

MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEDMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 31, 2006
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-tem Tim Karan, Commissioner Angela Mangum, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner Kent Ray and Commissioner Larry Robinson. Also present was Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Sandra Harper, City Clerk, Attorney Tom Currin and Attorney Lori Dutra.

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at City Hall.

INVOCATION:

Mayor Darryl D. Moss

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

Commissioner Tim Karan

OPENING REMARKS:

Mayor Moss welcomed everyone and introduced the Board members, Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager, Attorney Currin, Attorney Lori Dutra, Buddy Blackburn and Dan Boone of the Wooten Company and Jimmy Minor Assistant Fire Chief. He also recognized Dudley Watts, County Manager, County Commissioner Dave Currin, County Commissioner Ron Alligood, Butner Advisory Board member Tom Lane, Butner Advisory Board member John Wimbush and Butner Advisory Board member Edgar Smoak.

Mayor Moss announced that there was a tent set up outside equipped with chairs, heat and sound to accommodate everyone in case of over capacity. He encouraged that once people speak to rotate their seats and allow others to speak to accommodate any overflow.

Mayor Moss said that at the Public Informational Meeting Mr. Harold Jenkins asked if the City Officials would be sworn in this evening for their comments and the answer is no. He also noted that the citizens making comments to the Board this evening will not be sworn in. He explained that this is a legislative proceeding and not a judicial

proceeding. Mayor Moss said that he was advised that is not something that needs to be done. He advised that Mr. Buddy Blackburn will be giving an annexation report that will include additional information since the January 12, 2006 meeting. Mayor Moss said that after Mr. Blackburn's presentation the Public Hearing will be opened and we are scheduling five minutes per speaker. He requested that anyone wanting to speak longer than five minutes please respectfully let the next person speak and in doing so they will be put back on the list to come back to finish their comments. He emphasized that this Board will stay as long as it takes this evening to allow everyone to speak and everyone's patience is appreciated.

Mayor Moss said that on November 22, 2005, the City of Creedmoor Board of Commissioners enacted a Resolution of Intent to consider the annexation of two areas:

- West Lake Road (Hwy. 56) Corridor
- Kayser Roth Tract

Mayor Moss reiterated that the Annexation Report was approved on November 22, 2005 by the City of Creedmoor and has been available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Moss said that in summary the Annexation Report includes:

1. a map of the two areas
2. a statement that the annexation meets the requirements of NC GS 160-A-36
3. a plan of services

He noted that on January 12, 2006 a Public Information Meeting was held to:

1. Have the City explain the Annexation Report
2. To allow questions about the report

Mayor Moss explained that the next step in this process is tonight's Public Hearing. The law states that all property owners in the areas to be annexed and all residents of Creedmoor shall be given an opportunity to be heard. After this, the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners may choose to reduce the area proposed for annexation and change the report. It may decide not to annex. If the Board decides to move ahead, it adopts an annexation ordinance that sets the effective date of the annexation, specifies the area to be annexed and how this area meets the standards spelled out in the state statutes.

Mayor Moss noted that the period since January 12, 2006 has been very interesting. He said that the City has been visited by OSHA that tells us what we are doing wrong as far as our physical plant and we have an upcoming visit by the Department of Environmental Natural Resources. He said that we did well on the OSHA inspection and we expect to have a productive visit from DENR. He said that getting the attention from these important State Agencies only fast forwards the improvements of our operation.

Mayor Moss said that he asked the Commissioners if they have any comments that they would like to make this evening and they all said no so we will move to Mr. Blackburn's presentation.

Mr. Buddy Blackburn addressed the Board and noted that there were handouts on the hallway table and he gave a power-point presentation as follows:

Annexation Report and Plan of Services for the City of Creedmoor

Purpose of the Annexation Report and Plan of Services

- Demonstrate compliance with statutory requirements
- Identify major city services that will be provided
- Describe method to finance the extension of services
- Provide a statement of the annexation's impact on volunteer fire departments and private solid waste collectors.

Areas Proposed for Annexation

- Area 1, West Lake Road Corridor area is located along both sides of NC 56 West southeast of the I-85 interchange
- Area 1 includes 16 residential, 8 institutional, 34 commercial, 1 industrial, and 16 vacant properties
- Area 1 includes 276 dwelling units and an estimated population of 659

Areas Proposed for Annexation

- Area 2, Kayser Roth Tract is located in east central Creedmoor on the south side of NC 56 east of the Bowman Road intersection
- Area 2 includes 3 industrially-used parcels

General Criteria for Involuntary Annexation

- Be adjacent to or contiguous with the current corporate limits
- Have at least one-eighth (12.5%) of the total boundary contiguous to the current corporate limits
- Not be located within another incorporated municipality
- Be developed for urban purposes

Area 1 Statutory Compliance

- Contiguous boundary: 15.25%
- Developed for urban purposes test:
 - 78.67% of all lots are used
 - 76.89% of the vacant and residential acreage is subdivided into lots 3 acres or less in size

Area 2 Statutory Compliance

- Contiguous boundary: 100%
- Developed for urban purposes test:
 - All of the lots within the proposed annexation area are used for industrial purposes

Municipal Services Evaluated in the Annexation Report include:

- Police Protection
- Fire Protection
- Emergency Medical
- Solid Waste Collection
- Street Maintenance
- Street Lighting
- Water and Sewer
- Planning, Zoning, and Inspections

Police Protection

- County and Butner currently provide service to the areas
- Creedmoor Police Department will provide police protection services following annexation
- Employment of one additional patrol officer per shift is proposed
- Estimated cost: \$177,000.00

Fire Protection

- Creedmoor VFD currently provides fire protection services to a portion of Area 1 and to all of Area 2
- Butner Public Safety Division provides services to the remainder of Area 1
- Following annexation, the Creedmoor VFD will serve both areas
- Estimated cost: \$81,100.00

Distance to Fire Stations

- Nearest point in Area 1 to:
 - Butner: 3.1 miles
 - CVFD: 2.1 miles
- Furthest point in Area 1 to:
 - Butner: 4.0 miles
 - CVFD: 3.0 miles

Fire Protection

- Butner Public Safety Division will continue to serve a portion of Area 1 until the General Assembly takes action to remove properties within the annexation area from the Butner Fire District
- After General Assembly action, property owners will no longer pay the Butner Fire District tax of 25 cents per \$100 assessed value
- Creedmoor will continue its mutual aid agreement with Butner

