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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING November 2, 2015

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, November 2, 2015 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

Commissioner Campbell gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Mayberry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Yoder presented a Key to the County to Bradley Earp for 28 years of dedicated service to Alexander County EMS, noting that Mr. Earp came to work for Alexander County in 1987 and had since that time served as EMT Intermediate, Paramedic, Supervisor, Training Officer, and as EMS Director for the past 11 years.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

PUBLIC HEARING: 5310 ENHANCEMENT OF SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Keith Moon, Interim DSS Director, discussed the annual 5310 Program Grant that would provide transportation for Alexander County seniors age 65 and older or under age 65 and disabled to congregate meal programs within Alexander County 5 days per week. It will also allow these individuals to do essential shopping, provide access to medical care and pharmacies, attend adult daycare, participate in volunteer activities, education, employment, and attend Senior Center activities. The intended service area is within the rural areas of Alexander County.

The total project budget is \$194,592 broken down as 80% federal (\$155,647), 10% State (\$19,459), and 10% local. He advised that the local match would be provided by the Home and Community Care Block Grant funding. The project is for one year beginning July 1, 2016 and staff plans to reapply again next year.

Chairman Yoder called the public hearing to order and requested any comments. There being none, Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reese made a motion allowing staff to move forward with applying for the 5310 Program Grant and approving the coinciding resolution. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2016 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Yoder presented the 2016 Alexander County Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as follows:

January 11, 2016	June 20, 2016
February 1, 2016	July 18, 2016
March 7, 2016	August 1, 2016
April 4, 2016	September 12, 2016
May 2, 2016	October 3, 2016
May 16, 2016	November 7, 2016
June 6, 2016	December 5, 2016

Commissioner Lail made a motion to approve the 2016 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as presented. Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Chairman Yoder presented the 2016 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Memorial Day	
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2016
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2016
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 24-25, 2016
Christmas Frid	ay, Monday, & Tuesday, December 23, 26, & 27, 2016

Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve the 2016 Holiday Schedule as presented. Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #13 - #15

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed the purpose of Budget Amendments #13 - #15 as follows:

Budget Amendment #13 – To increase the Finance budget for the required actuarial valuation of the County's retiree health insurance plan due to actual costs exceeding the amount estimated during the budget process. To increase the Information Technology budget for cyber liability insurance inadvertently omitted from original budget estimates. To increase the Contingency budget for a workers' compensation audit refund. To budget for a refund to the NC Department of Juvenile Justice for 2014-2015 funds not spent by service providers. To increase the Health Department budget for additional State funds for STD prevention.

Budget Amendment #14 – To budget for an additional County match required to change the scope of the Rocky Face Park Phase 2 expansion – includes adding facilities/amenities and removing two small elements to increase the accessibility and usefulness of the site.

Budget Amendment #15 – To budget for the closeout of prior years' projects that were accounted for in the Capital Projects Fund – Jaycee Park basketball courts (\$9,003), Bethlehem Park tennis courts (\$77,520), and Dusty Ridge Park parking lot paving (\$97,758).

Vice-Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #13 - #15. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

- A. The DSS Board voted on October 29th to officially offer the DSS Director position to Patricia Baker who currently works for Wake County as a Social Services Division Director. Her start date will be November 23, 2015.
- B. Mr. French and Darrell Robertson, County Engineer, recently met with representatives from McGill Associates regarding the next round of water projects. The USDA Program offers a 2 ½% interest over a 40-year period that could be utilized for a number of projects.
- C. Alexander County now has a Nuisance Property Complaint phone line at (828) 632-1372.
- D. The Advent Church Road Water Project is scheduled to begin on November 9th.
- E. Mr. French recommended the November 16th work session be cancelled and held after the audit presentation scheduled for December.
 - Commissioner Campbell made a motion to cancel the November 16th work session as requested. Vice-Chairman Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- F. Chairman Yoder mentioned the new medical examiner and autopsy fees that took effect on October 1, 2015 as mandated by the State in N.C.G.S. 130A-387 and 130A-389, as follows:
 - Medical examiner report fee is now \$200 (increase of \$100).
 - Autopsy fee is now \$1,750 (increase of \$500).
 - State autopsy supplement is now \$1,050 (new charge paid only by State to autopsy facilities in excess of regular autopsy fee).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the October 5, 2015 Regular Meeting and October 19, 2015 Called Meeting.
- B. Appoint Lynn Teague as Code Enforcement Officer.
- C. Tax Release Requests (\$3,261.22) and Tax Refunds (\$1,244.31) for September 26 October 23, 2015.

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

CLOSED SESSION - N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 3, 4, 5, & 6) TO PREVENT THE INFORMATION, **DISCLOSURE OF** CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Chairman Yoder made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:21 PM to prevent the disclosure of confidential information, for the purpose of attorney/client privilege, and to discuss economic development, contractual matters, and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1, 3, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business, Vice-Chairman I Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which	• •
Larry G. Yoder, Chairman	Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board