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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING December 1, 2014

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Larry Yoder, Chairman
 Ryan Mayberry, Vice-Chairman
 Milton H. Campbell
 Josh Lail
 Ronnie Reese

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Jamie Steele, East Taylorsville Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Chairman Yoder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

*****SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION & COUNTY COMMISSIONERS*****

The Honorable Dale Graham, Chief District Court Judge, administered oaths of office to Board of Education members Sallie Hartis, David Odom, Marty Pennell, and Harry Schrum as well as County Commissioners Milton Campbell, Josh Lail, and Ronnie Reese.

*****SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS*****

Chairman Yoder presented Keys to the County to Rex White, author of “Gold Thunder” and 2015 NASCAR Hall of Fame Inductee as well as Dr. Russell Faulkenbury who is retiring this month after 40 years of medical service to the citizens of Alexander County.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Both Chairman Yoder and Vice-Chairman Mayberry welcomed the new members, both stating that they looked forward to working with them during the next two years.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Yoder requested the removal of Items #1 & #2 from the agenda (Swearing in Ceremonies) as they had already occurred and made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period.

ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN

Chairman Yoder called for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Campbell nominated Chairman Yoder to continue serving as Chairman for 2015.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Campbell made a motion to close the nominations and approve the election of Chairman Yoder as Chairman for 2015. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Yoder called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Reese nominated Vice-Chairman Mayberry to continue serving as Vice-Chairman for 2015.

There being no further nominations, Commissioner Reese made a motion to close the nominations and approve the election of Vice-Chairman Mayberry as Vice-Chairman for 2015. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM

Don Phelps, Republic Services General Manager, along with LaDonna Bolton, Recycling Facility Division Manager, and Tracy Nester, Municipal Manger, gave a slide show presentation regarding the new Curbside Recycling Collection Program which began November 1, 2014. Republic Services, who has a 30-year history with Alexander County, invested \$12 million in their Material Recovery Facility to convert to single-stream technology.

Ms. Bolton provided specifics related to square footage of the updated facility, number of employees, and number of homes serviced, noting that recycling tonnage had increased from 2,400 tons per month to 4,400 tons per months since implementation of the single-stream program. All recyclables can now be placed into one container without having to be sorted. Rigid plastics such as buckets and mixed paper can now be accepted; however, the facility cannot accept plastic bags or Styrofoam.

Ms. Nester reported that the single-stream recycling program offered to homeowners would save the County approximately \$12,000 each year in tipping fees and keep 288 tons of waste out of the landfill. She explained the benefits of converting County convenience centers to single-stream instead of sorted, using an example of Rutherford County who saved approximately \$9,500 during the first 6 months and would pay for infrastructure purchases needed to convert within a year.

Chairman Yoder asked Ms. Nester to contact Mr. French regarding a cost analysis study, which is provided by Republic Services at no cost, to determine the costs involved in converting Alexander County's facilities to single-stream.

CHRISTMAS PARADE REPORT

Dwaine Coley and Julie Campbell were present to report on the 68th annual Christmas Parade sponsored by Alexander County scheduled for Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 PM. There are currently 150 entries representing 185 units consisting of 13 floats, two marching band and one non-marching band, 18 non-profit/church groups, 20 businesses, 20 clubs, 3 tractor/car groups, and a variety of fire/rescue and elected officials. Dr. Russell Faulkenbury has been chosen as this year's Grand Marshal and 1949 beauty queens Joyce Moose Sharpe and Colleen Coley Hendren will also ride in the parade.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING DECEMBER 1-31, 2014 AS CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Vice-Chairman Mayberry presented and made a motion to approve a proclamation declaring December 1-31, 2014 as Christmas in Bethlehem. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 160A-274

Rick French, County Manager, requested approval of a resolution authorizing conveyance of a 1985 Chevrolet ambulance VIN #1GCHD34J7F357726 currently being used by the Sheriff's Office. Approval will declare the vehicle as surplus and authorize conveyance with no monetary value to the Town of Taylorsville.

He advised that due to the vehicle being titled to its previous owner, Haywood County, the Town must complete motor vehicle title procedures for ownership documentation and insurance purposes.

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing conveyance of the ambulance. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2015 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Yoder presented the 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as follows:

January 12, 2015	June 15, 2015
February 2, 2015	July 13, 2015
March 2, 2015	August 3, 2015
April 13, 2015	September 14, 2015
May 4, 2015	October 5, 2015
May 18, 2015	November 2, 2015
June 1, 2015	December 7, 2015

Commissioner Lail made a motion to approve 2015 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Chairman Yoder presented the 2015 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1, 2015
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Monday, January 19, 2015
Good Friday	Friday, April 3, 2015
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2015
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2015
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2015
Veteran's Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 26-27, 2015
Christmas	Wednesday-Friday, December 23-25, 2015

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the 2015 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as presented. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

SCHEDULING OF CALLED MEETING FOR DECEMBER 8, 2014

Rick French, County Manager, requested a called meeting for Monday, December 8th at 6:00 PM in the County Administration downstairs conference room to receive an update regarding revaluation and a few other departmental and project updates.

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to hold a called meeting on December 8th as requested. Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #15 & #16

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed the purpose of Budget Amendments #15 & #16, as follows:

Budget Amendment #15 – To increase the Information Technology budget to purchase iPads for the incoming commissioners and to purchase a replacement project bulb for CVCC. To increase the Detention budget for accrued leave payout due to an employee leaving County employment. To increase the Fire/Emergency Services budget for additional costs for permitting software. To increase the Library budget for 1) receipt of state grant funds and donations from Friends of the Library to be used for children’s programs and books 2) for receipt of federal grant funds to purchase 5 computer tablets to increase device access hours per capita.

Budget Amendment #16 – To increase the DSS budget for 100% funding to hire two new full-time Child Protective Services employees.

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #15 & #16. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NCACC DECEMBER BOARD UPDATE VIDEO

A video prepared by the NC Association of County Commissioners was shown to introduce Kevin Leonard, the new NCACC Executive Director, and to update commissioners on several upcoming meetings and conferences including the Essentials of County Government courses and the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

- A. County staff attended a meeting concerning the CVCC / Applied Technologies Project on November 21st where local furniture representatives were allowed to discuss the program and Sherry Long with the WPCOG reviewed grant commitments. The group also heard a report from the Catawba County Furniture Academy which began in January 2014 and has already outgrown its existing 6,500 square foot facility.

- B. A retirement ceremony will be held for Dee Blackwell, WPCOG Executive Director, on December 18th at 6:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory.
- C. To date, \$958,242 has been collected in sales tax revenue for the 2014-2015 year. This is 26.5% of the total budgeted for the year and 8.1% more than what was collected this time last year.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the November 3, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- B. Tax Release Requests (\$1,301.67) and Tax Refunds (\$19,294.83) for October 25 – November 21, 2014.
- C. Application for I-CARE CSBG funding for Iredell and Alexander Counties.

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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 Yoder made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:15 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). Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Larry Yoder, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board