Emergency Medical

- Granville County Emergency Medical Service will continue to provide services following annexation
- Annexation will not affect the provision of this service

Solid Waste Collection and Disposal

- City to provide weekly curbside garbage service to all residential dwellings
- Residential homeowners will pay a monthly garbage fee of \$11.00
- Nonresidential customers will continue to contract with private firms

Street Maintenance

- City maintenance of Aerial Avenue and Capital Drive proposed
- Repaving and maintenance of these streets will be per adopted City policies
- All major thoroughfare streets will continue to be maintained by NCDOT

Street Lighting

- 16 new streetlights proposed in Area 1 and 2 streetlights in Area 2
- Location of new street lights are based upon City policy
- Costs for the installation and operation of streetlights are paid by the City

Water and Sewer Service Area 1

- Existing Lyon Station Water and Sewer District customers will continue receiving service from the utility district
- Properties outside of the utility district service area will be provided utility service by the City of Creedmoor
- 4,500 ft. of gravity sewer line proposed
- 5 additional fire hydrants proposed

Water and Sewer Service Area 2

- 450 ft. of gravity line, a pumping station, and 1,000 ft. of 4-inch force main proposed
- 3 additional fire hydrants proposed

Water and Sewer Service

- Construction of necessary utilities will be initiated within 1 year following the effective date of annexation
- Current City of Creedmoor utility customers will no longer pay outside rates
- Extensions of city-owned water and sewer lines will be made per existing city extension policies
- Extensions of utility district lines will be made per the utility district's current extension policies

Planning, Zoning, and Inspections

- Many of the properties are currently within the City's ETJ
- Granville County zoning on properties not currently within the City's ETJ will remain in effect until the City adopts zoning or 60 days after the effective date of annexation, whichever occurs first

Method of Financing City Services

- The majority of city services will be financed through the City's General Fund
- Necessary water and sewer system improvements will be financed through the City's Water and Sewer Capital Fund

Summary of Annual Operating Costs

\$177,000.00	Police
\$ 81,100.00	Fire
\$ 2,112.00	Garbage Collection
\$ 15,903.00	Street Maintenance
\$ 1,777.00	Street Lighting
\$ 2,800.00	Utility Systems O&M
\$280,682.00	Total

Summary of Capital Costs

\$ 32,000.00	Water System Improvements
\$ 432,750.00	Sewer System Improvements
\$ 464,750.00	Total

Alternative Capital Costs:
\$68,500 per yr/10yrs. Ladder truck
\$25,500 Water line extension, Area 1

Summary of Annual General Fund Revenues

\$366,673.00	Property Tax
\$110,659.00	Sales and Use Tax
\$ 2,917.00	Beer and Wine Tax
\$ 15,903.00	Powell Bill Funds
\$ 2,112.00	Garbage Funds
\$ 5,520.00	Vehicle License Fees
\$503,784.00	Total Annual General Fund Revenues

Summary of Utility Fund Revenues

\$ 7,380.00	Water and Sewer User Fees
\$<4,710.00>	User Fee Loss
\$ 6,375.00	Connection Fees
<u>\$67,500.00</u>	Capacity Fees
\$76,545.00	Total Utility Fund Revenues

Benefit to Owners

- Fire protection services from the City of Creedmoor
- No \$0.25 fire district tax
- Police protection services from the City of Creedmoor
- Weekly curbside garbage collection
- Curbside brush and yard waste collection
- Street lights

Cost to Owners

- City property tax – Current rate is \$0.69 per \$100.00 assessed value
- Monthly garbage fee of \$11.00 for residential users
- Annual vehicle license fee of \$10.00 per vehicle
- Utility connection and capacity fees for those making new connections

Proposed Amendments to Annexation Report

- Section 3.1, Police Protection
- Section 3.2, Fire Protection
- Section 3.7, Water and Sewer Services
- Section 5.16, Projected Costs to Provide Municipal Services (Area 1)

Proposed Amendments Section 3.1, Police Protection

- Revised from one additional patrol officer to one patrol officer per shift or a total of 4 additional officers
- Revised cost estimate from \$60,000 to \$177,000
- Revised table regarding the ratio of officers to population

Proposed Amendments Section 3.2, Fire Protection

- Revised to state that the City has entered into a contract with the CVFD for expanded coverage
- Revised CVFD contract amount from \$23,000 to \$81,100
- Added a statement that a ladder truck would be available via the existing mutual aid agreement with the Butner Public Safety Division
- Added a statement that the City will provide ladder truck service through the purchase of a ladder truck if not otherwise available through a mutual aid agreement; added the estimated cost of a ladder truck
- Provided a cross reference to Appendix I, Results of Fire Flow Tests, Butner Fire District Hydrants
- Clarified fire hydrant spacing as 1,000 feet and fire hose radius as 500 feet

Proposed Amendments Section 3.7 Water and Sewer

- Changed references from South Granville Water and Sewer Authority to Lyon Station Water and Sewer District
- Added a statement that Granville County and the City of Creedmoor are members of the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority
- Provided a cross reference to Appendix J, City of Creedmoor Fee and Rate Schedule

Proposed Amendments Section 5.16, Area 1 Costs

- Added cross reference to Figure 2.1
- Added information regarding fire flow test results
- Added location information regarding proposed fire hydrants
- Added a statement that the City would extend a separate line to the Bowden manufactured home property if proposed fire hydrants can not be installed on the existing utility district water line; estimated cost: \$25,000.00

Proposed Amendments Figure 2.1, Existing Hydrants

- Added a new map to show the approximate location of existing and proposed fire hydrants in Area 1

Proposed Amendments Appendix 1, Fire Flow Tests

- Added results of fire flow tests for Butner hydrants along West Lake Road

Proposed Amendments Appendix J, Fees and Rates

- Added 2005/2006 City of Creedmoor fee and rate schedule

Remaining Steps in The Annexation Process

- Adoption of amendments to annexation report and plan of services
- Action on annexation ordinance scheduled for the February 28th City Board meeting
- Proposed effective date of annexation is June 30, 2006

It was announced that there were handouts available to the public of the Power-Point.

Mayor Moss thanked Mr. Buddy Blackburn of the Wooten Company for his presentation.

Mayor Moss opened the Public Hearing and for the record announced letters of opposition that the City received to date on the annexation as follows:

- Granville County Board of Commissioners dated September 12, 2005
- Granville County Economic Development Committee
- First Mark Aerospace
- CMP (formerly Mayville Metals)
- Tom Taft
- Altec
- Dr. H.B. Edgerton

Mayor Moss said that the Board would proceed with the Public Hearing and he will call the names in order as shown on the sign-in sheet and reiterated that each person will be allowed five minutes and if someone needs more than five minutes he would call them back to finish their comments.

