

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

January 20, 2009
OTHERS PRESENT

Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
B. Ray Jeffers
Samuel R. Kennington

ABSENT Heidi York, County Manager
ABSENT C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney
Faye T. Fuller, Clerk to the Board
Brenda B. Reaves, Deputy Clerk to the Board
Paul L. Bailey, Assistant County Manager

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Clayton to lead in prayer and Commissioner Kennington to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Manager Heidi York is currently on maternity leave and Assistant County Manager Paul Bailey attended in Ms. York's absence.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Clayton stated the Presentation of the Department of Social Services 2007/2008 Annual Report should be deferred until the February 2, 2009 meeting. A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers, **seconded** by Commissioner Puryear and **carried** to approve the agenda as adjusted.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton, and **carried** to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and **carried** to approve the Administrative Reports for the **Detention Center, Emergency Communications, Emergency Medical Services, Inspections, Library, Surplus Vehicles 2008, Surplus Other Items and the Volunteer Fire/Rescue Departments.**

Commissioner Kennington noted the Total Values from FY2007-2008 to FY2008-2009 is currently down \$9,247,455 on the Inspections Department Report.

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**REQUEST FOR CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE, SET UP AND EQUIP
A MODULAR CLASSROOM BUILDING FOR PERSON EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM:**

Person County Schools Superintendent Dr. Larry Cartner summarized the revised information provided to the Board in the packet. Four modular classroom proposals were presented for Commissioners' consideration on January 5, 2009. The same four options revised, are listed below. Three of the four options would finish school construction in time for Person County Schools and Piedmont Community College to use the entire school in Year 1. Option 3 would likely result in extra work and expense due to the age of the facility, the stress on the building caused by relocation, the need for additional space in Year 4 of the project. The current low bidder is Modular Technologies of Kinston, NC.

Proposal 1: Purchase from Modular Technologies an eight-room modular school in Year 1. The building contains 7776 square feet, six classrooms, one media/research room, and one administrative/guidance office space. The unit will also include two restrooms. The modular unit purchase price is \$246,012. Revised estimates for the required costs of site-preparation, foundation work, utility installations and furniture areas follows:

\$8,000	Site work including ramp and sidewalk for handicapped accessibility
\$25,000	Permanent block foundation with footings
\$40,000	Installation of utilities to the site; water, sewer, power and telephone/intercom system
\$30,000	Electrical panels for each section of the unit and internet networking
\$12,000	Furniture for teachers desks, plus furniture for the research room and the guidance and office areas
\$6,400	Office technology
\$7,500	Fire alarm system
\$3,000	Building permits
\$8,500	Alternate bid for optional brick façade on the foundation
\$140,400	Total estimated for all preparatory work and utility installation and furniture/equipment costs.

Total purchase price with set-up is estimated to be \$386,412.

Proposal 2: Lease purchase from Modular Technologies the unit in proposal 1 for 59 months. Annual lease-to-purchase cost at \$58,108.

Proposal 3A & 3B: Either purchase or lease-to-purchase from Modular Technologies a used, seven-room modular unit with two restrooms from Iredell County for \$154,500.

3A: Lease-to-purchase a used classroom pod from Iredell County. The annual lease rate is \$37,224 for five years. Cost of Year 1-5 would be \$37,224.

3B: Purchase the 7-room unit from Iredell County for \$154,500. This used seven-room unit has 800 fewer square feet of usable space (one classroom). The unit was built in 2003. Total cost for this option would be \$294,900.

Proposal 4: Purchase or lease-purchase a unit built to similar specifications as Proposal 1 above from Mark Line Industries.

4A: Lease purchase would be approximately \$63,398 per year for Years 1-5 or less if lease rate is less than 3%.

4B: Purchase the unit from Mark Line Industries for a total purchase price of \$268,627. Total costs for this option would be \$409,027.

Direct financial and in-kind support to be provided by Piedmont Community College:

\$25,000 value	Eight classrooms sets of student furniture
\$10,000 value	Custodial, maintenance and security costs
\$76,200 value	Instructional support and teachers, course development, and wireless connectivity
\$111,200 value	Total value of support from PCC

Dr. Cartner stated the proposed modular could be paid for in funds that are either set aside or left over from the Bus Garage Construction.

