

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GREENE

The Greene County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday morning, March 26, 2003, at 8:45 a.m. in the Greene County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Commissioners James R. Fulghum, Mary Betty Kearney, Denny Garner, and Bennie Heath, Chairman. County Manager, E. Lee Worsley, Jr. and Assistant County Manager Chris Roberson were also present.

Chairman Heath opened the meeting. Chairman Heath gave the opening prayer. Chairman Heath led the Pledge to the Flag.

Chairman Heath presented an amended Resolution of Support regarding the Contentnea Development Partnership's (CDP) grant application to the North Carolina Rural Center. Chairman Heath stated that the original Resolution, adopted by the Board on March 17, 2003, was for a \$30,000 capacity grant. Chairman Heath stated that Mr. Robert Masters, Executive Director of CDP, contacted the Chairman on March 18, 2003 and said that CDP would like to change the Resolution to a \$40,000 technical assistance, research and development grant. Chairman Heath also noted that when the Resolution was sent to the County Manager from CDP, the amount of the grant had increased to \$75,000, which the Chairman was not aware of.

Commissioner Fulghum asked what a research and development project was.

Commissioner Kearney stated that the CDP had decided to move some money over from the GoldenLEAF grant, which the CDP has decided not to submit, to make up for some of the difference.

On motion by Commissioner Kearney, seconded by Commissioner Fulghum, the Board unanimously adopted a Resolution of Support regarding the Contentnea Development Partnership's grant application to the North Carolina Rural Center.

Resolution of Support

Whereas; the Contentnea Development Partnership, Inc. (CDP) is local, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization chartered to promote economic and community development activities in Greene County, and

Whereas; CDP has been awarded a three year, \$225,000 Duke Endowment grant over a three year period based upon a Program of Work that identifies specific development goals and associated strategies, and

Whereas; CDP intends to leverage the Duke Endowment grant in efforts to secure additional funding from other grantor agencies to provide additional capacity and funding to pursue local development initiatives, and

Whereas; Greene County government is working closely with CDP to initiate new and aggressive development practices in Greene County intended to increase the tax base and new job opportunities in Greene County and

Whereas; the efforts of CDP in the community have already resulted in the recruitment of a new technology based business in the first month of operations, and

Whereas; in order to increase the effectiveness of the organization, CDP must increase its planning and technical assistance capacity in the local community, and

Whereas, CDP intends to submit a grant application to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for \$75,000 to provide additional staff capacity and technical assistance for economic and community development efforts undertaken by the organization,

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Greene County Board of Commissioners recognizes the positive impact of CDP in the community and its role in the overall development efforts of Greene County. The Board of Commissioners fully supports the organization's grant application for additional funding from the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for the purpose of developing additional capacity to support economic and community development efforts in Greene County.

/s/ Bennie Heath

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Chairman

ATTEST

/s/ E. Lee Worsley, Jr.

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Clerk to the Board

On motion by Commissioner Fulghum, seconded by Commissioner Kearney, the Board adjourned.