

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

The regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Dees at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Luther, Gorman, Smith, Legge, and Collins was present.

Others present were Town Manager Roy Taylor, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore, Finance Director David Stafford, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Police Chief John Hodges, and Police Captain John Smith.

Following a moment of silence to honor the victims and families from the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Rev. Garry Ballance, Victory Baptist Church, gave the invocation, and Commissioner Legge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Mayor Dees noted the Police Department had requested an additional special presentation.

Commissioner Legge made a motion to add this presentation to the agenda as requested. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dees presented an addendum to the agenda and asked for the Board's wishes on the matter.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to add the addendum as presented. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (A)(3)(5)(6) to consult with the Attorney on matters within the Attorney-Client privilege and to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. STATUS REPORT ON HOPE MILLS LAKE/DAM PROJECT.

Mr. Taylor reported he had reviewed with the project engineers the Emergency Action Plan which would be effective upon completion of the project, and said the plan was very thorough and consisted of a great deal of common sense that would make the frequent observations of the structure a much easier task than in the past with the old spillway. Mr. Taylor reported the engineers had given a list of Dam Emergency Indicators that would clue staff to conditions that could indicate an existing or potential emergency situation. He said as a part of the plan, a notification flowchart and call list was also provided to inform state and federal officials what was happening. In addition, Mr. Taylor said the plan also identified downstream hazards that would have to be monitored closely in the event an evacuation was determined to be necessary.

Further, Mr. Taylor reported he had reviewed the Operations and Maintenance Plan and parts of the plan addressed the proper reservoir level, access to the spillway structure, vandalism, winterizing, care of mechanical equipment, and monitoring water levels. Mr. Taylor noted that most of this information was straightforward and could be accomplished with current staffing. He stated the only mechanical equipment concern was the bottom drain valves and the hydro-sluice valve. Mr. Taylor advised that the actual spillway structure would be enclosed with security fencing to minimize potential for unauthorized access to pertinent portions of both the dam and the spillway. He said the lake access

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to the spillway would be deterred by interconnected marker buoys placed around the perimeter of the structure.

Regarding overall maintenance, Mr. Taylor stated the Town would be responsible for an annual formal inspection of the labyrinth spillway to check seepage, surface abrasion, cracked or spalling concrete, pipe flow, corrosion, or blockage. He said the Town was responsible to informally inspect the structure after each storm event and also inspect the earthen embankment every six months for the first two years of operation and then annually after that time. Mr. Taylor stated the staff would also monitor the embankment after each storm event to insure its integrity.

In conclusion, Mr. Taylor stated he maintained all of these documents in his office, and he would be happy to share this information with anyone who requested the same.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Mr. Taylor stated that the potential contractors were taking some boring samples in the lake bed area at this time as a part of the pre-bid process.

Mayor Dees opened the floor for public comments or questions.

Deborah Johnson, 3636 Lakeshore Drive, asked when would the bid package be ready.

Mr. Taylor responded the bid packages should be ready sometime between October 31st and mid-November.

3. STATUS REPORT ON RECREATION CENTER.

Mr. Taylor reported there was a lot of interior work going on; painting, lighting, basketball goals, working on flooring, and door installation. In addition, Mr. Taylor reported the contractor was grading the parking lot in preparation of paving, and the fencing had been removed from around the project area.

Commissioner Luther asked where was the money for the project coming from. Mr. Taylor responded there was a resolution on the agenda concerning the Board's intent to finance this project. He said currently the Town was paying the bills, and once financing had been secured, the Town would be paid back what it had advanced on the project. Mr. Taylor stated this would pose a cash flow problem for the Town if the project was not financed.

In response to a question from Commissioner Luther, Mr. Taylor reported that Mr. Stafford was preparing requests for proposals from several financing institutions, and these proposals would be obtained once the audit was complete.

Commissioner Luther asked when the audits would be finished. Mr. Taylor responded a draft of the 03-04 audit would be ready to submit to the Local Government Commission by September 30th or no later than the end of the month. He stated staff had been in contact with the Local Government Commission and they were well aware of the Town's situation and the 04-05 audit was projected to be completed by the end of October, then the 05-06 would be completed and further all work was in progress.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were none.

5. MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS:

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a) 2006 Fall Litter Sweep - September 16-30, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and stated a community Adopt-A-Street fall clean-up would be held on Saturday, September 30th, and encouraged citizens to support the beautification groups and civic organizations and assist them in their efforts to keep our streets and roads clean.

b) 2006 Heart Walk - October 7, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and urged all residents, groups, and Town employees to assemble at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville on October 7, 2006 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, to join in the Heart Walk to help fight against heart disease and stroke. Mayor Dees presented the proclamation to Ms. Anita Kilgore, Heart Walk Coordinator for the Town of Hope Mills.

c) 2006 Ribbon Walk for Cancer, Southview High School - October 28, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and stated the 2006 Ribbon Walk for Cancer would be held at Southview High School on Saturday, October 28th, and asked all citizens to commit to supporting those with cancer, to sponsor donations, and to walk in the Ribbon Walk for Cancer.

6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS BY HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT:

a) Presentation to Modesto Escalera.

Mayor Dees, assisted by Police Chief John Hodges, presented a plaque from the Hope Mills Police Department to Modesto Escalera for his dedicated service to the Police Department and the citizens of Hope Mills from 1995 to 2006. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Escalera for his years of dedicated service.

b) Meritorious Service Award to Police Captain John Smith.

Mayor Dees read a memorandum from Police Chief John Hodges summarizing events relative to an incident on April 18, 2006 in which Captain John Smith went above and beyond his duties by talking with a subject who had threatened to shoot himself or any Police Officer that came to his door. Chief Hodges stated that this situation continued for approximately three hours, and Captain Smith was successful in bringing the incident to a close without anyone being hurt. Chief Hodges stated Captain Smith was truly deserving of the Meritorious Award.

Chief Hodges pinned Captain Smith with the Meritorious Award, and appreciation was expressed to Captain Smith for his dedicated service.

7. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POLICE DEPARTMENT MATTERS:

- 1) Approve purchase of MDT from Motorola, \$5,816.93.**
- 2) Approve installation of equipment by Amerizon, \$609.95.**
- 3) Authorize use of \$944.88 Drug Tax Forfeiture Funds.**

Mr. Stafford reported the Town had been authorized by the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments to participate in a regional Cops Grant for the purchase of one Mobile Data Terminal to be installed

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in a police car. He stated the grant would reimburse the Town 100% of expended funds up to \$5,482.00.

Mr. Stafford recommended the Board authorize staff to suspend the purchasing procedure for this equipment based on a specialized vendor and approve the purchase of a MDT Motorola in the amount of \$5,816.93, and approve installation of equipment by Amerizon in the amount of \$609.95, for a total expenditure of \$6,426.88.

In addition, Mr. Stafford stated the Police Department requested Board approval to use \$944.88, Drug Tax Forfeiture funds, to offset this purchase from the grant funds of \$5,482.00. Mr. Stafford stated this would allow the Town to make this purchase without any general fund obligations.

Commissioner Legge made a motion to approve the purchase as requested, including installation, and authorize use of the Drug Tax Forfeiture funds. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Dees presented the consent agenda and asked if there were any items the Board wished moved to the regular agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) **Consideration to approve Minutes of the September 5, 2006 Regular Meeting, and the Closed Session Minutes (Sealed) for August 21, 2006.**

Minutes approved as written.

- b) **Consideration to adopt Resolution in support of saving Chimney Rock Park as a part of the Hickory Nut Gorge State Park.**

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA**

- WHEREAS,** Chimney Rock Park, a 1000 acre privately held natural preserve in Rutherford County, North Carolina, has been offered for sale; and
- WHEREAS,** this extraordinary parcel has been well maintained and has benefitted from the sound ecological practices employed by the same family for 104 years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Park is home to numerous state and federally listed rare species; and
- WHEREAS,** the Park has contributed to the local and state economy by hosting 200,000 to 250,000 visitors annually, the great majority of those being out of area tourists; and
- WHEREAS,** Chimney Rock Park is situated in Rutherford County which in 2005 had the third highest unemployment rate in North Carolina out of 100 counties (USDA Economic Research Service); and
- WHEREAS,** Chimney Rock Park being operated as a tourist destination has traditionally employed 60 full and part-time individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Rutherford County ranked 26th in tourism impact out of the state's 100 counties generation tourism revenues of over 118 million dollars; and

