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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**      December 10, 2012

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**  
**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:** Ryan Mayberry, Chairman  
James “Burkie” Jennings, Vice-Chairman  
Judy M. Moose  
W. Darrell Robertson  
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 10, 2012 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**

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

**\*\*\*SPECIAL RECOGNITION\*\*\***

The Board presented a Key to the County to Kiristie Elder in recognition of 34 years of service with the Alexander County Library and wished her well during her retirement.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**\*\*\*SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ALEXANDER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS \*\*\***

The Honorable Dale Graham, District Court Judge, delivered oaths of office to Larry Yoder and Ryan Mayberry for the Alexander County Board of Commissioners as well as Larry Yoder as member of the Alexander County Board of Health.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bud Caywood, Chairman of Citizens for the Future of Alexander County, expressed his thanks to the Board of Elections for working to establish an election day of March 19, 2013 for the county-wide ABC referendum.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Mayberry called for nominations for Chairman, nominating Vice-Chairman Jennings to serve as Chairman for 2013.

There being no further nominations, Chairman Mayberry made a motion to close the nominations and approve the election of Vice-Chairman Jennings as Chairman for 2013. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Mayberry called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Vice-Chairman Jennings nominated Commissioner Yoder to serve as Vice-Chairman for 2013.

There being no further nominations, Vice-Chairman Jennings made a motion to close the nominations and approve the election of Commissioner Yoder as Vice-Chairman for 2013. Commissioner Moose seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **AUDIT REPORT FOR 2011-2012**

Jennifer Herman, Finance Director, presented a slide show presentation for the 2011-2012 Audit Summary, which included the following information:

- General fund revenues (ad valorem taxes, local option sales taxes, restricted intergovernmental, sales and services, permits and fees, interest, other)
- General fund expenditures (general government, public safety, environmental protection, economic and physical development, human services, culture and recreation, education, and debt service)
- Fund Balance overview
- Solid Waste Fund overview
- Water Funds overview

Ms. Herman added that staff had been notified today that the Alexander County Audit Report had been received and approved by the Local Government Commission.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to accept the 2011-2012 Audit Summary as presented. Vice-Chairman Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **ALEXANDER COUNTY TREASURES**

Alex History Group members Lee Sharpe, Marie Chapman, and Kent Kerley presented the new Alexander County Treasures book, a 368-page description of the county's history and people. They thanked the current Board as well as the 1996 Board of Commissioners for their contribution to the printing and publishing of the book.

The Alexander County Treasures book is available for purchase at the Taylorsville Times, all Taylorsville Savings Bank branches, Custom Framecrafters, and can be ordered by mail.

## **DSS ANGEL TREE PROJECT UPDATE**

Trenna Riddle, Economic Services Supervisor, discussed the DSS Angel Tree Project, noting that 500 children had applied this year. Out of those, 44 have been covered by schools, 8 by the Foster Care Association, 154 by churches, 26 by businesses, 157 by individuals / County employees / DSS staff, and 28 were screened out due to not living in the county or application not provided by primary caretaker. That left 83 children needing something for Christmas.

She explained that staff provided clothing and shoes and at least one toy per child with a \$50 minimum amount. DSS receives toys from Toys for Tots to put with the gifts for children not covered. At the time the agenda packet was published, a total of \$1,790 was needed to meet the \$50 minimum for the remaining children; however, after Micah Henry's article published in last week's *The Taylorsville Times*, the public has made donations and that goal has been met.

Cindy Holman, DSS Director, added that today someone donated \$2,500 for the purchase of bicycles for these children.

### **Update on Energy Assistance Programs**

Matthew Reese, Emergency Assistance Programs Supervisor, informed the Board that there were no longer funds available for the Crisis Intervention Program. Staff hopes for another allocation but there is no guarantee.

A total of \$54,294 was available for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and only \$22,294 is left as of today. Applications will be taken until funding is depleted.

