

**MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF SANFORD
MARCH 16, 2001**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried in the March 16, 2001, open session of the City Council Retreat at Southern Pines, North Carolina, the Council went into a joint closed session with the Lee County Commissioners in accordance with N.C.G.S. 143.318.11(a)(5) to discuss the position to be taken for the acquisition of real property.

The following people were present in the closed session:

Mayor Winston C. Hester
Council Member Clawson Ellis
Council Member J. T. Kirkman
Council Member James G. Williams

Mayor Pro Tem Joseph E. Martin
Council Member Philip Dusenbury
Council Member Linwood Mann Sr.
Council Member Walter McNeil, Jr

City Manager Leonard Barefoot
City Attorney Susan C. Patterson

Lee County Commissioners excluding Robert Reives
County Manager Bill Cowan
County Clerk Gaynell Lee

Mayor Hester called the meeting to order.

Lee County Manager Bill Cowan discussed the possibility of the City and County acting together to purchase the old First Union buildings at the corner of Steele Street and Wicker Street.

Mayor Winston Hester informed the joint session that the City was not interested in purchasing the buildings at this time, but if the County would like to purchase them, the City could be a tenant.

Council Member James Williams made the motion to return to regular session. Seconded by Council Member Walter McNeil, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Winston C. Hester
Mayor