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WHEREAS, Rutherford County tourism, greatly aided by tourism in the Chimney Rock/Lake Lure area, contributed state and local tax receipts in 2005 of 7.1 million and 3.75 million dollars respectively (NC Department of Commerce); and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hickory Nut Gorge strongly support continuation of park presence and facilities in the gorge area; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Daily Courier has reported that It would be a disaster unprecedented in Rutherford County to see all that the Park has become and all that it still might be relegated to our memories. (Daily Courier 7/19/2006); and

WHEREAS, the Asheville Citizen-Times has stated Losing Chimney Rock Park to private development would severely harm the economy of Hickory Nut Gorge and be a sad end to a remarkable legacy of family stewardship (Citizen-Times 7/21/2006); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation, the legislators of Rutherford County, the General Assembly and Governor Easley have shown the desire, foresight and commitment to establish a state park in Hickory Nut Gorge; and

WHEREAS, the 1000 acre Chimney Rock Park would be an addition of inestimable value to a new state park and such has been previously recognized by the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation and state officials; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners does hereby strongly urge and encourage the State of North Carolina through its various agencies, divisions, and legislative bodies to do all that is possible and necessary to acquire Chimney Rock Park and add that acreage to the planned Hickory Nut Gorge State Park.

ADOPTED this 18th day of September, 2006

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk

Resolution adopted.

c) Consideration to adopt Resolution amending Cooperation Agreement to participate in the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant Program.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE
AMENDED COOPERATION AGREEMENT
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that Cumberland County is an eligible "urban county" under the Community Development Block Grant Program, and thereby eligible to receive an annual entitlement of Community Development Block Grant Funds, and HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland County extended an invitation to the **Town of Hope Mills** to join with the County in its Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program for FY 2004 - FY 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperation Agreement for the FY 2004 - FY 2006 period provided that participation in each successive three-year qualification period would automatically renew unless the County or the **Town of Hope Mills** provided written notice of its election not to participate in a new qualification period; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the **Town of Hope Mills** elected to participate in the urban county designation on the 19th day of May, 2003 and subsequently executed the Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperation Agreement was amended on the 7th day of November 2005 to reflect the proper dates for FY 2004 - FY 2006 as the period of October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the Amended Cooperation Agreement to include the required provision that "by the date specified in HUD's urban county qualification notice for the next qualification period, the urban county will notify the participating unit of general local government in writing of its right not to participate"; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the phrase "specifically urban renewal and publicly assisted housing" is to be deleted to comply with HUD's Community Development and Planning Notice 04-4 issued May 7, 2004 and as outlined in the attached excerpt from the notice (Attachment A).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Town of Hope Mills** hereby adopts the revisions referenced above as part of the Amended Agreement as set forth in Attachment B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **Town of Hope Mills** hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute this resolution and authorizes the referenced revisions in the Amended Agreement and that this action be made part of the official minutes of the Board for this date.

Commissioner Bob Gorman made a motion that the above resolution be adopted. Commissioner Terry Smith seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion carries this 18th day of September 2006.

Eddie Dees, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Resolution adopted.

d) Consideration to accept Tax Collector's Settlement of Taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Mr. Aaron Donaldson, Tax Administrator, reported this settlement was required under the provisions of General Statute #105-373 (a)(3), and covers the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Charge:

Charge 2005	\$ 2,292,041.04
Charge 2005 Vehicles	\$ 433,631.09
Added charge 2005	\$ 14,016.27
Hope Mills Gross Receipts Vehicle Tax Current Year	\$ 1,046.11
Total Interest Collected	\$ 17,802.52
Total Discount	\$ -
	\$ 2,758,537.03

Credits:

Deposit with Finance	\$ 2,601,373.09
Total Discount Allowed	\$ -
Hope Mills Gross Receipts Vehicle Tax Current Year	\$ 1,046.11
Interest Deposited with Finance	\$ 17,802.52
	\$ 2,620,221.72

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Releases Allowed	\$	43,737.49
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance	\$	94,577.82
Adjustments	\$	-

	\$	138,315.31
Total Credits:	\$	<u>2,758,537.03</u>

Charge:

Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2004	\$	93,469.03
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2003	\$	21,145.45
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2002 & Prior	\$	100,962.79
	\$	<u>215,577.27</u>

Barred by Statute:

Barred by Statute - 1995	\$	8,671.36
Credit for Five Year & Prior Insolvents	\$	<u>8,671.36</u>

Credits:

Real & Personal & Vehicles Collected 2004	\$	68,649.52
Real & Personal & Vehicles Collected 2003	\$	6,194.08
Real & Personal & Vehicles Collected 2002 & Prior	\$	6,184.68
Releases Allowed 2004	\$	6,023.77
Releases Allowed 2003	\$	697.75
Releases allowed 2002 & Prior	\$	1,104.00
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2004	\$	18,795.74
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2003	\$	14,253.62
Real & Personal & Vehicles Balance 2002 & Prior	\$	85,002.75
Adjustment	\$	<u>206,905.91</u>

Total Credits:	\$	215,577.27
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Tax Collector's Settlement accepted.

