

Mayor Betty B. Willis called to order an emergency meeting June 14, 2011, at 8:34 am, at the Littleton Sales building office. Mayor Willis called the meeting to consider adoption of an amended **Resolution By Governing Body Awarding Construction Contract For Littleton Town Hall Renovation, USDA Grant/ARRA Loan Contract (R-11-006)**. Present were Commissioners Patrick McAtee-MacRae, Heidi Hogan, Clara Debnam and Terry Newsom and Town Attorney Gilbert Chichester.

Mayor Willis stated the emergency meeting was to reconcile the difference in the resolution passed the other night, the original resolution had the incorrect bid amount of \$145,350 and it should have been \$145,850 and asked for a motion to make this change. Mr. Chichester advised the question had been raised as to the validity of the emergency meeting and Mayor Willis stated it was because they were trying to get it in by a certain deadline in Raleigh, the pre-contract meeting is June 23. Mr. Chichester stated as a Town Attorney he had an obligation to bring this up when a commissioner raised a question and Commissioner MacRae agreed that he had asked. Mr. Chichester continued that since you were talking about a government loan you need to make sure you have a valid meeting, there were already complications and if this was not a valid meeting it would complicate things further. Mayor Willis stated that according to the USDA things could go no further until this was corrected and this was requested by Tobais Fullwood and that was the reason for the meeting. Mr. Chichester stated the problem is whether to take it up at a regular meeting or an emergency meeting and is this a true emergency to justify an emergency meeting. Mayor Willis replied if we have to wait till later it would mess up the contract date and the package. Mr. Chichester said he was not saying to wait until the next monthly meeting, but a regular meeting with due notice. Was there anything about this amendment that requires it be done on an emergency status as opposed to a regular meeting or a special meeting was his only question. Mayor Willis stated there was a meeting tomorrow for the Board to vote on the budget, which she would not be able to attend. Mayor Willis advised Mr. Glenn Todd had asked (yesterday) for it to be done by tomorrow. Mr. Todd went on to explain it would take time once the paperwork was turned over to the USDA attorneys and any delay would mean it would take longer.

Following further discussion including why the issue hadn't just been raised at the meeting scheduled for the following day, Commissioner Newsom made a motion seconded by Commissioner Debnam, to adopt the amended **Resolution By Governing Body Awarding Construction Contract For Littleton Town Hall Renovation, USDA Grant/ARRA Loan Contract (R-11-006)**. The motion was voted and carried with Commissioner MacRae Abstaining.

Following further discussion, the Clerk asked Mr. Chichester if in his opinion this was a legally convened meeting. Mr. Chichester stated no and the Clerk advised she would not be able to certify the resolution as being adopted at a legally convened meeting.

The consensus following further discussion was to reconsider the resolution at the meeting scheduled for the following day.

The meeting was ended at 9:10 am.

Clerk