Commissioner Kennington asked about ongoing costs in which Dr. Cartner stated the Community College Liaison position would be included in the grant funds for the first 5 years with intention of funding thereafter possibly shared between Person County Schools and Piedmont Community College beginning 2014-15. An annual cost is estimated at \$58,000. The College Liaison position, as well as Counselor and Secretary positions could potentially become part of local expenses based on ADM funding after the five year period.

Assistant Superintendent Dave Bennett confirmed the pod size is the same and the reduction in price by \$16,318 results from the manufacturer cutting their price. Mr. Bennett also stated the set up costs were reduced from \$160,000 to \$140,400 due to estimates from local subcontractors.

Dr. Cartner stated that the Board of Education is working on a couple of scenarios to come up with additional funds if needed over the Board of Commissioners decision to be able to purchase the new pod proposed instead of the used pod. Dr. Cartner was unable to share any of the plans they are considering and went on to say the Board of Education feels the long view benefits of buying the new unit far outweighs the potential

problems associated with purchasing and moving the used unit proposed. The price is within \$45,000-\$46,000 for the new unit.

Commissioner Jeffers asked Dr. Cartner if it would be possible to re-apply for this grant in the future in which Dr. Cartner replied no. It is believed this is the last round for this grant award. Dr. Cartner confirmed to Commissioner Puryear that lottery funds are not valid for this project. Dr. Cartner answered Commissioner Jeffers question regarding ADM funds possibly being at risk noting ADM allotments have been delayed until mid March.

Commissioner Clayton noted his support of the proposed program but felt the timing is caught up in the economic squeeze. Unemployment is expected to increase up to 50% more than currently i.e., 8 to 12 % and the sales revenue tax is projected to decrease by 5-7%, and along with the ADM funding potentially being at risk for next budget year, Commissioner Clayton felt it is hard to take money out of the County fund balance for anything. Commissioner Clayton also noted the effects of services, i.e. increase case loads at Social Services and Sheriff's Office due to the economic condition.

Commissioner Lunsford recommended the process by which the Board approves capital project funds well ahead of a project getting started. Commissioner Lunsford stated he had not heard from the new governor's office relative to committing to fund the continuation of this project. Commissioner Lunsford continued that the Board has to consider the greater demand on the County's Sheriff and Social Services Departments and lowering the fund balance could impact those programs. Commissioner Lunsford noted that Piedmont Community College already has programs in place for students to enroll in college prep courses and felt that starting a new program with the economy in its current state is not a wise idea. Commissioner Lunsford further committed his support to the program but could not support funding of this program at this time.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Lunsford for the Request for Capital funds to Purchase, Set Up and Equip a Modular Classroom Building for the Person Early College High School Program to be denied due to the economic situation.

Commissioner Puryear **made a substitute motion** to allot \$198,000 from the Capital Building Fund. Commission Kennington **seconded the substitute motion**. The **substitute motion failed 2/3**. Commissioners Lunsford, Clayton and Jeffers cast the dissenting votes.

Commissioner Lunsford reverted the Board back to the **original motion which passed 3/2**. Commissioners Lunsford, Clayton and Jeffers voted favorably. Commissioners Puryear and Kennington were in opposition.

DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE THREE-MEMBER HIGH SPEED INTERNET COMMITTEE:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington to add an additional member from three to four members on the recently established High Speed Internet Committee and for Roy K. Holler, Larry H. Bowes, Larry E. Yarborough, and Karen Walker to be appointed as the four members.

Commissioner Jeffers made a **substitute motion** to add Ray Bechtel to the list of members of the High Speed Internet Committee for appointment. The **substitute motion was seconded** by Commissioner Kennington, and **carried** to appoint Roy K. Holler, Larry H. Bowes, Larry E. Yarborough, Karen Walker and Ray Bechtel to serve on the High Speed Internet Committee.