- e) **Consideration to approve 10 days out-of-state travel for Director of Inspections Jerry Thompson, September 17-27, 2006.**

Mr. Taylor reported Director of Inspections Jerry Thompson was currently president of the North Carolina Building Inspector's Association and was scheduled to attend the International Code Council Annual Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, September 17-27, 2006. In addition, Mr. Taylor reported Mr. Thompson would drive his personal vehicle without any mileage reimbursement from the Town, and all accommodations during his stay were to be paid by the International Code Council.

Travel/Training approved.

- f) **Consideration to accept donations from Vander Fire Department.**

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges reported the Vander Fire Department had received a grant and purchased 30 brand new self-contained breathing apparatus, and as a result, the Fire Department had been able to obtain 10 complete Scott AP-50 airpacks, \$20,000.00 value; 20 spare SCBA cylinders, \$4,000.00 value; 39 SCBA mask, \$3,900.00 value; 10 pal alarms, \$1,000.00 value; and two boxes of miscellaneous supplies, approximately \$800.00 value. Chief Hodges stated the department would use these packs to replace old outdated ISI magnum airpacks.

Donations accepted.

- g) **Consideration to approve Travel/Training for Animal Control Officer Paul Howard, October 1-14, 2006, East Coast Animal Control Academy, Sykesville, Maryland.**

Mr. Taylor reported this course was designed for animal

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control officers as well as other law enforcement personnel to enhance their capabilities in their career field and to fulfill their job duties. Mr. Taylor recommended approval of this training and travel as requested.

Travel/training approved.

"END CONSENT AGENDA"

9. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **Consideration to adopt Resolution of intent to Finance Hope Mills Lake/Dam Project.**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
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DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE

WHEREAS, this declaration (the "Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section; and.

WHEREAS, the undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of the Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina (the "Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HOPE. MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Expenditures to be Incurred.** The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for the construction of Lakeview Road Bridge, the construction of a Dam and the renovation to the headwall, the fishing pier and dock, and the boat ramp (the "Project").

2. **Plan of Finance.** The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

3. **Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued.** The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$ 4,000,000.00.

4. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.** The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this 18th day of September 2006.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

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ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk

- b) **Consideration to adopt Resolution of intent to Finance Recreation Center.**

Commissioner Legge made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the carried unanimously.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, NORTH CAROLINA DOES HEREBY DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

1. **Expenditures to be Incurred.** The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for the renovation and construction of a new recreation center and gymnasium (the "Project").

2. **Plan of Finance.** The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.

3. **Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued.** The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$ 2,000,000.00.

4. **Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.** The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this 18th day of September 2006.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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10. STAFF CONCERNS.

Mr. Taylor reported the Hope Mills Firefighters Association

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was asking Board concurrence with its photo fund-raising drive beginning the third week in October and continuing through the second week in November.

Commissioner Collins asked if the Firefighters Association had a non-profit tax ID number, and stated that the Police Department also needed one so it could continue with its projects as well.

Mr. Taylor stated the Firefighters Association had a separate checking account, but did not have a non-profit number yet.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to authorize the Fire Department fund-raising drive. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Stated that Sergeant Modesto Escalera would be missed and it was a loss to the entire community. She stated that she had depended on Sergeant Escalera.
2. Expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting.
3. Commented the Friends of the Lake auction was very successful.
4. She asked that everyone continue working together and coming to the Board meetings.
5. Congratulated Captain Smith on his award.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Rev. Ballance for bringing the invocation.
2. Thanked Mr. Escalera for his dedicated service to the Town.
3. Stated Captain Smith was an asset to the Town and he appreciated his service.
4. Said more citizens involvement was needed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Stated he appreciated Ms. Johnson's comments regarding the lake project.
2. Stated it had been his pleasure to work with Sergeant Escalera, and he would be missed and the Town would suffer a great loss.
3. Stated that Captain Smith was very dedicated and knowledgeable and he appreciated his hard work.
4. Noted there were some drains on Main Street that needed attention as well as some curbing along Main Street.

