

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RETREAT MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2011  
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding held its Annual Planning Retreat in the Town of Erwin Staff Training Room adjacent to the Erwin Library and Community Center Hall on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 9A.M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board Members present were: Commissioners William Corbett, Frank Taylor, Mark Whitman and Michael West.

Board Members absent were: Commissioners Randy Baker and Norma Ennis.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson, Finance Director Debbie Chestnut, Public Works Director Mark Byrd, Police Chief Warren Morrisette, Park Director Doug Stevens, and Librarian Betsy Pollard were present.

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 9 A.M.

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES & DISCUSSIONS W/BOARD**

**POLICE**

Chief Warren Morrisette presented his report to the Board.

**Reduce Criminal Statistics by 25%** One of Chief Morrisette's goals was to reduce criminal statistics by 25%. We were not successful in meeting that goal but our overall numbers were pretty impressive. The current numbers shows a reduction in overall crimes in secondary areas such as breaking and entering, shoplifting, misdemeanor larceny etc., to be down by 12.5% since 2009.

**Budget Return** For the last fiscal year it was my desire to assist the Town Manager in returning a budget amount of 20% or more. We pinched pennies and had an overall budget return of 23%.

**Improvement of Public Relations** The intent was to improve the overall public opinion of the Police Department. Chief Morrisette believes the department has succeeded in this due to the comments we get concerning our performance overall. People are becoming less hesitant to approach us as time goes on.

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2011 CONTINUED**

**Equipment Inspection** One of the things Chief Morrisette found when he first came here was there was no accountability for the equipment. No inspection process to know whether the guns were dirty or not, didn't know whether the cars were dirty. We instituted an equipment inspection program for a monthly physical inspection of all weapons and vehicles.

**Officer Evaluation** Began doing a yearly officer evaluation program on performance, appearance and overall functionality of each officer. We also do a verbally monthly counseling as well.

**Create at least one Community Service Program** We instituted a Silver Alert program where citizens with mentally challenged senior citizens can provide base line information to the Police Department. The purpose of this program is to have on hand information for concerned citizens who watch over the mentally challenged, Alzheimer and patients suffering dementia.

**Began a seasonal benefit program for underprivileged and needy families.** We provided meals to two needy families during Thanksgiving. We also identified a needy family for Christmas and took children shopping.

**Reduction of Comp Time** Upon Chief Morrisette's arrival we had several officers who were near 500 hours of Comp Time on the books. Currently I have no officer that is over 400 hours of Comp Time and actually right now Chief Morrisette has 2 officers less than 300 hours of Comp Time. We started the year with 2,058.75 hours on the books. Currently we are down to 879.00.

**Hiring Part Time Officers** We have hired during this budget cycle two part time reserve officers. They have been available for special events and scheduled weekend work.

### **Goals and Objectives For 2011-2012**

**Purchase a minimum of four new patrol vehicles** The past budget year we were due two new patrol cars as we requested to rotate out two troubled units. That was refused. Currently we now have two Ford Crown Victoria's that now need to be rotated out as well as the original two Chevy front wheel drive Impalas that should have been rotated out last year. We will extend our Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Budget and will probably be over budget on vehicles. We need new vehicles. We also need a Vehicle Replacement Program put in place so we can start rotating these vehicles out before they get over 100,000 miles and have to be towed to get the transmission and rear ends replaced. We have a patrol vehicle right now that the front ends are shot. If the department can not replace these patrol cars this year then I will have to ask you to consider extending more money into the department's budget for vehicle repair. I'm given \$30,000 a year to keep these vehicles going which includes oil changes, tires, gas, etc. I've got to have cars out on the street that is our job.

**Reduce Crime Statistics by 15%** Continue to reduce through our narcotics interdiction programs. We have had 6 meth labs in basically five months.

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2011 CONTINUED**

**Create a New Program** To create and operate a citizen based law enforcement academy. Explain to citizens of what we do and how we look for things. This can be used in observation and reporting crimes and other suspicious activity.