COMPREHENSIVE THOROUGHFARE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE:

Leigh Woodall, Joint Roxboro/Person County Thoroughfare Advisory Committee Chairman stated that The Roxboro City Council and the Person County Board of Commissioners took action in November 2008 at their respective Board meetings to authorize the NCDOT to update the existing Roxboro Area Thoroughfare Plan and the Person County Thoroughfare Plan into a single Comprehensive Transportation Plan in accordance with current NCDOT criteria. On December 2, 2008, both City and County Staff met with Scott Walston and Mark Eatman from NCDOT Planning to discuss the scope of the comprehensive planning process. Mr. Walston requested that a local steering committee be established to assist in guiding NCDOT officials in the planning process. On December 15, 2008, the joint Roxboro/Person County Thoroughfare Advisory Committee recommends that the following individuals serve on the Steering Committee:

Jon Barlow, Roxboro City Manager
Paul Bailey, Person County Assistant Manager
Julie Kelly, Roxboro Planning and Zoning Director
Paula Murphy, Person County Planning and Zoning Director
Andy Oakley, Roxboro Public Works Director
Leigh Woodall, Joint Roxboro/Person County Thoroughfare Advisory Committee Chairman

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington, and **carried** to approve the six individuals named above to serve on the Steering Committee.

PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008:

Mr. James Winston, Certified Public Accountant of Winston, Williams, Creech and Evans & Company, LLP presented to the Board the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Person County for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008.

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Person County June 30, 2008 Audit Presentation Winston, Williams, Creech, Evans & Co. LLP

Overview - Person County has received an unqualified opinion on their June 30, 2008 financial statements. - Person County again received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 06/30/07 and submitted the 6/30/08 report to GFOA.

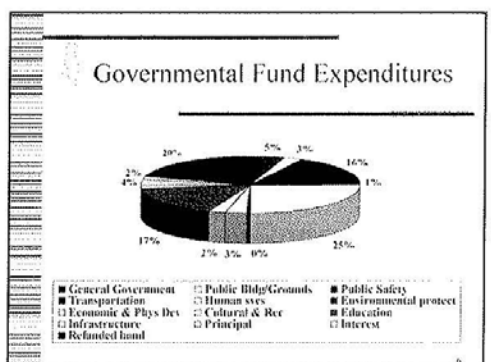
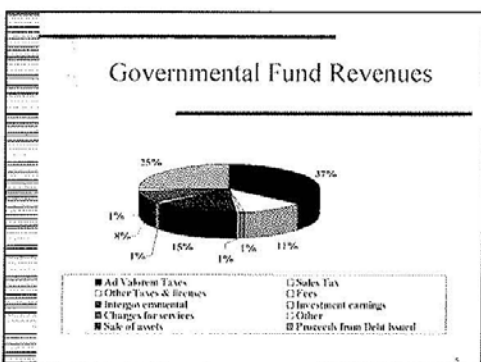
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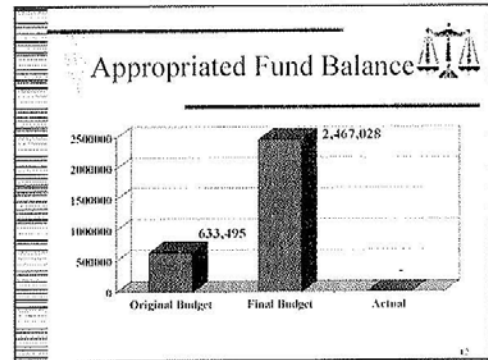
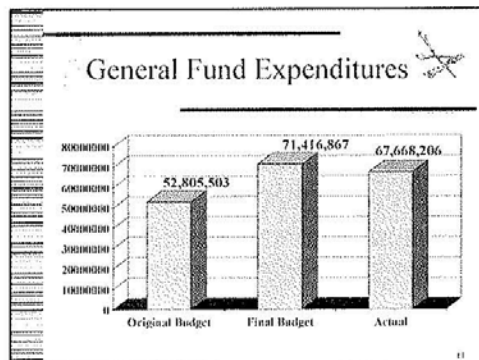
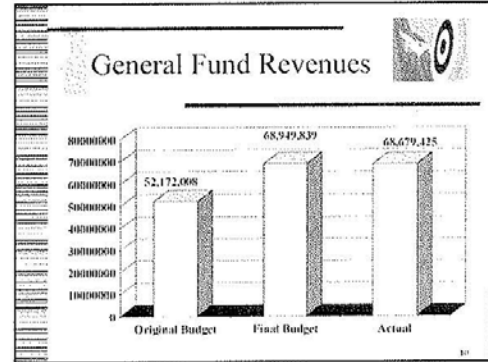
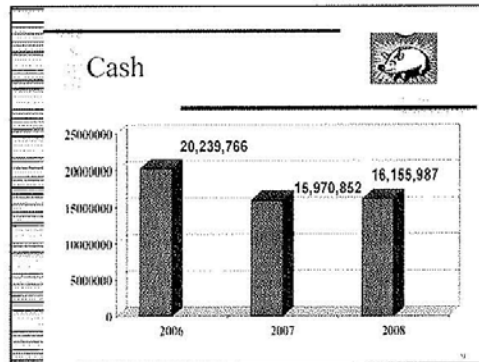
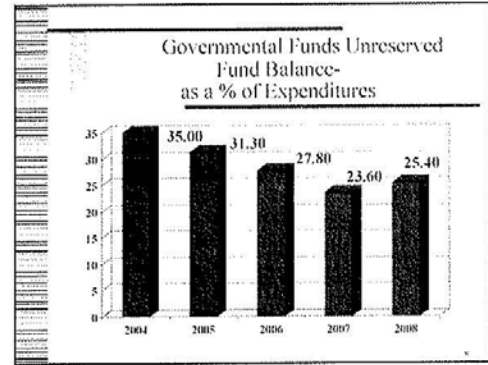
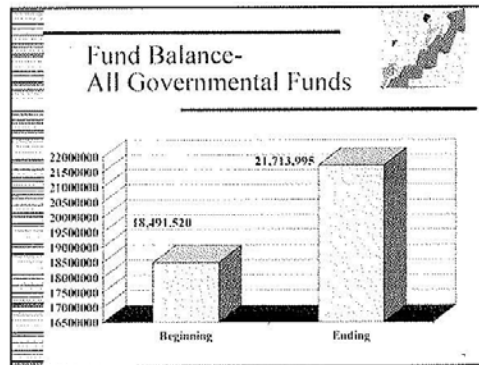
- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Statement of Net Assets

