

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 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. (arrived late – see below), Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Kivett for the invocation. Commissioner Parker then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Recognition of Retirees A service plaque was presented to retiree Deborah Daughtery. Retiree Tincy G. Davis was unable to attend.

Introduction of New 4-H Agent Genny Thompson was introduced as the new 4-H Extension Agent and welcomed by the Board.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning

RZ-2-17-1 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 22.3 acres located along Roseboro Highway from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial.

The Chairman opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Aubrey Crumpler: My name is Aubrey Crumpler and I live on 1389 Underwood Road. I am the only land owner that actually connects to the land in question here. I got out of the Air Force in December of 1994. Discovered this land for sale from Mr. Williams in early 1995. I bought 24.8 acres adjacent to it. My only intentions for that land were to just have a place to go hunt and fish the river. The land lies in between two farmers. I grew up around here in Roseboro. First little change in my lifetime. I mean, not a whole lot is happening there which is kind of how most of us like it. I guess my biggest problem is just the unknown of having commercial land next to me, not knowing what could possibly come, whether its next year or 10 or 20 years from now. I mean you just

don't know. Like I said I have been there for 21 years. I have been verbally told what possibly the intentions are. The intentions that I was told, I honestly don't see why it would even need to be other than the DOT requiring it, but if that is what it's going to be used, I really wouldn't have an issue with that. I don't even know if I am able to say what it is, so I'm not going to. But I still want to know if that land is sold or handed down or whatever might happen in the future. So, it's a little unnerving to think that, you know, for me. I'm settled down. I'm not planning on going anywhere and I just don't want to take the chance of having somebody come in next to me and a lot of traffic in and out. I know that at first there was somebody that was rezoning for solar panels and stuff like that. I mean, stuff like that wouldn't really bother me, you know. I mean, it would affect the aesthetics of me driving home and looking across the fields at the deer and turkeys and stuff like that but still. At the present time, and have been for years, I'm a night worker so I try to sleep during the day. So I don't know what might come in next to me that might hinder that. Like I said, not a whole lot other than just the unknown. I mean if I had a clear cut plan in writing and knew what was going to happen to the land I might not be as oppose to it, but as it stands, I am opposed to it. That's it, I bought the land with no vision or expectation of it ever changing just because of where it's located; its rural Sampson County. That's basically all I have to say. The fact that it would be commercial. I mean a half mile up the road is already an area designated for industrial park, so I wouldn't see the need for that to become commercial to allow industry to come in when there is already an area assigned for that.

Planning Director Mary Rose provided more insight and noted that similar rezoning requests had recently been submitted for the purpose of billboard development and anticipated that more requests would be submitted as the Highway 24 project continues.

Aubrey Crumpler: Just understanding the lay of the land, Hurricane Matthew exposed; I mean I've seen water on that land before but two thirds of the land in question was under 4 to 5 feet of water. So it is a flood zone in the lower part. I don't know how his land is designated, but part of mine is considered wetlands and can't be developed. I just wanted to put that in there. There is a lot of low-lying land. There's probably about 2 to 3 acres that are up high enough, like at the level of where my house is, that it wouldn't flood. But two-thirds of it is flood zone. I don't know if it's designated flood zone, but it definitely does flood.

Vice Chairperson Lee asked for clarification on which property floods.

Aubrey Crumpler: His. Well, actually both of us. I mean the land runs together and drops off at the river. The fence post that the DOT has put along the land while they are doing the road. It flooded on Friday and Saturday. I was out of town and when I came home Sunday afternoon the water was a couple inches from the top of the post on that fence, two-thirds of the way up from the river to Underwood Road.

In response, the Chairman cautioned the Board to be careful with allowing others to speak on the property of another.

The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve conditional rezoning request RZ-2-17-1, 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-2-17-1 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located along a major thoroughfare where commercial development is encouraged.*

RZ-2-17-2 Chairman Wooten recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who informed the Board that the request had been withdrawn by the applicant.

RZ-2-17-3 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately .58 acres located at 96 Stone Place from R-Residential to RA-Residential Agriculture. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-2-17-3, 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-2-17-3 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for residential growth due to the fact this area is located within a portion of the County designated as a Residential Growth Area in Section 2 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan (Future Land Use Map). This section further identifies appropriate uses for this area would include rural residential development.*

Commissioner Kirby arrived and noted that he had been attending a reception honoring Mr. Dale Johnson.

RZ-2-17-4 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 33.19 acres located along I-40 and Goshen Church Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-2-17-4, 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-2-17-4 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located less than a mile from the Suttontown I-40 interchange, a major thoroughfare where commercial development is encouraged.

Mary Rose presented new Planner Jake Palant to the Board.

Planning Board Appointments Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Andy Jackson and Clayton Hollingsworth to the Planning Board.

Item 3: Action Items

Public Hearing – Execution and Delivery of Contract and Deed of Trust and Refinancing of Certain USDA Debt The Chairman opened the public hearing and recognized Finance Officer David Clack who reminded the Board that the public hearing was a mandatory part of the USDA Debt refinancing process and that no action is required. The Chairman opened the floor for comment, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing.

Approval of Eagle Scout Project – Installation of AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) at Exposition Center Eagle Scout Candidate Chris Daughtry presented to the Board his project to raise funds to purchase and install an AED (automatic external defibrillator) in an alarmed cabinet at the Sampson County Agri Exposition Center and provide a class to train employees and staff on its use. Mr. Daughtry noted that his objective was to enhance the safety of those attending events at the Agri Exposition Center and discussed his goal of raising \$1,200 - \$1,300. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Daughtry's Eagle Scout project.

