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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING April 17, 2023

ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PRESENT: Marty Pennell, Chairman
 Josh Lail, Vice-Chairman
 Kent Herman
 Ronnie Reese

ABSENT: Larry Yoder

STAFF: Ben Faulkenberry, County Attorney
 Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2023 in Room 103 of the CVCC / Alexander Center in Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Reese gave the invocation and Chairman Pennell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No reports were given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Pennell requested addition of a County Manager's Contract to the Consent Agenda as Item F as well as a resolution appointing a County Manager during Other Business.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT FOR SCHNEIDER MILLS

David Icenhour, Economic Development Director, requested approval of a Property Tax Incentive Grant for Schneider Mills related to the addition of manufacturing equipment with an investment of \$2.7 million. The proposed grant will consist of refunding the company 50% of the taxes paid on the new investment over a period of 4 years. Mr. Icenhour added that the grant requires Schneider Mills to retain at least 95% of its current 349 full-time employees.

After a motion by Commissioner Reese, second by Commissioner Herman, and unanimous vote, the public hearing was called to order and comments requested. There being none, Commissioner Herman made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve the Property Tax Incentive Grant for Schneider Mills. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

STERLING ROAD CDBG PROJECT

Ben Willis, WPCOG Community & Economic Development Director, presented several documents related to the Sterling Road CDBG Project for approval. Alexander County was awarded a \$645,044 CDBG grant that will be used to rehabilitate 7 homes along Sterling Road as well as improve 390 linear feet of roadway to NCDOT standards. Documents for approval were as follows:

- A resolution adopting the Sterling Road CDBG Grant Policies, Procedures, and Plans that includes the Optional Coverage Location Plan, Section 519 Certification, Code of Conduct, Section 504 Grievance Procedure, Section 504 Survey and Transition Plan Certification, Citizens Participation Procedure for Complaints, Drug-Free Workplace Policy, Procurement Plan, Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Policy Statement, Recipients Plan to Further Fair Housing, Fair Housing Complaint Procedure, Section 3 Local Economic Benefit for Low and Very Low-Income Persons Plan, Residential Anti-Displacement Plan and Relocation Assistance Plan, LAP Plan, Housing Assistance Policy, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.
- Project Budget Ordinance #P-6.
- Grant management and administration services contract with the WPCOG for April 17, 2023 – October 31, 2025.

Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve all documents presented for the Sterling Road CDBG Project. Vice-Chairman Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE / DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DAY

Chairman Pennell announced that this year's Household Hazardous Waste & Document Destruction Day would be held on Saturday, May 6th 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. Farmers are welcome; however, businesses will not be allowed.

Sponsors for the event include Alexander County Government, Cooperative Extension Service, and NC Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS #56 & #57

Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board, reviewed the purpose of Budget Amendments #56 & #57 as follows:

Budget Amendment #56 – To increase the Health Department budget for additional ARPA grant funds passed through the Cabarrus Health Alliance to Alexander County for the COVID-19 Public Health Workforce grant that will be used for conference room media upgrades and desks.

Budget Amendment #57 – To increase the County Parks budget to purchase 14 acres of property adjoining Jaycee Park for possible future expansion.

Vice-Chairman Lail made a motion to approve Budget Amendments #56 & #57. Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

After a reading by Chairman Pennell, Commissioner Reese made a motion to approve a resolution appointing Shane Fox as Alexander County Manager effective June 7, 2023. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Pennell thanked all of the applicants as well as the WPCOG for their assistance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Tax Abatements & Adjustments (\$568.73) for Tax Refunds (\$1,440.20) for March 27 – February 9, 2023.
- B. Minutes from the March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- C. JCPC Annual Plan and Certification for FY 2023-2024.
- D. Alexander County Courthouse Concept Design Agreement with Jenkins-Peer Architects.
- E. Personnel Policy Revisions.
- F. County Manager's Contract.

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

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

Commissioner Herman made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:17 PM to discuss contractual matters and personnel issues pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5 & 6). Commissioner Reese seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Herman made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Vice-Chairman Lail seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Marty A. Pennell, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board