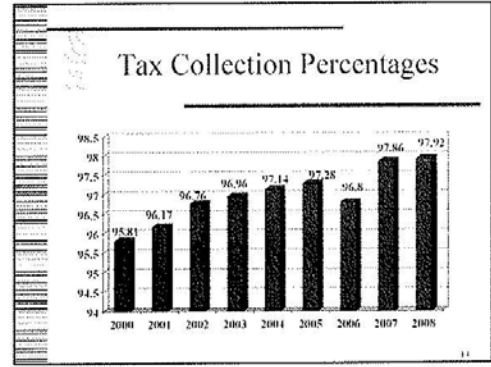
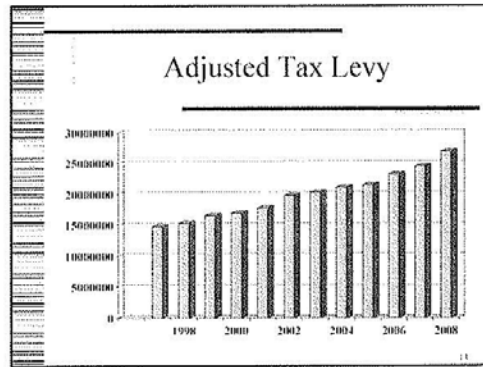
	2007	2008
Total Assets	\$ 44,012,378	\$ 47,903,511
Total Liabilities	23,522,434	25,532,624
Net Assets	\$ 20,489,944	\$ 22,370,887

Statement of Activities

	2007	2008
Revenues	\$ 51,732,154	\$ 55,748,969
Expenditures	51,498,096	53,868,026
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 233,458	\$ 1,880,943
Beginning Net Assets	20,256,486	20,489,944
Ending Net Assets	\$ 20,489,944	\$ 22,370,887







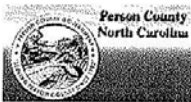
Mr. Winston prefaced his presentation by saying the figures in the June 30, 2008 audit look good; however, reviews at December 31, 2008 indicate a different scenario. Mr. Winston feels the estimation of sales tax revenues at 7% less may actually be a little low based on what he is seeing in other counties. Mr. Winston noted in Person County's audit report for next year, the Board already has appropriated \$3,237,000 of fund balance.

Mr. Winston announced that Person County again received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year 06/30/07 and submitted the 6/30/08 report to GFOA. This is the twentieth year in a row Person County has received this Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. Mr. Winston noted that only 3% of governments in the United States and Canada receive this award.

