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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** April 22, 2013

**ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Monday, April 22, 2013 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jennings gave the invocation and Commissioner Robertson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was also held to remember the lives lost during the bombing at the Boston Marathon as well as the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Mayberry stated that he would be giving his Economic Development report at a work session to be scheduled for May 6, 2013 later in the meeting. He commented on a letter sent from City of Hickory Mayor Rudy Wright to all senators and representatives in the Metropolitan Statistical Area along with Speaker of the House Tillis, President Pro Tempore Berger, and Governor McCrory regarding the area’s loss of jobs and population decline.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Jennings requested the addition of a resolution in opposition to the Governor's proposed budget for 2013-2014 following Vice-Chairman Yoder's NCACC District Meeting report as well as the scheduling of a work session on May 6, 2013 under the Consent Agenda.

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

NCACC DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

Vice-Chairman Yoder reported on the NC Association of County Commissioners' District Meeting held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Broyhill Center in Caldwell County which included information related to bills introduced and those being tracked by NCACC, the Governor's proposed budget for 2013-2014, and special dates including County Assembly Day set for May 22, 2013 and Walk the Hall Wednesdays.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS FOR 2013-2014

Vice-Chairman Yoder discussed the proposed funding cuts in the Governor's 2013-2014 budget, specifically \$80 million from lottery proceeds earmarked for school construction, removal of dedicated funding for the Park & Recreation Trust Fund, a reduction of \$10 million in the appropriation to the NC Rural Economic Development Center, redirection of the annual \$65 million payment from tobacco companies to the Golden Leaf Foundation to the State general fund, and a reduction in the Clean Water Management Trust Fund from the current \$10.75 million to \$6.75 million for 2013-2014 and no recommendation for funding in 2014-2015.

Several members spoke in regard to the proposed budget and funding losses, noting that items such as the lottery and Golden Leaf funding was sold to and passed by the public for a specific reason, which was not to simply be used to balance the State budget.

Vice-Chairman Yoder made a motion to approve the resolution in opposition to the Governor's proposed budget for 2013-2014. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION – APPLICATION FOR GOLDEN LEAF FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECULATIVE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

David Icenhour, Economic Development Director, presented a resolution to authorize the submitting of a formal application to the Golden Leaf Foundation seeking \$1 million for the construction of a 50,000 square foot speculative industrial building in the current Alexander Industrial Park in an effort to recruit new industry and increase employment.

Vice-Chairman Yoder made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the Golden Leaf Foundation grant application for the spec building. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion.

Commissioner Robertson requested an amendment to the motion to include the location address of the spec building in the resolution and made a motion as such. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALEXANDER COUNTY & CVCC

Rick French, County Manager, presented a 20-year lease agreement with Catawba Valley Community College for the former Taylor Togs building located at 236 Commercial Park Avenue which will be used for the expansion of the CVCC / Alexander Center.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the lease agreement with CVCC. Vice-Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BOARD REAPPOINTMENT

Rick French, County Manager, requested the reappointment of Clint Canaday to the Health Board for a 3-year term.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the reappointment. Vice-Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #48 & #49

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #48 & #49, as follows:

Budget Amendment #48 – To increase the Detention Center budget for the purchase of a used box truck for transporting meals from the prison and for salaries / benefits for the remainder of FY 2013 for two detention officers to transport inmates to and from the courthouse for court appearances.

Budget Amendment #49 – To increase the budget for security deposit and rent payments due during the remainder of FY 2013 for leased office space for state-required offices of Probation & Parole and Pre-Trial Release / TECS Program.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #48 - #49. Vice-Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the April 8, 2013 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. Tax Release Requests (\$1,970.95) and Tax Refunds (\$287.57) for April 2013.
- C. Scheduling of work session on May 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the County Administration Conference Room.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Jennings announced that he had recorded the reading of the State of the County which was now being aired on the government channel and the local radio station. Copies will also be available at the next Commissioners' Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 2, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, DEGREES/PRIZES/AWARDS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:59 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information and to discuss degrees/prizes/awards, economic development, contractual matters, and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 2, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

James H. Jennings, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board