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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING June 18, 2012

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Ryan Mayberry, Chairman
James “Burkie” Jennings, Vice-Chairman
Judy M. Moose
W. Darrell Robertson
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, June 18, 2012 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Chairman Mayberry announced that the 882nd Engineer Company, NC National Guard Armory, would be holding a deployment ceremony on Friday, June 22, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Brock Performing Arts Center in Mocksville, NC.

Chairman Mayberry also welcomed his cousin Wes who is interning at *The Taylorsville Times* this summer. Wes is a student from the University of Ohio and is majoring in journalism.

Commissioner Jennings asked for more volunteers for the video interviews of veterans, especially WWII.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Mayberry requested the addition of Budget Amendment #54 under Agenda Item #6 and made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADOPTION OF 2012-2013 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY

Rick French, County Manager, presented the 2012-2013 Alexander County Budget Ordinance for approval. He stated that the proposed budget was \$33,231,226 and included no increase in property taxes or any other fees with the exception of a 5% water rate increase to offset an increase imposed by the City of Hickory. He also noted that this total was \$1.5 million more than what was provided at the June 4, 2012 meeting due to the addition of a Capital Projects Fund for parks, the courthouse renovation, and other capital needs.

Commissioner Moose expressed concerns with the budget increasing by approximately \$4 million from last year. She asked if the County intended to spend that much or if it would only be used as needed. Mr. French replied that only the necessary funds would be spent throughout the year.

Commissioner Jennings agreed, adding that the Board was committed to saving the tax payers money as much as possible.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Josh Mitchell, Solid Waste Director, advised that N.C.G.S. 130A-309.09A(b) required each unit of local government to update the 10-year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every 3 years. He reviewed all aspects of the plan including disposal, recycling, enforcement, and education.

He stated that Alexander County is currently disposing of 50 tons of trash per day and had a total of 17,657 tons for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. This is compared to 75 tons per day in 1998, the reduction due in part to the numerous recycling opportunities available at the convenience sites and landfill. He also noted that Alexander County still ranked 18th in the state for recycling; however, he reported that Alexander County had gained 20 pounds per person in recycling in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, based on per capita rates.

The Board thanked Mr. Mitchell and his staff for a great job.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING & ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2012

Josh Mitchell, Solid Waste Director, presented a resolution to accept and endorse the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2012 for Alexander County.

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

AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH THE TOWN OF TAYLORSVILLE FOR BILLING & COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES

Rick French, County Manager, presented a 4-year extension to the agreement with the Town of Taylorsville for the billing and collection of their property taxes. The extension also increases the fee collected by the County from 2% to 3% of taxes collected.

He noted that the County began collecting the Town's taxes in 2010 and that it had worked out well for both municipalities.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the extension to the agreement. Commissioner Robertson 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:

WPCOG Region E Aging Committee – Reappoint Lee Ann Ferguson, Phil Evan, and Phil Thorson for 2 years.

Senior Center Advisory Committee – Reappoint Nan Campbell, Judith Fay, Micki Earp, and Chris Howe for 3 years.

Town Planning Board of Adjustments – Appoint Bruce Johnson and Carolyn Johnson

Tax Assessor – Reappoint Luther Stocks for 4 years.

Tax Collector - Reappoint Guy Kerley for 4 years.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #47 - #54

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #47 - #54 as follows:

Budget Amendment #47 – To budget for the year-end salary accrual for the first payroll in July.

Budget Amendment #48 – To budget for the year-end salary accrual for the first payroll in July. To increase the Solid Waste budget for estimated expenses for June 2012.

Budget Amendment #49 – To adjust the County Water & Sewer Fund based on data from year-to-date revenue reports from the City of Hickory.

Budget Amendment #50 – To amend the Fire District Funds for expenditures.

Budget Amendment #51 – To increase the Information Technology budget for the purchase of blue-tooth equipment for the Sheriff's Department plus other departments' technology equipment. To increase the Human Resources budget for estimated expenses for May and June 2012. To increase the Fire / Emergency Services budget for the receipt of non-cash grants from Homeland Security. To adjust the JCPC budget for a FY 2012 revised funding plan per the State. To increase the DSS budget for an additional allocation of Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Funds.

Budget Amendment #52 – To increase departmental budgets for estimated expenses for the remainder of 2011-2012.

Budget Amendment #53 – To budget for payment to the school system to be used for the high school track resurfacing project.

Budget Amendment #54 – To budget for the Capital Projects Fund.

Commissioner Yoder was opposed to the purchase of blue-tooth equipment for the Sheriff's Department, stating it was a waste of time and money because the deputies would not use them. Chairman Mayberry disagreed, stating that it would be much safer than driving while using a cell phone.

Commissioner Jennings made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #47 - #54 with the exception of the \$2,300 appropriation in Budget Amendment #51 for blue-tooth equipment for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 in favor (Commissioners Jennings, Moose, Robertson, and Yoder) and one against (Chairman Mayberry). The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed the following issues during Other Business:

- A. Over \$3 million in sales tax revenue has been collected for 2011-2012. The amount budgeted for FY 2011-2012 is \$3,258,200. Alexander County is currently \$283,500 ahead compared to this time last year.
- B. The 105th NCACC Annual Conference is scheduled for August 16-19, 2012 in Raleigh.
- C. A retirement reception will be held for Scott Ross, Senior Center Director, on Friday, June 29, 2012 at the Senior Center from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.
- D. On Friday, August 31, 2012, Margo Mosley from Cooperative Extension will be recognized at a retirement celebration at the CVCC / Alexander Center from 2:00-4:00 PM.
- E. Phil Bowman from DSS will also be retiring and will be recognized at our July 16th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Home and Community Care Block Grant SFY 2013.
- B. Personnel Policy Changes.
- C. Minutes from the February 20, 2012 Work Session, March 12, 2012 Regular Commissioners' Meeting, April 2, 2012 Regular Commissioners' Meeting, April 16, 2012 Special Called Meeting, May 14, 2012 Regular Commissioners' Meeting, May 28, 2012 Work Session, and June 4, 2012 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 in favor (Commissioner Jennings, Mayberry, Moose, and Robertson) and one against (Commissioner Yoder). The motion carried.

Commissioner Yoder voted against because he was not present at the meeting when the Personnel Policy changes were discussed.

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 Mayberry made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:50 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 Jennings made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ryan Mayberry, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board