

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 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., Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder for the invocation. Finance Officer David Clack then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the following changes: FEMA Report was added to become Reports and Presentations (b).

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Recognition of Retirees A service plaque was presented to retiree Cyndi Jones. Retiree Elizabeth Murphy was unable to attend.

FEMA Report FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs Specialist Brian Jeremiah reported to the board an update following Hurricane Matthew and the January snow storm. Mr. Jeremiah quickly noted that recovery efforts were still in progress and are discussed in great detail in a written report that would be provided at a later date. Mr. Jeremiah then welcomed comments. None were received.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning

CZ-1-17-1 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request for conditional zoning of approximately 1 acre located along Rowan Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to CZ C Conditional Zoning Commercial District. Ms. Rose noted that with conditional zoning, if the owner ceases to use the property for the site specific use, the zoning classification reverts back its original use. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve conditional rezoning request CZ-1-17-1, 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 CZ-1-17-1 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-1-17-1 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who informed the Board that the request had been withdrawn by the applicant.

RZ-1-17-2 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed the Planning Board's request to rezone approximately 4.5 acres located along Autry Highway from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. Chairman Wooten questioned the "orphan" parcel, and Tax Administrator Jim Johnson noted it could be due to a property split or the highway project. 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 Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-1-17-2, 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-1-17-2 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located along a major thoroughfare where commercial development is encouraged.*

RZ-1-17-3 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 8.5 acres located along Roseboro Highway 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 Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-1-17-3, 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-1-17-3 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.*

Approval of Subdivision Final Plat – Timberlake Subdivision Section 19 The Board acknowledged that the request to approve the final plat for Timberlake Subdivision Section 19 had been withdrawn and would possibly be added to a future meeting.

Item 3: Action Items

Adoption of Resolution of Support for Addition of the Coastal-Crescent Trail Route to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail Bill Scott, of First Citizens Bank and Trust and who serves as Treasurer with the Friends of the Mountain-to-Sea Trail organization, presented a resolution requesting Board support for his organization's push to see the Coastal-Crescent Trail route added to the Mountain-to-Sea Trail. The trail, a unit of the State's park system, stretches from the mountains to the Outer Banks, but does not currently include any of the Coastal-Crescent route which includes Sampson County. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, Page ___.)

Tax Administration – Report of Unpaid Taxes Which Are Liens on Real Property Tax Administrator Jim Johnson reported to the Board the amount of \$2,981,154.25 of unpaid taxes for the current fiscal year which are liens on real property. This total is \$456,702.79 less than the previous fiscal year. Mr. Johnson noted that Sampson County had collected 90% of real and personal property taxes, which means the County had collected the same percentage as it had the previous fiscal year. Mr. Johnson requested authorization to advertise the unpaid taxes on April 6, 2017, with a deadline for payment to avoid publication being March 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Scheduling of 2015 Board of Equalization and Review Hearings Mr. Johnson asked the board to consider setting dates for the 2017 Board of Equalization and Review hearings. Upon motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the board voted unanimously to schedule the Board of Equalization and Review hearings for April 18, April 20 and April 27, each session to convene from 1-6 p.m.

Approval of Documents Related to EDA Funding for Water Infrastructure Finance Officer David Clack reviewed the EDA documents/financial assistance award, as well as the capital project ordinance and budget amendment required to create the budget for the project. Mr. Clack informed the Board that Sampson County had been awarded an Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant in the amount of \$684,750 to construct a well at Exit 355 off I-40 near the Enviva plant. Mr. Clack reminded the Board that in previous work sessions Dewberry Engineer Matt West and Public Works Director Lee Cannady had provided information regarding the challenges of the county's water infrastructure, and the Board authorized staff to submit applications for funding of a project that would address these issues and position our infrastructure to serve the economically critical I-40 intersection. The total project costs are estimated to be \$1,519,595, with \$554,680 being funded by a grant from Golden Leaf, and the remaining \$280,165 coming from water district funding (in addition to the EDA grant). Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner

Parker, the Board voted unanimously to authorize execution of documents related to the acceptance of grant monies, the capital project ordinance and associated budget amendment. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, Page ___; Project Ordinance filed in Ordinance Book ___, Page ___.)

