

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
JULY 2, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Leonard Wiggins, Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Felton, Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mrs. Viola Harris and Mrs. Evelyn Powell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Wooten.

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 June 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

No petitioners came forward.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of budget amendments.

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

B. Approval of the Edgecombe County Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Pay Plan.

Mr. Evans stated that it is his responsibility to annually review the County's Compensation Plan and make recommendations for modifications to the pay plan. He stated that his review of the pay plan involves consideration of maintaining a competitive compensation structure, while being mindful of what the budget can sustain. Mr. Evans stated that the changes he recommend are noted on the copy of the Compensation Plan presented to the Board and the corrections should have been made when we consolidated our Human Services Agency. Previously, there were distinctions made for some positions that are no longer needed.

Mr. Boswell moved to adopt the Edgecombe County Pay Plan with the noted deletions. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of petition to add Firestone Lane to the State's Secondary Road System.

Mr. Evans stated that the developer of Ely Williamson Place Subdivision has requested that Firestone Lane be added to the State's secondary road system. It is located off NC 111, east of its intersection with Shiloh Farm Road. Engineers from the NC Department of Transportation have verified that it meets the minimum standards necessary to be added. Mr. Evans stated that the Board's approval is needed on the resolution presented before NCDOT can add this road to its system.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the resolution to request the addition of Firestone Lane to the State Maintained Secondary Road System. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) allocation.

Mr. Evans stated that in accordance with the bylaws set for the Edgecombe County Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Council ("Advisory Council"), a recommendation for the allocation of the FY 19 funding is presented to the Board of Commissioners. The Advisory Council met on April 23rd to discuss priorities and the forecasted funding. The Bard met again on May 9th to hear presentations from providers and to formulate a recommendation. Although there was an increase in Federal grants available by 3,180.00, the total requests for funding (606,058.00) were 48,221.00 more than the funding available to the County (557,837.00) After much valuable discussion,

the Advisory Council feels this recommendation reflects the needs of Edgecombe County's aging population and is the best use of the available funding.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the budget as recommended by the Advisory Council to allocated the available Home Community Care Block Grand funding for fiscal year 18. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of Timber Management Contract.

Mr. Evans stated that as was tabled in the Board's May meeting, he was bringing back for consideration a contract for forestry management services. The County owns nine tracts of land that has timber with potential value. To best explore this opportunity, He recommended that we engage with a timber management professional. Mr. Evans stated that to that end, we have gone through a proposal solicitation process and based on review he believed that Premier Forestry Environmental Consulting is the best firm for this work. He stated that the contract includes an appraisal of the timber on the nine tracts and once completed the Board may then decide if and how they want to proceed. Premier Forestry has proposed a flat rate for the appraisal. Beyond that fees are based on commission.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion.

Mr. Felton asked how many responses were received.

Mr. Evans stated that three responses.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

F. Approval of grant agreement amendment to CDBG-Disaster Recovery Program.

Mr. Evans stated that the NC Emergency Management Office is working with all of the county recipients of Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR), to amend project grant agreements. As they strive to better align project budgets to maximize the use of the funds, they have requested that we approve the amendment. Mr. Eric pointed out some shifts in funds from one line item to another. Overall, the amount of funding available for recovery in Edgecombe County will increase from \$19,060,000 to \$20,745,300.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the amendment as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G. Approval of Bad Debt Write-Off for Health Department.

Mr. Evans stated that the Edgecombe County Health Department's Bad Debt Write Off Policy states that a patient's account will be handled as Bad Debt when there has been no activity on the account for more than twelve months. This does not mean that there will be no further efforts to collect the debt. In fact, if there is any activity on the account, for example the patient presents at the Health Department for services, then the account is reactivated. Mr. Evans stated that this action is an accounting method whereas the written off debt no longer shows on our books as receivables.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the Bad Debt Write-Off as recommended by the Human Services Board. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Mr. Evans stated that the NC General Assembly passed Session Law 2017-41, also known as House Bill 630. This statute requires that all counties enter into an agreement with the NC Department of Health and Human Services for all programs except Medicaid. He presented the MOU that sets forth performance measures, reporting requirements, and actions to be taken if the performance requirements are not met. Mr. Evans stated that the effort to more efficiently deliver social services across the State is understandable and appreciated. However, the requirements in this MOU will inevitably add more of a burden on already taxed staff. We will certainly work diligently to comply with the performance measures, and meet the needs of our citizens.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the NC Department of Health and Human Services as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I. Approval of Fireworks Displays for Town of Macclesfield.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the fireworks displays for the Town of Macclesfield. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