Approval of Cost Savings Proposal EXP 003 Telephone System Upgrade (VOIP) Exposition Center Director Ray Jordan presented his budget reduction proposal to the Board noting that the proposal, which would require an upgrade to the current telephone system, would result in a savings of \$1,680. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget reduction proposal as presented.

Award of Bid for Audit Contract for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017 David Clack reviewed the bid process noting that only three bids had been received as of January 13, 2017; therefore, the Finance Office had extended the response date to February 13, 2017. The Finance Office sent requests for proposals to firms gathered from a list of auditors compiled by the LGC. Current auditor, Thompson, Price, Scott &

Adams, later withdrew their bid leaving bids from Carr, Riggs, & Ingram (\$54,000.00 for FYE 2017; \$55,300.00 for FYE 2018; and \$56,500.00 for FYE 2019) and W. Greene, PLLC. Mr. Clack stated that in reviewing the proposals the lowest responsible bidder was W. Greene, PLLC at an annual cost of \$50,000, and therefore the Finance Office respectfully requested that the Board approve the award of the contract to W. Greene, PLLC for the annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kivett and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to award the bid to W. Greene, PLLC. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

Appointment - Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to add Lorie Sutton (Dept. of Aging Representative), and appoint Keith Jackson (NCDOT), Mike Rich (SRMC), and David Kinlaw (NCHP) to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Appointment - Advisory Board of Older Adults Aging Director Lorie Sutton had requested that the advisory board's name reflect its dual purpose: Advisory Board of Older Adult Services/Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee. Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to accept the name change, and to remove members Eilene Lewis and Michelle Warren-Coleman as requested, and to appoint Nina Williams to replace Social Services representative Lynn Fields on the Advisory Board of Older Adult Services.

Appointment - EMS Advisory Board (Franchise Committee) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint the following:

Administrator of Sampson Regional Center (or designee): Dr. Shawn Howerton, or his designee
ALS Medical Director: Dr. Stephen D. Kelley
911 Center Supervisory: Roberta Parker
Director of Emergency Services: Ronald Bass
County Government: Susan Holder, Assistant County Manager
Citizen at Large: Ray Honrine
Franchise Providers: Jerry Bradshaw (Clinton Rescue); Teddy Blackburn (Garland EMS); Kevin Hall (Roseboro Rescue and EMS); Kelly Blackman (Newton Grove Rescue); Bradley Jackson (Suttontown EMS); Angela Jackson (Clement Rescue); Mark Williams (Vann Crossroads Fire Department); Ark Matthews (Clement Fire Department); Greg Wise (Herring Fire Department); Wayne Lucas (Godwin-Falcon Fire Department)

Item 4: Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting
- b. Authorized execution of the agreement between Sampson Community College and Sampson County Emergency Management regarding curriculum and continuing education EMS programs (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- c. Authorized execution of the Funding Agreement for the 2017 Essential Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool housing program (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- d. Declared 2002 Trailblazer VIN# 1GNDSI3S22443871 and 2007 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FMFU16507LA24181 as surplus and authorized transfer of one vehicle of their choice to Autryville Fire Department
- e. Approved a late land use application submitted by Durwood P. and Richard H. Boney (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- f. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted

#7920	Edith Best Cox	\$121.19
#7877	S&W Ready Mix	\$113.84
#7906	Tommy Borders	\$182.67
#7903	Jessica Atkinson	\$120.96
#7870	Christopher Dixon	\$141.45
#7883	Big Blue Store	\$257.37
#7926	Paramount Foods, Inc.	\$318.89
Tax Release	Springer Eubank DBA: Scotchman *169	\$177.18
Tax Release	Shri Shakti, LLC	\$413.08

- g. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Economic Development</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>
11449200	544000	Contract services	\$9,000.00
11449200	529902	Building reuse grant pymt	\$171,000.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>
11034920	403602	State building reuse grant	\$180,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>

02558810	526200	FCG – Departmental Supplies	\$8,937.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035881	408401	FCG – Donations	\$8,937.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>Social Services</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13553200	568400	Child Day Care	\$175,220.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535320	403307	State Day Care Subsidy	\$175,220.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>CD</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551250	523900	Medical Supplies	\$3,000.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535125	404000	State Assistance	\$3,000.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>FP</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551640	523900	Medical Supplies	\$1,092.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535164	404000	State Assistance	\$1,092.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>MH</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551630	523900	Medical Supplies	\$3,500.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535163	404000	State Assistance	\$3,500.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>PHPR</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551920	531100	Travel	\$1,100.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535192	404000	State Assistance	\$1,100.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
		<u>WIC</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551670	526201	Dept Supplies Equipment	\$1,400.00	

12551670	529700	Lab Supplies	\$500.00	
12551670	526200	Department Supplies	\$600.00	
12551670	544000	Contract Services	\$1,526.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535167	404000	State Assistance	\$4,026.00	

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 4 (State); Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 5 (State)

Item 5: Board Information

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

- Scheduling Cooperative Extension Service Annual Report to the People (May 15, 2017)

County Manager Reports

Because the County Manager had lost his voice due to sickness, Assistant County Manager Susan Holder addressed Item 5 (a), informing the Board of Cooperative Extension’s Annual Report to the People was tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2017 at 6 p.m. pending the Board’s approval. Secondly, she informed the Board of an invitation from the NC Department of Transportation to the dedication of the Gold Star Highway Project. Lastly, Ms. Holder reminded the Board to schedule their 2017 health and wellness screenings as are required for employees.

Public Comments

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

Closed Session

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11 (a)(5), Acquisition of Property. In Closed Session, the Board discuss potential acquisition of property adjacent to the Exposition Center. The Board returned to Open Session; no action was taken.

Adjournment

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