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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**     August 5, 2013

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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

**ABSENT:**     Ryan Mayberry

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 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 held a moment of silence and Commissioner Moose led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Moose attended the Welcome Home Ceremony for the 882<sup>nd</sup> National Guard Engineer Company on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at Peace Haven Baptist Church in Yadkinville. She stated she was very proud of these men and women and thanked them for their service.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following comments were heard:

Mike Annas, Commander of American Legion Post 170, informed the Board that the American Legion wished to fund the construction of a new flagpole and monument at the County Administration Building in honor of all County employees and elected officials who served in the military, also noting the many veterans that frequented the building to visit the Veterans Service Officer.

Ken Wooten, Executive Director of Dove House Children's Advocacy Center, provided background information on the services and facility offered by the Dove House to sexually abused children in Iredell and Alexander County. He also announced a free concert to take place on September 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the ACHS Auditorium where Rockie Lynne will be performing to benefit the Dove House.

Kathy Riddle promoted a Citizens for the Future of Alexander County public forum on September 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Room 103 of the CVCC / Alexander Center to gather citizen input and ideas on how to best develop the CFAC initiatives which include revitalizing the local economy, building travel and tourism on natural scenic beauty, creating a cultural arts environment, and developing retirement opportunities.

Connie Killian invited the public to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Bethlehem Day Festival and Classic Car & Truck Show scheduled for September 28, 2013 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM in the Lowes Food Parking Lot.

Russell Greene, Emergency Services Director, advised that Governor McCrory has requested disaster assistance by the U.S. Small Business Administration to assist flood victims in Catawba County and several adjacent counties including Alexander. If granted, low interest loans will be available to citizens and business owners affected by the recent storm; however, citizens need to keep thorough records and documentation as well as photos of damage incurred. Mr. Greene also stated that the Vashti, Sugar Loaf, and Central Alexander Fire Departments would soon be involved in ISO rating assessments.

Jill Woodie, Senior Center Director, reported that the Bethlehem Senior Center was doing very well with good attendance and that attendance was slowing picking up at the Stony Point Center. She also stated that with the discontinuation of the Tarheel card, staff has worked with the School System and ACHS Athletic Department to develop a 60+ card for county residents that will be accepted at all home games, with the exception of endowment and state playoff games.

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VETERAN OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN WILKES COUNTY**

Ginger Annas, Veterans Service Officer, requested the Board's support for a Veteran Outpatient Clinic in Wilkes County to better serve the 43,491 veterans that live in Wilkes and the 9 surrounding counties. Wilkes Regional Medical Center has offered space to the Veterans Administration to house the outpatient clinic. Ms. Annas mentioned the extremely long wait time for veterans to obtain an appointment through the VA healthcare system, which this facility would help reduce.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the Wilkes County outpatient clinic. Vice-Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Y-RIDE & HIDDENITE FESTIVAL ROAD RACE**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Y-Ride scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2013 and 9:00 AM. All rides (5K, 50K, 100K) will start at Rocky Face Park.

He also mentioned the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hiddenite Festival Road Race scheduled for September 28, 2013 at 8:30 AM. The half-marathon begins at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, the 10K begins on Allen Road, and the 5K begins at York Institute Road. All races finish in front of the Lucas Mansion.

Volunteers are needed and information can be obtained by contacting the County Administration Office.

### **SALES TAX REPORT**

Rick French, County Manager, reported that \$3,334,357 had been collected in sales tax revenue for the first 11 months of the 2012-2013 fiscal year which is \$58,774 more than this time last year or 1.8%; however, the hold harmless total is at \$87,259.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

Rick French, County Manager, presented the following appointments and reappointments:

Senior Center Advisory Committee – Appoint Bonnie Simms, Phyllis Douglas, and Paulette Huffman for 3 years. Reappoint Alfred Dooley for 3 years.

Animal Control Advisory Board – Reappoint Gary Shaffer, Dwight Shook, Tod Jones, Wilson Friday, Lanny Keever, James Hill, and Dottie Ferguson for 2 years.

Commissioner Robertson 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.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- A. The next scheduled Commissioners' Meeting is August 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the CVCC / Alexander Center.
- B. The 106<sup>th</sup> annual NCACC Conference will be held on August 22-25, 2013 in Guilford County.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Tax Release Requests (\$2,014.22) and Tax Refunds (\$797.73) for July 2013.
- B. Minutes from the July 15, 2013 Regular Commissioners' Meeting and July 22, 2013 Work Session.

Commissioner Robertson 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, 2, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, DEGREES/PRIZES/AWARDS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL**

Chairman Jennings made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:37 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 Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for the regular meeting, Commissioner Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Vice-Chairman Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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James H. Jennings, Chairman

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Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board