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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING August 1, 2011

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, August 1, 2011 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Yoder gave the invocation and Commissioner Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

AWARD BIDS FOR CHURCH ROAD WATER PROJECT

Doug Chapman, McGill Associates, reviewed the bid opening for the Church Road Water Project held on July 28, 2011. Nine bids were received and the low responsible bidder was Ronny Turner Construction with a bid of \$651,469 for both Division 1 (Hwy 64/90 to Liledoun Road) and Division 2 (Liledoun Road to Friendship Church Road). This will connect the water line that already exists from Friendship Church Road to Rink Dam Road.

He explained that the project received a NC Rural Center grant which would fund half the project costs or \$173,686 for Division 1 only or \$325,734 for both Division 1 and 2. Therefore, he felt that both projects should be completed to get the most grant funding available.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the bid of \$651,469 submitted by Ronny Turner Construction for both Divisions 1 and 2 of the Church Road Water Project. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SCHEDULE WORK SESSION

After discussion of dates, Commissioner Jennings made a motion to schedule a work session on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the County Administration downstairs conference room. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE #4

David Icenhour, Economic Development Director, presented a project budget ordinance for Terry Moore Ford / Quick Lane Auto who recently received a Building Reuse Renovation Grant from the NC Rural Center in the amount of \$48,000. The match provided by Alexander County totals \$1,400; however, this is in the form of in-kind services by County staff for grant administration and not a cash payout.

Mr. Icenhour reported that the total investment by Terry Moore Ford / Quick Lane Auto was \$200,000 with \$97,000 in renovation costs. Six jobs paying an average of \$44,000 were created due to the grant.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve Project Budget Ordinance #4. 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 July sales tax payment was \$284,808 for a total collection of \$3,001,550. One more payment is expected in August which should exceed the total budgeted amount for the year of \$3,071,100.
- B. The Alexander County Schools Open Session will be held on August 22, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the ACHS Auditorium.
- C. County staff is working on the 2011 Hiddenite Celebration Road Race scheduled for September 24, 2011. This will be our last race at the current location as plans are to move the race out to Rocky Face Park in 2012.
- D. Staff is also planning a bike ride of 50, 30, and 15 miles for October 22, 2011. The YMCA will be assisting with this event.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Tax Release Requests for May \$3,170.62 and Tax Refunds for May \$639.08.
- B. Minutes from the July 11, 2011 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- C. WPRTA Rural Operating Assistance Program Funds Administration Agreement.

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

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

Chairman Robertson made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:21 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and to discuss contractual matters and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 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 7:00 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