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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING November 23, 2009

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman
 Wes Bolick, Vice-Chairman
 Ryan Mayberry
 Harold M. Odom
 Larry G. Yoder

STAFF: Rick French, County Manager
 Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board

MEDIA: Micah Henry, The Taylorsville Times

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, November 23, 2009 in the CVCC / Alexander Center Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Robertson gave the invocation and Scotty Abernathy, Stony Point Fire Department Chief, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

*****SPECIAL RECOGNITION*****

Chairman Robertson, on behalf of the entire Board, presented a Key to the County to Lynn Marshall who recently retired from the NC Department of Transportation with 43 years of service. Chairman Robertson stated that Mr. Marshall always did what was best for the people in

the county and he commented that Alexander County's roads were always the safest for travel during inclement weather. The Board also gave him a "Lynn Marshall Lane" road sign.

Mr. Marshall thanked the Board for the recognition, noting that he worked hard to treat everyone the same throughout his years with NCDOT, regardless of the community they lived in.

INDUSTRY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SCHNEIDER MILLS

Hank Byrd, President of Schneider Mills announced the creation of a new company in Alexander County that will immediately create 10 new jobs. Composite Fabrics of America will occupy a 20,000 square foot facility located at 105 Pierpoint Lane, the former Isenhour Furniture. He explained that the company, which would be a subsidiary of Schneider Mills, would produce carbon fiber material used in a wide variety of products, such as bicycles, boats, canoes, etc., to provide strength without adding excessive weight. He also noted that renovations were underway and that the new company was expected to be in operation by the end of 2009. Mr. Byrd stated that wages would exceed \$15 per hour and that staff hoped to employ 20 to 30 by the end of 2010.

He introduced Matthew McPherson, current Director of Special Projects at Schneider Mills, who he advised would be the President of Composite Fabrics of America. Also in attendance was Harry McPherson, VP & Secretary of Schneider Mills.

Mr. Byrd pointed out that Schneider Mills had been located in Alexander County for 62 years and was currently operating 5 to 5 ½ days per week with no cuts in pay or incentives for employees. He thanked the Board for their support and encouraged them to visit these facilities.

PUBLIC HEARING: FIRE DISTRICT MAP APPROVAL (WITTENBURG / STONY POINT)

Russell Greene, Emergency Services Director, stated that the Stony Point Fire Department recently constructed a new sub-station in the southeast corner of the county, located on Paul Payne Store Road. In order for modular and stick built homes to receive an insurance break for having a qualified fire department within 5 miles, the fire district maps for Wittenburg and Stony Point must be redrawn.

He explained that the Wittenburg Fire Department would lose approximately \$3,500 in fire tax as a result of this change; however, homeowners will save roughly \$100 annually in insurance premiums (based on home value of \$140,000).

Mr. Greene introduced Scotty Abernathy, Chief, as well as Randy Dellinger, Deputy Chief, and Chad Cockrell, Assistant Chief.

Chairman Robertson called the public hearing to order and requested any public comment. The following comments were heard:

Public Comment

Randy Dellinger stated that the Stony Point Fire Department would take in the Riverwalk community with the redrawing of the maps and that the department would gain 10 new fire fighters from that area. He also invited the Board and staff to the Open House on December 6, 2009 at 2:00 PM.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Yoder made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to approve the new fire district maps as presented. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADOPTION OF THE 2010 ALEXANDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Robertson presented the 2010 Alexander County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as follows:

January 4, 2010 January 19, 2010	July 21, 2010 (only one meeting in July)
February 1, 2010 February 15, 2010	August 2, 2010 August 16, 2010
March 1, 2010 March 15, 2010	September 7, 2010 September 20, 2010
April 5, 2010 April 19, 2010	October 4, 2010 October 18, 2010
May 3, 2010 May 17, 2010	November 1, 2010 November 15, 2010
June 7, 2010 June 21, 2010	December 6, 2010 (only one meeting in December)

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the 2010 Alexander County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADOPTION OF THE 2010 ALEXANDER COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Chairman Yoder presented the 2010 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2010
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Monday, January 18, 2010
Good Friday	Friday, April 2, 2010
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2010
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2010
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2010
Veteran's Day	Thursday, November 11, 2010
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 25-26, 2010
Christmas	Thursday & Friday, December 23-24, 2010

Commissioner Odom made a motion to approve the 2010 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as presented. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #17 - #19

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #17 - #19, which included the following information:

Budget Amendment #17 – To budget for a refund to the NC Department of Juvenile Justice for 2008-2009 JCPC leftover balances. To increase the Health Department budget for additional WIC funds due to increased caseloads – Family Planning TANF funds, Bioterrorism Implementation State funds, and ARRA funding for reaching more children and adults (school-based flu clinics). To increase the Recreation budget for estimated cost of \$5,100 to repair the grill and hood system at Dusty Ridge Park.

Budget Amendment #18 – To increase the budget for a \$7,500 match for the Paragon Films Industrial Water Project.

Budget Amendment #19 – To increase the budget for the \$250,000 NC Department of Commerce Grant for the Caye Home Furnishings Project.

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #17 - #19. Commissioner Odom seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the following issues during Other Business:

- A. The NC Wildlife Resources Commission notified County staff that Lakeside Marina could begin placing buoys conforming to the U.S. Aids to Navigation Standards, to mark a No Wake Zone on May 1, 2010.
- B. According to information provided at the NCACC Taxation and Finance Committee Meeting held on November 17, 2009, 88 of the 100 counties decreased budgets for 2009-2010. A total of 250 county employees lost their jobs and over 1,000 positions were reduced statewide. Approximately \$125 million in county fund balance was appropriated to balance budgets.
- C. Our Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009 at CVCC from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution Establishing Appropriate Verifiable Percentage Goal for Participation of Minority Businesses.
- B. NC Department of Commerce Division of Community Assistance CDBG Recovery Program Grant Agreement and Funding Approval.
- C. Minutes from the November 9, 2009 Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Odom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Chairman Robertson made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:49 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and to discuss economic development, contractual matters, and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board