

**Belhaven Town Council Meeting  
Minutes – June 8, 2009  
Regular Session**

**Call to Order**

The Belhaven Town Council of the Town of Belhaven met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at the Boyette Civic Center at 257 W. Pungo Street. Mayor Adam W. O’Neal called the meeting to order with the following Council members present: Steve W. Carawan, Howard D. Moore, McKee “Mac” Pigott and Robert L. Stanley. Councilman/Mayor Pro-Tem Guy was not present due to recovery from a recent surgery. Dr. Guinn Leverett, Town Manager, Mr. Kyle DeHaven, Finance Officer and Town Clerk Marie J. Adams were also present.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor O’Neal recognized and introduced Mr. Johnny Donnell Clark, Deacon with Hoggard’s Temple church of God in Christ who gave the invocation. Mayor O’Neal recognized Boy Scout Troop #80 who gathered at the front of the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010**

Mayor O’Neal opened the public hearing at 7:03 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear public input from the public concerning the proposed 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor O’Neal asked for any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. Mayor O’Neal declared the public hearing closed at 7:04 P.M. Mayor O’Neal stated that he was proud of the proposed budget as it did not include any increases in rates or taxes. Mayor O’Neal also stated that the current fiscal year was coming to a close in good condition.

**Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2009 Regular Session**

Mayor O’Neal stated that the minutes of the May 26, 2009 Regular Session meeting were open for review and approval. There being no corrections to the minutes, Councilman Pigott made the motion to approve the May 26, 2009 Regular Session minutes as written. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Mayor O’Neal stated that this time in the meeting was to hearing comments from the public concerning any item/concern which the public may have concerns. Mayor O’Neal asked for any public comments. There were none.

**Resolution – Honoring the Life of Seth David Latham and His Commitment to Scouting**

Mayor O’Neal stated that the Town was honoring a citizen who gave a lot to the community and scouting. Mayor O’Neal stated that Mr. Latham cared deeply about his home town and he served his community. Mayor O’Neal spoke with the following people who make these comments about Mr. Latham: Mr. Paul Harris – spoke of Mr. Latham’s commitment to scouting; Mrs. Shelia Cahoon stated that whatever Mr. Latham did, he did with a passion; Nathan Cahoon (Scout – Troop 80) stated that Mr. Latham was a hard worker and instilled that same ethic in his scouts; Cody Catlin (Scout-Troop 80) stated that he had fallen away from scouting and making good choices and that Mr. Latham encouraged him and was there for him; Mrs. Sonya Midgette – stated that Mr.

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Latham's hard work had saved the Scout Hut with his organizing the renovations and the fundraisers to pay for the same; Mr. Latham's son Austin (Scout Troop 80) stated that his Dad gave him the push he needed to work on and earn merit badges.

Mayor O'Neal recognized Mr. Paul Spruill, District Chairman of the Blackbeard District of the Boy Scouts. (Mr. Spruill is also the County Manager for Beaufort County). Mr. Spruill stated that the Blackbeard District of Scouting covered the counties of Bertie, Martin, Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, and Beaufort Counties. Mr. Spruill reiterated the comments of Mayor O'Neal by stating that Mr. Seth David Latham was dedicated to scouting and community needs. Mr. Spruill read the following resolution.

**Resolution in Honor of the life of Seth David Latham  
and his Commitment to Cub Scout and Boy Scout Programming  
for Belhaven and Pantego Youth**

WHEREAS, the Town of Belhaven has a 92 year history of Boy Scout programming for the benefit of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the Town has assisted throughout the years in order to indicate the importance of Boy Scout programming to the Town of Belhaven; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the Town in no way measure up to the endless hours of service that groups of Belhaven citizens contribute as volunteers in order to make Boy Scout programming possible; and

WHEREAS, interviews with many of these dedicated volunteers tell a story of the unending dedication of Seth David Latham to Boy Scouts of America, Inc. and Scout programming in the Town of Belhaven; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belhaven believes formal board action is necessary to memorialize the unusual volunteer work of Mr. Latham in this regard; and

