

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2017 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert Kirby Jr., and Jerol Kivett. Absent: Commissioner Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Vice Chairperson Lee for the invocation. Finance Officer David Clack then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 1 (a): Recognition of Retiree was removed due to the absence of the retiree.

Roads (first Monday of each Quarter)

Roads - Quarterly Report Keith Jackson, NCDOT Highway Maintenance Engineer, presented the Quarterly Report to the Board. He updated the Board on the recovery efforts following the May 23, 2017 tornado and May 30, 2017 straight-line winds storm events. Mr. Jackson applauded the response and recovery efforts of Sampson County officials and supporting organizations. Mr. Jackson went on to inform the Board that NCDOT was still working on projects from Hurricane Matthew, which included the reconstructing of 11 bridge pipes by October 2017. He also noted a 16-mile resurfacing project and preservation projects which were all scheduled to begin in July 2017, and resurfacing projects for Hwy 701, NC Hwy 50, US Hwy 13, and NC Hwy 55, all which were expect to be completed in 2018.

Commissioner Kirby revisited constituent W.L. Ammons' complaint regarding property erosion due to a state owned drainage pipe and asked Mr. Jackson for insight. Mr. Jackson informed the Board that NCDOT had investigated the situation and it was determined that the NCDOT pipe in question met North Carolina standards and regulations. After deliberation, the Board requested that Mr. Eason research the ordeal and provide an update to include a determination of whether the erosion damage was caused by the pipe.

Chairman Wooten concluded by making mention that many Sampson County citizens misunderstood that the NCDOT would remove Hurricane Matthew storm debris placed on the side of Shipp Road, making the public aware that federal

funding is not always allocated for storm debris removal placed alongside state roads and that the NCDOT may not be responsible for debris removal.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Recognition of Retirees Item was removed from the Agenda due to the absence of the retiree.

Administration - Administering Oath of Office for Deputy Clerk and Introduction of New Administrative Assistant Assistant County Manager Susan Holder administered oath of office to newly appointed Deputy Clerk Richard Carr. Ms. Stephanie Shannon was then introduced as the new Administrative Assistant.

Tax - Reappointment of Tax Assessor/Collector and Administering of Oath of Office Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Jim Johnson for a four-year term as Tax Assessor and Tax Collector. Assistant County Manager Susan Holder administered oaths of office to Mr. Johnson as Tax Assessor and Tax Collector.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning

RZ-5-17-2 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who informed the Board that the applicant had respectfully requested that the zoning request be continued to the August 7, 2017 meeting. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

RZ-6-17-2 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 26.24 acres located along Goshen Church Road and I-40 from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and the following were received:

Grey Vick (Wilmington, NC): Mr. Vick, representing the applicant Tommy Daughtry, was present to address comments from the Board and public. None were received.

The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-6-17-2, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-6-17-2 is consistent with the goals*

and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the proposed location being located within close proximity to a major thoroughfare.

Planning Director Mary Rose informed that the Board that the Planning Board, Clinton-Sampson Planning Department, and Sampson County Land Use Plan Steering Committee were in the process of developing an updated Sampson County Land Use Plan and had scheduled public input meetings affording the public opportunity to provide input. She provided the following dates and locations for the public meetings:

- July 13, 2017 - 6:30 pm - Harrells Activity Center - 891 Ward Rd., Harrells, NC
- July 20, 2017 - 6:30 pm - Clinton City Hall Auditorium - 221 Lisbon St., Clinton, NC
- July 27, 2017 - 6:30 pm - Spivey's Corner Fire Department - 8200 Newton Grove Hwy., Dunn, NC

Item 3: Action Items

Tax Settlement and Charge to Tax Collector Tax Administrator Jim Johnson presented the Board with a settlement of the outstanding balance of all delinquent taxes for FY 2016-2017 at \$1,417,121.27, which is a difference of \$296,278.97 from the FY 2015-2016 balance of \$1,120,842.30. Mr. Johnson noted that the collection rate for FY 2016-2017 was 96.56%, which was down from the 97.29% collection rate for FY 2015-2016; however, with the levy being approximately \$700,000.00 higher than FY 2015-2016, there was approximately \$400,000.00 more collected in revenue. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to accept the tax settlement for FY 2016-2017 and to charge the Tax Collector with collection of taxes for FY 2017-2018 (Copy of the Tax Charge filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, page ___).