**Complete the promotional process and realignment of the department** With the retirement of Captain Hank Hairr comes the possibility of internal promotions. We wish to do all promotions to worthy internal candidates. It is the intent to promote an Investigator or Sgt. to the position of Asst. Chief/Lieutenant, promote one officer to Investigator and move one reserve officer to full time status. This will occur with no additional expense or addition of manpower. This will give the benefit to these officers the feeling that they have worked hard and will boost the moral in the department.

As far as the budget is concerned, the budget is pretty neutral; any additions would be possibly lease purchase payments for the vehicles. Have not asked for anything else. This budget did not include any cost of living increase.

Mayor Carson commended Chief Morrisette on all that he has done for the department. Chief Morrisette has done what he said he was going to do and is making Erwin a much safer place to live and appreciate him for that.

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Doug Stevens presented his report to the Board.

Mr. Stevens informed the Board that there was increase participation for Youth Athletics 2009 (660) to 2010 (695).

### **The following were completed:**

Completed the PARTF Grant  
Al Woodall dedication and ribbon cutting  
Re striped the parking lot at Municipal Park  
Basketball Court Lights rewired at Porter Park  
New lights installed in Picnic Shelter at Porter Park

We are very proud of the 12U Girls Softball Team: Regular Season Champs, District Champs, State Champs and also the 10U Girls Basketball (SWAC) 1<sup>st</sup> Regional, 2<sup>nd</sup> State Tournament.

Mr. Stevens stated that we are partners with many groups in order to allow more opportunities to our kids and age groups. One of the newest is the Harnett County Senior Citizens Games. We began within the past four weeks, opening the Gym from 9am to 10am for Senior Citizens. We have 25 or more to sign up and average about 18 per day. This is the most appreciative group of people I have ever dealt with. We are going to try and expand on this as well.

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We have done a great deal of work around the park which includes the following:

Landscaping in front of Gym and around office  
Working on background checks for Youth Coaches  
Bring people to Town, Hosting Tournaments

Mr. Stevens stated that we have been discussing in forming a Booster Club with the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has approved to move forward with this. The Advisory Board will make recommendation to the Board of Commissioners with Bylaws for a Booster Club. This will help increase additional revenue and will help increase parent participation.

### **The Future for Both Porter Park and Al Woodall Park**

Remove stone bridge and pipe/fill in smaller ditch. This will increase accessibility and activity area

Repave Basketball Courts and Paint Lines

Repave both parking lots

Al Woodall Municipal Park, lights for Field #4. Build it verses light it and they will come. This is a super nice field however we don't have lights. It can not be used to its fullest potential. Not talking about baseball and softball, I'm talking about soccer and football as well. It has a great grass infield and has an underground water system and would be a super place to come back in the fall and put soccer fields on if we had lights.

Replace the Code of Conduct signs. We would go back with signs being white with red lettering.

Installing a roof on the dug outs

Take up the old shrubbery along the parking lot through the help of an Eagle Scout Project

Put back the white vinyl fencing and leave walking spaces so people can get through and also placing crepe myrtle trees (6-7). This will open up the Park

Install water lines to each field

Estimates will be attached for the request to both Parks.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mark Byrd, Public Works Director presented his report.

Mr. Byrd informed the Board that the 2010-2011 Goals and Objectives have been met. They are as follows:

### **2010-2011 Goals and Objectives**

Implement plans that the Porter Park Steering Committee has developed

Complete restroom project at Porter Park

Revisit the drainage study conducted a few years back

Resurface the streets that were damaged during the county maintenance of sewer lines

Hiring of two seasoned employees

Inquire about the cost of recycling

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2011 CONTINUED**

### **Goals for 2011-2012 Goals and Objectives**

More efficient and cost-effective limb service

On-site mechanic---We would do this in-house. One of the employees has been doing this for years. Also will need to replace our backhoe operator, this would be done in-house as well.