Mr. Winston recommended to the Board to be very conservative in the future. Mr. Winston also told the Board that in FY09 Person County is required to appropriate or budget the current year payment for expenses recognizing those benefits (primarily health benefits) promised to retirees.

FUND BALANCE:

Finance Director Amy Wehrenberg led a discussion about Person County Fund Balance for information purposes only in terms of its general meaning and to highlight items that affect this number during the year. This discussion was at the request of Commission Kennington at the January 5, 2009 meeting. Ms. Wehrenberg presented the Board with the following presentation.



Person County
North Carolina

Fund Balance

Person County
"What is Fund Balance ("FB")?"
The Universal Question in Local Governments

The unofficial definition of Fund Balance


- ⊗ Working capital
- ⊗ Assets minus liabilities
- ⊗ The balance of money that comes in minus the balance of money that goes out

The definition of Fund Balance in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, G.S. 159-8

"Appropriated fund balance in any fund shall not exceed the sum of cash and investment minus the sum of liabilities, encumbrances, and deferred revenues arising from cash receipts, as those figures stand at the close of the fiscal year next preceding the budget year."

Types of Fund Balance

- **Reserved fund balance:** The portion of fund balance that is dedicated to be spent for a particular purpose (e.g. encumbrances, Register of Deeds Technology Fund, Law Enforcement Restricted Fund)
- **Unreserved fund balance:** The portion of fund balance that is available for any purpose



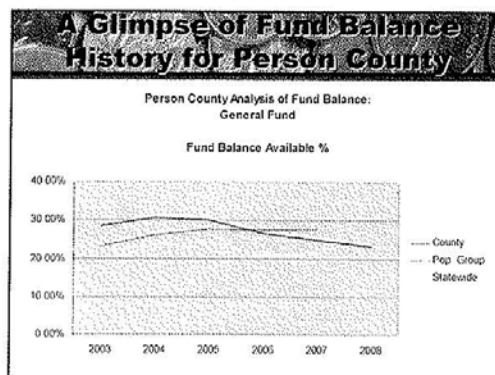
How much fund balance is available?

	June 30, 2008	Dec 31, 2008
Total Assets	\$21,573,516	<1> \$29,622,396
Total Liabilities	(2,339,381)	<2> (13,067,081)
Total Fund Balance	19,235,135	<2> 16,555,276
Reserved	(6,607,330)	<3> (1,769,245)
Unreserved	\$12,627,805	<2> \$14,788,029
Total Expenditures	(Actuals) \$53,024,320	(Budgets) \$55,449,510
Fund Balance Available as a Percentage of Expenditures	23.82%	26.67%
0% recom. level of FBA	\$4,241,946	\$4,435,961

<1> This figure is high during this time of year due to property tax collections. December through February are typically higher cash collection months.
 <2> Total liabilities are not calculated as they are at fiscal year-end.
 <3> Not a valid measurement during the year due to the constant flow of transactions. Reserves are not known until the end of the fiscal year.

Why is Fund Balance important?

- It is important to maintain fund balance in the major operating funds at a level that would be sufficient to provide a financial cushion in the event of unanticipated events, such as a loss or major reduction of a revenue source, a sudden economic downturn, or natural disasters.
- Bond rating agencies regard the level of fund balance in the General Fund as an indicator of the quality of the County's financial management. Both Moody's and Standard and Poor's Investors' Services analysis would judge an unreserved fund balance of 5% to 10% to be a comfortable level. The LGC recommends a level of 8%.



Major players in the Governmental Fund Balance arena

Revenues	Expenditures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Valorem Taxes (only revenue that Commissioners have control over) • Sales Tax • Intergovernmental • Charge for Services • Capital Debt Proceeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salaries & Wages • Operating Costs • Public Schools, PCC & other • Capital Outlay-operating • Capital Outlay-projects

- ### Global news from the past year
- Freezing credit markets
 - Bankruptcies of large financial institutions
 - Massive amounts of taxpayer monies used to "save" the financial system
 - Worst recession numbers since the Great Depression
 - Unemployment at 7% and rising
 - Mortgage defaults at unprecedented levels
 - Oil goes from \$95/barrel to \$145/barrel and back to \$37/barrel—who knows where to next??
 - Miserable economic news with historic market declines

- ### Reasons for local panic?
- Shortage of sales tax revenues (estimated 15-20%)
 - Positive tax growth is unlikely
 - Deflation is evident, local unemp is rising, no demand for products, businesses going bankrupt
 - Delay of capital investments & higher maintenance costs
 - Facing a 13 cent deficit (\$4.8M) in 2009-10 budget
 - Negative Effect on fund balance? **ABSOLUTELY!!**
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- ### Ending on a positive note!
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- Comparatively, N.C. is not in as bad shape as some, although facing a \$2B deficit
 - Mid-year cuts and conservative spending will ease some of the pain.
 - Oil prices have come down!
 - The pendulum will swing the other way....eventually!!

