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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING June 21, 2010

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

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, June 21, 2010 in the CVCC / Alexander Center Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. He stated that Chairman Yoder would be late; therefore, he would preside over the meeting until Chairman Yoder's arrival.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Mayberry gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Commissioner Robertson presented a Key to the County to Tim Lackey who is retiring on Friday, June 25, 2010 after 34 years employment at DSS.

Karen Hoyle, DSS Director, informed the Board that Mr. Lackey was responsible for starting many beneficial programs for the elderly and disabled in the county such as the Nutrition Program, In-Home Aid, and CAP. She stated that Mr. Lackey had given his time

and even his own resources to help many citizens and had even agreed to postpone his retirement 3 years ago after Ms. Hoyle asked him stay.

Mr. Lackey conveyed his appreciation for the kind words and the recognition. He thanked those individuals and organizations that assisted him throughout his career.

The Board thanked Mr. Lackey for his service to the citizens of the county and wished him the best of luck.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Robertson advised that June was Dairy Month and he encouraged the public to show their appreciation to a dairy farmer in the area.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Mayberry mentioned several changes to the agenda, which included:

- Delete Agenda Item #1 (Veterans Office Annual Report).
- Incorporate revised appointments under Agenda Item #3 (Board Appointments & Reappointments).
- Add Budget Amendment #59 to Agenda Item #4 (Budget Ordinance Amendments).
- Add amendment to the Addressing Ordinance at Agenda Item #6A.

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

At this time, Chairman Yoder entered the meeting. The time was 6:10 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY

Rick French, County Manager, presented the budget ordinance for the 2010-2011 proposed budget. He advised that the General Fund budget totaled \$29,044,630 or 4.7% less than the 2009-2010 budget and 9.2% less than the 2008-2009 budget. Sales tax revenues are down 32% from this time last year.

Commissioner Robertson pointed out that the 2.5% COLA had been placed in the budget as a capital item and that the Board would evaluate sales tax revenues in the fall to determine if the COLA was feasible in January 2011.

Chairman Yoder felt this was a good budget. He commended his fellow commissioners, Mr. French, and the Finance Department. He also thanked the department heads and employees for making efforts to reduce spending and cut costs over the past two years.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adopt the 2010-2011 budget ordinance. Commissioner Odom seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Rick French, County Manager, presented the following appointments and reappointments to County boards and committees:

Senior Center Advisory Committee – Appoint Shirley Mays and Jan Schoeppler for 3 years. Reappoint Jean Lamberth for 3 years.

WPCOG Water Resource Committee – Reappoint Guy Barriger for 4 years.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Appoint Krista Hiatt to replace Vicki Bartholomew (Vicki will move to an at-large commissioner appointment).

Joint Nursing & Adult Care Advisory Committee – Appoint Adrian Foster and Joe Civitarese for one year. Reappoint Da-Vida Roseman and Kathy Durmire for 3 years.

DSS Board – Appoint Barbara Mayes for 3 years.

WPCOG Region E Aging Committee – Appoint Lee Ann Ferguson, Phil Evans, and Phil Thorsen for 2 years.

Town Planning Board of Adjustments – Reappoint Nancy Sharpe for 2 years.

Mr. French also noted that there were 3 vacancies on the Town Planning Board of Adjustments and that someone from the Sharpes area was needed for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #54 - #59

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #54 - #59, which included the following information:

Budget Amendment #54 – To increase the Governing Body budget for health insurance claims. To reclassify reserve for Fund Balance from the Governing Body budget to the Contingency budget. To increase the Finance budget for a Quickbooks program purchase and reprogramming the laser signature card. To increase the Information Technology budget for intern hours worked. To decrease the EMS budget due to the postponement of the cardiac monitor purchase.

Budget Amendment #55 – To budget for fire department taxes in the amount of \$46,000.

Budget Amendment #56 – To adjust the Water budget based on data from year-to-date revenue reports from the City of Hickory.

Budget Amendment #57 – To transfer money from the General Fund to the County Capital Projects Fund for future recreation improvements.

Budget Amendment #58 – To increase the Public Buildings budget for the purchase of a used truck.

Budget Amendment #59 – To increase the EMS budget for a non-cash grant of 4 mobile radios for use in EMS vehicles purchased by NC Baptist Hospital and transferred to Alexander County EMS.

Commissioner Bolick made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #54 - #59. Commissioner Odom seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION OF SURPLUS EMS UNITS

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the following EMS Units that needed to be declared as surplus and placed on Govdeals with a reserve price:

- Unit 45 is a 1999 model F-450 with 181,114 miles. This unit was struck by a vehicle on Highway 127 and has a salvaged title.
- Unit 46 is a 2000 model E-450 with 216,301 miles.
- Unit 48 is a 2002 model E-450 with 185,984 miles.

It was noted in Emergency Services Director Russell Greene' report, which was included in the agenda packet, that Unit 48 would be ideal for the Sheriff's Department to use for their special response team.

Commissioner Bolick felt these units could be used by local agencies, such as the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Robertson pointed out that those organizations would have the opportunity to bid on these units on Govdeals.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to declare the three EMS units as surplus and have them placed on Govdeals as recommended with staff determining if the Sheriff's Department had any need for Unit 48 before placing it on Govdeals. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

- A. Staff has submitted ads for the three NCDMV employment positions consisting of a full-time supervisor, a full-time clerk, and a part-time clerk.
- B. Beginning July 14, 2010, Barbara Poole, Veterans Service Officer, will be available at the Bethlehem Branch Library every Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Commissioner Odom made a motion to approve the County Manager's Report. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

AMENDMENT TO ADDRESSING ORDINANCE

Rick French, County Manager, distributed the following amendment to the Addressing Ordinance to become effective on July 1, 2010:

Section 84.1 Addressing New Subdivisions.

Upon recording an approved plat for a major subdivision, all lots one acre or less will be pre-addressed by the Alexander County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department according to the street centerline file ranges. A copy of the plat will be provided to the GIS Department by the Mapping Department upon completion of parcel edits. All corner lots will be given two numbers until the driveway location is determined at which time the unused number will be deleted.

Commissioner Mayberry pointed out that this would speed up the permitting process as well as save gas and mileage for County vehicles. He also noted other counties handled their new subdivisions in this manner.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the June 7, 2010 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. Bethlehem Community Fire & Rescue Contract with Alexander County.
- C. Town of Taylorsville Sewer Extension Permit Application.

Commissioner Robertson 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 Yoder made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:31 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 Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 PM. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Larry G. Yoder, Chairman
Board

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the