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation of an Installment Financing Contract with Regard to Refinancing Debt Mr. Clack review the proposed debt to be refinanced and the process for refunding. He noted that the resolution for consideration authorizes the County Manager and Finance Director to take those actions necessary to complete the refunding and file an application with the LGC, to refund the total amount of debt, not to exceed \$70,000,000.00 (including all of the debt with the exception of the well project and some of the funding loaned by the State and General Obligation debt associated with the water districts). Mr. Clack noted that the underwriter provided a savings summary which stated an estimated savings amount of \$4,500,000.00 over the remaining terms of the loan using a 30-year repayment plan, which equates to approximately \$62,000.00 per year. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the negotiation of an installment financing contract, directing public notice with respect thereto and providing for certain other related matters (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, page ___.)

Public Hearing – Road Naming Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Ms. Holder who informed the Board that the Road Naming Committee has requested that the Board rescind road name Aubree Road due to the property owner failing to complete a planned subdivision road. She also noted that the owner plans to use the property to relocate and expand his business and would prefer to be addressed off the main road. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to rescind road name Aubree Road as recommended.

Appointment – Adult Care Home Community Action Committee Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Larry Sutton to the Adult Care Home Community Action Committee

Appointment – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Recreation Director Dana Bullard Hall to the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Council.

Appointment - NC Southeastern Partnership Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Kermit Williamson to the NC Southeastern Partnership.

Appointment - Transportation Advocacy Group (TAG) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Hugh Carr to the Transportation Advocacy Group.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting
- b. Approved a request from the Department of Aging to dispose of certain records pursuant to the County's Records Retention and Disposition Schedules
- c. Approved changes to health billing codes and fees as recommended by the Sampson County Board of Health
- d. Adopted a resolution approving amendments to the Trust Agreement for the County of Sampson, North Carolina Hospital System Revenue Bonds, Series 2007 to extend the maturity date to and including April 15, 2017 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- e. Adopted a resolution requesting the installation of a signage panel honoring Miss North Carolina 2015 Kate Peacock and authorizing execution of a reimbursement agreement with the NCDOT for related design and installation costs (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- f. Authorized the County Manager and County Attorney to complete the GSA Request for Proposal documents for office space leased to the Sampson Soil and Water Conservation District Office (NRCS)
- g. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted

#7834	Marina Corena Medina De Flores	\$118.92
#7815	Donald C. Jackson and Bonnie N.	\$204.64
#7840	Sherry Rouse	\$106.92
#7831	Nancy Jean Landau-Vogt	\$122.84
#7838	Ronald Duane Nimma	\$139.38
#7839	Joseph Ray Wright	\$143.30
#7811	Canal Wood LLC	\$224.09
#7850	D. Mark Calcutt	\$162.68
#7853	Edith Best Cox	\$259.64
#7849	AJ Family Farms LLC	\$343.86

#7860	Rodney Nelson Flowers	\$113.06
#7845	Mary Ellen B. Jones	\$346.91
#7827	Justin Jackson	\$1,931.98
Tax Release	Tasha Carr Sanders	\$630.71
Tax Release	Harrells Mobile Home Park, LLC	\$280.49
Tax Release	Triple T Leasing	\$1,945.36

h. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Social Services</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
13535320	568400	Child Day Care	\$52,174.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
13535320	403307	State Day Care Subsidy	\$52,174.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
02558810	526200	FCG – Departmental Supplies	\$150.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
02035881	408401	FCG – Donations	\$150.00

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 3 (State); Amendment No. 1 (Federal) as submitted.

Item 5: Board Information

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

- 2016 State of the County Health Report

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board that the staff was fully engaged in preparing for the upcoming Planning Conference and reiterated that the purpose of the conference was to receive their input and direction on government matters. Mr. Causey concluded by reminding the Board of Senator Brent Jackson’s community forum scheduled for Tuesday February 7, 2017 and invited all to attend.

Public Comments

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

Recess to Reconvene

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on February 16, 2017.