WHEREAS, multiple volunteers attributed Mr. Latham's motivation in the late nineties to improve programming at Pack 341 to the fact that he benefitted in his youth from his membership in Troop 80 and the time had come for his son, Austin, to benefit from a strong Scout program; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Latham formally left the role of Pack 341 Cubmaster to become Troop 80 Scoutmaster in 2004, he remained an active committee member for Pack 341 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, his volunteer labor positively affected the lives of many youth, but particularly four boys who received the rank of Eagle Scout under Mr. Latham's watch as Scoutmaster including Jesse Taylor in June 2004, Kenneth Harris in May 2005, James Smith in October 2006, and Trent Midgette in February, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Latham's work not only resulted in character changing experiences for Belhaven youth, but also resulted in tangible examples of his efforts for the benefit of Scouting; and

WHEREAS, the pinewood derby track constructed by Mr. Latham is still in use today for the benefit of the annual Pack 341 race and is now approximately 10 years old; and

WHEREAS, the second floor addition to the Scout Hut came about, again, at the hands of Mr. Latham after he had arranged for donated materials and labor to raise the roof and finished off the meeting space himself; and

WHEREAS, multiple volunteers reported that Mr. Latham most often took on the labor of renovating the Scout Hut without the assistance of anyone. When a volunteer offered assistance Mr. Latham intentionally asked that they report to work at 6:00 PM in order that he might finish the task by starting it himself at 4:00 PM; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Latham took great pride in the 90 year tradition of Scouting in Belhaven and worked tirelessly to locate documentation of the individual who served as Scoutmaster for an undocumented period of 8 months in 1953 in order that the community could make the claim of 90 years of continuous Scouting; and

WHEREAS Mr. Latham's son Austin will soon begin his project for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout providing yet another indication of Mr. Latham's commitment to helping participants advance and achieve; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Belhaven unanimously adopts this resolution to memorialize the unusual contributions and dedication of Seth David Latham to the tradition of Scouting that resulted in making our community a better place to live in the past, the present, and the future.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Adam W. O'Neal  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marie J. Adams  
Town Clerk

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Councilman Moore made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0. Mayor O'Neal asked the family of Seth David Latham to please come forward to receive the official proclamations for each family member. The audience applauded the presentation of the proclamations.

Councilman Carawan thanked the family for their attendance and for the hard, dedicated work that Mr. Latham provided the Boy Scouts and the community as a whole. Councilman Pigott asked the Scouts consider naming the Scout Hut after Mr. Latham and stated that he would be sorely missed. Mayor O'Neal stated that Mr. Latham had a wonderful life and did well for the community and scouting.

**Resolution – Urging Congress to Consider the Impact of Waxman-Markey Energy Legislation on the Citizens of Belhaven and the State of North Carolina**

Mayor O'Neal stated that ElectricCities had made the Town aware that the mandate (Waxman-Markey Legislation). Mayor O'Neal stated that if this legislation passed there would be 40% increase in electric rates due to the mandate for alternative energy. Mayor O'Neal asked that the Council adopt the following resolution to avoid added expenses to electric providers.

**Town of Belhaven**

**A Resolution Urging Congress to Consider  
The Impact of Waxman-Markey Energy Legislation  
On the Citizens of Belhaven, North Carolina**

**WHEREAS, the United States Congress is currently considering the Waxman-Markey bill, board legislation that includes renewable energy, energy efficiency and the greenhouse gases associated with climate change;**

**WHEREAS, the Belhaven Town Council supports Congress' efforts with these issues yet is deeply concerned with the economic impact and feasibility of the legislation;**

**WHEREAS, the original bill would require 25 percent of electric generation to come from renewable sources, and would mandate a 15 percent reduction in electricity usage;**

**WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina already has legislation that requires the state's electric utilities to achieve significant levels of renewable energy generation and energy efficiency;**

**WHEREAS, the original bill would require a reduction in the amount of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions associated with the generation of electricity although the technology does not exist to capture and store carbon dioxide, thereby forcing electric utilities to purchase expensive allowances and resulting in unfair and exorbitant cost increases for Belhaven electric utilities;**

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**WHEREAS, these requirements are unattainable for Belhaven utilities for all practical purposes and would result in a dramatic increase in electricity bills for Belhaven and North Carolinians; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Belhaven of North Carolina does hereby urge Congress to authorize a thorough review of the Waxman-Markey legislation's economic impacts before considering passage of the legislation to ensure that it is achievable, affordable and supported by sound science and economics.**

**Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 in Belhaven, North Carolina.**

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**Adam W. O'Neal, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**Marie J. Adams  
Town Clerk**

Councilman Pigott made the motion to approve the Waxman-Markey Resolution. Councilman Moore seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0. Councilman Pigott reiterated that should this bill pass in Congress that it would ultimately be the consumer who paid the price to abide by the proposed mandate.

