

REVISED
MINUTES OF
CITY OF CREEMOOR – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2007

PRESENT:

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

QUORUM:

Mayor Moss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room at City Hall.

Mayor Moss announced that Commissioner Piper was not feeling well this evening.

INVOCATION:

Chaplain Willis Herman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Miss Briana Wortham

Mayor Moss recognized Mr. Xavier and Rita Wortham, parents of Briana. Miss Briana Wortham received a round of applause.

PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER ANGELA MANGUM:

Mayor Moss commended Commissioner Angela Mangum for the great job she has done serving on this Board for the past four years. He expressed that she has brought a unique prospective to this Board not only as a woman but also as a teacher and that of a person that is concerned as to how this community progresses. Mayor Moss said that Commissioner Mangum asked very hard questions and has been very cooperative making sure that this Board works together. He added that Commissioner Mangum as a music teacher coordinated this year's Annual Music Festival in a different way and it was a very successful and fun day. Mayor Moss expressed that he has enjoyed working with Commissioner Mangum and looks forward to receiving future feedback from her. Mayor Moss told the story of Commissioner Mangum having an issue with her water bill before she became a Commissioner. He noted that she began writing what he calls e-books (e-mails) that were very lengthy and detailed giving suggestions as to how she felt the City needed to handle procedures. Mayor Moss said that this is the type of proactive and positive feedback that the Board needs.

Mayor Moss presented Commissioner Mangum with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as Commissioner from December 16, 2007 until December 18, 2007. Mayor Moss also presented her with her name plate.

Commissioner Mangum received a round of applause.

PRESENTATION TO COMMISSIONER KENT RAY:

Mayor Moss commended Commissioner Kent Ray for the great job he has done serving on this Board for the past four years. He said that he and Commissioner Kent Ray have a unique history. Mayor Moss expressed that from an environmental standpoint he and Commissioner Ray had differential discussions. He said that discussions with Commissioner Ray made him consider various things that he had not thought about and he always learned something from him. Mayor Moss said that Commissioner Ray has brought a lot of expertise and energy to this Board. He recognized that Commissioner Ray and his family have deep roots here in Creedmoor and he says that he will continue to be active in the community.

Mayor Moss presented Commissioner Ray with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as Commissioner from December 16, 2007 until December 18, 2007. Mayor Moss also presented him with his name plate.

Commissioner Ray received a round of applause.

Commissioner Mangum thanked the citizens for their support and willingness to get involved in City Government. She expressed that as citizens get involved and share their thoughts it helps to make the City a better community. Commissioner Mangum thanked the Board for their willingness to take the time to research and get to the heart of all issues. She thanked Sandra Harper, City Clerk, Robert Schaumleffel, City Manager and all other staff for their hard work. She said that the citizens can rest knowing that things within the City are doing well. Commissioner Mangum also thanked the Police Officers for their hard work protecting the City. Lastly, she thanked her family for their sacrifice. She said that it is a hard road to serve on this Board with the late phone calls and countless e-mails involved in the serious issues that need to be researched. Commissioner Mangum said there were also good times. She said that Creedmoor is striving for moving forward and is headed in the right direction. Commissioner Mangum used the park at Lake Rogers as an example and said that families are getting together socializing and enjoying the resources. Commissioner Mangum asked the Board to continue to support future upgrades to the park. Commissioner Mangum said that she is looking forward to the new Board moving forward.

Commissioner Mangum received another round of applause.

Commissioner Ray thanked all citizens in the City and acknowledged that he appreciates all the support he has received. He expressed that he also appreciates the complaints and criticism because that is what keeps this Board researching and doing what is possible to improve situations. Commissioner Ray thanked the current employees as well as previous

