

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Jefferson Strickland, Vice Chairman Jarvis McLamb, Commissioner Albert D. Kirby, Jr. and Commissioner Billy Lockamy. Commissioner Harry Parker was absent.

The Chairman convened the meeting, and Commissioner Kirby led the invocation. Commissioner Lockamy then led the Pledge Allegiance. The Chairman recognized student Haley Stone, a rising sophomore who will be representing Sampson County at the 4H Youth Conference as part of the NCACC Annual Conference.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of two action items - (d) the charge to the Tax Collector and (e) the designation of commissioners to attend a meeting of Wayne County Transportation Committee regarding the Highway 795 corridor.

Roads

Monthly Report - NCDOT District Engineer Keith Eason was present to address questions or concerns from the Board or citizens in attendance. Mr. Eason had no specific report and there were no comments from the audience in attendance.

Request for Addition of Northgate Lane to Secondary Roads System Mr. Eason reported that Northgate Lane in the Northgate subdivision met the standards for inclusion in the state system, and a resolution from the Board was required for the Department to proceed to accept the road. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution requesting the addition of Northgate Lane to the State secondary roads system. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Item 2: Action Items

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Roads The Chairman opened the public hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who reviewed the recommendations of the Road Naming Committee. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded

Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to name the private roads as follows:

PVT 1138 1376	Bobby Sherwood Lane
PVT 1214 2275	New Pine Lane

Designation of Voting Delegate for NCACC Conference, August 14-17 The Chairman discussed the need to designate a voting delegate by the following day. He noted that he and the County Manager would be in attendance, but that he would suggest the Manager be designated. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to designate County Manager Ed Causey as the voting delegate at the 2014 NCACC Annual Conference. Chairman Strickland noted that he had served for two years on the Association Board, and his term expired as of the conference caucus for the District 6 counties of Harnett, Cumberland and Sampson.

Appointments - Workforce Development Board This item was tabled.

Annual Settlement of Taxes and Charge to Collect Taxes As he had previously reported, Tax Administrator Jim Johnson reported that as of July 30, 2014, the outstanding balance of all delinquent taxes for FY 2013-2014 was \$1,507,821.46, which included real property, personal property, motor vehicles, fire, school and municipal tax districts, penalties and advertising costs. He stated that compared to last year, the settlement was approximately \$453,687.60 less than the previous fiscal year. The tax collection rate, he reported, had increased to 96.14%. He noted that the Board had previously authorized the write off of tax bills of \$2.00 or less, and reported this amount for the past fiscal year to be \$403.14. He further reported that the Board must accept this settlement before charging him with collection of the next year's taxes. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to accept the settlement for FY 2013-2014 as presented, and charged the Tax Administrator with the collection of taxes for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. (Copy of the charge filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Wayne County Transportation Committee Meeting The Chairman called the Board's attention to an invitation from the Wayne County Transportation Committee to attend an August 28th information session regarding the development Highway 795 corridor to the I-40 intersection into Sampson County. He suggested the Sampson County TAG Committee Chairman Jerol Kivett, Commissioner Albert Kirby (who serves on the Mid Carolina RPO), and Commissioner Lockamy (who serves on the TAG Committee) attend, along with Economic Developer John Swope. Commissioner McLamb moved that the recommended attendees be designated to attend; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirby and passed unanimously.

Item No. 3: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting
- b. Authorized the execution of the Assistance Policy and Procurement/Disbursement Policy for 2014 Single Family Rehabilitation (SFR) Grant Program with state-requested revisions (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)
- c. Approve the late disabled veterans property tax exclusion for Wilma Wrench Edwards (surviving spouse)
- d. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6348	Starke, Dudley Earl	\$106.70
#6220	Layfield, Jonathan Blake	\$254.44
#6289	Pearson, Lori Powell	\$192.75
#6320	Cain, Edna Parker	\$103.30
#6276	CAB East LLC	\$182.62

Item No. 4: Board Information

The following items were provided to the Board for information:

- a. Vendor Notice of Termination of Medicaid Transportation Contract (Enroute Transportation), effective June 30, 2014
- b. Triangle J Council of Governments Notice of Application to US Foreign Trade Zone Board (Economic Developer John Swope provided a brief explanation of how foreign trade zones operate and the value to certain manufacturers.)

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey reported that he and the Chairman would be attending the NCACC Annual Conference on August 14-17. The Chairman added that the County had received from the Association requests for legislative goals for the upcoming year. The Chairman also noted that Commissioner Parker was absent due to knee problems and had called in advance of the evening to indicate that he could not attend the meeting.

Public Comments

The following public comments were offered:

W. O. Johnson: I live on the last road in Sampson County on Highway 13. My problem is the noise from the people across the border known as Mexicans. I've been beating this horse for 19 years and it seems like I'm getting no place. I finally got an ordinance passed with some help of one or two of the commissioners, and they wouldn't enforce it. And I came back and got it changed, and I thought maybe it was in right good shape and now for the last long time here they come out and think of some reason not to enforce it. It's got so bad I feel like I've been used for a punching bag, a football and a floor mat. I have not learned to like it yet, and I was wondering if we could get this thing changed to put a few words on it in plain English so everybody could understand. Seems like they want to read the top part of it about the holidays and all that and then they won't do anything about it. I would like for somebody to add a few words on the bottom to say that this ordinance covers any and all noises, including gunfire and fireworks any way, any place, any day. As far as I can understand we had one that covers it, but it does not cover it during the holidays, and I want to know why if you can't drive drunk on the holidays, you can't speed on the holidays, and if using fireworks is illegal every day to the year, yet they can't steal from people and take other things, but they can get out there and fire off their guns and their fireworks and they're stealing my quietness and my sleep. I'm not very old, but I've been here a long time. I would like your help. It seems like everybody's got a grudge against this old man I reckon because he doesn't roll over and play dead. Seems like the deputies who come out come up with some excuse. I'm old enough to be their grandfather, but it seems like they want to pick on me. It takes a big man to pick on an old man when they know that there's nothing I can do. If he wants to be bad, let him pull off his gun and badge and get out there in there in the world and go to a bar and have a few beers and chances are he can find him a partner who will help him be bad if he wants to be. I don't have much time left, and I'd like to spend it in as much peace as possible. I would appreciate your help if you will. If not, that's the best that I can.

The Board asked the County Attorney to review the County's noise ordinance and bring back proposed language regarding holiday exceptions for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.