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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING** February 6, 2012

**ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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

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

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the CVCC / Alexander Center in Room 103, Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mayberry called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

In recognition of American Heart Month, Commissioner Moose encouraged the public to take good care of their hearts. She stated that heart disease was the number one killer of women but noted that Alexander County was blessed with a YMCA that could be used to combat the disease and stay healthy.

Commissioner Robertson discussed Agenda 21 created by the United Nations, noting that it had been signed by both political parties. He briefly touched on the content and stated that he would keep the Board informed as updates were provided.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Mayberry requested the deletion of Agenda Item #2 (Request from Sheriff's Department for Purchase Order for Vehicles) and Agenda Item #3 (Animal Control Weapons Policy Amendment).

Chairman Mayberry made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Coley, WPCOG Community Development Administrator, discussed housing rehabilitation grants available to Alexander County citizens. She stated that every 3 years Alexander County received \$400,000 in Scattered Site CDBG funds to rehabilitate homes that are owner occupied. Funding is based on low income and severity of need. Mobile homes do not qualify unless they have been converted to real property. Ms. Coley explained that this was a deferred loan and that a deed of trust was placed on the property for 8 years if \$20,000 or more was spent to rehab the property; however, she explained that this was only to make sure the property wasn't sold within that timeframe.

She also discussed the Single Family Rehabilitation Program offered through the WPCOG, noting that these homes could be in better shape and recipients could be moderate income individuals instead of low. Up to \$45,000 can be spent for more energy based rehabilitation and homes would be comparable to a new dwelling once completed. She advised that staff needed 2 more recipients under contract by June.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Seth Harris, County Planner, presented proposed amendments to the current Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance which has not been updated since 1997. He explained that these revisions were generated from discussions by the Minimum Housing Committee. Amendments included:

- Additions and deletions to the Definitions Section
- Change "*County Administrator or his or her authorized representative*" to read Solid Waste Enforcement Officer
- Grammar and word usage updates
- Change "*county bulk containers*" wordage to convenience centers
- Updates to sections dealing with removal of waste and junk, tires, trash containers, residential requirements, recyclable materials, collection and transportation, user fees, etc.

Mr. Harris advised that this was for information only and that a public hearing would need to be held once all revisions were made.

Commissioner Robertson asked that the draft amendments be placed on the County web site.

SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 20TH WORK SESSION

Rick French, County Manager, requested a work session be scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the County Administration Building downstairs conference room to discuss projects and financial matters.

Commissioner Yoder stated he would be unable to attend.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the scheduling of the work session on February 20th. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

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

Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board – Reappoint Tammy Lippard, Tony Jones, Rick French, and Sarah Kirkman for one year.

Library Board of Trustees – Appoint Genny Masters, Maggie Breden-Taylor, and Commissioner Jennings for 3 years.

Sister Cities Association (WPCOG) – Reappoint Dwight Shook and David Icenhour (alternate) for one year.

Equalization & Review Board – Reappoint Patsy Little, David Odom, Doug Ramsey, Linda Barnette, and Sue Watts (alternate) for 1 year.

Other Commissioner Appointments – Appoint Commissioner Jennings to the Finance Committee. Appoint Commissioner Moose to the Voluntary Farmland Preservation Board, Personnel Committee, and Commissioner's Task Force.

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.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #26 - #28

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #26 - #28 as follows:

Budget Amendment #26 – To increase the Sheriff’s Department budget for Santa Cop donations received. To increase the Health Department budget for bonus funds for Family Planning.

Budget Amendment #27 – To reimburse the General Fund for expenditures made in 2010-2011 that were eligible to be paid from the Emergency 911 fund.

Budget Amendment #28 – To use funds set aside for major repairs to County buildings – re-roof the Taylorsville EMS base and the Bethlehem Library building. To be accounted for in the General Fund rather than the Capital Projects Fund since no new capital asset results from the expenditure.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #26 - #28. Commissioner Jennings 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. Sales tax collections are 3% ahead of that budgeted for 2011-2012. A total of \$1,451,119 has been collected so far.
- B. The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 11:30 AM at First Baptist Church.
- C. A reception for retiring Alexander County Schools Superintendent Jack Hoke will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the ACHS Auditorium from 4:00-5:45 PM.

Commissioner Robertson mentioned the great working relationship between the County Commissioners and the Board of Education, noting that the progress made in the school system reflected that partnership.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the January 9, 2012 Regular Commissioners’ Meeting.
- B. Two vehicles to be approved as surplus – 1991 Ford Ranger (152,804 miles, Vin#1FTCR10A9MTA47792) and 1987 Ford Van (119,547 miles, Vin#1FBJS31H6HKB59899)
- C. Alexander County Policy to Dispose of Surplus Personal Property Valued at Less than \$5,000.
- D. Alexander County Purchasing Policy.
- E. Tax Release Requests for January \$5,779.78 and Tax Refunds for January \$2,733.18.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Jennings 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 Mayberry made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:25 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 Robertson made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Ryan Mayberry, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board