J. Approval of Sheriff's request to award service weapon to retiring Deputy.

Mr. Evans stated that NC Statute 20-187.2 allows the Board of Commissioners to award to a retiring officer his/her service weapon. It specially stated that you may do so at a price determined by you as the governing body. Sheriff Atkinson has requested that consideration be given for retiring Lieutenant Jeffrey Brent Powell. Mr. Evans stated that to show the County's appreciation for his exemplary service, and to provide mementoes to that service, he recommended that the Board approve the transfer of his service weapon at a price of \$1 upon the retirement of Lieutenant Jeffrey Brent Powell.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the transfer of property for \$1.00. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

K. Approval of a resolution to approve financing of land purchase for the Corning Project.

Mr. Evans stated that the County is considering additional financing for the capital to purchase land for the Corning project. At the Board's special meeting on September 14, 2017, they approved the selection of Raymond James as the bank for the loan. Now that the County and Corning have executed the inducement agreement, we are now ready to move forward with the purchase of the land. Mr. Evans stated that for the land purchase and related costs, we propose to borrow an amount not to exceed \$7 million. This financing requires approval from the Local Government Commission, and we are scheduled to go before their board on July 10th.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the authorizing resolution to secure installment financing in an amount not to exceed \$7 million. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

L. Approval of calling for a public hearing to be held at a Special Meeting on July 13, 2018 to consider rezoning of property owned by Edgecombe County and Carson's Land, LLC.

Mr. Felton moved to call for a Special Meeting on July 13, 2018 in order to hold a public hearing for the rezoning of property. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

7. APPOINTMENTS.

A. Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport Authority.

Mr. Boswell moved to appoint Mr. Donald Edmondson. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. NEED, Inc. Board of Directors.

Rev. Hines moved to appoint Mrs. Eleanor Battle-Sharpe. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Edgecombe Board of Adjustment.

Mr. Boswell moved to appoint Mrs. Eleanor Battle-Sharpe and Ms. Antonia ElFaysal. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Tourism Development Authority.

Mrs. Harris moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. C. B. Brown as Chairman. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wiggins moved to appoint Mrs. Viola Harris. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. PLANNING BOARD REPORT. ***Received*******

Mrs. Cynthia Jones, Planning Director, presented the Planning Board report.

1. New Business.

A. UDO text amendment request – Horse Race Track.

Rev. Hines moved to call for a public hearing at the August 6, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. UDO text amendment request – Mining, Quarrying, Sand Pits and Mineral Extraction.

Rev. Hines moved to call for a public hearing at the August 6, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Special Use Permit request – Fern Solar, LLC.

Mr. Felton moved to call for a public hearing at the August 6, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

2. Minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting.

9. AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

10. CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.*****Received*****

A. Water Services.

B. Financial Summary Report.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT.*****Received*****

A. Economic and Workforce Indicators.

B. Letter from Governor in support of funding for improvements to Princeville Dike.

C. Press release for CSX project.

D. Report on the First meeting of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

E. Update from Piedmont Natural Gas.

F. 17th Annual Employee Service Awards Luncheon:

Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center

1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount, NC

13. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

A. Official Statement to Honor Rocky Mount Senior Police Officer Christopher Driver.

B. Mr. Felton stated that he attended the Street Dedication Ceremony for deceased Deputy Manning and it was well attended.

14. ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

15. CLOSED SESSION.

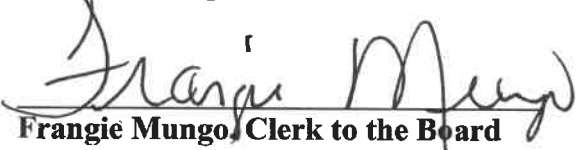
Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Felton moved to allow Corning an extension on their review period. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

16. MR. FELTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 06, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Approved August 6, 2018


Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board