Mr. Neil Yarborough, 115 E. Russell Street, Fayetteville, NC addressed the Board and said that he was an Attorney representing the owners of Granville Oak Apartments. He said that he was here tonight to provide the Board with sufficient information to make the right decision in this matter. He noted that at the last meeting he heard that one of the benefits would be that the people being annexed would get a chance to vote in city elections and be involved in the Democratic process of the town of Creedmoor. He said that it was ironic that they were being forced into being provided this benefit, which they have clearly expressed that they do not want. He reiterated that it is very clear that these people do not want to annex. Mr. Yarborough referred to the letters of opposition received by the City of Creedmoor and also noted that perhaps the members of the General Assembly do not want this to occur. He said that he would also submit to the Board that the annexation plan is based on the assumption that the City will get cooperation from a variety of entities that you do not have locked in contracts. Mr. Yarborough referred to the City of Fayetteville having a 3.5 million dollar shortfall because they assumed certain things that did not come about. He asked the Board to think about doing the economically sound thing for the tax payers of the community. He said that the Board started out with a premise that this will be a money maker for the City but as additional information has been received about the increasing Police protection and

Fire coverage it may not be a good idea based on raw economics. He said that any shortfall that comes about by your planning is going to be absorbed by your current City residents.

Mr. Yarborough referred to this months Southern City a publication by the League of Municipalities saying there was an excellent article about the affects of forced annexation. He said that article was about the City of Fayetteville after 15 months of litigation finally being able to annex. He said that afterwards, the citizens that were annexed voted out the Mayor and three City Council members. He said that the people that are proposed as part of this annexation believe that they will have fewer services than they are receiving at the present time.

Mr. Yarborough said that another reason to reconsider this potential train wreck was that in the case of Nolan vs. the Village of Marvin a North Carolina Supreme Court on January 27th said that it is the principle of North Carolina that the Cities must provide a meaningful benefit to newly annexed property owners and residents. He said that changed the law in North Carolina and the Courts are going to look very carefully at how these people are being benefited. He emphasized that these cases go to Superior Court then to the Court of Appeals, the NC Supreme Court and sometimes to the U.S. Supreme Court. He said that you have a completely new legal standard to have your actions judged by. Mr. Yarborough said that even if you have the power to do something you should not forcefully use your power to annex these people that do not want to be part of your City.

Mr. Yarborough in closing said that he wanted the Board to think about the numbers. He said that he feels this plan is subject to attack for a variety of reasons and referenced the status of the Town of Butner and the Nolan vs. Marvin case referenced in the League of Municipalities. He also said that the damage that can occur by a bad annexation to the future of Creedmoor greatly outweighs any questionable benefit that you can have. He said that it would be wiser to curtail the City's annexation plans and to adopt a more modest plan.

Mayor Moss asked that the audience not applause as requested at the Public Information Meeting to reduce the time here this evening but the Board will stay as long as it takes this evening.

Mayor Moss recognized that Senator Burger had arrived.

Mr. Mike Arrington of Altec, 1550 Aerial Avenue addressed the Board and gave a handout of a letter of opposition to the annexation from Mr. Joseph A. Gonenc, Jr., General Manager of Altec. Mr. Arrington said that he was born and raised in Granville County and was raising his children in Granville County. He noted that this annexation does not meet the values he was taught growing up in Granville County. He said that he was taught that you earn what you get and this annexation was not being earned by Creedmoor. He said that he has served as Plant Manager of Altec since 1987 and the local community has called on him many times for such things as putting up the

Christmas tree, putting up the lights in Creedmoor and providing personnel. He said that he also provided welding for the Fire Department's tankard truck and never once has he told the City no. Mr. Arrington said that no matter the outcome he still intends to greet everyone.

Mr. Mike Hunter, 210 Inverness Center Drive, Birmingham, Alabama addressed the Board and said that he was General Council for Altec. He said that Altec was the world's largest manufacturer of mobile hydraulic utility equipment for the electric and telecommunications industries. Mr. Hunter said that he comes before this Board from Birmingham, Alabama to speak on behalf of the only industry that you propose to annex. He said that corporations are constantly called on to make very difficult decisions about where to invest their resources. He noted that recent announcements from Ford and General Motors emphasize just how dramatic these decisions can be. Mr. Hunter said that Altec is not an exception. He said that they are constantly trying to determine where their resources should be invested in order to more efficiently manufacture and support the products we make. He said that the driving forces of these decisions are usually the labor and the tax environments. Mr. Hunter said that economic development offices around the State, around the Country and around the world try to convince us that they offer the best of both factors to try to get us to invest in their location. He said that if the Altec plant is annexed the City will drop far down the list of attractive locations for their investments. He added that last year they determined that their crane manufacturing operation could more efficiently be operated out of their Roanoke, Virginia plant than out of the St. Joseph, Missouri plant. He said that St. Joseph's loss was Roanoke's gain. He said that Roanoke gained over 90 jobs and an annual payroll in excess of 2 million dollars. He said that they decided to build a body plant and Burnsville, North Carolina was selected because of its labor and tax. Mr. Hunter said that within two years we will bring to Burnsville 200 new jobs and an annual payroll in excess of 4.3 million dollars. He said that Altec had been Creedmoor's neighbor for 14 years and during that time they have continued to invest in this community. He said that by the end of this year they hope to have employed 300 persons, which represents a 5 year growth rate of over 20% and an annual payroll that will top 15 million dollars. Mr. Hunter said that whether their investments in this area are to increase, remain constant, or decrease will be measured by how your laboring tax environments compare with those of others that are working hard to attract our investments. He said that if you annex our plant you impose a barrier that will deter our future investments, which will make this facility less attractive than their many other options. He said that he is not saying that you are going to kill the goose that lays the golden egg but that you are making our nest less comfortable. He said that they will go where the nest is more comfortable. Mr. Hunter said that it is not their goal to make our next investment in this area the lawyers from Raleigh that do such a good job of representing us. He said they do not want to fight with our neighbors. Mr. Hunter said they prefer the mutually beneficial relationship that has existed for the last 14 years. He noted that they are encouraged by last Friday's decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Mr. Hunter said that if we must fight annexation in the courts we think that we will win. He noted that the Supreme Court now said that annexation is proper only when the annexed property owners receive a meaningful benefit and services. He said that based upon that decision we suggest that the City is not in substantial compliance with

the annexation statutes and the case law. He said that Altec will not receive any meaningful benefit and services through this annexation. He said that in fact, the opposite will occur and we will see a decrease in our services. He said that the Board should understand that they can not stand idle and watch Altec suffer material injury through such an action. Mr. Hunter said that fortunately, they believe the courts stand ready to protect us but we hope your decision will not make that necessary.

