

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGEcombe COUNTY
APRIL 3, 2018 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, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mrs. Evelyn Powell and Mrs. Viola Harris.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Wooten.

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

2. PRAYER.

Rev. Hines provided a prayer of comfort for the family of Deputy David Lee'Sean Manning, and for Commissioner Powell and family for the loss of their loved ones.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING.

1. Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments and questions relative to a proposed amendment to Section 9-3-1 "Table of Permitted Uses" of Article IX "Zoning" of the Unified Development Ordinance of Edgecombe County.

Mr. Peters read the public notice as published.

Mr. Evans stated that there is a petting zoo that has been in operation for some time in the County. The County did not have anything in the zoning ordinance to address such an operation. In order for it to be compliant amended language was proposed to the Board. Mr. Evans stated that the proposed amendment has been reviewed by the Planning Board with a favorable recommendation.

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

Mr. Felton moved to approve the amendment to allow a petting zoo in the AR-30 zoning district. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW.

MR. BOSWELL MOVED TO RECESS THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

A. Mrs. Carol Allen White, Clerk of Court, administered the oath of office.

B. Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.

C. Consideration of adoption of updated Notice of Decision letter.

Mr. Felton moved to adopt the updated Notice of Decision as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Scheduled appointments:

There were no scheduled appointments.

MR. FELTON MOVED TO RECESS AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW UNTIL MAY 7, 2018 AND RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. REV. HINES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

Rev. Roosevelt Higgs, Speed, NC, came forth and shared with the with the Board pictures of

a house that was converted and is currently the home of Commissioner Wooten. He stated that his mother lived in the house from the age of three until she was twenty-three years old. He stated that Mr. Wooten moved the house in the 90's.

Rev. Higgs thanked Mr. Norris Tolson for the work he did with CSX and congratulated Mr. Felton on being awarded the Long Leaf Pine Award.

Rev. Higgs stated that a few years ago the County had an organization chart which was a snap picture of the diversity of the County in each department. He stated that he would like to see that put back on the table to see where Edgecombe County is when it comes down to the aspects of diversity.

Rev. Higgs stated that with the recent health rankings of Edgecombe County and the School system the County Commissioners need to challenge the Boards that sit over these agencies to see if they can do more to bring awareness because you cannot continue to treat a crisis situation as if it were not a crisis. He stated that in 1993 a study was done on Edgecombe County and it showed that the County looked like a third world country. He stated that we need to do better.

Ms. Kimberly Hickerson, 7175 Hunter Ridge Road, Rocky Mount, Twin Counties Disaster Recovery Group, came forth to provide an update stating that the group assist survivors of Hurricane Matthew with unmet needs if they are not able to get assistance from FEMA or other organizations. Primarily they have been helping with furniture and appliances as people transition back into their homes. So far they have helped 85 households to transition back into their homes. She stated that the group operates under the United Way, their fiscal agent, but are at a point where they need support of the Commissioners to help spread the word about the additional needs in Edgecombe related to Hurricane Matthew. Ms. Hickerson stated that April 10th is the deadline for the survivors to move out of the FEMA manufactured housing units, so they still have families that are attempting to transition. They have run out of resources and are anxiously applying for grants to continue doing the things they do. She stated that they also need the participation of business leaders and churches to help to support families.

Mr. Evans stated that Ms. Hickerson works closely with the County's case managers and other staff.

Mr. Wiggins asked Mr. Evans to continue to work with Ms. Hickerson.

Dr. Doctor Aal-Anubia, representing KMT Commercial Heating and Air Conditioning, stated that he is fortunate to serve the residents of Edgecombe. He stated that one of their goals is to bring some jobs. The company is the only African American Company in the State of North Carolina that received the State's highest award to be a certified apprenticeship employer for heating and air conditioner, which was received in 2002. They are interested in workforce development opportunities because it's important to rebuild. He stated that he wanted to introduce himself and solicit the Board's support. Dr. Aal-Anubia shared his accomplishments with the Board stating that his goal is to create relationships that create opportunities. There are opportunities where small businesses can receive resources if their commitment is to create jobs.

