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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING October 17, 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, October 17, 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.

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

Chairman Robertson presented Dr. Josephine Foster with a Key to the County for her commitment to improving education in Alexander County. He stated that Dr. Jo was a department head at Appalachian State University but came home to care for her family. Since that time she served on the Board of Education (4/2001 – 6/2005) and the CVCC Board of Trustees (5/2001 – 8/2011).

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, CVCC President, conveyed his appreciation to Dr. Jo for her service on the CVCC Board of Trustees, noting that she had served faithfully and had changed thousands of lives while on the board.

Dr. Jo thanked the Board for the Key to the County and everyone for attending the reception.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK “ORDINARY WOMEN, EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE”

Margo Mosley, Extension Agent, stated that the book “Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Service” was written in recognition of the 100-year history of the Family and Consumer Sciences Program. She explained that Mrs. Jane McKimmon from Raleigh came to Taylorsville in 1911 and met with rural women in a boxcar. Tomato Clubs were formed which became Home Demonstration Clubs, which later became Extension and Community Association Clubs.

She reported that Ms. McKimmon’s vision was that rural women have access to the university. Home Demonstration became the farm women’s university. The early Home Demonstration Program is now called Family and Consumer Sciences and it reaches families throughout the county with practical information to eat healthy, manage money, save energy, and better their lives.

Ella Mae Nichols, Extension and Community Association member, presented a copy of the book to each Board member.

INTERCOUNTY AGREEMENT WITH ASHE COUNTY FOR HOUSING OUT-OF-COUNTY INMATES

Rick French, County Manager, advised that a jail inspection was performed on August 24, 2011 where 43 inmates were found housed at the County jail which has a capacity of 27. Several inmates were transferred to Ashe County which prompted the need for an agreement.

He explained that inmates would be housed at a cost of \$40 per day per inmate with no minimum on the number of inmates. Alexander County will pay for transportation of inmates as well as medical expenses. The agreement expires on June 30, 2012 and can be renewed yearly and terminated with 60 days notice. Mr. French pointed out that the County had a similar agreement with Caldwell County.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the agreement with Ashe County. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY IN HAYWOOD COUNTY

Rick French, County Manger, stated that the Smoky Mountain Center wished to purchase property in Waynesville to house some of its offices, noting that the Center needed each county in the LME to consider a resolution approving the purchase.

He noted that the Smoky Mountain Center purchased property in Boone two years ago. This purchase means there will now be a base operation in each of the three LME regions. No County funds will be used for the purchase.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the resolution for the purchase of property in Haywood County by the Smoky Mountain Center. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #15

Rick French, County Manager, stated that Budget Amendment #15 was to budget for a refund to the NC Department of Juvenile Justice for 2010 – 2011 unused JCPC balances, to decrease the budget for transportation grant funds formerly passed through the County to the WPRTA, and to budget for Work First employment funds from a NCDOT grant to be utilized through DSS.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #15. 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 Church Road Water Line Program is moving smoothly. Crews are currently working in the Mountain View Mobile Home Park area.
- B. The survey work has been completed for the Hoyle Keller Loop Water Project. This is a CDBG project that includes some housing rehabilitation with a total cost of \$390,000. No local funds are included.
- C. County staff is working on a bike ride planned for Saturday, October 22, 2011. Distances are 15 miles, 30 miles, and 50 miles.
- D. Commissioner Jennings announced a special Veteran's Day event to be held on November 11, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the ACHS Auditorium. A free lunch will be served for all veterans and spouses.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the October 3, 2011 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(1 & 6) PERSONNEL

Chairman Robertson made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:29 PM to discuss personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Jennings made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board