

The Board of Commissioners held a special session, Thursday, March 29, 2012, at the Town Hall. Commissioners present were Heidi Hogan, Diana Parham, Clara Debnam and Jimmy Kearney. The purpose of the meeting was to schedule a public hearing on the requirements of the North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Mayor Willis called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Mayor Willis read excerpts from a document distributed by Commissioner Hogan explaining the need for public hearings for an application for a CDBG grant for the Library renovation, which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes as follows:

We met with the group from the Department of Commerce regarding a Catalyst grant to fund the library

As I worked to complete the application, they discovered that we are not poor enough to qualify!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A LMI (low-middle-income) index number of 51 is needed. Littleton has only a 48.6

The first LMI information I received was based on the 2000 census. We tried, and recently found the LMI for the 2010 census to be almost exactly the same....

Joe Dooley from COG and Vickie Miller, who was here as part of the commerce group are trying to see ways that we might qualify.

Time is an issue as the paperwork needs to be in by the end of April. I am filling out the application, with Joe Dooley's help, next Thursday.

Part of the application process is to schedule 2 public hearings, 10 days apart informing the public of our applying for the grant. We need to schedule a hearing today and then another 10 days later. Shelia needs to advertise the hearing. If we find out we can not go forward with the application due to not being able to qualify, the hearings will be canceled.

Commissioner Hogan stated a public hearing needed to be scheduled and after brief discussion, the Board decided to hold the first public hearing on April 12, at 9:00 am and the second on April 26, at 9:00 am. Commissioner Kearney arrived during the discussion. Commissioner Hogan stated that chances were Littleton was not eligible to apply for the grant as it was not poor enough and discussion followed on the formula for figuring the LMI (low to moderate income). Commissioner Hogan reported Joe Dooley (UCPGOG) had spoken with Vicky Miller (DCA) and he had said to continue with the application process. He would be coming Thursday to go over what had been written in the grant and complete the grant. Also discussed was using Halifax County's numbers for the grant as Littleton was so small and applying for the grant through the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am.

Clerk

Minutes as written from audio recording