

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
AUGUST 7, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, 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, Mr. Jonathan Felton, Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Mrs. Evelyn Powell, Mr. William Wooten, Mr. Donald Boswell and Mrs. Viola Harris.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

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

2. PRAYER.

Rev. Hines provided the prayer.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments and questions relative to a rezoning request from Mr. Jessie R. Fleming to rezone two parcels of land located between NC 124 East and Carr Farm Road from R-20 to B-1.

Mr. Peters read the public notice.

Mr. Evans stated that the request was reviewed by the Planning Board and forwarded to the Board of Commissioners with a favorable recommendation.

Mr. Wiggins called for public hearing comments. There being none the public hearing was adjourned.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the rezoning request as recommended by the Planning Board. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:

A. Tiffany Jones, Teen Court Coordinator Nash and Edgecombe Counties, presented an update on the Teen Court Program.

Mr. Evans stated that he thought it would be appropriate for the Board to learn more about one of the programs funded through the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. He stated that the Teen Court Program receives from Edgecombe County \$17,787.

Ms. Tiffany Jones stated that the Teen Court Program gives youth who have committed a minor misdemeanor offense a second chance once they have admitted guilt. She stated that youth that are admitted into the program must go through a sentencing hearing in a real courtroom where they are put on trial amongst their peers, and judges and attorneys preside over every case to insure a fair hearing. Ms. Jones stated since she has been Coordinator from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, Edgecombe Teen Court has served 46 youth.

Cindy Norville, Mediation Program Associate Director, came forth and provided more information on the program.

B. Catherine Roche, Director of Braswell Memorial Library, presented an update on the library.

Mr. Evans stated that the County funds the Library annually and this current fiscal year they were budgeted at a little over \$180,000.

Ms. Roche reported the following:

- 194,000 visits last year
- 200,000 items checked out
- 184 internet connections
- meeting rooms were used 400 times
- 7,000 people attended meetings at the library
- Started this year: Staff member Lakesha Joyner, was selected to go to the North Carolina Library Association's Leadership Institute. Everybody that attends the Institute must have a leadership project. Her project was to create a Job Resource Center at Braswell Library, where she sat some computers aside so job seekers can have unlimited access to the computers and any assistance needed. Ms. Joyner also hosted a job fair boot camp.
- Started this summer: a summer literacy outreach program and selected sites and visited once a week

C. Recognition of the South Edgecombe Summer Recreation All Star Team – Winners of the State 8U Championship.

Michael Matthews came forth and introduced the team members and coaches.

D. Mrs. Tarasa Lewis, Tax Administrator, will present the 2016 Annual Settlement.

Mrs. Lewis came forth to present the 2016 Annual Settlement:

Motor vehicles NC Vehicle Tax System:

Net Levy	\$3,504,848.70
Collected	\$3,487,963.00
Uncollected	6,909.71
% collected	99.52%

Real and Personal Property:

Net Levy	\$27,237,311.06
Collected	\$25,831,391.59
Uncollected	\$ 1,405,919.47
% collected	94.84%

In comparison:

June 30, 2016	94.76%
June 30, 2017	94.84%

Difference .08%

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the Tax Collector's Settlement as of June 30, 2017 and recharge the Tax Collector with collecting taxes for years 2007 through 2017. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Recognition of Mr. Jimmy Price, Facilities Manager/Solid Waste Director, by the National Guard.

Mr. Evans stated that after the flooding from Hurricane Matthew the National Guard Troop came down to assist the Town of Princeville. They took on the mission of setting up pumps to pump water out of Princeville. Mr. Evans stated that they thought so much of the hard work Mr. Price did in helping them coordinate and get their hands on resources that they called him and wanted to surprise Mr. Price by recognizing him with a nice certificate and plaque.

The Board thanked Mr. Price.

6. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

No petitioners came forward.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of budget amendments.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Approval of amendments to the Edgecombe County Personnel Policy.

Mr. Evans stated that he reviewed the County's current Personnel and Administrative Policies and noted some changes that need to be made. He presented to the Board the high-lighted changes to the policy for their review. Mr. Evans went into detail the nature and need for the changes and recommended that the board adopt the resolution that will implement the revised Personnel and Administrative Policies.

Mr. Felton moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of an agreement with State Employees Credit Union for the placement of a new ATM.