PRESENTATION OF BANK BID PROPOSALS AND FINANCING DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MRF FOR APPROVAL OF THE LENDING INSTITUTION AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS:

Finance Director Amy Wehrenberg presented the Board with the bank bid proposals and financing documents associated with the Material Recycling Facility for approval of the lending institution. The original Request for Proposal was sent out to banks on December 19, 2008 seeking proposals to finance the specifically listed Equipment and Baler. The Request for Proposal noted the total purchase for the Equipment and Baler is \$457,777.97 and also included the vendor's payment terms and the County's financing conditions under which the agreement was to be made. Ms. Wehrenberg summarized the bank bids received that met the requirements of the total payoff including principal and interest to be under \$500,000 and a term under 5 years in order to avoid the application and approval process through the Local Government Commission. The rates from the banks ranged from the low bid of 2.71% to 3.21%. Ms. Wehrenberg recommended to the Board that the Project be financed through the low bidder, Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T") in accordance with the bid proposal dated January 5, 2009.

Ms. Wehrenberg stated should the Board award the bid to BB&T, adoption of the Resolution Approving Financing Terms is included for approval. Draft BB&T documents establishing the contractual relationship between BB&T and Person County for the purposes of financing the Material Recycling Facility that need to be signed and completed at closing by January 30, 2009 are also in the packet. Ms. Wehrenberg stated that the draft financing documents have been reviewed by the County Attorney and herself and all documents have been found to be in relatively good order. Observations by the County Attorney refer to items for Person County to note and insure compliance and wording changes. Any items that would need to be reconciled will be done so by the closing date by the County Attorney and/or the Finance Director. Both the County Attorney and the Finance Director feel the Board can move forward with the authorization.

Ms. Wehrenberg requested the Board to award BB&T as the lending institution for the Material Recycling Facility project and to adopt the Financing documents and Resolution Approving Financing Terms that establishes the financing contract for the Material Recycling Facility project between Person County and BB&T as well as approve the financing documents with the contingency that any changes or additional information required to the documents be addressed and amended as needed by the Finance Director with consultation from the County Attorney in order to proceed with the closing that is scheduled to take place by January 30, 2009.

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A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Kennington to place this project on hold due to the trying economic times. The motion **died with a 2/3 vote**. Commissioners Lunsford, Clayton and Jeffers cast the dissenting votes.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton, **seconded** by Commissioner Jeffers, and passed with a **4/1 vote** to approve BB&T as the lending institution for the Material Recycling Facility, and for all the Financing Documents and Resolution Approving Finance Terms be approved, and that the Finance Officer and County Attorney be authorized to make any changes to such documents necessary to assure a closing by January 30, 2009. Casting ayes votes were Commissioners Lunsford, Clayton, Jeffers and Kennington. Commissioner Puryear cast the one dissenting vote.