Mr. Randy Perry of Randy's Cue Sports Bar, 611 21st Street, Butner addressed the Board and said that the last time he was here the Board did not speak and he felt something was principally wrong. He asked how the Board felt about annexation.

Mayor Moss said that earlier he announced that he asked the Board if they had any comments and they said no. Mayor Moss said that he would not allow Mr. Perry to question them this evening. He said that at the February 28th meeting when the Board comes back to act on the Annexation Resolution, if they so choose they may at that time make any comments or ask questions.

Mr. Perry replied so they will not be allowed to speak.

Mayor Moss reiterated that at the top of this meeting he laid out the process for tonight's proceeding and he again indicated that he had inquired from the Commissioners if they wished to make a comment this evening. He said that Mr. Piper, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Karan, Ms. Mangum and Mr. Ray all indicated to me one by one that they did not wish to make comments this evening.

Mr. Perry asked why we have seven people sitting up at this Board (he included the City Manager) that wants to hurt the commercial growth in general of Southern Granville County. He said he can't understand that.

Mayor Moss said that this Board does not think that they are doing that.

Mr. Perry replied, so the Board thinks by doubling taxes they are going to foster growth?

Mayor Moss said that the Board disagrees with his logic.

Mr. Perry said that the Board reminds him of thieves coming into the middle of the night to steal something that you don't have any business getting anyway.

Mr. Ronnie Elliott of Shelliott Enterprises, 2537 Granville Drive addressed the Board and said that his comments tonight would represent the consensus of himself, his wife and his partner Jim Shelley and his wife. Mr. Elliott began by saying that he acknowledges the time and energy of the Mayor and Board's duties and sincerely hopes that his interests are for the betterment of the town and the community at large and not for self promotion or for enhancing one's public resume in pursuit of other political ambitions. He said aside from granting you the possibility that your intentions might be properly directed he finds not one single reason or benefit to be in support of this annexation plan. He said

that rather than benefits, he sees much detriment. He said that there is detriment to the City of Creedmoor, to the areas being annexed, to the economic future of the area, to the relationships with Butner, the relationships and spirit of cooperation with the County Commissioners, Economic Development Commission, our elected State Legislatures and the vice of the atmosphere that will last for many years. He said that this Board leaves us no choice but to vigorously oppose you in your plan by all means at our disposal and for as long as it takes to avoid being annexed into Creedmoor. He said that he first wanted to address his disappointment in the Board's secretive approach in developing the annexation plan and the lack of consultation with any of the parties effected as enumerated in the previous paragraph. He said that the City is only interested in gaining a revenue source without regard to anything associated with the big picture. He noted that this approach pre-supposes that your governing group possesses all the government knowledge on the issue, or it supposes that you could care less about what anyone else's opinion is, or that you don't have anything to offer and you have to achieve your goal through manipulation and subject views. Mr. Elliott said that he would hope much better from people that would like to serve us as a governing body. He said that he planned to speak about Fire/Police but that had been covered. He can not comprehend how a component so large in this annexation plan could be so vastly misrepresented and omitted and miscalculated. He noted that the City went from \$60,000 to \$177,000. He said that he feels that the plan is flawed. Lastly, he said that as just a matter of principle and conviction he could not support Creedmoor as opposed to Butner. He said Butner is a town entity in which they identify because their current services are provided there, because they along with our County Commissioners have fostered out community and because they have demonstrated that they can work cooperatively with County Commissioners, the Economic Development Commission, and with Legislators in promoting and securing new industry. He said that he did not believe that Creedmoor's governing body can shed its persecution complex and stop fighting windmills long enough to be a partner in growth. He said that Butner needs to be given adequate time to explore its incorporation plans and allowed to use the areas in which they have been so instrumental in developing as part of their potential tax base. He asked that the City reject its annexation plans along the Hwy. 56 Corridor. He asked that the City please do not cut Butner's throat by being a greedy opportunist and let both areas grow as they have logically developed and not by the dollar sign. He said who knows, maybe in a few years we can develop into one private area.

Mr. James Shelly said that Mr. Elliott had represented his views and waived his turn to speak.

Mr. Herman Wilkerson, 211 S. Main Street addressed the Board and said that he has always supported the citizens of Creedmoor and will continue to do so. He said that he is not working against the City but wants to convey information and that is why he had mixed feelings in October at election time. Mr. Wilkerson said that it was approximately 1988 when the City made a 40 year contract with the State of North Carolina to accept the sewage from Creedmoor. He said almost half of that time is up. He asked who has the contract now and who will oversee this since the water/sewer plant has been turned over to SGWASA and the County. Mr. Wilkerson said that the City is going against

Representative Crawford and Senator Berger who represents Granville County, Creedmoor, Butner and surrounding communities. He asked how much help can the City expect to receive in the future by going against these people. He advised that if the amount of taxes to be taken in is to be \$500,000.00 how much will go towards helping the taxpayers of Creedmoor. He noted that approximately \$1.00 out of every \$2.00 will go to the Police Department, which equals approximately \$250,000.00. He also said the Fire Department will have their hand out to ask for money to cover the increased costs to them. He noted that there will also be other costs required to spend for this annexation and asked how much money would be left out of the \$500,000.00 to help the citizens of Creedmoor such as a tax decrease. Mr. Wilkerson said that he was told that one Police Officer can handle the area that is planned to be annexed and asked how that is possible. He said that we have all heard the complaints especially from Ms. Mangum that at times there is only one officer on the street.