Facelift at Town Hall—Paint Exterior and Landscape

Continue implementing Steering Committee's plans of Porter Park

Secure a price and implement a plan for replacing damaged and aged street signs throughout the town.

Increase the Powel Bill fund for repaving of damaged streets

Consider the cost-effectiveness of the department collecting solid waste pick up versus contracting out this service. Would love to see this back in-house.

Below is a list of capital improvements for the Public Works Department. Mr. Byrd feels this equipment is necessary in order for my department to continue to provide services to the citizens in the Town of Erwin.

1. Grapple Truck
2. Bucket Truck
3. Part-time Personnel
4. Leaf Machine Maintenance and Repairs
5. Flail Mower: John Deere Tractor
6. Mechanical Supplies for Maintaining and Repairing Equipment
7. Mechanic

Estimates will be attached for the request.

### **LIBRARY**

Betsy Pollard presented her report to the Board.

Goals and Objectives for 2011-2012

To continue to put on the Summer Reading Program

To continue to exhibit professionalism in the workplace

To clear out the old and add the new as time permitted

Commissioner Whitman asked if you had one thing to ask for what would it be. Ms. Pollard replied by saying carpet.

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2011 CONTINUED**

### **REVIEW OF FY 2010-2011 GOALS & OBJECTIVES/PROJECT UPDATES AND OTHER ISSUES BROUGHT UP AT THE LAST RETREAT**

Mr. Thompson informed the Board that we were not going over everything but go over a few highlights. Pretty much all of the departments express desire or need for Capital Improvements or Capital Purchases. One thing that we are possibly doing is taking from our fund balance and appropriate into a separate fund a Capital Reserve Fund. A Capital Improvement plan is no plan unless we identify the funding source otherwise it will be considered a wish list with no means of getting those things accomplished.

If you can recall in the past couple of years in our operating budget we allocated a good amount of fund balance to our operating budget, some things on Capital Purchases and other things on operating expenses. It's my hope that this year that we will be able see more revenue come in however conservative we will budget the revenues so we won't be as taxing on the fund balance appropriation for operational purposes but will also see on that revenue line item alleviation by moving to the Capital Reserve Fund approach.

**Training**---Like to see at least maintaining to the level we are now if not increase.

**Wellness Program**---We have a survey out which is constructed through Blue Cross Blue Shield for us to engage the williness and type of programming that all of the employees might would like to participate and a wellness program has been talked about for the past couple of years. Administration has been talking about this seriously for about 3 months. We are working with our Insurance provider and broker to make that happen.

**Drainage Issues**---On the CIP as proposed and will discuss later, have not put any funding to this would like to engage the Boards thought on this.

**Chicora Phase II**---The maps or plans have been submitted to the County for their review, hopefully we will get some positive feedback.

**Code Revisions**---This is a reoccurring thing and would like to continue revising the Code and making sure that it's up to date.

**Capital Reserve Fund Program**---What was proposed by our Auditor is a 4 million dollar shift from General Fund Balance to a Capital Reserve Fund that will still keep us 68% Fund Balance which is very healthy and LGC requires us to have 80%.

**Solid Waste Program**---The program as is, is working well as always with any service, we do receive complaints.

**Cleaning Contract at Town Hall**---Possibly looking at farming that out.

**Evaluation Health Benefit Package**---We are in the middle of starting conversation with our current provider and broker to see what options are available.

**Desire of Planning/Code Inspector**---So far as planning, the Town has enjoyed professional planning and planning process. Code Enforcement has been relocated to complaint-based

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activities. Building Permit Processing we are seeing more benefits to the public because the service is better, you can order your inspections in many different ways.

**ARC Partnership with Town at Good Hope Facility**---When this concept was brought before the Board, the Board felt that this could be a worthwhile program; however, there were some concerns over annual operating costs. This is a legitimate concern in the event that the facility and the primary programming activities fall under the authority of the Town. So far as renovation cost, ARC has committed \$10,000 for this effort. Operational costs per year estimate is \$40,000 however I think we could realistically cut it back to \$32,000 - \$35,000.

