

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE
SANFORD CITY COUNCIL, LEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
AND TOWN OF BROADWAY
FOR BRAC PRESENTATION
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 28, 2008

The Sanford City Council, the Lee County Board of Commissioners, and the Town of Broadway Board were invited to attend a joint presentation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Regional Task Force at the Ruby and Ernest McSwain Extension Agriculture Center on Tuesday July 28, 2008, at 5:00 P. M. The following people were present from the City of Sanford:

Mayor Cornelia P. Olive	Council Member Linwood S. Mann, Sr.
Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Martin	Council Member Steve Brewer
Council Member Walter H. McNeil, Jr.	Council Member James Williams
City Manager Hal Hegwer	City Attorney Susan C. Patterson
Deputy City Clerk Janice Cox	Selected City Staff

Absent: Council Member Charles Taylor
Council Member Mike Stone
City Clerk Bonnie White

Bob Brown, Chairman of the Lee County Board of Commissioners, called the meeting to order. Following the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance, he welcomed the BRAC representatives and members of the audience. Mayor of Sanford, Cornelia Olive, welcomed everyone to Sanford and introduced retired Air Force Brigadier General Paul Dordal, the director for the Regional BRAC Task Force.

General Dordal explained that the membership of the task force includes one representative from each of the eleven target counties and one from each municipality in each county. This effort has been going on since early in 2005, assessing the impact on the areas around Fort Bragg due to the base realignment and closure. General Dordal introduced other members of the team who narrated various parts of the presentation: Deputy Director of the BRAC Regional Task Force (RTF) John Harbison, a retired air force colonel and former physics and math teacher at Fayetteville Academy; Regional Planner Don Belk; and Renee Lane, communications and outreach person. He also introduced Wayne Freeman, the CEO of Training Development Associates, the firm contracted to perform the community assessment and for developing a comprehensive regional growth plan.

General Dordal explained that the reason for today's meeting is to provide information for planners (assessments and recommendations). He noted the strategic location of Lee County between RTP and Fort Bragg. He identified some issues facing Lee County including economic impact; housing; education; information and communication technologies; water, sewer, and

solid waste; health care; and hospitality and cultural resources. Critical items include schools and education; transportation; emergency response; and workforce.

Lee County is considered a Tier 1 county—that is, it is among the counties expected to have significant impact. It is estimated that Lee County will have more than 9,500 new residents by 2013. Lee County is predicted to need an additional 2,200 new homes and to have more than 1,000 new jobs created in that time frame. Lee County Schools can expect 578 new students. More specific details of the assessment findings and recommendations are contained in Exhibit A.

Following a power point presentation, questions and comments were entertained from the floor. Among those speaking were Corliss Udoema, Edith Edmonds, and Richard Hayes.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIA P. OLIVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANICE COX, DEPUTY CITY CLERK