employees for their support, dedication and faithfulness to the City during his time in office. Commissioner Ray thanked each member of the Board for having the opportunity to serve with them. Commissioner Ray said that he can not emphasize enough how important citizen participation is to this community. He expressed that he was involved as a citizen and that is what encouraged him to run for office. Commissioner Ray said that before becoming a member of the Board he was a thorn in the City Board's side and will probably be again for the next four years. Commissioner Ray said that he appreciates having the opportunity to serve and it has been a privilege. He said that he appreciates the Mayor's comment that he has learned from Commissioner Ray. Commissioner Ray commented that he has learned a great deal as well. Commissioner Ray reiterated what Commissioner Mangum said that it is not as easy as people might think to serve on this Board. He expressed that there have been a few problems over the past few months that he regrets has occurred and hopes that Creedmoor will rise to a positive position on this situation. Commissioner Ray thanked Mayor Moss for his apology in the paper. He said that there has been controversy between them over e-mails. Commissioner Ray noted that Mayor Moss said twice in public that Commissioner Ray does read his e-mails; however, he expressed that he does read his e-mails, just not on a daily basis. Commissioner Ray thanked Mr. Robert A. Schaumleffel, Jr., City Manager for having the opportunity to work with him and commended him for working through the hardships that the City has faced. Lastly, Commissioner Ray wished everyone a Merry Christmas and the best of New Years.

Commissioner Ray received another round of applause.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY:

Commissioner Ray and Commissioner Mangum vacated their seats on the Board.

Mayor Moss asked that Attorney Currin introduce the guest for this evening.

Attorney Currin expressed that the City was fortunate to have the newest of the 9th District Court Judges here this evening. He announced that this individual is someone who has been a District Attorney since 1991 serving Granville County, Franklin County, Vance County and Warren County. He needs no introduction to most individuals here and the Police Officers for whom he has prosecuted cases for the last sixteen-years. Attorney Currin said that for the last sixteen-years he has defended cases that he was prosecuting and for the last sixteen-years he has not had one single innocent client until yesterday. He expressed that yesterday the City's guest tried a contested case with Attorney Currin in District Court and found his client not guilty. Attorney Currin laughed as he said that this was the first time that the City's guest came to that conclusion in over 400 cases. Attorney Currin said that the guest is a graduate of the College of Wooster located in Wooster, Ohio. The College of Wooster is a highly recommended liberal arts college where they teach you not what to think but how to think. He is also a graduate of NCCU Law School. The City's guest has practiced law in private practice, been a Public Defender and an Assistant District Attorney for the last sixteen years. Attorney Currin noted that the guest is familiar with the process that is to take place this evening because he has been a City of Oxford Commissioner for the last five years. Attorney Currin said that he would like to welcome at this time the Honorable S. Quon Bridges.

Honorable S. Quon Bridges received a round of applause.

Honorable Quon Bridges said good evening to everyone. Jokingly, Honorable Quon Bridges said that he forgot about that case yesterday mentioned by Attorney Tom Currin. Laughingly, he said that Attorney Currin's client was innocent! Honorable Quon Bridges said that there were 600 cases in Oxford yesterday with 30 jail cases and his voice may be a little hoarse. Honorable Quon Bridges expressed that he was delighted to be here this evening and was proud that Mayor Moss asked him to swear in the Board members.

The Oath of Office Ceremony took place with Honorable Quon Bridges presiding. Judge Bridges swore in Darryl D. Moss as Mayor. He also swore in Timothy J. Karan, Jimmy Minor and Herman B. Wilkerson as Commissioners.

Mayor Moss presented Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson with their new nameplates. Commissioner Karan, Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson along with Mayor Moss took their seats on the Board.

They all received a round of applause.

ELECT MAYOR PRO TEMPORE:

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Wilkerson to open the floor for nominations. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to nominate Commissioner Karan for Mayor Pro Tempore for the year of 2008. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Moved by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to close the nominations and that Commissioner Karan be elected by acclamation. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Honorable Quon Bridges swore in Commissioner Timothy J. Karan as Mayor Pro Tempore.

Mayor Pro Tempore Karan received a round of applause.

REMARKS BY MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS:

Mayor Moss thanked all participants this evening. He expressed that Reverend Willis Herman is a good friend and has always brought thoughtful comments to these events.

Mayor Moss wished Miss Briana Wortham a Happy Birthday and thanked her for her participation this evening. Mayor Moss conveyed that he asked his Father and friend Xavier Wortham to stand with him this evening during his swearing in ceremony because they are two of his role models as two strong black men.

