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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING December 5, 2016

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Ryan Mayberry, Chairman
Milton H. Campbell, Vice-Chairman
Josh Lail
Ronnie Reese
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, December 5, 2016 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Mayberry attended the Alexander County Christmas Parade as well as the Bethlehem Star Lighting on Saturday December 3rd, both of which he felt were well attended.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Campbell 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.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Honorable Dale Graham, Chief District Court Judge, administered oaths of office to Board of Education members Caryn Brzykcy, Brigette Rhyne, and Scott Bowman.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Honorable Dale Graham, Chief District Court Judge, administered oaths of office to County Commissioners Ryan Mayberry and Jeffrey Peal.

ALEXANDER COUNTY FOSTER PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Brenda Price, Treasurer of the Alexander County Foster Parents Association, promoted the Christmas fundraiser used to purchase gifts for foster children and stated that donations of new toys, clothes, or cash are accepted and donations can be made in memory or honor of someone. She also mentioned that some of the monetary donations are used throughout the year to pay for field trips, school pictures, braces, etc.

There are currently 79 children in 27 foster homes in Alexander County compared to 14 children and 9 foster homes when the Foster Parents Association was created over 30 years ago. Ms. Price discussed the need for more foster homes in the county.

Several commissioners provided donations and toys.

APPROVAL OF PIGGYBACK PURCHASE OF TYPE III AMBULANCE

Doug Gillispie, EMS Director, requested approval to purchase an American Emergency Vehicles ambulance from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for the price of \$134,998, noting that the Board approved a piggyback contract at the November 14, 2015 meeting. This price is only \$3,975 more than the ambulance purchased last year. Mr. Gillispie added that this would be the last year a Type III ambulance would be available.

Commissioner Lail made a motion to approve the purchase of the AEV ambulance from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles for \$134,998. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the election of Milton Campbell as Chairman for 2017. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed 4 in favor (Commissioners Lail, Mayberry, Peal, and Reese) in favor and one abstention (Commissioner Campbell).

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Mayberry made a motion approve the election of Ronnie Reese as Vice-Chairman for 2017. Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded the motion, which passed 4 in favor (Commissioners Campbell, Lail, Mayberry, and Peal) and one abstention (Commissioner Reese).

DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Vice-Chairman Campbell made a motion to designate Chairman Mayberry to serve as Voting Delegate at the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference scheduled for January 12-13, 2017 in Wake County. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF AN OFFICIAL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NC ABC COMMISSION ON ABC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Rick French, County Manger, recommended the Planning & Development Director be designated as the County official to sign off on ABC permit applications before going to the ABC Commission for final approval and presented a resolution for consideration.

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the resolution designating the Planning & Development Director to sign off on ABC permit applications. Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ABC COMPLIANCE FEES

Rick French, County Manager, recommended a fee of \$100 be implemented to cover the zoning and inspections ABC compliance forms and required inspections. He advised that staff had polled several local governments across the state to determine the fee.

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the \$100 fee as requested. Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Rick French, County Manager, requested the appointment of Patricia Baker and the reappointment of Leanne Whisnant, Chris Bowman, William Hammer, and Russell Greene to

the Local Emergency Planning Commission, all for 3 years terms. In addition, he also asked that Russell Greene be appointed at the LEPC Chair.

Vice-Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #15 & #16

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed the purpose of Budget Amendments #10 - #12 as follows:

Budget Amendment #15 – To decrease the Bethlehem Water Fund revenue estimates based on corrected date from year-to-date revenue reports from the City of Hickory and to increase the Bethlehem Water Fund capital budget to install a waterline along Teague Town Road from Bowman’s Cutover Road to Confederate Lane.

Budget Amendment #16 – To budget for additional Golden Leaf grant funds from CVCC for Change Order #3 for the welding booth installation and ventilation system and to adjust the budget for the building upfit expense by creating expense line items for EDA grant expenses and local (County & CVCC) expenses.

Commissioner Lail expressed concerns with appropriating funds for a water line that would serve very few households.

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #15 & #16. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed 4 in favor (Commissioners Campbell, Mayberry, Peal, and Reese) and one against (Commissioner Lail).

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick French, County Manager, requested approval of a resolution to enroll County employees into the NC State Employees’ Health Care Plan effective July 1, 2017 as well as the Notice of Participation & Information Sheet as this is the first step in the process.

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to approve the resolution and participating sheet. Vice-Chairman Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Tax Release Requests (\$3,077.40) and Tax Refunds (\$22,297.50) for November 1-25, 2016.
- B. Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.
- C. LEPC 2016 Annual Report.

Vice-Chairman Campbell 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)(4, 5, & 6) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTUAL, & PERSONNEL

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:48 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)(4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Mayberry made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ryan N. Mayberry, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board