Mr. Larry Mitchell, 1598 Hwy. 56 addressed the Board and said that he has noticed how the Board reacts to situations and the Board is very detailed. He said that this is probably one of the most major decisions the Board will ever have to make and asked each Board member to vote from their heart how they feel inside and not to think about how others are going to vote. He said that the Board needs to put the Annexation Report to the side and added, is it possible that what is in this report is not correct? Mr. Mitchell said that he attended the meeting when the audit report was being given and hoped that the Board had time to study the figures. He also asked if it is possible that the timing is not right for this annexation. He asked that the Board not put them in a different set of standards than the other people that have come before you in the past year to get approved for funding or a project. He said no offense to Mr. Blackburn and that he was glad to see that there have been some changes to the Annexation Report but he feels this plan is not ready. He said that this plan needs to be revisited. He said that things look good on paper but will it work? Mr. Mitchell said that he spoke with the Emergency Services Director of Granville County and nobody has contacted him. He noted that it is a magnitude to change the 911 service. He said that usually there is a plan before you vote. He asked if they trust what is in the Annexation Report. Mr. Mitchell asked that they revisit it when they get home and give it more thought that this might not be the right time.

Mayor Moss announced that if there is anyone outside that would like to speak to please come in and add their name to the list. Mayor Moss called out the names remaining on his list to speak and asked if anyone would like to be added. Mr. John Wimbush of the Butner Advisory Board was in attendance and asked that he be added.

Mr. Leon Turner, Director of the Granville County Economic Development, 1115 College Street, Oxford addressed the Board and said that this annexation attempt by the City of Creedmoor will be a major negative impact on Granville County for many years. He noted that it is sending a clear message to companies that are currently located here and to any potential industrial prospects. Mr. Turner said that it says simply that Creedmoor wants your money and in exchange we will give you less Fire/Police protection than you are currently receiving. He said that industry will no long see Southern Granville County as a desirable location with a positive business environment.

Mr. Turner said that industrial recruitment to create good jobs is extremely competitive between States and Counties within North Carolina as you heard previously. Mr. Turner said that the Granville County Commissioners and Granville County Economic Development Commission have worked very hard to create a positive business environment to entice new companies to locate in this area. He said that this annexation attempt has already created negative feelings amongst some of our existing corporate entities and this is not a positive thing. He said that expansions and new facilities can and will be located elsewhere. Mr. Turner announced that at the last Board meeting of the Economic Development Commission they passed a Resolution opposing this annexation proposed by Creedmoor. He said that they urge Creedmoor to rethink this annexation plan and stop it immediately before the damage is done because our citizens can suffer for many years to come from this ill advised action. Mr. Turner said that Southern Granville County has some of the finest industries in the world. He said we have to create the environment that says we appreciate you being here and we value the jobs. He noted that most counties around the triangle have a huge net outflow of workers every single day, especially Wake County. Mr. Turner said that most of them are bedroom communities. Mr. Turner used Franklin County as an example saying that they have approximately 12,000 people net outflow everyday to go to work. He said that Granville County does not have that because of the fine companies and the good jobs that we have in our county. We have a net outflow of about 1,800 people. He emphasized that almost as many people come into Granville County to work everyday as go out. He noted that as a rural county this is a treasure that we should not take lightly. Mr. Turner asked that each Board member seriously look into their heart and said that his favorite saying is; "if the boat leaks all our feet get wet". He asked if the citizens want a County where our children and grandchildren will have the opportunity to live here if they choose and still have a quality of life to have a good job or do we want to make it where the industry is somewhere else and our children have to leave for a better job. He reiterated that he would like for the Board to listen to their heart and think about what they are doing.

Mr. Deuard Bowden, 2641 Bowden Drive addressed the Board and said that he wants to go on record as opposing the Involuntary Annexation from the current City limits of Hwy. 56 to Interstate 85. He said that he understands that the Wooten Company was hired to prepare the annexation document but he believes that the responsibility of proof reading for accuracy falls back to the Board. Mr. Bowden said that the misinformation about the costs of the Fire/Police service opens up a lot of other questions that might not be accurate in this report. He explained for example, we have ten street lights in Mobile Village and the report only proposed to add sixteen. He said for the Commissioners to find out about the misinformation about the Police/Fire protection shortly before and during the Public Information meeting drastically reduces my confidence in your decisions. Mr. Bowden said to propose Involuntary Annexation will implement a fee and not provide an additional service. He said that this annexation will cost him equal to \$100.00 per Commissioner and Mayor per month. Mr. Bowden said that if they think that is a fair deal he expects a check from each Board member every month. He encourages the Board to partner with the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority to obtain adequate water/sewer capacity for our current and future needs.

Mr. Nathan Garren, 3700 Den Mill Court, Franklinton addressed the Board and said that he was one of the co-owners of BENJO, LLC which is a company that owns the strip mall on Hwy. 56. He noted that this is the strip mall that has been in existence since 2002 and houses Coldwell Banker, Pergamons Restaurant, and a Laundromat. Mr. Garren said that if Creedmoor annexes this area and the Butner fire district tax and Lyon Station Sanitary District tax is eliminated or otherwise absorbed by Creedmoor that the property bill on the shopping center will probably increase approximately \$4,800.00 per year. He said that he originally got started in 1998 by opening an office in Larry Mitchell's building and has had the opportunity to watch this area of the county grow. Mr. Garren said that he has been pleased with the Police/Fire protection. He said that occasionally there has been a fire in the strip mall and the Butner Fire Department responded and did a very professional job. He said that he thinks that what they have in this area is a high level of Police/Fire and he is uncertain as to what the City of Creedmoor can offer. He said that he believes that what is being offered by the City of Creedmoor more likely than not will be services of lesser quality at higher costs. Mr. Garren said that he has the opinion that it was the Town of Butner that fostered the economic growth and prosperity out there. He said that there has been significant growth out there since 2001 and mentioned Ace Hardware, Advance Auto, Granville Oaks Apartments, Granville Medical Center, back lots of the Washington Square that have been developed, Peppermill Restaurant, Video Store, and Andy's Restaurant. He referenced the Chappell Point property that was voluntarily annexed into the City in 2001 and is 145 acres of undeveloped land. Mr. Garren said that they have had more economic growth and prosperity within their little area and referred to it as "Butmoor. Mr. Garren said that the Butner Advisory Council, the Granville County Commissioners, the Economic Development Council and Representative Crawford have all voiced opposition to this proposed annexation. He said that he feels that they are in opposition because they are looking at a broader prospective. Mr. Garren said that being part of Southern Granville County has been good. He said that Altec has a lot of employees. He noted that he went from a one person law firm to currently having two full time employees and four part-time employees that contribute to Southern Granville County. Mr. Garren referenced the Nolan case that Mr. Yarborough spoke of earlier. He said that when you look at the annexation map you have Creedmoor coming off of 145 acres of undeveloped land that was voluntarily annexed into the City approximately four years ago. Mr. Garren said that you are jumping out there and doing what is in essence a preemptive strike. He said that he has heard many say that if we don't annex it Butner will incorporate it. He said that he feels that this is an extraordinary annexation and will on appeal be subject to extra ordinary scrutiny by the court. Mr. Garren said that maybe they have complied with the minimum requirements, the Wooten Company has done their homework, Attorney Currin has done his homework but perhaps on appeal they will be close scrutiny as to the percentages as written in the statues. Mr. Garren said that he feels that what is being missed here is the purpose of annexation. He said that this is not an orderly expansion. He noted that the City is not simply growing by small steps. He said the City is jumping out as a preemptive strike and the question is will there be the ability to provide the necessary services as to what you are trying to take in. He said the end result of this shoe string annexation is not compact borders to which a City can efficiently provide essential services. He said that the City is coming off of undeveloped

