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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

September 1, 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
David Icenhour, Economic Development Director
Leeanne Whisnant, Health Director

CVCC: Wes Bunch, John Enamait, Linda Graham, Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, Dr. Keith Mackie, Charles Preston, John Watts

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in the County Administration Building conference room, Taylorsville, North Carolina. Representative Ray Warren and Senator Steve Goss were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CVCC TRAINING FACILITY

Chairman Yoder brought Representative Warren and Senator Steve Goss up to speed on the CVCC Training Facility and also inquired about grant opportunities that could benefit the project.

Representative Warren and Senator Goss mentioned several types of grants that were possibly available including Rural Center, Golden Leaf, and Duke Energy/EDA. They also suggested contacting the NC Department of Commerce, noting that Alexander County was a Tier 1 county. Representative Warren felt it would be beneficial for commissioners or staff to meet with Senators Richard Burr and Kay Hagan to request assistance, pointing out that a \$500,000 bill was passed for the CVCC Engineering Technologies Center a few years ago.

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw felt that grants could be applied for based on job creation, noting that several new positions would be needed to get the center up and running. He also distributed

proposed education opportunities for the center which included a college transfer program, automotive technology, machining, networking, and welding in addition to classes already offered at the CVCC / Alexander Center.

Commissioner Mayberry mentioned the importance of “green” business and industry, such as solar panels.

Commissioner Robertson discussed the possible need for a turning lane on Highway 16 South to coincide with the facility.

It was agreed that CVCC representatives would attend the September 20th Commissioners’ Meeting and give a presentation to inform the public about this project. County staff will also research grants and make contact with Senators Burr and Hagan.

HEALTH CARE CENTER

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed information provided and discussed at a meeting held at Town Hall last week regarding a health clinic in Alexander County. Leeanne Whisnant, Health Director, was present to answer questions from the Board and explain the process of applying for the Federally Qualified Health Center grant.

After discussion, Commissioner Odom made a motion to allow Leeanne Whisnant, Health Director, to submit the Federal Qualified Health Center grant application for the health clinic. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #11

Rick French, County Manager, presented Budget Amendment #11 to increase the Special Appropriations budget to help the Domestic Violence Resource Center pay back payroll taxes as well as complete two financial audits.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #11. Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Commissioner Bolick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Larry G. Yoder, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board