

Draft

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING October 3, 2011

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2011 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Robertson gave the invocation and Commissioner Mayberry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Chairman Robertson thanked everyone involved with the Hiddenite Celebration of the Arts held this past Saturday, noting that the event was a success with a good turnout.

He also announced that the Bethlehem Branch Library would be hosting artwork by Bud Caywood beginning Thursday, October 6th.

Chairman Robertson urged everyone to attend the Apple Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 15th.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Yoder 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

There was no one present to speak during the Public Comment Period. Chairman Robertson supplied a copy of Public Comment Procedures approved by the Board on August 8, 2005 which outlined procedures to be followed during the Public Comment Period. The policy includes provisions that each speaker be allowed 3 minutes to make comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: CLOSEOUT OF VASHTI ROAD WATER CDBG PROJECT

Nancy Coley, WPCOG Community Development Administrator, stated that the \$750,000 grant was used to construct public water lines on a portion of NC Highway 16 North and on Vashti Road ending at Lawson Childers Road. A total of 32,407 linear feet of water lines, hydrants, and residential taps and connections were installed serving 29 households. Fifty six low and moderate income persons benefited from this project. She pointed out that, because Alexander County was a 21st Century Community, no match was required so CDBG funds financed 100% of the total project expenditures.

She requested the Board's approval to submit the closeout papers to the Community Investment and Assistance, Division of Community Assistance, NC Department of Commerce.

Chairman Robertson called the public hearing to order and requested any public comment. There being no comments made, Commissioner Yoder made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to submit the closeout papers for the Vashti Road Water Project CDBG #08-C-1856 as requested. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CLEAN ALEXANDER REPORT

Josh Mitchell, Solid Waste Director, announced that the next Clean Alexander Day would be held on Saturday, October 29, 2011. All Alexander County citizens will be allowed to dispose of their trash for free at the landfill and convenience sites from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

He explained that convenience sites will only accept bagged household trash. The landfill will not accept any liquid material, hazardous materials, or any material containing asbestos.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

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

Jury Commission – Reappoint Bud Yost for 2 years.

WPCOG Region E Development Corporation – Reappoint Milton Campbell for 3 years.

Planning & Zoning Commission – Appoint Cathy Chatham for 2 years.

Council on Aging – Appoint Jennifer Nance with term expiring 4/2014.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Appoint Nikki Kahill to replace Vicki Bartholomew and Jennifer Nance to replace Holly Powell.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the appointments and reappointments as presented. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #10 - #14

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #10 - #14 as follows:

Budget Amendment #10 – To increase the Maternal Health budget for additional Medicaid funds for the Pregnancy Care Management Program. To increase the Child Health budget for additional Medicaid funds for the Care Coordination for Children Program.

Budget Amendment #11 – To budget for the use of 50% public safety need funds from the 6/30/10 fund balance of the 911 Emergency Telephone System Fund. The 50% funds will be used for the Mobile Data Terminal Project for the Sheriff's Department.

Budget Amendment #12 – To budget for technology projects – 1) Data Networking Infrastructure Upgrade Project for \$32,000 and 2) Electronic Storage and Retrieval System for the Finance Office for \$30,000.

Budget Amendment #13 – To increase the JCPC budget for a state grant for the Youth Gang Violence Prevention Program. To increase the Public Buildings budget for funding from the state for renovation to the local Employment Security Commission Office.

Budget Amendment #14 – To increase the EMS Department budget to remount the 2004 AEV box on a 2012 Chevrolet 4500 chassis – this expenditure will replace an existing ambulance that can't be repaired instead of purchasing a new one.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #10 - #14. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

- A. The preconstruction meeting for the Rocky Face Park Project was held on Friday, September 30th. Construction will begin on October 10th and should be finished in early May 2012.
- B. The Church Road Water Project is progressing smoothly. Crews are currently at the intersection of Church Road and Cornerstore Road and are cleaning up and seeding as they go.
- C. The Hiddenite 10K and Half Marathon races were a success with 76 finishers. Mr. French thanked everyone who volunteered their time that day.
- D. A work session is needed on October 24, 2011 at 6:00 PM to discuss current projects and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- E. Mr. French discussed a proposal from Northwest Emergency Vehicles for \$69,829 to remount a 2004 AEV box from Unit #41 on a 2012 Chevrolet chassis. He discussed the warranties included with the proposal.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve the proposal from Northwest Emergency Vehicles for the remount. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the August 29, 2011 Work Session and the September 6, 2011 Regular Commissioners' Meeting.
- B. Tax Release Requests for August \$7,075.12 and Tax Refund for August \$4,593.48.
- C. Resolution Adopting a Policy for Mutual Assistance with Other Law Enforcement Agencies.
- D. Policy Revision – Article XIV: Substance Abuse Policy.

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

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

Chairman Robertson made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:28 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)(1, 4, 5, & 6). Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

W. Darrell Robertson, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board