**Belhaven/Pantego EMS, Inc. – Contract for EMS Services**

Mayor O'Neal stated that the 2009/2010 proposed budget included that instead of a volunteer rescue the communities of Belhaven/Pantego would have a paid rescue with no increases. Following some comments, Councilman Carawan made the motion to adopt the following Belhaven/Pantego Inc. Contract for EMS Services. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

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**Belhaven/Pantego EMS Inc. Contract for EMS Services**

NORTH CAROLINA  
BEAUFORT COUNTY

This Contract for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) made and entered into this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, by and between the Belhaven/Pantego EMS Inc., a not-for-profit, 501C/3 corporation in/and of the State of North Carolina: and White Oak Medical Transport Service Inc., hereafter referred to as EMS squad,

**WITNESSETH:**

That for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements of the parties hereto, and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 160A, section 487 and Chapter 143-517 of the NC General Statutes enabling and authorizing financial support for EMS squads; providing the scope of training for EMS personnel in accordance with G.S. 142-514, and other applicable statutes relating to EMS operations as classification of EMS squad will be defined by the NCOEMS and NC Department of Insurance (NCDOI) terms; the parties to this contract agree as follows:

1. The EMS squad agrees to furnish and provide continuing Advance Life Support (ALS) (Intermediate) level EMS service to all persons within the district boundaries and response area formerly known as the Belhaven Rescue Response area. The EMS Squad agrees to provide ALS level EMS service in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of their response area regardless of the patient's ability to pay. The EMS squad will dispatch upon call within the approved boundaries necessary equipment and personnel deemed adequate to provide emergency medical care in the response area served or when requested to provide mutual aid within another squads boundaries as addressed in the County of Beaufort Selective Mutual Aid Pact Guidelines.
2. The EMS squad will charge for their call and will keep all proceeds from the billing process, but will not take court action against the non-payers without authorization from the Corporation.
3. The EMS Squad further agrees to the following additional requirements:
  - a. Provide necessary personnel to maintain a 24/7 EMS service to the Response Area. The minimum crew and credentialed levels of the individuals are: At least one Intermediate Level NC OEMS credentialed individual on duty. The individual must be physically capable of providing the necessary level of care and transport. At least one Basic to Intermediate Level NC OEMS credentialed individual on duty. The individual must be physically capable of providing the necessary level of care and transport. Failure to provide NC OEMS credentialed personnel on duty will result in the immediate termination of the contract with the provider. At least two personnel on each shift must be licensed to operate an Emergency Vehicle within the state of NC. Each shift supervisor must have at least two years of EMT experience in Emergency Response activities.

The provider will supply ambulances which shall be Type III's with a minimum box length 164" Headroom 68" and width 95". All trucks shall meet USDOT and NCOEMS specifications for

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operations at the intermediate level of service. Provider must demonstrate the ability to provide a backup ambulance within one hour of the dedicated ambulance's mechanical problem which takes the dedicated ambulance out of service.

b. Equipment:

Monitor/Defibrillators with the capability of providing a 12-Lead EKG, NIBP, Capnography and any other equipment required to provide an ALS service. All other equipment shall meet the requirements of NCOEMS and Medical Control which is located at Beaufort County Medical Center. Monitor V Pagers, or equivalent, for all personnel assigned to the squad. At least One Hand-held Radio per ambulance with spare battery. Mobile Radios shall be VHF narrow band capable with a minimum of 100 watts broadcast power, and if possible with dual heads or a separate radio for the rear and one for the driver.

c. Training:

The EMS squad will provide all equipment necessary for continuous training at the station when not engaged in emergency response. The equipment must be sufficient to provide refresher training that is compliant with Beaufort County Community College EMS training standards as established by our Medical Director. No individual who has failed to meet their continuing education will be permitted to provide medical treatment of patients until they have successfully completed their classroom hours and/or Technical Scope of Practice evaluation as prescribed by NCOEMS.

4. Other:

EMS Squad will be responsible for input of a Patient Care Reports (PCR) that are NCOEMS compliant and the input must take place within 24 hours of service delivery. The EMS squad is responsible for establishing and maintaining communication with Medical Control either by radio or cell phone 24/7. EMS will maintain a base of operations in the Town of Belhaven during the period of this contract and can move out of Belhaven only with corporate approval.