Mr. Wiggins stated that the Board is always willing and open to assist in any area.

Curmulius Dancy II, P O Box 1391 Pinetops, 127, Midway Lane, Tarboro, stated that the group in which Ms. Hickerson spoke about use to meet at Michael's Angels Girls Club. He stated that he used to be a part of that group and attended the meetings. He stated that the group did great work and he was proud to see it where it is now because he has been a part of flood recovery and saw the work they were doing. He asked the Board to do whatever they could do to assist them.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Resolution to Declare March 11th as Deputy David Lee'Sean Manning Day in Edgecombe County. (Deputy Manning died at the scene of a fatal collision on March 11, 2018 while on duty.)

Mr. Wiggins read the resolution.

Mr. Felton moved to adopt the Resolution to Declare March 11th as Deputy David Lee'Sean Manning Day in Edgecombe County and Manning's call number of 839 be officially retired and never be used again by the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wiggins stated that the Resolution will be placed as an official document of the County records.

Mr. Wiggins invited the Manning family to the front of the room along with Sheriff Clee Atkinson. Mr. Wiggins presented the resolution to the family on behalf of the Board.

Sheriff Atkinson and other deputies presented several portraits painted by an artist in Philadelphia to the family of Deputy Manning and a handmade flag constructed by a man from Utah.

Mother of Deputy Manning, Mrs. Deshina Manning, thanked everyone for the honor and recognition of her son.

B. Approval of budget amendments.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of calling for a public hearing on May 7, 2018 for the closing of a portion of Harts Chapel Road.

Mr. Felton moved to call for a public hearing on May 7, 2018. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of Juvenile Crime Prevention Council funding for fiscal year 2019.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the fiscal year 2019 funding for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of Easement Agreement for cell phone tower at Kingsboro Industrial Park.

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

F. Approval of Intent to Reimburse funds for the purchase of Midlakes Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Evans stated that at the last meeting the Board took action to allocate money from fund balance to proceed with the purchase of Midlakes Mobile Home Park. The plan was to include the costs for that purchase along with the purchase of other land at Kingsboro for economic development. However, the closing of that loan has been delayed as we have been working out the details of the terms with Triangle Tire and Corning. He stated that closing on the purchase of Midlakes MHP took place on March 27th. We do still plan to replace that money in fund balance once we close on the loan. To do so, approval is needed from the Board and he presented a Resolution Declaring the Intent to Reimburse.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the Resolution Declaring the Intent to Reimburse. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G. Approval of contract amendment for landfill corrective measures.

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

8. APPOINTMENTS.

A. Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

- Councilwoman Deborah Jordan, municipal interests
- Eugene Taylor, animal control officer
- Dr. Mandy Tolson, veterinarian
- Janice Thomspson, animal rescue shelters
- Kathy Williams, at-large
- Curmilus Dancy, at-large.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the appointment of the slate of names as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Evans stated that one at-large seat is available for appointment.

9. **AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**
Mrs. Harris moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mrs. Powell 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.
- C. Hurricane Matthew update.

Mr. Evans stated that the deadline for those still in FEMA trailers has been extended to July 10²⁰¹⁸. Anyone staying after May 1st will have to pay rent.

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

- A. Economic and Workforce Indicators.
- B. Update on P-card use.
- C. NC Department of Transportation to widen NC 111/West Wilson Street.
- D. Edgecombe Genco appeal.
- E. Hwy 17/64 Association update.

Mr. Evans stated that the joint meeting with Edgecombe Board of Education is scheduled for April 30th; Nash Rocky Mount Board of Education scheduled for May 14th at 6:00.

Mr. Evans asked the Board to let him know if they were interested in attending the April 19th Friends of Scouts banquet honoring Mr. Wooten.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**

Mr. Boswell stated that he has received more calls about the dumpsites. He stated that he has ideas that he would like to propose and share with Mr. Evans if it is okay with the Board.