Mr. Evans stated that since the ending of the lease agreement between the local branch of the State Employees Credit Union and the convenient store diagonally across the street from the Administration Building, the SECU has been interested in locating an ATM in the County's parking lot just across Granville Street. Having an ATM located there will be a great convenience to the public at large, but particularly for our customers and employees. Mr. Evans stated that the ATM proposed to be installed at the corner of the parking lot at the intersection of St. Andrew and Granville Street. The proposed lease payment is \$250 per month, which is consistent with that the SECU pays in other locations.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of an offer to purchase county owned property located at 811 Planters Street by Darius Smith for \$1500.

Mr. Evans stated that an offer to purchase was received from Darius Smith to purchase property the County owns at 811 Planters Street in Rocky Mount. This property was acquired through tax foreclosure. He stated that the offer is for \$1,500. If the offer to purchase is accepted by the Board, a minimum 10-day public notice must then be given for upset bid. Mr. Evans recommended that the Board accept the offer in order to remove this liability from the County's ownership, to recoup the costs the County has in the property, and to return it to taxable status.

Mr. Boswell moved to accept the offer to purchase and direct staff to publish the public notice for upset bid. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of Health Department's CHANGE Project grant award.

Mr. Evans stated that the Health Department received a grant from the UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Health promotion and Disease Prevention and OIC of Rocky Mount to Offer CHANGE Project (Carolina Heart Alliance Networking for Greater Equity) for the next two years. The purpose of the grant is to help reduce cardiovascular disease risks in communities of low income in rural North Carolina. The use of the grant will be to contract with two community health workers who will engage with people through church groups and other community organizations teaching the benefits of a healthy life style.

Mr. Felton moved to accept the grant and approve the project ordinance and budget amendment as presented. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

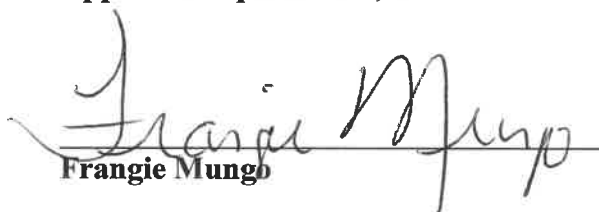
F. Approval of calling for public hearings for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery.

Mr. Evans stated that we recently learned of how the \$198 million CDBG-Disaster Recovery funding will be distributed. The plan is that 80% is to go to the four hardest hit counties (Edgecombe, Wayne, Roberson, and Cumberland). That \$158.4 million will be distributed to those counties based on the number of homes substantially damaged. Edgecombe's share will be 18% or \$28.5 million. Use of the funds must be according to the plan the State submitted to the US Department of HUD. The majority of the funding is to be used for housing related activities. Counties are to take the lead in implementing these CDBG-DR funds, and we have to submit a plan as to how we will work with the towns by August 11th. Mr. Evans stated that as with other CDBG programs, this requires that citizens be given the opportunity to participate in the planning and decision-making process. Two public hearing are required before more detailed applications are submitted by September 15th. Mr. Evans requested that the Board call for two public hearings to meet this requirement. The first to be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., and the second at the Board meeting on September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Boswell moved to call for and hold the public hearings as requested. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. **APPOINTMENTS.**
A. Tourism Development Authority.
 Mr. Felton moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Trey Lewis to the Tourism Development Board. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
9. **AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**
 Mr. Wooten moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
10. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.*****Received***
A. Water Services.
B. Financial Summary Report.
C. Tourism Development Board Report
D. Elections Report.
11. **MANAGER'S REPORT.*****Received***
A. Economic/Workforce Indicators.
B. Hurricane Matthew Update.
C. Analysis on the minimum salaries of the Edgecombe County Pay Plan.
D. Update on plans for the National Guard Armory.
E. Report from Senator Smith-Ingram.
F. Update on Eastpointe.
12. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**
13. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**
14. **CLOSED SESSION.**
 Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- Mr. Wooten moved to go out of closed session and resume the regular meeting. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- Mrs. Harris moved to call for a public hearing at the September 5, 2017 meeting regarding the County's intent to enter into an installment financing contract. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
15. **MR. FELTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Approved September 5, 2017


 Frankie Mungo