land and there is no significant windfall in this and the revised annexation report shows that this may be a break even situation if you are lucky. He said the question is can Creedmoor really afford this annexation? He said that our area will end up with higher costs and services of lesser quality. Mr. Garren said there will be no value and no benefit to the people in the area being considered for annexation. He noted that historically the law has favored annexation but as the high priced attorneys have talked about tonight in the decision of the Nolan case suggests that there is a shifting tide. Mr. Garren said that he goes along with everyone else this evening and resolves to go ahead as a group to pay our money and take our chances in the courts on appeal. He asked the Board to give due consideration to not passing this annexation ordinance. He asked that the Board give us time as a community consisting of Butner, Creedmoor and Southern Granville County to really think about what we need to do, not just for one town or another but for the community, for the region as a whole.

Mayor Moss announced that Rita and Paige Tuttle were the next to speak. They said they appreciated the opportunity to speak but had nothing to add to what has already been said.

Reverend Bernard Holliday, 1738 W. Lake Road addressed the Board and said that the Creedmoor annexation plan was formally introduced to the public on January 12, 2006 and was outlined by presenting maps and oral statements from the Mayor, Consultants and other staff members. He noted that Creedmoor is in the midst of an urban rural growth zone. He said that the Butner community is not an incorporated entity bordering I-85 and intersecting Hwy. 56 W. Lyon Station Sanitary District. He said that smart growth planning should be the guiding principle related to merging Creedmoor and Butner. He said that without this kind of linkage the present proposed plan will simply be just a temporary step leading to external interest groups coming in and dictating the future of two viable communities. He asks that Creedmoor and Butner Officials design a joint plan for a merger outlining costs relating to i.e. houses, businesses, park land, public schools, water/sewer, Public Safety, DOT, tax base, Federal and State Institutions and North Carolina State facilities. He referred to the NC Annexation Code Section 160A-37(1) and said that the CVFD needs to be revamped to cope with the population density and emergencies in the expanded neighborhoods. He said, likewise the Police Department must also be upgrade in terms of personnel. He said that the City of Creedmoor should consider developing a Public Safety Department with personnel functioning in a dual capacity. He said this means training staff members for Public Safety duties that consists of basic requirement trained personnel and professional skills using the high technology art that is available in the field of Public Safety. He said by doing this immediately the insurance rate will be upgraded from the level of 6 to level 1, which is the highest rating for homeowner insurance. He emphasized that there is a water crisis related to Lake Rogers. He said that the environmental protection standards continue to be a problem for our reservoir and referred to the most recent report dated 12-19-05. Reverend Holliday addressed that the newly formed South Granville Water and Sewer Authority is now in control of Butner resources. He said that it will be appropriate for Creedmoor to join in a cooperative venture to consider water/sewer operations with this body. He said Creedmoor must move aggressively with a professional team

knowledgeable to dredge Lake Rogers and upgrade the physical water plant to deliver fresh water to growing communities in Dutchville Township. He noted that fire hydrants in this proposed plan stated previously five more hydrants will be added to cover the newly annexed neighborhoods. He said that he feels this is insufficient because the new area covers a diversified combination of dwelling units, businesses and subdivisions that are pending for development within the corridor of I-85 Hwy. West. He said that the sewer system of Creedmoor is connected to the Butner plant and Creedmoor's lift stations must be upgraded to conform to new standards based on EPA rules. Reverend Holliday referred to the budget that was presented on January 12, 2006 and said that it needs to be revised to deal with the new variables in the annexation plan sited in this document. He referred to items of Public Safety, personnel, Fire protection, water plant modernization, waste disposal contracts, sewer systems with Butner facility and analysis of the tax base covering housing units, businesses, Federal facilities, North Carolina State facilities and a Creedmoor master plan covering the ETJ. Reverend Holliday said that as a foot note the RDT project plans to construct thirty-five units for housing and businesses along with the Chappell Properties that is sponsoring using 145 acres of land to develop commercial units. He closed by saying that smart growth planning is a guiding principle for the promoting of economic development in Granville County and he hopes that the Board will be guided by that.

Mr. Edgar Smoak, Butner Advisory Board member and SGWASA Board member, 407 E F Street addressed the Board and said that he wants to appeal to the Board as an Elected Official. He said that he as an Elected Official is entrusted with doing what is right by the people that he serves. He said that most of the people here tonight is in his district and he is here representing these people opposing this annexation. He said that he has talked with most of these people and knows that they are opposing this annexation and said he wondered if the Board knows this. He said that he wants to employ to the Board that they took an oath to do what is best. He said that he does not know each member of the Creedmoor Board personally but he does know the heart of an elected official and it takes a certain amount of desire to want to do what is right. He said he honestly thinks they want to do what is right by the people. Mr. Smoak said that he feels that with this annexation plan the Board feels that they may be doing the right thing for Creedmoor but as it has been pointed out here by many people along with our Economic Development Board that it may be that what you are doing is going to hurt so many people and the rest of the County that it will end up hurting the citizens of Creedmoor also. He reiterated that the Board took an oath and put their hand on the Bible to do what is right for the people. He said that he is here tonight to look at what evidence has been presented to you. He said that this annexation plan is a sick puppy. He said let's put this sick puppy to bed and do what is right and work for the growth of Creedmoor, Lyon Station, Butner and the growth of Granville County. He said we are all neighbors. Mr. Smoak said that some people has already eluded that there are some plans that everyone should be working on. He reiterated to put this sick puppy to bed and get on with making some of them plans. In conclusion, he emphasized that he is admittedly opposed to the name Butmoor.