**VOTING DELEGATE FOR LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE**

Rick French, County Manager, requested a Voting Delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference scheduled for January 24-25, 2013 in Durham. Commissioner Yoder advised that he would be attending the conference and would serve as Voting Delegate if so desired by the Board.

Vice-Chairman Jennings made a motion to nominate Commissioner Yoder to serve as the Voting Delegate for the NCACC Legislative Goals Conference. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**ADOPTION OF THE 2013 COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

Chairman Mayberry presented the 2013 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as follows:

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| January 7, 2013                  | July 15, 2013     |
| February 4, 2013                 | August 5, 2013    |
| February 25, 2013 (work session) | September 9, 2013 |
| March 11, 2013                   | October 7, 2013   |
| April 8, 2013                    | November 4, 2013  |
| May 13, 2013                     | December 9, 2013  |
| May 29, 2013 (work session)      |                   |
| June 10, 2013                    |                   |
| June 24, 2013                    |                   |

Commissioner Robertson suggested adding work sessions to the months of January, April, August, September, October, and November to review and discuss items that tend to take a lot of meeting time before they are placed on the agenda in an effort to reduce the length of scheduled Commissioners' Meetings. These work sessions could be used as Commissioners' Meetings if necessary and canceled if needed.

Rick French, County Manager, therefore suggested adding work sessions on January 21, April 22, August 19, September 23, October 21, and November 18, 2013.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve 2013 Commissioners' Meeting Schedule as amended. Vice-Chairman Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**ADOPTION OF 2013 ALEXANDER COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Chairman Mayberry presented the 2013 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day . . . . . Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday . . . . .	Monday, January 21, 2013
Good Friday . . . . .	Friday, March 29, 2013
Memorial Day . . . . .	Monday, May 27, 2013
Independence Day . . . . .	Thursday, July 4, 2013
Labor Day . . . . .	Monday, September 2, 2013
Veteran's Day . . . . .	Monday, November 11, 2013
Thanksgiving . . . . .	Thursday & Friday, November 28-29, 2013
Christmas . . . . .	Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24-25, 2013

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the 2013 Alexander County Holiday Schedule as presented. Vice-Chairman Jennings seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

Rick French, County Manager, requested the following appointments and reappointments:

**Tax Administrator / Collector** – Appoint Guy Kerley for 2 years.

**Tax Assessor** – Appoint Doug Fox for 2 years.

**LEPC** – Appoint Keith Hertzler for 3 years. Reappoint Michael Carrigan, Steve Icenhour, Keith Whitener, Randy Bumgarner, Micah Henry, and John McCurdy for 3 years.

Vice-Chairman Jennings 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 #23 - #26**

Rick French, County Manager, discussed the purpose of Budget Amendments #23 - #26, as follows:

Budget Amendment #23 – To increase the Senior Center budget for an expected increase in collections for Senior Center activities. To decrease the Senior Center budget for reduced Senior Center General Purpose grant funding and reduced SHIIP grant funding.

Budget Amendment #24 – To transfer funds between departments for allocation of annual insurance premiums for property and liability and workers' compensation.

Budget Amendment #25 – To transfer funds between departments for allocation of annual insurance premiums for property and liability and workers' compensation.

Budget Amendment #26 – To transfer funds between departments for allocation of annual insurance premiums for property and liability and workers’ compensation.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #23 - #26. Commissioner Robertson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rick French, County Manager, announced that approximately 15 people attended the community meeting regarding proposed changes to the master plan for Rocky Face Mountain Recreational Area on Saturday, December 8, 2012.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Tax Release Requests for November \$3,966.46 and Tax Refunds \$4,870.47.
- B. November 14, 2012 Work Session and November 19, 2012 Regular Commissioners’ Meeting.
- C. 2011 Scattered Site CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program Plans.

Commissioner Robertson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Yoder 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 7:26 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 Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Jennings made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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Ryan Mayberry, Chairman

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Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board