Commissioner Whitman stated that he thought this was a good idea and great for the community. If its done right and policed right and the guidelines set it should be a good benefit for all of the citizens.

Commissioner Taylor stated that if we would spend taxpayer's money then it should apply for all of the taxpayer's citizens. I understand we need it and I'm not against it however if we are going to spend taxpayer's money then it should benefit all of the citizens.

The Consensus of the Board was to explore this further

### **COLA**

Administration strongly recommends budgeting a cost of living adjustment in the coming fiscal year. Staff will work to identify an appropriate COLA recommendation based on market trends and the Consumer Price Index.

Commissioner Corbett stated that he is more convinced after hearing from the presentations this morning and also from the Town Manager we have a good staff here and I don't want to lose them. If we don't do something this year, this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year without an increase in pay. Gas is going up and groceries are going up. A pat on the back is nice however a pat on the back does not put food on the table. May not be much but it's a way to let the Staff know that we appreciate them.

The Consensus of the Board was to work on numbers for pay increase

**Administration Computer Replacement Program**---Will talk more during the CIP however the terminals currently in operation in Town Hall are at least five years old and becoming more and more difficult to operate due to the changes in software requirements and an increase in hardware demands to run many programs and to remain compatible with other systems.

**Phase 3 Lighting along Highway 421**---- The projected cost for this phase is about \$7,000 for installation and \$1,300 per month for service.

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2011 CONTINUED**

### **ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **Drainage and Street Lights at Chicora**

This item was requested to consider the possibility of installing street lights along the town roads located within the Chicora residential subdivision.

Drainage improvements have been asked to consider as well alleviating drainage issues experienced in this same subdivision.

Mayor Carson asked if Staff could figure out what it would take to put street lights in Chicora and also look at the road/trees as far as the drainage issues are concerned.

Mr. Thompson stated that the street lights will be easier to get a handle on as far as costs and recommendations will be, however drainage whenever that subdivision was first built it goes through the major subdivision process, staff review and Board review, preliminary plat, final plat which has to make sure all the required improvements are done before you can record the plat itself and sell the first lot. Who did the review to begin with, who approved what, whatever the case may be, was there adequate drainage there to begin with, were there open swells, tile, underground piping those are all questions for the past that we can't answer anymore. Once the Town annexed and took over the road and took over the right of ways, now that drainage is our responsibility to ensure that we are removing the water off the roads and not flooding someone's yard. Bottom line is that we can get a price on lighting a lot easier due to the fact that the drainage we will have to do surveys and studies to determine where the issue areas are and what is causing the issues.

The Consensus of the Board was to look into the scope of the drainage issue what may or may not be done and do a survey of lighting of all the Town streets and find out where lighting is and where its not and get a quote on it as well.

#### **Lights for Ball Field at Park**

This is an item on the docket of the Parks and Recreation Department and is also found on the Capital Improvement Plan found later in this document.

Mayor Carson stated that she would like for us to have a wish list. If we do the lights at the park and this is what it will cost and then do the lights on Hwy 421 and come back. Its hard to look here and then know what we are looking at.

Commissioner Taylor stated that was in his thoughts as well. I wouldn't want the Town to spend that kind of money on the lights at the park and not finish the lighting on Hwy 421. I think we need to spend the money on what the citizens would get the best return on their dollars.

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### **Al Woodall Municipal Park Sign---Offer to Replace Sign at No Cost**

Commissioner Whitman stated that he was tired of this being brought up. Let them replace the sign and make it Red & White and be done with it. If they can do it for free let them do it. I will not vote for it to be changed with the Town of Erwin money bottom line.

Mayor Carson agreed.

Commissioner West stated that if they want to do it then let them pay for it.

