

**MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE CARMON AUDITORIUM
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. William Wooten, Mrs. Evelyn Powell, Mr. Donald Boswell and Mr. Ralph Webb.

MEMBERS PREENT BY ROLL CALL PARTICIPATING REMOTELY BY TELEPHONE: 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. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. William Johnson, Assistant County Manager, provided safety instructions.

3. PRAYER.

Rev. Hines provided prayer.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the August 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. Webb seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.

A. Rochelle Small-Toney, Rocky Mount City Manager, to present Resolution to Support Rocky Mount's Downtown Development Project.

Mr. Evans stated that the project has been put on hold therefore recommended that this item be tabled.

Mr. Wooten moved to table this item. Mr. Webb seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

In light of the State of Emergency and in consideration of the recommendations of government and public health officials to limit public gatherings, Edgecombe County's Board of Commissioners meeting was closed to the public and the public was encouraged to submit any public petitions via email to publiccomments@edgecombeco.com or by mail addressed to Eric Evans, County Manager. The public was notified that all public comments submitted would be read at the meeting. The public was also encouraged to listen to the meeting by calling the published number.

No public comments submitted.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of budget amendments.

Mr. Evans provided additional information on several of the budget amendments.

Mr. Webb moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Wooten

seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Approval of Resolutions for Application for funds to Increase Water Capacity at Kingsboro Industrial Park.

Mr. Evans stated that we have the opportunity to apply for funds to expand our water and sewer capacity at Kingsboro Industrial Park. We are currently able to serve all of the park with the existing infrastructure. However, increasing our capacity will allow us to pursue industrial clients who have a water and sewer volume demand greater than what we can currently provide. He presented for the Board's consideration two separate resolutions that will authorize us to submit an application to the NC Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve the first resolution as presented. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

C. Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Sharpsburg for Coronavirus Relief Funds.

Mr. Evans stated that the County received \$2,086,432 from the State under the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Twenty five percent of the funds is to be made available to our municipalities. Our distribution plan is based on population. Last month the Board approved agreements for Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Pinetops and Princeville. He presented for the Board's consideration the agreement with the Town of Sharpsburg. The uses of funds proposed are consistent with the program guidelines.

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

D. Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Ralph Hodge Construction for Speed Sewer Project.

Mr. Evans presented for the Board's consideration change order no. 1 for the contract with Ralph Hodge Construction Company. The contract is for phase 2 of the extension of sewer in the vicinity of the Town of Speed. The details of the change order are described in the document. The proposed change order adds \$48,160 for a total cost of \$1,223,160. It will also add 17 calendar days to the contract time due to abnormal weather, namely above average rain amounts.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the change order as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of Standard Specifications for the Water & Sewer Department.

Mr. Evans presented for the Board's consideration the Standard Specifications for our water and sewer system. This manual provided a standard guideline for any extensions to our existing systems and establishes minimum specifications for materials, design and construction.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the Standard Specifications as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. APPOINTMENTS.

A. Rocky Mount Board of Adjustment.

No recommendations.

B. Human Relations Commission.

Mrs. Powell moved to appoint Dolores Faison and Loretta Hilliard. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9. **AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**

There were no afterlists and releases for review and approval.

10. **CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.**

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A. Water Services.

Customers balances/EO124 was pointed out to the Board.

B. Financial Summary report.

C. Tourism Development Authority.

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

A. Workforce Development Indicators.

B. COVID-19 update.

Mr. Evans provided an update as of this meeting and presented a power point showing the shields placed in several County offices.

C. Sales Tax Revenue update.

D. CloudWyze grant award for broadband deployment.

E. Edgecombe Rescue Squad.

Mr. Evans provided an update to the Board and there was a discussion regarding the possibility of bringing in-house.

F. Social Security Tax Deferral.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**

None.

14. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

None.

15. **CLOSED SESSION.**

Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development.

[N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4)] and a personnel matter. [Per N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(6).

Mr. Wooten seconded the motion which carried by unanimous vote.

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

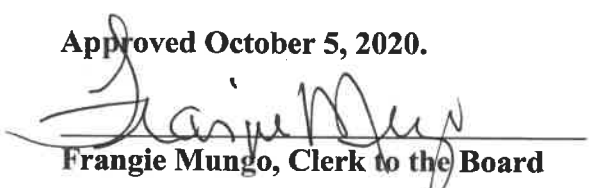
Mrs. Powell moved to approve the MOU with Liberty Atlantic. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Webb moved to approve the offer to purchase County owned property by Eastern Petroleum Corporation. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

After the Board's discussion regarding public comments at their meetings, Mr. Evans was asked to look into having citizens sign-up for public petitions.

16. **MR. BOSWELL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL OCTOBER 5, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Approved October 5, 2020.


Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board