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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING July 16, 2012

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Ryan Mayberry, Chairman (late)
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, July 16, 2012 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Robertson gave the invocation and Commissioner Moose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

The Board presented a Key to the County to Phil Bowman for 33 years of service with the Alexander County Department of Social Services. Mr. Bowman will retire in August 2012.

Cindy Holman, DSS Director, stated that Mr. Bowman came to work for Alexander County on July 16, 1979 in Child Support Enforcement. Since that time, he has been a Non-Custodial Parent Employment Case Manager and a Work First Human Resource Placement Specialist. He has also been instrumental in writing several best practice measures which won NCACDSS awards.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Jennings requested the removal of Agenda Item #2 (Public Hearing: Closeout of Piedmont Wood Products CDBG Grant).

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Robertson 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.

INSPECTIONS ANNUAL REPORT

Lynn Teague, Chief Building Code Enforcement Officer, discussed the number of permits submitted for the past fiscal year as well as major projects completed, underway, or in plan review. He informed the Board that several code changes had taken place in January and June, explaining some of the key changes including a new session law that extended permits normally valid for one year to almost 4 years.

Commissioner Robertson asked Mr. Teague to keep the Board updated on the new “green” codes as they were implemented.

AMENDMENT TO THE TOBACCO USE ORDINANCE

Rick French, County Manager, presented a proposed update to the Tobacco Use Ordinance, which would prohibit the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products on all County property, including outside and in vehicles. He reported that this policy was similar to policies in place for the school system as well as CVCC and would coincide with the County’s Wellness Programs.

Mr. French informed the Board that enforcement of the new policy would take some time to completely implement and that staff would be working with the Sheriff’s Department, especially at the courthouse when court is in session.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the updated Tobacco Use Ordinance. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY-LAWS UPDATE

Rick French, County Manager, presented a proposed update to the Library Board of Trustees bylaws, stating that the current bylaws were very outdated. He explained that the new bylaws clearly state that the Library Board of Trustees is an advisory board and also specifies the number of term limits for members.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the proposed bylaws for the Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Moose 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:

Senior Center Advisory Committee – Appoint Shirley Flowers to replace Jan Schoeppler whose term expires 6/2013.

Health Board – Appoint Jennifer Hull for 3 years. Reappoint Dwight Shook and Penny Mitchell for 3 years.

Vice-Chairman Jennings explained that specific people had originally been appointed to the Veterans Committee and he asked that specific positions be appointed, since officers of each DAV, VFW, etc. changed yearly.

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

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #1

Rick French, County Manager, explained that Budget Amendment #1 was to increase the Sheriff's Department budget for a Permanent Checking Station Grant for child passenger safety restraints.

Commissioner Moose made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #1. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Vice-Chairman Jennings asked that the Board be updated as to where the checking station would be located once the grant was received and put into use.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, advised that staff was researching prices for furniture for the new Law Enforcement and Detention Center. He noted that he had spoken with Dr. Jay Piland regarding medical services for inmates as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Record Retention & Disposition Schedule – Personnel Records.
- B. Tax Release Requests for June \$3,203.00 and Tax Refunds for May \$2,348.27.
- C. June 18, 2012 Regular Commissioners’ Meeting.

Commissioner Yoder 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, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Vice-Chairman Jennings made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:45 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 Yoder 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 7:30 PM. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

James “Burkie” Jennings, Vice-Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board