Commissioner Corbett stated that they will do it.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion that if the Goodfella's wanted to change it to Red & White let them change it and Commissioner West seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Ennis).

### **Downtown Parking Lot**

Mr. Thompson advised the Board that the Mayor and he have met with some of the people involved with this. There are some details that need to be worked out. What we decided at least at this point is gage the importance of moving whether to continue exploring this. This can be a benefit however do not know the cost.

Commissioner Whitman stated that the Town needs to pursue with this, however if we keep getting nowhere with this its time to be done with it.

The Consensus of the Board was not let Staff bring this back to the Board unless we have some kind of resolve.

### **Annual On-Site Employee Physicals**

Mr. Thompson stated that the Fire Dept. is doing something similar to this. This will cost us around \$225 per employee. Not sure if this cost will come down if we do partner with the Fire Dept. There are a couple of issues that needs to be addressed to the Board. We have some employees that are apprehensive about going to the doctor for annual wellness visit due to the fact that they don't want to pay the money and are not use to the programs. This might be additional incentive for those wellness visits but then also might the employees feel better about the health benefits that we provide plus this physical screening or wellness visit they come to you and are a lot more thorough than what you get at a regular physician's office. This would be voluntary. However if we were to go to something like this I would strongly encourage the Chief to have his police dept. do that on a more mandatory less on a voluntary level because that is one of our higher liability areas and they do have potentially a lot of issues that could arise. We have been made aware of the new health care law that right now we are probably grandfathered in however if we change our benefits at all it would fall under a new provision of the health which means that the employer is responsible in paying for those annual wellness visits anyway.

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Commissioner Whitman stated that we should pursue it farther and see what the employees want. If you have more than 50% I would say do it.

Mr. Thompson stated that we will explore and get more information and bring back to the Board.

### **Planning Board/Board of Adjustments**

There are two (2) vacant positions for this Board.

One applicant has applied for the Out of Town seat. Mr. Norman Avery is currently an Alternate for this seat however he has expressed interest for Board Member.

Three applicants have applied for the In Town seat. They are as follows:

Shirley Hairr---Currently serves as Alternate  
Rick West  
James Barker

The Consensus of the Board was to elect Mr. Norman Avery as Out of Town Board Member and elect Ms. Shirley Hairr as In Town Board Member. The Alternate for In Town Members will be Rick West.

This will be finalized at the next Regular Board of Commissioners meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

### **Farmer's Market**

Mr. Thompson informed the Board that this is something that has been brought up by members of the Community and by members of this Board. Landon Chandler with Harnett County has been working on language and keeps running into the same issue, how we form this language and based on two fundamentally different approaches. One way to approach farmers market is that the Town sponsors the farmer's market. The Town would be the coordinate factor, regulatory factor, everything about it would be through the Town as the primary person. This is how Angier, Lillington, and Holly Springs are doing it. That being said, if the Town were to take it on where would the Town hold it. Does the Town have property and accessible to it that would not have to pay a whole lot. These are some of the practical issues. If we did this first approach there would not be any text amendment, no land use regulations would be required just do a policy on the Town's level in order to establish it. If we didn't want to go where as the Town be the primary source, we would be allowing private individual or private organizations doing farmer markets which we would want to do land use regulations however you will not be able to control as much except through those regulations.

Mr. Thompson then asked for direction of the Board.

Commissioner Taylor stated he didn't care how it was done along as we get it done with not so many regulations and rules so people will not come. This would be a great asset to the Town of Erwin.

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Commissioner Whitman agreed with Commissioner Taylor and thinks the Town should have control over it, however not put too many regulations in it so people will not come.

Mr. Thompson also stated that the biggest challenge would be who would be the coordinator.

The Consensus of the Board was to move in the direction where the Town will be coordinator and keep it out of the hands of individuals.