Mayor Moss thanked Judge Bridges for his participation. He said that he knew him before he became a Judge and he may slip and call him Quon. He noted that he also knew his friends Dennis Daniel, Lynwood Timberlake and Willie Darby before they were pastors and he calls them by their first name as friends and not out of disrespect. Mayor Moss said that he would like to thank his family. He said that his wife Michelle was present this evening, his daughter Mary could not be here because she teaches second grade in Wake County and his daughter Rachel could not be here this evening because she is a student at UNC Chapel Hill. Mayor Moss thanked his parents, his Aunt Lilly, his Uncle Eulice and other family and friends for being here this evening.

Mayor Moss said that he has served the community of Creedmoor since 1987 as a member of the Planning Board and was elected as Commissioner in 1989. He said that he is still proud to serve his community and in January he will deliver the State of City Address. He said that he will talk about the failures and successes. Mayor Moss said that he would also chart out the path for the year 2008. Mayor Moss said that this evening he wants everyone to understand how he feels about the work that must be done both individually and collectively. He used the words of Booker T. Washington that comes from a speech that he gave at the Cotton States of International Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia on September 18, 1895. The organizers of the exposition had some anxiety about inviting a black speaker to address their convention. They Chose Booker T. Washington because his views on the future of black Americans were optimistic, He thought that through hard work, thrift and self help that blacks could improve their skills and gain acceptance. Mayor Moss said that he feels this way about the community of Creedmoor. Mayor Moss said that through hard work, thrift and self help this community will push forward. Mayor Moss read the following by Booker T. Washington:

A ship lost on a sea for many days suddenly sighted a friendly vessel. From the mass of the unfortunate vessel was seen a signal "water, water, we die of thirst". The answer from the friendly vessel at once came back; "Cast down your bucket where you are." A second time the signal "water, water, send us water" ran up the distressed vessel and was answered; "Cast down your bucket where you are." A third and fourth signal was answered; "Cast down your bucket where you are." The Captain of the distressed vessel at last heeding the injunction cast down a bucket and it came up full of fresh sparkling water.

Mayor Moss said that there are so many things happening in our community right now. He noted that some things happening are good and some are not so good; nevertheless, he is convinced that if we cast down our bucket right where we are in Public Safety, Environment, Transportation Infrastructure, Economic Development and Finance, together we are going to better our condition. In closing, Mayor Moss used the words that Booker T. Washington used that day. "At all things that are purely social we can be as separate as fingers yet one as the hand and all things essential and to mutual progress." Mayor Moss said that he looks forward to working with this Board and he feels honored to be sitting on this Board with these gentlemen. He expressed that he also looks forward to listening and learning from Commissioner Mangum and Commissioner Ray and moving this community forward.

Mayor Moss received a round of applause.

Commissioner Minor thanked his wife Charlene and daughters Amy and Ashley for their support during his election. He thanked Faye Ray for being a big supporter and working hard to help get him elected and everyone else that helped during his campaign. Commissioner Minor expressed that he hopes to make everyone proud. He said that he would like to see the City get back to the basics in reference to trash collection and water/sewer service. Commissioner Minor said that citizens that have attended the meetings have voiced concerns of utility billing, pot holes and cleaning of ditches. He said that citizens can contact him at (919) 215-6029 and he will listen to their complaints or praises. Commissioner Minor thanked the citizens in attendance.

Commissioner Minor received a round of applause.

Commissioner Wilkerson thanked his wife and son and everyone that supported him during the election. He said that during his campaign he walked up to a house and the gentleman called him by name. Commissioner Wilkerson said that he never met the gentleman before that time and it turns out that the man was a big supporter. He said that it is citizens like that gentleman that he will never forget. Commissioner Wilkerson expressed that as he said during his campaign he stands for no certain person or group. He noted that he is working for all the citizens of Creedmoor.

Commissioner Wilkerson received a round of applause.

Commissioner Karan welcomed Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson to a Playful City USA and presented them with Playful City USA lapel pins. He explained that the City of Creedmoor is one of 31 cities in the nation that has this designation. Commissioner Karan said that the City has to reapply each year to maintain that designation and looks forward to their support in staying a founding City in that organization and a lead of that organization in the years to come. Commissioner Karan thanked all voters that turned out for the election, which includes citizens that voted for him and the citizens that did not. He added that if citizens did not vote for him for a specific reason to please call and explain the grievance and it may be an issue that they can work together and find a solution for the betterment of the City. Commissioner Karan said for the citizens that voted for him he hopes to continue to live up to their expectations. Lastly, he would like to thank his family for putting up with the late night phone calls, e-mails and meetings. Commissioner Karan said that it is a pleasure for him to serve and he looks forward to bettering this community.