After a brief discussion and with no objections Mr. Wiggins stated that it was alright for Mr. Boswell and Mr. Evans to meet and bring back to the Board for any needed action.

Mr. Wiggins recognized Midlakes MHP residents in the audience and asked if they would to speak.

Mrs. Carolyn Rogerson, 196 Fishing Lane, stated that she had already sent her April lot rental payment to the former owners of the MHP in Pennsylvania and asked if it was going to be an issue.

Mr. Wiggins assured Mrs. Rogerson that Mr. Evans will work on her issue.

Mrs. Rogerson stated she and her husband have already looked at some land that they are thinking about purchasing and wanted to know how long will they have to wait to receive a letter from the County detailing options for the residents of Midlakes.

Mr. Wiggins asked Mrs. Rogerson to meet with Mr. Evans and whatever Mr. Evans and the Attorney can do they will do and will assist in resolving whatever issues they can.

Mr. Evans stated that Mike Matthews, Water/Sewer Director will be the point person in managing the park as long as the County owns it. Mr. Evans stated that all of the residents are County water customers so it will be easy for the County to bill the lot rent with their utility bill. Their next utility bill that will go out at the end of the month will have the lot rent amount on it.

Mrs. Wanda Lloyd, 103 Fishing Lane, stated that she came to the office about two weeks ago and was told that by March 27th she would be receiving information as to where to send her payment. She wanted to know that she needed to do now since the County owns the property.

Mr. Evans stated she will get a bill from the County's water department that will include rent fees and she will send it back to the same place as the water bill.

Mrs. Lloyd stated that progress is good for Edgecombe County. She stated that she had been approved to purchase a home and wanted to know what funding will be available because there has been no uniform way of letting people know what is available or what will become available.

Mr. Evans stated that we were waiting to close on the property and working out the details so we could send out the official letter. He stated that everybody will receive a letter.

Mr. Wiggins stated that now that the county has ownership of the property we can proceed with the details. There were certain things we could not do until we owned it.

Mrs. Lloyd stated that she read in the Telegram that the County would be purchasing the manufactured homes at Midlakes within the next two years and wanted to know if it is going to be that long.

Mr. Evans stated that a six months' notice has to be given. He stated that the first 23 residents immediately affected will be given the six months. All of the rest will be given twelve months. Anybody who wants to move quicker than that can.

14. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

15. **CLOSED SESSION.**

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

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

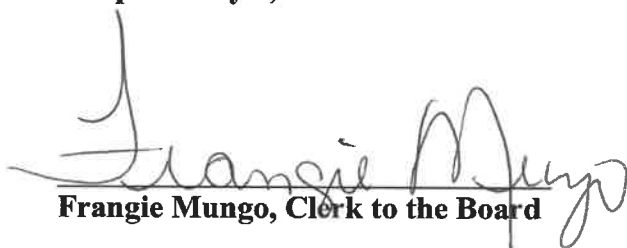
Mr. Felton moved to approve the first amendment to the option with 3MR Limited Partnership. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Evans stated that Mr. Wooten had previously mentioned to the Board his company's, (Kanban Logistics) interest in leasing the first floor of the 1912 building adjacent to the Human Services Building. He stated that Mr. Wooten submitted a letter to officially request that. In his letter he did not propose a lease rate. The Tax Administrator's office did some research and found that rental property for office space in the County ranges from about \$8.40 per square foot to \$12.00 per square foot annually. Mr. Evans that if the Board is interested in considering this request he recommended that he follow up and ask that Mr. Wooten propose a rate and if it is within what is determined to be market rate the Board can consider that at the next meeting. He stated that we will have to post a notice letting the public know that the Board plans on taking action.

Mr. Wiggins asked that Mr. Evans and Mr. Peters talk with Mr. Wooten and once a satisfactory rate is proposed bring it back to the Board.

16. **MR. FELTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. REV. HINES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Adopted May 7, 2018.


Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board