### **Good Hope Easement**

One of the major issues with the easement has been going back and fourth figuring out what Good Hope wants, what the Town wants and what USDA Rural Development needs in order to make this happen. They are asking for an easement so they can comply with USDA. The Town at this point is interested in having some kind of reversionary clause where at some point can take it back if it is no longer needed for that purpose. USDA is the organization that primary is funding this whole project.

Mr. Thompson has spoke with Mr. Garland Burnette with USDA who has been leading this project on the Government side and he has taken to his state office with that question. Essentially what they are saying is that if they are going to put 2 million dollars on the line for 30 years or how ever long it is they want to ensure that investment sound and the only way they can do that is to have a permanent easement. The easement is needed to provide a handicapped accessible ramp in order to meet ADA requirements.

Commissioner Whitman asked the Town Manager what was the Town Attorney's comments on this issue. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Hunter and I have both agreed that with what we represented to the Board we feel is the best interest of the Town that's the extent to which we offer our service that's what expected of us. We agreed that if USDA comes back and said that they need X, Y, Z we don't see where it would benefit the Town to not do it to spite the project which is a lot more beneficial than the Downtown Parking Spaces verses 30 jobs.

Mayor Carson stated that this is just a start there are so many things that are just planned to come into that building and to be able to get these 30 jobs is just going to be fantastic.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to proceed as USDA request for permitting and have the drafted easement agreement come before the Board and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Ennis).

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### **Local Redistricting**

Mr. Thompson informed the Board that every 10 years we have our Census, Dept. of Justice and Attorney Generals office through the voting acts of 1964. We have to submit a report based on the data we get back from the Census. The report may say we need to redraw our district lines, hopefully it will say that everything is fine and we don't have to redraw the district lines and will make things a lot easier. We can not make that decision. We have a contact number for a group that does this kind of work and City of Dunn has used them in the past along with other Towns. The report not only has to be conducted and sent in to the Dept. of Justice for review but has to be reviewed and confirmed. We have to receive confirmation on the acceptance of that report before filing, which the filing is in July. We will not receive the Census Data until April. The Dept. of Justice's turn a round is 60 days. If we don't get this done before the three days prior to filing, we will not have an election this year and will have to hold off for one year. We are assuming we want to keep everything the same and whatever we have to do get it done unless we hear otherwise from the Board, that's exactly what we will do. We felt like we needed to bring this to the Board's attention that we have a small window to get this done and if this doesn't get done it will not be due to a lack of effort. We have spoken with the Board of Elections and they said the safe time to get it in would be the last day of April and they would pretty much guarantee it in. Anytime after that they did not know, it would be out of their hands.

### **RECESSED**

Commissioner Whitman made a motion at 12:30 P.M. to recess until a Thursday night at a later date and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Ennis).

### **RECONVENED**

Mayor Patsy Carson was present.

Board Members present were: Commissioners Norma Ennis, William Corbett, Frank Taylor and Michael West.

Board Members absent were: Commissioners Randy Baker and Mark Whitman.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson, Finance Director Debbie Chestnut were present.

## **RETREAT MINTUES OF MARCH 15, 2011 CONTINUED**

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to reconvene Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 5:30pm and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Baker and Whitman).

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF DOT ADOPTING 2035 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Mr. Tyler Bray with NCDOT came forward and addressed the Board. Mr. Bray stated that the Board has been presented with all 13 maps which cover all the Highway Recommendations, Public Transportation, Rails, Bicycle, etc. Mr. Bray then asked the Board for any questions or comments from the previous meeting.

Mr. Bray also stated that this plan would be intended to be updated every few years or if things change. Also in 2001 there is an adopted Dunn Erwin Plan and also 1995 Harnett County adopted plan. If there is a decision made to not adopt the plan within the Erwin Jurisdiction everything would revert back to the old plan adopted that still has the old Hwy 421 bypass on it. What we have done with this one update the location, update the destination basically the cross section freeway and expressway through that identify the interchanges as well and add to some new location facilities in between Dunn and Erwin to make that truck traffic and also Fairground Road and Ashe Ave to the newest facilities. This is not a project that is needed right now and it is not going to happen until there is a need for it and that may be 25 years out. This is not funded and not on any Transportation Improvement Program.