Resolution Approving Financing Terms

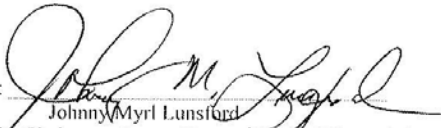
WHEREAS: The Person County ("County") has previously determined to undertake a project for the purchase of material recovery facility equipment and baler (the "Project"), and the Finance Officer has now presented a proposal for the financing of such Project.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The County hereby determines to finance the Project through Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"), in accordance with the proposal dated January 5, 2009. The amount financed shall not exceed \$457,777.97, the annual interest rate (in the absence of default or change in tax status) shall not exceed 2.71%, and the financing term shall not exceed fifty-eight (58) months from closing.
2. All financing contracts and all related documents for the closing of the financing (the "Financing Documents") shall be consistent with the foregoing terms. All officers and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any Financing Documents, and to take all such further action as they may consider necessary or desirable, to carry out the financing of the Project as contemplated by the proposal and this resolution. The Financing Documents shall include a Financing Agreement and Deed of Trust and a Project Fund Agreement as BB&T may request.
3. The Finance Officer is hereby authorized and directed to hold executed copies of the Financing Documents until the conditions for the delivery of the Financing Documents have been completed to such officer's satisfaction. The Finance Officer is authorized to approve changes to any Financing Documents previously signed by County officers or employees, provided that such changes shall not substantially alter the intent of such documents or certificates from the intent expressed in the forms executed by such officers. The Financing Documents shall be in such final forms as the Finance Officer shall approve, with the Finance Officer's release of any Financing Document for delivery constituting conclusive evidence of such officer's final approval of the Document's final form.
4. The County shall not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which shall cause its interest payments on this financing to be includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of the registered owners of the interest payment obligations. The County hereby finds, declares and represents that (a) it reasonably expects that it, all subordinate entities thereof and all entities which issue obligations on behalf of the County (all within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(E) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) will not issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (not counting certain current refunding obligations and private-activity bonds except for qualified 501(c)(3) bonds as defined in the Code) during calendar year 2009 and (b) no entity has been or will be formed or availed of to avoid the limits described above. In addition, the County hereby designates its obligation to make principal and interest payments under the Financing Documents as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.
5. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of the County's official intent to reimburse expenditures for the project that is to be financed from the proceeds of the BB&T financing described above. The County intends that funds that have been advanced, or that may be advanced, from the County's general fund, or any other County fund related to the project, for project costs may be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.
6. All prior actions of County officers in furtherance of the purposes of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. All other resolutions (or parts thereof) in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, to the extent of the conflict. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved this 20th day of January, 2009.

Attest: 
Brenda B. Reaves
Title: Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

By: 
Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Title: Chairman, Person County Board of Commissioners

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STATE OF THE COUNTY HEALTH REPORT 2008

The Board accepted the State of the County Health Report 2008 from LeighAnn Creson, Health Education Supervisor/Healthy Personians Coordinator for the Person County Health Department. This report provides current mortality and morbidity data for the county. It also lists health priorities identified through the 2007 Community Health Assessment process and reveals progress made towards addressing those priorities in the past year. New and emerging issues in public health are addressed as well as other changes in the county that have or could potentially impact the health of Personians.

Highlights of the 2009 State of the County Health Report include health priorities for 2008-2012 as chronic disease, health promotion, adolescent health, community issues and access to health resources. Efforts to address these priorities include installing fitness stations at the Huck Sansbury walking track, establishing an Eat Smart, Move More section at the public library, constructing a walking track at the Animal Shelter and many more through the many partners in the community using grant resources for funding.

The Report indicated the top 5 leading causes of death in Person County 2002-2006 pretty much remained the same as in 2001-2005. The four consistent causes are heart disease, cancer, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory disease. The fifth leading cause was pneumonia/influenza.

Ms. Creson identified new and emerging public health issues faced in the past year noting rabies alerts in several communities, the food borne intoxication that affected 76 people, contaminated wells in a community north of Roxboro, and two active cases of Tuberculosis, both of which are still undergoing treatment.

Ms. Creson reported teen pregnancies among girls ages 15-19 in Person County had increased each year from 2002-2007. Numbers indicate an increase will also be evident in 2008.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Commissioner Lunsford encouraged fellow Commissioners to attend workshops and conferences to obtain information from State and Federal level to help the Board to make decisions on the local level.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant County Manager Paul Bailey had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Clayton stated he attended the Legislative Goals Conference in Raleigh last week. Commissioner Clayton encouraged fellow Commissioners to attend the new commissioner school offered for the invaluable information gained on budgeting and financing.

Commissioner Jeffers stated he attended the Legislative Goals Conference in Raleigh last week and found it very informative and provided an opportunity to meet his counterparts from across the State.

Commissioner Puryear had nothing to report.

Commissioner Kennington thanked Mr. Bailey for facts reported regarding the bridge on Rolling Hills Road and also asked Mr. Bailey to contact US Senator Richard Burr's office as well as our State Senators to request the repair to be done sooner than indicated. Commissioner Kennington also recommended using our county web site to highlight information or link to information such as the State of the County Health Report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Puryear, **seconded** by Commissioner Clayton and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Brenda B. Reaves
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Johnny Myrl Lunsford
Chairman