

MORE ON MOORE

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A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT

The “Critical Issues Summit,” a special meeting held on September 10th and 11th, resulted in two very full and productive days for the Board of Commissioners.

There were interactive sessions led by County department directors and community members full of information ranging from the County’s finances to trans-

portation projects to mental health. There was a joint work session with the Board of Education to discuss plans for school facilities. There was even the County’s first ever “Town Hall” meeting, which was held on the evening of the 10th and was well-attended as the Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, and local legislative delegation were all pre-

sent to field questions from citizens, with the focus on the needs of the County’s schools.

By all accounts the Critical Issues Summit was a successful meeting and the sentiment shared by multiple attendees is that Moore County is a great place to live!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **October 6, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. (*Regular Meeting*)
- **October 20, 2015** at 3:00 p.m. (*Special Meeting with Board of Education*)
- **October 20, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. (*Regular Meeting*)
- **November 17, 2015** at 2:00 p.m. (*Special Meeting with Fire Commission*)
- **November 17, 2015** at 5:30 p.m. (*Regular Meeting*)

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A CUDDLY MOMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER 15TH MEETING

Marianne Kernan, Chairman of the Linden Lodge Foundation and Executive Director of the Linden Lodge, brought lots of “bear hugs” to the Board’s September 15th meeting.

Ms. Kernan read in the paper that the Sheriff’s Office was accepting donations of teddy bears for its “Bear Hugs” program, through which distressed children are given a teddy bear by responding officers.

Less than a year ago, Ms. Kernan decided to give up her personal collection of bears. Linden Lodge resident Emily Loew urged her to give them away because “everybody needs a bear hug,” and thus Linden Lodge’s own “Bear Hugs” program was born. A request was put out for additional bears and over 450 were received at once. With the help of Ms. Loew and Linden Lodge’s Activities Director Christina Maness, who manages the program, teddy bears have been placed in the arms of children in need all

across the County, including in Head Start programs, elementary schools, the Boys and Girls Club, Friend to Friend, and others.

Thanks to Linden Lodge’s generous donation of two tubs of bears, accepted by Chief Deputy Jerrell Seawell, the Sheriff’s Office can continue to provide comfort to those most in need of a “bear hug.”



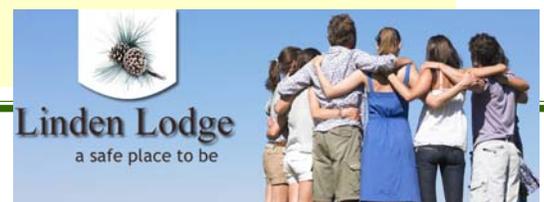
Chief Deputy Jerrell Seawell & Marianne Kernan

MORE ABOUT LINDEN LODGE...

The Linden Lodge Foundation is dedicated to the recovery of men and women with a serious and persistent mental illness by providing opportunities for its residents to live, work, and learn while contributing their talents through a community of mutual support. This is done through the provision of a safe, “home-like” residence and the development of innovative motivational, educational, and vocational prospects. Linden Lodge was started in May 2010 and serves individuals who might otherwise find themselves on the streets, in the hospital, or in the jail.

The six-acre property on Linden Road was paid for in cash, has seven beds and three baths, and has not had an empty bed since it opened. Linden Lodge takes no money from the federal or state governments and operates strictly on fundraising and donations.

[Click here to learn more about Linden Lodge](#) and [click here to find out how you can help!](#)



AN OUTSTANDING ROD!



Moore County Register of Deeds Judy Martin has received the Outstanding Register of Deeds Award and the Eunice Ayers

Distinguished Service Award, both presented to her at a banquet held by the NC Association of Registers of Deeds in Concord this month.

The Outstanding Register of Deeds Award was presented by David Nicholson of the NC Association of County Commissioners. This award recognizes extraordinary

effort on behalf of the NC Association of Registers of Deeds during the year and is voted on by members of the Association.

The Eunice Ayers Distinguished Service Award was presented by Professor Charles Szypszak of the UNC School of Government. It is presented to a Register of Deeds with at least five years of service as an elected Register of Deeds; a well-documented record of accomplishments within the Register of Deeds office; achievements in other areas of importance in government in which the recipient has been active; service in a leadership capacity in one or more offices of the NC Asso-

ciation of Registers of Deeds; and qualities such as leadership, humanitarianism, spirit, good humor, integrity, perseverance, and long-term dedication.

Ms. Martin was also presented the Presidential Plaque for her service this past year as President of the Association.

Despite all of these accolades, of which she is a most worthy recipient, Judy Martin says she is first and foremost Moore County's Register of Deeds.

She will be recognized at the Board's October 6th meeting. Congratulations, Judy!

QUARTERLY SERVICE AWARD LUNCHEON



Chairman Picerno & County Attorney Misty Leland

The quarterly employee service award luncheon was held September 17th at the Board of Elections. Among those recognized by the Board of Commissioners this quarter was County Attorney Misty Leland, celebrating ten years of service to the County.



L-R: Picerno, Saunders, Graham, Daeke, Ritter

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Monitor the County on the Critical Measures DASHBOARD



The Critical Measures Dashboard is a tool available on the Moore County website for citizens to monitor the performance of the County's departments. The Dashboard was created in 2014 to provide an at-a-glance reference to the County's financial health and measures of a variety of outcomes. It is maintained by the County's Internal Auditor and updated monthly.

Check it out by clicking the icon below, and remember you can reference it anytime at www.moorecountync.gov. The dashboards for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 are also available on the County website.

FY16 Your County at a Glance Departmental Performance Measures



[click to view](#)

MCTC MEETING

The Moore County Transportation Committee (MCTC) met at the Senior Enrichment Center on September 23rd.

After hearing presentations to update them on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the State Transportation Improvement Project List, members provided feedback and recommendations and endorsed and provided comment on a Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO) project list identified for consideration in NCDOT Prioritization 4.0.

The Committee is chaired by Commissioner Jerry Daeke.



NCDOT reps. listen to discussion by MCTC members on 9/23