Mr. Dave Currin, Chairman of the Granville County Commissioner, 2578 Joe Pruitt Road, Oxford addressed the Board and noted that there is a story that he is familiar with where there were two women that appeared before a wise old Judge because they had a dispute they could not settle. He said that there was a child involved that the two women were both claiming and the Judge said that he would settle the dispute by dividing the child in half and giving them both half. He said that fortunately the one that cared the most about the child and who was the rightful Mother gave the child up to the one that had no right. Mr. Currin said that he knows this is a hard decision for this Board tonight. He said he appreciates all the people that came tonight. He said that he comes to the Board about caring about the County that your municipality is located. He said that if the Board moves forward with this annexation he is concerned for those industries, small and large, especially Altec that provides good jobs and is one of the few manufacturing companies across the country that has a backlog of work. Mr. Currin said that he serves on the Granville County Economic Development Commission as liaison for his Board and Leon Turner will get down on his hands and knees if needed for industries to come to Granville County to provide jobs. Mr. Currin said that if you put a stigma upon our County that industries will be taxed double just because they are here, you are forgetting about something important and that is our school system. He said that he understands that at the last Granville County Commissioners meeting it was announced that the Granville County Schools only have room for 350 more children from high school down. He said that there hasn't even been one brick laid for the new 750 student High School and they are already out of capacity. Mr. Currin said that he knows that the Board is looking at this as money but sitting back and looking at it is not a lot of money according to your paperwork. He referred to the earlier comments made by the representative of Altec, if you make life miserable on me there is somebody that will love me better. He said that we need to love every industry in our county. Mr. Currin advised that there was one industry that pays almost 30% of our entire county tax. He said that we can not afford to put a stigma upon our County so that we can not gather new industry. He noted that the tremendous burden of our school system will fall upon every individual whether you live in the City of Creedmoor, the City of Oxford, the City of Stovall, the City of Stem or the Town of Butner to pay more taxes. He said please look at the big picture and think about whether it is worth doing what I am looking at doing for a few dollars. He said that the City has Police protection and other services that you must provide but the County has to provide for those that are less fortunate, those that are in need, those in school and those that have to be housed. Mr. Currin asked that the Board please do not do what you are planning to do in an area that has been marked for industrial growth since it began. He said that we have worked so hard to gain SGWASA so we can provide future services. Mr. Currin asked humbly that the Board not do what they are planning to do to all of Granville County. He said we have done everything we can do here this evening to ask you not to annex. He said that it will take three of you to do the right thing. He asks that three Board members listen to what we have said here tonight.

Mr. Harold Jenkins, 403 Fleming Street addressed the Board and said that just about everything he wants to say has been said except that he does not envy this Board in having to make this decision. He commented that what the Board thinks is a good thing on the surface is apparently not so good. He said that everyone has talked about

Fire/Police and he thinks that the City has the best Police Department today that we have ever had. He said that it is a great Police Department and they are patrolling all over this area. Mr. Jenkins said that one Policeman is not going to cover the proposed territory. He said that he has given it considerable thought and it will take three Police Officers to cover that area. He said that the Board needs to add approximately \$300,000 to the report. He said secondly, he has not heard anyone say that they want the annexation. Mr. Jenkins praised Mr. Leon Turner and said that he is looking at bringing two companies at the present time that will put Granville County on the map. He asked the Board to be their own person and do what they think is right. He said that it takes a strong person to say lets hold off and look at this again in one year. He added that it takes a wise person to say that this is all wrong.

Mr. John Wimbush, Butner Advisory Board member, 10010 East E Street, Butner said that he is not speaking on behalf of the Advisory Board but on behalf of himself. Mr. Wimbush said that he has a lot of respect for Leon Turner, Director of the Economic Development Commission. He said that when people start talking about good relations he relays that he has always tried to have a good relations with Creedmoor. He said that he and the Mayor sitting up there on this Board have a lot in common. Mr. Wimbush said that if you visit his house in Butner you will see pictures of Darryl Moss. He said that they are both elected to serve in office and the time has come now that they are on different sides. He said that he loves his Butner people and he has to stand up for them. He said the other day his shoulder was hurting and he called the Doctor and they asked him to come to the Creedmoor office. He asked them where the Creedmoor office was. He said that he was not going to a Creedmoor office but he would go to the Butner office. He said what he is trying to say is he claims that area as the Butner area. He said a few years ago they did a \$750,000 study to see where Butner stood if the State withdraws from Butner and they become incorporated. He said they went through a lot to determine what they need to do. He said one of the things determined was that Butner would have to have that area to be successful. He noted that they need the state to do a few things for them. He said that they need the State to get the water lines fixed that were put in hurriedly in 1942. He said that the Legislature said for him to go down to Birch Street where they set aside an area in the middle of a mobile home park. He said that he did not know the figures but that is how he got elected. He said that he loves the Mayor of Creedmoor but he has to keep picking on him because people are a little angry around Butner. He said all the fault goes toward the Mayor because the other people are sitting and not saying anything. He said it bothers him because the Mayor is not totally a one man operation. Mr. Wimbush said however, Mayor Moss is in the seat and when you are in the seat you bear the blame. Mr. Wimbush said that if you take away his votes from that area he probably can't get elected again because those people in that area vote for him. He said Legislation says that you must have the votes to get elected and for him to go back and have these people do certain things in Butner so you can be ready. He said that he was told that it would be about five years before we incorporate. He said that if they happen to stop this annexation there will still be damage to the relations. He jokingly said, Mr. Piper I don't know if I will like you again or not. Mr. Wimbush said that if it is possible, please back away from this for awhile. He noted that he wants to go on record as saying he hates to see the relation between the two towns. He also

commented that he will never agree with a merge of Butner and Creedmoor. He said it may happen but it will be against his will. He said that he hopes something can be done because it seems like they are in for a long bitter fight. He said that he also wanted to go on record as a citizen of Butner that just happens to be one of the elected members of the Butner Advisory Board that does oppose whole heartedly to the annexation of that area because that \$750,000 study told the town that they need that area to ever be successful. Mr. Wimbush said that he can't see them sitting there and feeling good when they know that if they have to incorporate they will not be accepted according to that \$750,000.00 study and if you have already taken the land that the Legislature set aside so we could be elected and be successful in the years to come when the State pulls out and leaves us sitting over there with nothing to work with.