Landon Chandler, Planner for Harnett County asked Mr. Bray if he could expand on what was approved as far as the tie end on 421 on the 2001 plan verses what may be concessions that have been made to date and what is being proposed currently.

Mr. Bray stated that back in 2001 what you see in the US 421 bypass location is pretty much exactly where it was before the only change comes in once you approach I-95 north of Dunn. On the previous plan the US 421 bypass crossed I-95 between Carolina Drive and existing US 421 with no proposed interchange there and came down and combined that existing 421 near the County line that's basically the only difference. As we were working through this plan and evaluating what recommendations were done in 2001 it was noted to us that they wanted to use existing interchanges and minimize the impact on I-95 so that's why we connected with Carolina Drive. The other things that came out of that was a truck route based what was called a truck route connection between Dunn and Erwin and came South on the existing 421 and connects to Dorman Road which utilized it to travel access I-95. Also we added a new location piece that we spoke about before that provides additional interchange along that 421 bypass. Pretty much everything else is very similar to the existing plan we since 2001 adopted new cross sections that were using boulevard expressway freeway and major minor thoroughfares before it was just looking at major/minor thoroughfares which we updated that giving you more information regarding what the recommendations should be.

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Commissioner Ennis asked the question that you are talking about this to come about 2035 what is the urgency now.

Mr. Bray replied by saying that we have taken the data that currently exist basically the current traffic volume on the facilities look at the land use and what the projected land use projected economic development opportunities within Harnett County including Erwin and figure out basically the projected what we think the traffic is going to be like and then also working with the Towns and County identify where they would like to be in 2035 and then develop a long range plan that this is what we would like to look like in 2035 and identify that. Now everyone has a vision of what they want to look like and this is what the highway portion the bicycle, pedestrian, rail would look like and it takes a very long time and long process to work with NCDOT, local government, planning organizations to eventually to get to a point where you can have this in 2035.

Commissioner Corbett stated that he had a lot of questions at the last meeting however I have compared this to I-95. I am traveling down I-95 and would like to get off in Fayetteville then I would just take an exit and go to Fayetteville.

Mayor Carson stated that years ago they were going to put in the Interstate 40 bypass and this was going to stop all the traffic but personally really don't think it has caused any less traffic on Hwy 421.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to adopt the portion that is in the Town of Erwin jurisdiction and endorse the rest. No one seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to Table this issue until all Board of Commissioner Members are present and seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 3 for with 1 against (Commissioner Corbett) and 2 absent (Commissioners Baker and Whitman).

## **FY 2011-2012 BUDGET OBJECTIVES & CIP REVIEW**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that we will be looking at the separate attached spread sheet concerning the CIP. The items that were mentioned were the following:

### **Computer Replacement Plan**

**Codification of Ordinance/Code**---Last time the Town did Codification was in 2006 and you would want to do a standard practice every 3 to 5 years

### **W.N. Porter Park Improvements**

**Municipal Park Improvements**---Commissioner Taylor stated that he could not see spending any money on extra lighting in the Park when the streets are falling apart, half the Town does not have lights at all.

### **East Erwin Drainage Improvements**

### **Downtown Revitalization**

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**Fleet Replacement---**It was discussed in maybe replacing 2 Police Cars instead of 4

**Grapple Truck**

**Bucket Truck**

**Ball Field #3 Improvements----**Possibly putting together a Booster Club to help with cost to this field

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to excuse herself at 7:10pm and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 4 for with 2 absent (Commissioners Baker and Whitman). Due to lack of quorum the Board had to adjourn.

**MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY CYNTHIA B PATTERSON  
TOWN CLERK**

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**Patsy M. Carson, Mayor**

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**Cynthia B. Patterson, Town Clerk**