Commissioner Karan received a round of applause.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

Mayor Moss announced the following:

2008-2009 Creedmoor Board of Commissioner Committees

July	Commissioner Larry Robinson
August	Commissioner Herman Wilkerson
September	Commissioner Otha Piper
October	Mayor Darryl D. Moss
November	Commissioner Jimmy Minor
December	Commissioner Tim Karan

2008 Town Hall Meeting Dates

February 14, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

May 15, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

August 14, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

November 13, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Moss announced that the 2008 Board of Commissioners Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2007. He referred this item to Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wilkerson for the planning of this event. There are no details at this time.

He reiterated that Commissioner Piper is not here this evening because he is not feeling well. Mayor Moss plans to present Commissioner Piper with his twenty-year pin at the next meeting.

Miss Jennifer Wilkerson of 308 S. Main Street presented the Board and staff with holiday chocolate.

Ms. Jennifer Wilkerson received a round of applause.

Mayor Moss thanked Miss Wilkerson for her thoughtfulness. He expressed that he and Commissioner Robinson had the privilege of attending the Hawley Middle School Concert last Thursday. Mayor Moss said that Miss Wilkerson along with the other sixth graders sang a song about a fruit cake. He explained it was about a fruit cake that goes from house to house and always ends up back at the original house. Mayor Moss said it was a lovely performance.

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY:

Reverend Harris said a prayer for the community and to bless the food for the reception.

RECEPTION:

Mayor Moss thanked everyone for attending and asked that they join the Board and staff for a reception. He said that the Board would resume at approximately 8:15.

Commissioner Piper said that he was feeling better and arrived at approximately 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Upon return from the reception, Mr. Mat Petrivich addressed the Board in opposition to the National Bio and Agro Defense Facility. He said that the Federal Government was not sharing the information and failed to connect the dots. He emphasized that is why America had 911. He said that he would like to connect a few dots about the facility that are life threatening. Mr. Petrivich gave the example of the facility having pathogenic aerosols or an experiment involving nerve gas mixed with viruses (chicken flu). He expressed that if there was an accident the aerosol emissions would emanate from the stack and very likely be inhaled through the air-conditioning system at the regional hospital. He expressed concerns of what would happen to these people and how long it would take for them to become disabled or die. Mr. Petrivich cautioned against migrating seagulls that are making various Granville County landfills their home. These seagulls are eating, leaving droppings and once they get their bellies full they go to the regional water supplies to digest their food. Mr. Petrivich emphasized that there is a bio-pathogenic pathway via the seagulls. He said that the Homeland Security has a multi-million dollar computer data center approximately 25 miles away from the facility and there is also the local National Guard facility here and as the dots are connected there is a triangle. He questioned if this area is potentially going to become a military biological warfare triangle park. Mr. Petrivich expressed that no one has shared all the information with the citizens. He referred to documentation by an independent scientific review group that sites seventeen emission accidents, which shows that the truth is not being told. Mr. Petrivich said that his objective for being here this evening is to share information with this Board to show the connecting of the dots. He emphasized that there is a lot of conflicting data. Mr. Petrivich urges this Board to think about their vote for the safety of this community. He said that he would be glad to sit down with representatives from this Board to review data to support this hypothesis. Mr. Petrivich provided a handout of wildlife diseases from the Wild Kingdom and websites for the Board's review.

