie County, and that she had full confidence in the Interim Director, Melissa Surgeon, and the rest of the DSS staff during the transitional period.

The Board commended Ms. Speller for her years of dedicated service, and wished her well in her retirement.

Commissioner Lee made a **MOTION** to pass the Resolution honoring the retirement of DSS Director, Linda Speller. Commissioner Wesson **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Approve Resolution and spring 2016 funding application for the NC Department of Environmental Division of Water Infrastructure – recommended by Green Engineering, LLC.

The County Manager stated that these items were requested by Water Superintendent, Ricky Spivey, with the assistance of Green Engineering to continue to move forward with a grant opportunity from the Division of Water Infrastructure for Water Districts II and IV to provide an “on the ground survey” of water valves, hydrants, and meters.

Mr. Sauer also explained that the grant for Water District II of \$88,800 and for Water District IV of \$84,600 would require a five percent (5%) local match which will be budgeted for FY2016-2017.

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to approve the resolutions and funding application as needed. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Wesson thanked those who participated in the first Kate B. Reynolds community forum on April 27th. He stated that the County now has a “good stake in the ground” on some of the most pressing health related issues in our community. If Bertie were to receive grant funds, the funding would amount to \$100 million over a length of 10 years. On another note, he announced that he was just named Treasurer of the Mid-East Commission, and thanked Chairman, Dayle Vaughan, for the appointment.

Vice Chairman Bazemore reported that she had recently completed a training session involving review process for County Commissioners, Managers, and Clerks and stated that she would like to implement some of these measures in the future. In addition, she attended the retirement celebration at DSS for Former Director, Linda Speller. She stated that the staff at DSS hosted a very warm, and well planned send off. Also, she mentioned her attendance at the recent Fish and Industry dinner meeting on April 29th, and stated that she was working to send the Board members copies of the PowerPoint presented at that event. Lastly, she suggested that the Board meet in the very near future for a budget work session to discuss goals for the upcoming year's budget.

Commissioner Lee informed the Board of a news story she read recently on Facebook about the officers at Bertie Correctional who placed among the highest in the State for airplane pulling. She stated that any good press for police officers would be shared, and encouraged the media present to pick up the story as well. She also reported that she spent a day recently with Ron Lewis of Charters of Freedom. Mr. Lewis came to Bertie recently to open up the County's monument savings account for citizen contributions to the monument fund.

Commissioner White reminded the Board that this Sunday, May 7th, was Powellsville Awareness Day, and that Relay for Life will take place next week on May 13th. Vice Chairman Bazemore and Chairman Trent confirmed their attendance.

Chairman Trent updated the Board about the latest NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) meeting that took place last week in Raleigh. Vice Chairman Bazemore and County Manager Sauer were in attendance as well. A decision about that matter is forthcoming.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORTS

County Manager Sauer reiterated that additional information from NCDPI was on the way.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

Assistant County Attorney, Jonathan Huddleston, presented a few new documents to the Board from County Surplus Auctioneer, Bill Forbes. The new documents include: a replacement Contract to Sell Personal Property that contains an additional \$500 advertising cost, an amended list of personal property items that will be sold at the live auction, a set of personal property sale Terms and Conditions, and an amended resolution to reflect the change to the list of personal property being sold.

Two (2) new pieces of personal property (ambulance vehicles) have been added to the list of property being sold and a number of items that were considered junk were thrown away and taken off of the list. Originally, only two vehicles were going to be sold at the live auction, and the remaining personal property was going to be sold on-line. Now, there will be no more on-line auction. All items of personal property that are on the amended list will be sold at the live sale. As a result, an additional \$500 advertising fee was added by Bill Forbes to cover the respective advertising costs.

All documents were submitted after the agenda packet deadline, and were available for signature at today's meeting.

Commissioner Lee made a **MOTION** to approve the replacement Contract to Sell Personal Property that contains an additional \$500 advertising cost, an amended list of personal property items that will be sold at the live auction, a set of personal property sale Terms and Conditions, and an amended resolution to reflect the change to the list of personal property being sold. Chairman Trent **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James S. Pugh of Indian Woods encouraged the Board to stay diligent with NCDOT regarding the needed road improvements in the County.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action approves the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Board shifts into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Lee made a **MOTION** to return to Open Session. Vice Chairman Bazemore **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

RECESS

Chairman Trent recessed tonight's meeting until Monday, May 9th at 4:00PM where the Board will meet jointly with the Board of Education inside the BCPS Central Services Complex located at 715 US Hwy 13 North just outside of Windsor.

John Trent, Chairman

Sarah S. Tinkham, Clerk to the Board