

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGEcombe COUNTY
MARCH 1, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CARMON AUDITORIUM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN LEONARD WIGGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Leonard Wiggins, Chairman, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mrs. Viola Harris, Mrs. Evelyn Powell, Mr. William Wooten and Mr. Ralph Webb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, County Manager, Mrs. Natalie Bess, Deputy County Manager, Mr. Michael Peters, County Attorney and Ms. Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

Mrs. Bess provided safety instructions.

3. PRAYER.

Rev. Hines provided prayer.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS.

A. Julius Moody, CSBG Director & Nichelle Cole, Interim Executive Director – NEED, Inc. presentation of CSBG application for funding.

Ms. Cole presented the Community Service Block Grant application to the Board, stating that a total of \$524,123 was received for their total funding. Edgecombe County received be utilized in Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson Counties, with Edgecombe County receiving \$147,483.

Mr. Moody stated that the program is to help individuals with employment, education and housing. He came to let the Board know what will be done with the allocation. He stated that NEED, Inc. plans to serve 100 clients next year with 37 of those being in Edgecombe County.

Ms. Cole and Mr. Moody answered questions from the Board.

B. Karen Lachapelle, Health Director, to present COVID-19 update.

Mrs. Lachapelle provided information on the number of vaccines given to date. She stated that they are continuing to give vaccines at both offices, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. She stated that they are now planning community events and working with local organizations to see what the interest is. Ms. Lachapelle stated that 47% of vaccines given in the County has been given to Black and Brown people. She stated that the County is currently at 106 deaths, with 58% being 75+ years of age. Whites accounts for 55% deaths and 45% blacks.

After her presentation Mrs. Lachapelle answered questions from the Board.

6. **PUBLIC PETITIONS.**
No petitioners signed up to speak or submitted emails to be read.
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
- A. **Approval of budget amendments.**
Mr. Evans provided explanations on several of the budget amendments.
- Mrs. Powell moved to approve the budget amendments as presented.
Mrs. Webb seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- B. **Approval of Resolution in Support of the NCACC Presidential Initiative to Promote Food System Resiliency.**
Mrs. Harris read the resolution and moved to approve the resolution as presented.
Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- Mrs. Harris thanked the Board for adopting the resolution.
- C. **Approval of Application for Public School Building Capital Fund.**
Mr. Evans stated that Edgecombe County Schools plans to replace HVAC controls at Stocks Elementary School using funds from the NC Lottery Building Capital Fund. To use these funds for this project, the Board of Commissioners must jointly request the release of these funds along with ECPS.
- Mrs. Harris moved to approve the application as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
8. **APPOINTMENTS.**
- A. **Rocky Mount Board of Adjustment.**
None.
- B. **Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments Board of Directors.**
None.
- C. **Human Services Board.**
Rev. Hines moved to appoint Ms. Tilda Marshall, Dr. Chad Cayton and to reappoint Mr. Robert Alan Robbins, Dr. Robin Webb-Corbett and Ms. Ann Adams. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
9. **AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**
Mr. Boswell moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
10. **CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**
Mrs. Harris moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mr. Webb seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
11. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.*****Received***
- A. Water Services.
B. Financial Summary report.
C. Solid Waste.
12. **MANAGER'S REPORT.*****Received***
- A. Convening of the Board of Equalization and Review – April 5, 2021.
B. Implementation of E-Recording with the Register of Deeds Office.
C. Workforce Development Indicators.
D. Proposed agenda for Retreat – March 15, 2021.
E. Final Version – Fire Arms Ordinance
F. House Bill 119 – Tax Relief for COVID affected businesses.
13. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**

None.

14. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

None.

15. **CLOSED SESSION.**

Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss:

A. Economic Development. [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4)]

B. Legal matter. [Per N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(3)]

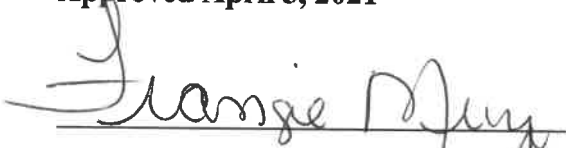
Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Powell moved to go out of closed session and resume the regular meeting. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Evans read the response to the LGC letter.

16. **MRS. POWELL MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL MARCH 15, 2021 FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RETREAT. MR. BOSWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Approved April 5, 2021



Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board