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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING January 18, 2011

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman
 Ryan Mayberry, Vice-Chairman
 James "Burkie" Jennings
 Judy M. Moose
 Larry G. Yoder

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the CVCC / Alexander County Multipurpose Room, Taylorsville, NC.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Robertson announced that Jerry Bolick, former Bethlehem Fire Chief, had passed away. He asked that Mr. Bolick's family be remembered.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anita Price, Resource Center & Pre-Trial Release Director, gave the invocation and Greg Cronk, I.T. Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Cronk stated that when he was hired in 1999, he was the only I.T. employee and the County had 40 PC's and 2 servers. Today the County operates 350 PC's and 20 servers. The department has also grown to a staff of 6 that includes a GIS Analyst and 911 Addressing Coordinator. He advised that George Brown, GIS Analyst, was currently working on a regional 7-county GIS website, a first for NC, and Chad Ritchie will soon be revamping the County website. Mr. Cronk mentioned that the County subscribed to Facebook and Twitter and had also began posting the agendas for Commissioners' Meetings on the government channel.

Ms. Price, who was hired in 1997, explained that the Resource Center provided offenders on probation an alternative to incarceration. A total of 60 clients were served last year with 36 being new. The success rate was 61%. Pre-Trial Release began in 2003 to help charged offenders who have not been to court make their bond. This program helps reduce crowding of the jail and provides supervision to offenders while they await trial. Programs are also offered to these offenders such as substance abuse, parenting, GED, career readiness, therapy groups, etc. A total of 43 clients were served last year with 31 being new. The success rate was 67%. Jail bed days saved were 4,815 which are estimated at a cost savings of \$264,825.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Robertson requested deletion of Agenda Item #2 (CVCC ACE Strategic Planning Committee).

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

RECOGNITION OF REPRESENTATIVE MARK HOLLO

Representative Hollo was presented with a Key to the County as well as a County Seal for his service to the citizens of Alexander County in the NC General Assembly. Chairman Robertson pointed out that Representative Hollo would begin his duties next week and he thanked him for giving his time, efforts, and willingness to represent the citizens of this district.

Representative Hollo promised to work against unfunded mandates and the transfer of secondary roads to counties, which would place a large burden on taxpayers. He stated that his number one priority was economic development and decreasing unemployment.

Senator Dan Soucek was also to be recognized but was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

BANKING RESOLUTION & CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY FOR JAIL LOAN PROCEEDS

Rick French, County Manager, announced that the Local Government Commission had approved the County's loan for the Jail Project last week. Staff signed loan documents with Bank of America today and the attorneys will finalize everything on Thursday. He presented a resolution and certificate of incumbency for the jail loan proceeds for approval.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the resolution and certificate. Commissioner Jennings 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:

Planning & Zoning Commission – Reappoint Coy Reese for 2 years.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Appoint Lauren Gaines for one year.

Commissioner Appointments – Appoint Burkie Jennings to the Council on Aging Committee, Historic Committee, and Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Appoint Judy Moose to Criminal Justice Partnership Board, Equalization and Review Board, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Partnership for Children Board, Senior Center Advisory Committee.

Appoint Larry Yoder to Health Board and Library Board.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Mayberry 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 WPCOG Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory.
- B. Cindy Holman, the new DSS Director, will begin her duties on Monday, January 24, 2011.
- C. The Commissioners' Choice Awards will be held on March 15, 2011 in the ACHS Cafeteria at 6:30 PM.
- D. Sales tax collections for October totaled \$266,780. Collections so far for FY2010-2011 total \$1.3 million. The County projected a collection of \$3 million for the year, so revenues are currently ahead.
- E. Chairman Robertson requested a representative for the CVCC Strategic Planning Committee Meeting scheduled on February 2nd. Commissioner Jennings volunteered.

Chairman Robertson made a motion to appoint Commissioner Jennings as the representative for the meeting. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the January 3, 2011 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. Resolution for Grant Funds for Community Services Block Grant – NC Office of Economic Opportunity.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jennings 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 6:42 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 6:49 PM. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board