Mr. Taylor stated he would contact DOT regarding these matters and ask their attention be given to these situations.

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5. Stated that he appreciated the citizens and everyone who attended the meeting.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Thanked Rev. Ballance for the invocation.
2. Thanked Ms. Johnson for her input regarding the lake project.
3. Expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting.
4. Stated he would miss Sergeant Escalera and it had been a pleasure working with him. Commissioner Legge wished him the best in his future plans.
5. Stated that the Police Department was working very hard all over Town.
6. Complimented Captain Smith for his outstanding work and stated he represented a very good image for the Officers and the Town.
7. Suggested some entrance signs be placed at the Town gateways stating "Home of the 2006 Dixie Youth World Champions." He asked Mr. Taylor to investigate this request and get some costs as well as DOT approval so these signs could be placed at the entrance to Town.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Congratulated Sergeant Gasch for his recent promotion.
2. Stated Captain Smith was doing a great job.
3. Expressed appreciation to everyone for attending the meeting.
4. Personally thanked Mr. Escalera for all his help and everything he had done for him and stated he had been a great asset to the Town and he enjoyed working with him.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said it was very important to the Board for citizen participation.
2. Congratulated Police Chief John Hodges who served as the Grand Marshal for the South View Homecoming Parade, September 17th.
3. Congratulated several members of the Police Department: new Police Officer Maynard Smith, promotion to Sergeant Glen Gasch, and Fred Ferrerya for receiving his Intermediate Criminal Justice Certificate from Training and Standards, and congratulated Modesto Escalera and Captain John Smith.
4. Reminded the Board of the National League of Cities Conference in Reno in December, and asked if they were planning to attend to let the Clerk know so the early

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bird registration could be accomplished.

5. Asked the Board to respond to a memo regarding Cape Fear River Assembly membership.
 6. Reminded the Board of the joint meeting with the Cumberland County Commissioners, September 28th, 7:00 p.m.
 7. Stated the Friends of the Lake auction and the meeting was a very big success. Mayor Dees reported they raised over \$1,600.00, and Mayor Pro-Tem Gorman's custom designed pens raised over \$440.00.
 8. Stated the Finance Committee met on September 11th, and briefly reviewed a meeting summary as prepared by Mr. Taylor.
 9. Stated the Mayor's Office issued a proclamation for POW/MIA Recognition Day, September 16, 2006. He stated this year's theme was "Honor Their Service - Fulfill Their Trust".
 10. Reminded the Board members about the NIMS testing and certification, and asked the Commissioners to contact Fire Chief Chuck Hodges who would work with them on accomplishing this certification.
 11. Expressed condolences to the family of Debbie Hinton.
 12. Reported the agendas and approved minutes would be posted on the website and were available now.
 13. Announced that the Southview Homecoming game is September 22nd, Fall Litter Sweep, September 30th, Heart Walk on October 7th, Ribbon Walk for Cancer on October 28th, Ole Mill Days on October 28th, Veterans Day on November 11th, and the Friends of the Lake Bluegrass Festival on November 11th.
 14. Reminded everyone that the North Carolina League of Municipalities conference will be in Greensboro on October 15-17, and the next Town Board meeting will be October 2nd.
 15. Stated it was not often that Hope Mills was mentioned with towns such as Tucson, Arizona and Providence, Rhode Island, but in the Nation Cities Weekly, a newspaper published by the National League of Cities, Hope Mills was mentioned. Mayor Dees said in last week's paper Hope Mills was praised for its proclamation endorsing the platform to strengthen families and promote youth.
12. **CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3)(5)(6) TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

At 8:10 p.m., Commissioner Legge made a motion to conduct a closed session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with the Attorney on Attorney client matters. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dees called for a 10 minute break prior to the Board entering into closed session.

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At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Dees call the closed session to order.

It was Board consensus that the minutes of the closed session be sealed until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session. It was noted that the Board would immediately upon returning to open session offer a motion to this effect.

13. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

At 9:00 p.m., Commissioner Smith made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

14. CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to seal the minutes of the closed session until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session, and further, no action was taken. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

15. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:02 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Legge and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk