

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
APRIL 3, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE JONATHAN FELTON 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, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Viola Harris, Mrs. Evelyn Powell, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mr. Ralph Webb and Mr. George Thorne.

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.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments and questions relative to proposed Unified Development Ordinance text amendment for the Stormwater Ordinance.

Mr. Peters read the public notice as published.

Mr. Evans invited Mr. Chad Meadows, Code Wright Planners, to come up and walk the Board through the proposed changes.

Mr. Meadows stated that the Planning Board considered this amendment on February 20, 2023 and on February 28, 2023 and there was a little discussion about the shared driveway portion. The Planning Board has recommended approval of the text amendments after their reviews.

- 4 basic revisions:
 1. Relocation of stormwater standards to the County Code of Ordinances and out of the UDO
 2. Clarifications regarding shared driveways
 3. Changes to plat certificates regarding Health Department approval of On-site wastewater systems
 4. Allowing event venues in AR-30 with a SUP
- Relocate Stormwater to County Code
 - ✓ Delete stormwater permit procedure
 - ✓ Stormwater standards be removed
 - ✓ Delete terms and references in UDO that deal with stormwater
- Clarify Shared Driveway Standards
 - ✓ A shared driveway is permitted to serve up to 4 individual single-family detached or 2-family dwelling lots

- ✓ Driveway easement must be 50 feet wide
- ✓ Structures must be setback 25 feet from easement edge
- ✓ Adjustments to allow access easements to be recorded after recordation of a transfer plat
- **Changes to Plat Certificates**
 - ✓ Health Department will no longer certify on-site wastewater systems
 - ✓ Health Department plat certificates removed
 - ✓ Additional text added to plat approval certifications clarifying Planning approval does not mean Health Department approval
- **Event Venues in AR-30**
 - ✓ Changes to permit large indoor-only event venues (5,000+ sf) via a special use permit in AR-30
 - ✓ Smaller indoor venues and outdoor-only venues remain permitted in AR-30
- **Minor typographical repairs**

Mr. Meadows and Mr. Will Lawson, The Wooten Company, answered questions from the Board.

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

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the UDO text amendments as presented and as recommended by the Planning Board. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

- A. **Honorable Carol Allen White, Clerk of Court, administered the oath.**
- B. **Chairman Wiggins called the meeting to order.**
- C. **Tarasa Lewis, Tax Administrator, asked the Board to adopt the Notice of Decision letters.**
 - 1. **Regular**
 Mr. Boswell moved to adopt the regular Notice of Decision letter as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
 - 2. **Discovery and late listing.**
 Mr. Boswell moved to adopt the Discovery and Late Listing Notice of Decision letter as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
 - 3. **Untimely real property appeals.**
 Mr. Boswell moved to adopt the Untimely Real Property Appeals Notice of Decision letter as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.
- D. **Scheduled appointments.**
 None.

MR. BOSWELL MOVED TO RECESS AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW UNTIL MAY 1, 2023 AND RECONVENE REGULAR BOARD OF

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING. REV. HINES SECONDED THE MOTION,
WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

7. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS.

**A. Nichelle Cole and Julius Moody presented the Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson
Community Action's Annual Needs Assessment and CSBG Application.**

- **Community Needs Assessment the following needs have been identified:**
 - ✓ **Families/Individuals lack safe and affordable housing**
 - ✓ **Families/Individuals lack support needed to secure employment with job security**
 - ✓ **Families/individuals lack affordable child care for infants-preschool**
 - ✓ **Senior Citizens obstacles because of the nation's inflation and fixed income**
- **Provided information on North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness who issued 500 emergency vouchers to Nash and Edgecombe counties**
- **Provided outcomes from last year's CSBG**

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

8. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

James Wrenn, Vice-President of Phoenix Historical Society African American History of Edgecombe County, 704 NC 97E, Tarboro, thanked the Board for their continued support. He stated that three years ago they started a research project dealing with the Kingsboro Property Owners Association and the citizens responsible for stopping the IBP hog slaughter house from coming to Edgecombe County. It was in the news about a year ago that they were fortunate to partner with ECU to receive a grant to produce a 30-minute documentary on it's history. The documentary is finished and they will premier it in Tarboro in the Carmon Auditorium on April 22nd, which is Earth Day and this is a story of environmental justice for Edgecombe County so it is an Earth Day story. It will also be premiered at ECU the following Monday evening. He stated that their slogan in that campaign in 1995-96 was "We can do better."

Curmilus Dancy, 127 Midway Lane, Tarboro, P O Box 1391, Pinetops, NC, stated that at the last meeting the Board mentioned about this Board meeting with Nash County Commissioners and Nash County School Board about the school separation. Has those meeting been held?

Mr. Wiggins stated that they are scheduled. We have a meeting scheduled for a joint meeting with Edgecombe County School Board of April 25th and May 15th with the Nash County School Board.

Mr. Dancy stated that he has been videoing this Board long before any of them were here as well as attending school board meeting and other meetings and he tries to be professional. He stated that when he came in tonight and scanned the room he sat up over there (he pointed). Last time he sat over there (he pointed). He does not like getting people from behind and definitely does not like being in the back of the room. He is 60 years old and he tries to do stuff professional. He stated that he asked the camera man if he was going to be in his way, which he knew he was not. The camera man left the room and talked with someone. Mr. Dancy stated to Mr. Evans that he addressed him and asked him to move because people will be coming through that way. He stated that he has a problem with that is because the camera man was in the way. He stated that it was very disrespectful to make people move because of the way the room is set up. He stated that if Mr. Evans wanted him to move he could just tell him, but don't lie to him.

Mr. Wiggins stated that the Manager controls this building in terms where he designates and assigns people to.

Mr. Evans stated that for best operation of this meeting the first purpose of this room is for this meeting and the conducting of the meeting. Videoing is very important. We appreciate both of them being here, because we do not have staff to do that for us. That is why we try to be as accommodating as we can. Ultimately our plan is to somewhat shift seats forth so they both can be in the back. It may be rare, but people do come in on both sides. We will have better sound once the equipment comes in.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. **Approval of budget amendments.**

Mr. Evans presented budget amendments #1-9 that required Board approval. He asked the Board to approve budget amendments 1-7 and approve #8 and #9 under a separate agenda items.

Rev. Hines moved to approve budget amendments #1-7 as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. **Approval of amendment to Personnel Policy regarding On-Call/Stand-by pay.**

Mr. Evans stated that currently our Personnel Policy recognizes having employees on standby/on-call. These team members are paid 8-hours each week they are on-call. If the employee must come into work while on-call, they are then also paid the actual hours they work. The policy currently starts the pay for actual work begins when the employee arrives at the work site. However, as written, it does not recognize that some on-call employees can respond remotely to the work that is needed. Therefore, Mr. Evans proposed the addition of the language as presented state whereby pay for actual work for on-call employees working remotely will begin when they engage in that work activity.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the amendment as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. **Approval of Resolution to support Rocky Mount's request for funding to construct a new Judicial Center.**

REMOVED.

D. **Approval of Easement Agreement related to Hurricane Floyd buyout property.**

Mr. Evans stated that Ms. Paula Collins owns property adjacent to a parcel the County acquired through the FEMA Buyout program following Hurricane Floyd. Ms. Collins is requesting an access easement across this property. This is a reasonable request, and approving an easement would not violate the restrictive covenants placed on the property per the buyout program.

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

E. **Approval of request from the ABC Board for County-owned property.**

Mr. Evans stated that the Edgecombe County ABC Board is requesting land from the County for the purpose of constructing a new warehouse. They are interested in an acre of a parcel the County owns at the corner of Anaconda and McNair Road. If the Board is open to considering the request, He recommended that the Board allow us to determine the best portion of that parcel to locate the warehouse, which is currently totals 33 acres, have the lot surveyed, and bring it back for the Board's consideration.

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

F. Approval of JCPC Programs for FY-24.

Mr. Evans stated that the NC Department of Public Safety is again making available funds for the Juvenile Prevention programs for FY-24 in the amount of \$255,122 to provide services to court-involved and at-risk youth. The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council at their last meeting voted to recommend funding to the programs Mr. Evans presented to the Board. He recommended that the Board approve the allocation of these funds as presented, including \$25,512 in local match to be included in the FY-24 budget.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the allocation, the local match and to authorize the Manager to execute agreements with each program. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G. Approval of Resolution to Authorize Applications for Infrastructure Funding.

Mr. Evans stated that the Board previously adopted resolutions to authorize the submission of applications for grant funding available in the NC Department of Environmental Quality. Two of the projects were not awarded in the first two rounds but are eligible to be resubmitted.

Rev. Hines moved to adopt the resolutions as presented. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

H. Approval of Resolution to Recognize the Accomplishments of Coach Tynesha Lewis.

Mr. Webb read the Resolution to Honor Coach Tynesha Lewis Elizabeth City State University Women's Basket Ball Coach and moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Halifax County regarding detention of inmates.

Mr. Evans stated that due to overcrowding in their facility, Halifax County Sheriff Tyree Davis has requested Sheriff Atkinson to consider the agreement to house inmates. Sheriff Atkinson has agreed, and therefore the attached interlocal agreement is presented for Board consideration.

Mr. Wiggins moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Halifax County for the transfer, detention, and care of inmates as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion.

Mr. Boswell asked if the fee was standard.

Mr. Evans stated yes, from county to county.
The motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. APPOINTMENTS:

A. Planning Board.
None.

11. 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.

12. CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.

Mr. Evans asked the Board to vote on the contracts separately.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the contract with Long's Home Repair for \$68,000 as presented. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the contract with Small Town Landscaping, LLC for \$55,120 as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the contract with KTS Strategies, LLC for not to exceed \$82,000 for State Lobbying services and budget amendment #9 as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the contract with Janezic Building Group, LLC for \$209,210 and budget amendment #8 as presented. Mr. Wiggins seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the contract with T.A. Loving for \$6,613,067.50 and the revised budget ordinance contingent upon approval from LGS. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

13. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.***Received***

- A. Water and Sewer update.
- B. Monthly Financial Summary.
- C. Solid Waste report.

14. MANAGER'S REPORT.***Received***

- A. Workforce Development Indicators.
- B. TDA financial report.
- C. Follow-up from Vision exercise at retreat.

15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Mrs. Harris provided information on Risk Management and Medicaid Expansion.

16. ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

None.

17. CLOSED SESSION.

Mr. Boswell moved to go into closed session to discuss:

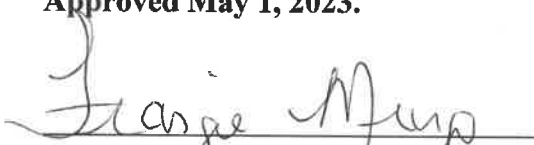
- A. Economic Development. [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4)]
- B. Personnel. [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(2)]

Mr. Thorne seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

18. REV. HINES MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Approved May 1, 2023.


Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board