The EMS Squad will be responsible for participation in Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Improvement (QI) activities per NCOEMS requirements, Medical Control requirements, and industry standards. The squad shall not be made part of another county's EMS system where they are committed to answer calls outside of Beaufort County on a regular basis without corporate written permission. The only exception is legitimate mutual aid calls from other counties. The EMS squad units shall not be utilized to respond to any patient transfer originating outside of Beaufort County unless returning a patient to Beaufort County from a paged out call. The provider shall not be utilized to fulfill other contractual transport contracts or utilized for interfacility (hospital) transfers unless deemed appropriate by Medical Control.

When the Beaufort County Communications Center dispatches the call the EMS squad must be enroute to the call address within three minutes of receipt of said call. The three minutes will be computed as an average time of a 50 call continuous period. If the provider fails to meet this requirement for two consecutive periods the provider's contract could be terminated by the corporation. The Response Time (defined as the time period between ambulance leaving the base and arriving at the scene/home) should not exceed ten minutes. The ten minute response time frame will be computed as an average time for each thirty day period of the contract. Failure to meet the ten

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minute response time average for three consecutive months or four months during a year could result in termination of the contract for the provider.

The EMS Squad will respond to Beaufort County Communications if directed to perform Mutual Aide with adjoining EMS response areas and/or adjoining counties. The Squad will present to the Beaufort County EMS Administrator copies of Mutual Aide pacts with all EMS Squads and counties the Belhaven/Pantego Response area boarders.

5. As with all EMS contracts this contract is contingent on availability of funds collected from service district taxes assessed to defray the cost of operation and approved by the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners with the adoption of the budget each fiscal year.
6. The Squad further agrees to maintain all necessary reports, records, logs, insurance coverage, equipment maintenance and accounting procedures as needed to successfully maintain the ALS level of service licensed through the NCOEMS. They must also comply with all FCC Rules and Regulations and County Guidelines in regard to operation on the County Communications System.
7. This Contract will be for a two year period with annual provisions for renewal following the initial contract period. This contract may be terminated by either party at the end of each county/city fiscal year or, if earlier by giving 180 days prior written notice by certified mail of its intent to terminate.

In witness whereof the Belhaven/Pantego EMS Inc. has caused this instrument to be signed in its name by two members of said corporation and White Oak Transport has caused this contract to be signed by its Chief Operating Officer and as attested to by the Clerk of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners the date and year first above entered.

ATTEST:



County, Board of Commissioners Representative

Sharon C. Singler  
Clerk to the Board

Henry E. Langley  
Belhaven/Pantego EMS, Inc.

Chief Operating Officer

Town of Belhaven Representative

Ricky White  
White Oak Transport Inc.

Henry E. Langley  
Belhaven/Pantego EMS, Inc.

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**EMS 24/7 Board Appointment**

Mayor O'Neal stated that a board of directors would be set for the non-profit 24/7 EMS. The board would be a seven member board with terms for two year effective July 2009. Following some discussion, Councilman Moore made the motion that Councilmen Carawan and Pigott be appointed to service on the EMS 24/7 Board and that the Town Manager and Mr. Paul Wood also be appointed for two year terms. Councilman Stanley seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

**Town Manager's Report**

Town Manager Leverett reported briefly on the following: Wynne's Gut Dockage Project is now in CAMA's hands for their review which this part of the process should take about 90 days.

**Mayor/ Council Miscellaneous Comments and/or Concerns**

Mayor O'Neal encouraged the citizens to attend the next meeting of the Town Council as the budget for the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year was going to be presented for adoption.

**Closed Session – GS 143.318.11(a)3**

Mayor O'Neal declared regular session be suspended in order to go into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). The time was 7:27 P.M. Town Clerk Adams and Finance Officer Kyle DeHaven left the meeting at this time. Town Attorney Cockrell was now present for the Closed Session.

**Reconvene Into Regular Session**

Mayor O'Neal reconvened the meeting back into Regular Session at 7:38 P.M.

**Turnpike Resolution**

Councilman Carawan made the following motion: "I move the town of Belhaven adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Belhaven that the tentative agreement between the Town and Turnpike Properties, LLC be accepted". The motion was seconded by Councilman Stanley.

**Adjourned**

There being no further business, Mayor O'Neal declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie J. Adams, CMC  
Town Clerk

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Dr. Guinn Leverett  
Town Manager/Recording Secretary