Adoption of Documents Related to Refinancing of USDA Debt Finance Officer David Clack reminded the Board that the County was proposing to refinance certain USDA debt as a cost-saving measure and that upon the adoption of the enclosed resolution, the Chairman and staff would be authorized to execute certain draft documents prepared by Bond Counsel and Underwriter Counsel including the Deed of Trust, Indenture of Trust and Preliminary Official Statement. He informed the Board that the Local Government Commission was scheduled to consider the County's application on August 1, 2017, and that the County planned to sell the bonds at the end of August or early September. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution Approving an Installment Financing Contract and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters. (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, page ___).

Public Hearing - Naming of Private Road The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder who reviewed the

recommendations for naming certain private roads. The floor was opened for public comments and none were received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to name private roads as follows:

PVT 1147 1455 Melon Lane

Designation of Voting Delegate - NCACC Annual Conference
(August 10-13, 2017) Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to designate County Manager Ed Causey to serve as the voting delegate at the 2017 NCACC Annual Conference, August 10-13, 2017. (Copy of the NCACC Designation Form filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, Page ___).

Appointment - Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Julie Stadig and Susan Richert, and appoint Roy Patel and Phillip Bell to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the May 22, 2017; June 5, 2017; June 19, 2017; and June 26, 2017 meetings
- b. Adopted a resolution supporting HB 353 and the creation of a Black River State Park (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___ Page ___.)
- c. Approved the contract with the City of Clinton for FY 2017-2018 planning and zoning services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___ Page ___.)
- d. Approved the FY 2017-2018 contract between Sampson County and Eastpointe Human Services for the 4H Prevention Program (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___ Page ___.)
- e. Approved requests from Finance and Administration for destruction of records pursuant to the Records Retention and Disposition Policy
- f. Approve the FY 2017-18 contract for non-emergency medical transportation between Sampson County (DSS) and Sampson Area Transportation (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___ Page ___.)
- g. Approved the FY 2017-18 contracts for legal services between Sampson County (DSS) and Warrick & Bradshaw and Tiffany Naylor (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___ Page ___.)

- h. Approved the contract between Sampson County Department of Social Services and Blizzard Construction for the construction of a brick wall/ playground area for use for foster care/special children adoption programs (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- i. Approve policy documents related to the Essential Single Family Loan Pool 17 Program (ESFRLP-17): Assistance Policy, Procurement and Disbursement Policy and Language Access Plan (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- j. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted

#8055	Martina Altman Wagner	\$228.77
#8059	Dorothy Bullard Royal	\$142.61
#8070	Jeff Smith	\$115.13
#8075	Royal Hall Funeral Home	\$119.57
#8076	Pamela Jean Best	\$316.13
#8087	Ronnie Lee Warren	\$320.99
#8090	Helen Barefoot	\$254.43
#8093	Donnie Sampson	\$104.57

- k. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Sampson Soil & Water</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
28349610	526200	Departmental Supplies	\$1,640.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
28334961	409909	Fund Balance Appropriated State	\$1,640.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Finance Department</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	
23243410	581020	Turkey Fire Department	\$30,000.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	
23043420	499900	Fund Balance Appropriated	\$30,000.00

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 1 (Special Revenue); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 2 (Federal); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 10 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 9 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 8 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 7 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 1 (Local) as submitted.

Item 5: Board Information

The Board was provided with the following items for information only:

a. Opportunities for Public Comment on Proposed Land Use Plan

Chairman Wooten directed the staff to research the feasibility of two projects – (1) consolidating the Human Services agencies (Health and Social Services) and bringing the two agencies under the governance of the County, and (2) bringing the Planning Department under the governance of the County. Information on such feasibility to be provided in time for FY 2018-2019 budget discussions.

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey provided an update on the Customer Service Initiative, informing the Board that the staff has been developing a plan and that Assistant County Manager Susan Holder would soon provide a Customer Service Survey which would provide input from both internal and external customers. He also mentioned the plan of developing a customer service committee consisting of members who would focus on specifics of customer service and provide insight as the plan is developed. Mr. Causey noted that Sampson Area Transportation had begun providing Medicaid transportation services as of July 1. Mr. Causey then reminded the Board of the County Commissioners Conference in Durham on August 10-12, 2017.

Public Comments

The floor was opened for comments, and none were received.

Adjournment

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