Ms. Suzanne Moody Smith, 1721 Dove Road addressed the Board in opposition to the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility. She said that she has done research and is terrified by what she has learned. Ms. Smith said that she is here this evening hoping to convince this Board to take leadership and stop the facility from coming to Granville County. She commended Mayor Moss for taking a stand at the September meeting. Ms. Smith said that the Homeland Security has spent eighty-eight million dollars to date to promote this facility somewhere. The consortium has not told us how much they have spent; however she has heard it was \$150,000 in public relations for the September forum. Ms. Smith said that GNAT is a group of people that are scared to death by this facility and are seeking information on how to fight. She referred to a National Institute of Justice publication that

deals with the detection of biological agents. She said that she is not a scientist; however, she knows a few and they have helped her to read the publications. She said that in order to detect biological agents in the air it must be high concentrations and noted that small concentrations cause death. To date, there is no hand held equipment that can register. The equipment can only tell you how many particulates are in the air and it can't distinguish between the harmful or the good. The only way to find out is to take the readings to a lab to do a DNA analysis. Ms. Smith expressed that if there is an accident that they tell us about there is no equipment that can tell us what we need to know at the time. She noted that if there is an accident that we are not aware of that contains these agents there is nothing that we can do about it. Ms. Smith said that she has concerns of an accident on the highway and stuff thrown everywhere and there not being enough protection. She said that they will tell us that they are packaged safely. Ms. Smith emphasized that plastic packaging is not safe enough for her when something as small as those particulates can get out and spread. She said that they are bringing the world's worst contagious diseases known to man here to our community. That is why they want a Level IV security lab. Ms. Smith said that the cost of equipment that may or may not work is going to be in the millions to cover this County. She suggests that the Board ask the County Commissioners who will pay for this. She said she knows who will and as a taxpayer she does not want to cover the cost. Ms. Smith said that she would rather not pay that much of the taxpayer's money to bring janitorial jobs to Granville County. She said that she does not know any unemployed scientists. Ms. Smith said that it is crunch time. She noted that Stem is the only town that has publicly said that they are opposed. Ms. Smith said that she realizes that the City of Creedmoor has made an effort. She expressed that the County Commissioners need to hear a message from us. Ms. Smith said that she has always loved Creedmoor. She said that Creedmoor is her hometown because it was solitude in her life when her Grandparents lived here. She said she can not stand here and watch this destruction come to this community to benefit patent officers and scientists that receive expensive toys that will be built here to add to their glory. Ms. Smith said this facility will ruin Granville County economically, environmentally and health wise. This is just another example of Granville County being dumped upon.

Commissioner Piper said that he has thought long and hard about this issue and he can not see anything good happening from this facility. He said that this will not only affect Granville County, it will also affect the surrounding Counties. Commissioner Piper said that he is opposed to the facility.

Commissioner Karan expressed that this is a large decision and no action should be taken this evening. He suggests that this issue be deferred until the next meeting.

Commissioner Robinson said that this is his second year anniversary on this Board. He said that during his campaign he spoke against the facility and he is still opposed to it today. Commissioner Robinson said that he is in favor of taking action this evening.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked Mr. Petrivich about the life span of the seagulls after migrating to the landfills.

Mr. Petrivich replied that they can live twenty to thirty-years. He said that he can not answer the question of how long they will live after being exposed. Mr. Petrivich said that the life span depends upon the agents they consume. He said if they are exposed to nerve gas it would be within a couple of minutes. Mr. Petrivich explained that during World War I they carried canaries into the trenches to forewarn of nerve gas.

Mayor Moss apologized to Commissioner Karan and explained that Ms. Suzanne Smith called him and he agreed to let her speak. He said that she is aware that the Board previously passed a Resolution of Support for Rigorous Citizen Involvement In Evaluating the Impact of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility Granville County Site. Mayor Moss said that he did not coordinate this with Commissioner Piper and that Commissioner Piper made the decision to oppose the facility on his own.

Commissioner Karan said that he would encourage people to have open dialogue and that he is interested in hearing what everyone has to say.

Moved by Commissioner Piper and seconded by Commissioner Minor to officially oppose the National Bio-Agro Defense Facility. The motion passed by a 4-1 vote.

Aye Votes: Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Piper, Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Wilkerson

No Votes: Commissioner Karan

Moved by Commissioner Wilkerson and seconded by Commissioner Minor to go into Closed Session on Attorney/Client Privilege in accordance with GS 143-318.11. The motion received a unanimous vote.

Upon return to regular session, moved by Commissioner Karan and seconded by Commissioner Piper to adopt a Resolution that the City contract with the firm of Currin & Dutra, LLP for continued legal services as requested by the City. The motion received a unanimous vote.

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

Mayor

City Clerk