Mr. Christopher Barnett, 416-A Hillsboro Street addressed the Board and said that it is a privilege to watch this process as a young 36 year old. He said that what he is seeing here is that we have an opposing community and a strong community and he urges the Board to listen to that community. Mr. Barnett said that as he walked out to get a phone call he thought of a small lesson. He said that as he looks into everything that the Board is trying to do he sees a quick dress-up for Creedmoor. Mr. Barnett said that as he was walking back in and adjusting himself a little bit he realized that he missed one buckle in his pants today and he has been buckling his pants for over thirty years. He said that he hopes that the Mayor will think about what he is doing because what he has seen in the plan is that the Mayor has missed more than one buckle and his Mamma used to always say, don't get caught with your pants down.

Mr. Ron Alligood, 501 Central Avenue, Butner addressed the Board and said that he represents Granville County District 7. He said that he had not planned to speak tonight but to listen to what people have to say. Mr. Alligood said that he did want to reemphasize what Chairman Currin of the Granville County Board said earlier to please reconsider this annexation. He commented that it is not good for Granville County and industrial growth. He said that he believes the Board knows this because our employment rate in Granville County is pretty good right now taking into consideration the RTP area and the current growth in this area. Mr. Alligood said that Granville County loves Creedmoor just as they do Stoval. He asks that the Board reconsider this annexation because it will hurt everyone in Granville County as it relates to kids going to our schools. Mr. Alligood said that house tops do not pay the bills and if we don't have this industrial growth the City of Creedmoor will be paying out of their pocket just like every other citizen in Granville County. He noted that you heard the gentleman from Altec talking tonight and they are not playing. Mr. Alligood reiterated that he wants the Board to reconsider.

Mr. Tom Lane, 604 23rd Street, Butner addressed the Board and said that he serves as a member of the Butner Advisory Council and also serves as a member of SGWASA. He said that he did not plan to speak tonight but would like to address one issue and that is in reference to relationships as this issue had been raised. He said that sometime back when SGWASA was being formed during the early meetings there were discussions with the County, Town of Butner and the City of Creedmoor and he made comments that he knew

the City of Creedmoor was interested in that area because it had been in the paper. He said that as he left that meeting the Mayor made the comment to him that Creedmoor has no interest in moving west. Mr. Lane said that since that time SGWASA has been formed and he has worked with some of the Commissioners and on several occasions they have said to me for us to work together to make things happen. He said that what Creedmoor is doing here he does not see as working together. He said that he does not see it as looking at the interest of the community when you are putting at risk an industry. He also said that he does not see it as working at relationships being fostered when you are moving into an area that has been designated by the Legislature as an area for Butner. He added that this area is now designated as part of Butner's voting district even though we are not an incorporated town. Mr. Lane said that as we begin to look at incorporation that area is vital to us. He said that he understands that this area is vital to Creedmoor but he has difficulty working with a Board that wants to move into an area that has already been designated for another community. Mr. Lane said that he moved to Butner in 1947 at the age of 9. He noted that he has watched Butner grow. Mr. Lane said he grew up there and left for college and went to work in other parts of the state for a number of years and moved back in 1974 and resides there full time. Mr. Lane said that Butner is on the verge of becoming a real place. He said that they have much to do to get there but they are on the verge of that happening. He stressed that area has been designated by the Legislature as a part of the Butner voting district and is vital to us. Mr. Lane said that if we as communities are to grow together it is imperative that you back away from this current annexation plan and give us time to complete what needs to be done. He said that it is going to take us a little time. He said that he is not sure that what we need to do can be done in the time frame you are now setting before us. Mr. Lane said that puts us in an opposition to Creedmoor and those feelings will remain that what you are doing is not in the best interest of Southern Granville County.

Mr. James Weaver, 1593-A Washington Avenue addressed the Board and said that he has lived in the Lyon Station Sanitary District since 1976. He said that when he moved in that area there were only two eating establishments, Bobs Bar-B-Q and Sybles Restaurant. He noted that Mr. Jenkins also had a service station out there and the rest of that area was woods. He said that he has watched this area for the past 30 years and during that time there was no help from Creedmoor. He said that all of this was done through the Lyon Station Sanitary District and the Butner Fire District. He said if we have done all of this without Creedmoor's help why do we need it now?

Commissioner Karan said that he would like to make an announcement. He said that he is the Chair for the South Granville YMCA Steering Committee. He said that Mr. Wimbush is the only member that he has been able to entice to join him on this committee. He said that since there is a Butner crowd here tonight he wanted to let them know that he really needs their help to bring this YMCA to this region. He said he was appointed Chairman because no one else wanted the job. He said that he is doing the best that he can and again asked everyone to help. He said that the YMCA is targeted to go into the proposed Parkway Project, which is just South of where we are proposing annexation. He said that if anyone would like to join in this effort his e-mail address is tkaran@cityofcreedmoor.org. He said that all comments will be appreciated.

Mayor Moss said that as a Board they appreciate everyone coming and really respect the opposition. He expressed that they appreciate all of the comments and feedback that was given. He said that we are not taking this process lightly. Mayor Moss said that hopefully you see that we took some things that we learned on January 12th and incorporated it over the last couple of weeks into tonight's presentation. He said that he genuinely believes that we will take the feedback from this evening and continue to work on the annexation report between now and February 28th or at such time the Board decides that it wants to take action on this annexation. He said that we knew that 99.9% of the people in this room would be opposed to the annexation. Mayor Moss said that there are three things that have been said tonight that on behalf of this Board he takes exception. He said there was a comment made that the Board's action was done in secret. He said it was not. Mayor Moss said that all of their meetings were open to the public. He said this is not something that they can vote on in Executive Session. He said that they held a Town Hall Meeting last year and the League of Municipalities did a workshop about annexation. He said that in attendance was the City's Board of Commissioners and a couple of our Planning Board members. He said that is what really started this process. He said he wanted to acknowledge that they really appreciate some of the County Commissioners being here this evening. He said that the disappointing thing for him was that neither of the County Commissioners that represent Creedmoor are in attendance; Commissioner Gooch and Commissioner Averette.

Granville County Chairman Dave Currin stood up to reply that Mr. Pete Averette was ill.

Mayor Moss said that he did not know that so he appreciates the information. He said that throughout this process and even before this annexation if we had better interaction with Mr. Turner and our County Commissioners maybe we would not be having this conversation. Lastly, he said that it is extremely offensive when he hears terms like Butmoor. He said that we deserve better than those types of comments.

Moved by Commissioner Mangum and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adjourn. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Mayor Darryl D. Moss

City Clerk

