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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING April 15, 2019

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Dr. Jeff Peal, Chairman
 Ronnie Reese, Vice-Chairman
 Ryan Mayberry (arrived at 6:11 PM)
 Marty Pennell
 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, April 15, 2019 in Room 103 of the CVCC / Alexander Center in Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Yoder gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Reese led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Chairman Peal mentioned that, as announced at the April 1st Commissioners' Meeting, a public hearing would be held on May 6th regarding the consolidation of several human services departments (DSS, Health Department, and Senior Center) and the creation of a consolidated human services board. He advised that speakers would be allowed 5 minutes each and are asked to refrain from discussing employees by name or specific personnel issues.

Vice-Chairman Reese reported that the Alexander County 911 Communications Center was featured in the April edition of the NC National Emergency Number Association PSAP Spotlight newsletter. He thanked Director Greg Foster and staff for the work they do for the citizens of Alexander County.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Pennell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY WATER CONNECTION WITH ENERGYUNITED

Rod Watts, EnergyUnited Water Corporation General Manager, advised that the interconnect on Millersville Road was nearing completion and, depending on the weather, could be finished up within the week. He explained that this project would serve as a partial backup source for both Alexander County and EnergyUnited and could be a tie-in for a permanent water source in the future.

WATER & SEWER TREATMENT PLANT FEASIBILITY UPDATE

Chris Rosenboom with McKim & Creed updated the Board on progress made towards a feasibility study for water and sewer treatment plants in Alexander County, noting that staff was focusing on the Bethlehem area due to predicted growth. Possible sites have been identified based on a number of criteria including proximity to water sources and collection systems, land availability, cost, site elevation, and proximity to environmentally sensitive lands and/or contamination sources. He added that the majority of sites currently being evaluated were adjacent to Rink Lake.

Rick French, County Manager, suggested staff from McKim & Creed attend a future work session to further discuss these long-term service options.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DAY

Rick French, County Manager, announced that this year's Household Hazardous Waste & Document Destruction Day would be held on Saturday, May 4th at the Alexander County Administration Building parking lot from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. County residents will be allowed to dispose of environmentally harmful materials found around the home as well as personal documents for free and farmers are welcome; however, businesses will not be allowed.

Items that will be accepted include household cleaners (drain openers, toilet bowl cleaners, oven cleaners, and disinfectants), paint products (latex and oil-based paint, solvents, thinners, shellacs, varnishes, wood preservatives, and sealers), automotive products (lead-acid batteries, used motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and starting fluid), pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides in the form of aerosols, liquids, granular, etc.), and miscellaneous items (acids, bases, kerosene, household batteries, photographic chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, electronics, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, propane gas cylinders, and metallic mercury).

A document destruction truck will also be on-site for residents to securely dispose of personal documents. There is a limit of 5 boxes per vehicle to ensure that the line moves quickly. Anything larger than 18x12x10 will count as more than one box.

MAY 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Rick French, County Manager, asked the Board to look at their calendars to plan for a budget work session in May, noting that the meeting would need to be scheduled and voted on at the May 6th Commissioners' Meeting.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #39 - #41

Rick French, County Manager, reviewed the purpose of Budget Amendments #39 - #41 as follows:

Budget Amendment #39 – To increase the Detention budget for estimated medical supplies and inmate medical bills for the remainder of the 2018-2019 budget year due to conditions that require treatment beyond that provided by in-house medical visits.

Budget Amendment #40 – To budget for additional Maternal Health and Family Planning State funds.

Budget Amendment #41 – To budget for a Post Overdose Response Team grant from the NC Department of Public Hearing and NC Office of Emergency Services to be used for response team activities, billboards, printed educational materials, and follow-up contact with patients.

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #39 - #41. Commissioner Pennell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Rick French, County Manager, requested the following appointments:

Historic Preservation Committee – Appoint Betty Long for one year, Helen Chestnut and Lee Sharpe for two years, and Nancy Coley and Commissioner Yoder for 3 years.

Carolina Land & Lakes RC&D – Appoint Jack Simms.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

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

- A. The Alexander County Services Center is now open and currently houses Cooperative Extension, Soil & Water, Planning, Inspections, Environmental Health, Compliance, and Recreation. The Tax Office is scheduled to move on May 2nd and the Register of Deeds will move later in May.
- B. RockyFest was held on Saturday, April 13th at Rocky Face Park. Mr. French thanked the Vashti Fire Department as well as several volunteers.
- C. EDC staff is applying for a \$300,000 ARC grant to assist in the construction of water and sewer service to serve a shell building in the Alexander Industrial Park.
- D. The NCACC District Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th in Wilkesboro.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from the April 1, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- B. Tax Release Requests (\$3,033.95) and Tax Refunds (\$384.18) for March 22 – April 5, 2019.
- C. Alexander County JCPC Funding Plan FY 2020.

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

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5 & 6) CONTRACTUAL & PERSONNEL

Commissioner Mayberry made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:20 PM to discuss contractual matters and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5 & 6). Commissioner Pennell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Reese made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM. Commissioner Mayberry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jeffrey P. Peal, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board