

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 17, 2014

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2014, in the Board of Commissioners' Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Craig Hill, Vice-Chairman Jackie Brown and Commissioners, Mac Daughety, Roland Best, Eric Rouse and Linda Rouse-Sutton. Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Thomas L. Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 4 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

None

ITEMS FROM CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Hill addressed the group and said at the last Commissioners' meeting they discussed the signs which are posted at the recycle/drop off sites throughout the County. He said they voted to leave the signs in place until this meeting, in order to give Administration time to review records of previous years' meetings to determine if the current signage had a supporting ordinance. Chairman Hill said the County Manager informed him there was no supporting ordinance for the signs that have been up for over a decade. He said the signs that are currently up have been in place since before the current Manager was in his position as well as prior to the majority of the existing Board of Commissioners. Chairman Hill then said during the time since the signs were put in place, there have been several changes in the State Statutes regulating or deregulating firearms. He said the Board had also instructed the Manager to bring draft ordinances to them for review.

Chairman Hill said each of the commissioners had received copies of those draft documents in their packets prior to today's meeting. He said while they may agree or disagree about the range of authority they have concerning this matter, and what they could or could not do as a Board. Chairman Hill said he suggests they refrain from using their limited authority to approve a local ordinance and that no action be taken on the local draft ordinances. He then made a motion to direct County Administration to remove the current signage, which bans concealed weapons at

the recycle/drop off sites throughout Lenoir County. Mr. Rouse seconded Chairman Hill's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER:

1. Ordinance Regulating the Possession of Firearms at County Convenience Sites.
Ordinance Regulating the Possession of Deadly Weapons on County Property
2. Financial Performance Summary FY13-14: January 31, 2014
3. NCACC 2014 District Meeting Registration/Locations
4. Monthly Status Report: 2011 CDBG NC Catalyst Project
2012 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Assistance Project
5. Lenoir County Planning & Inspections Department: January 2014

Mr. Jarman stated Item #3 in everyone's packet was referring to both a Congressional Breakfast during the NACo conference in March in Washington, D.C. and also registration for District NCACC meetings. He said there had been email discussion from some stating they wanted to attend, and he wanted to clarify they were talking about the District NCACC meetings, and not the Congressional breakfast. Chairman Hill and Mr. Daughety stated they had meant the district meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA :

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting, February 3, 2014.
Budget Work Session: February 3, 2014.

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS :

Item No. 4 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Various Funds: Finance: \$2,216,657: Increase. Ms. Martin stated this Budget Ordinance Amendment is to adjust budgeted revenue and expenditures to more accurately reflect actual revenues and expenditures for seven (7) months of FY 13-14. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Additional Software and Technology Upgrades to the Community Transportation System (CTS) Enterprise Scheduling Software:

CTS, Inc.: \$29,361. Mr. Harper stated the Board recently approved the lease of Trip Master Enterprise Edition Scheduling Software through Transit's Community Transportation Program grant funds. He said by purchasing additional software to use in conjunction with the scheduling software, and the purchase of tablets for each vehicle, Lenoir County Transit will realize an additional cost savings by utilizing paperless scheduling. Mr. Harper said the new software has an auto scheduling feature, which will help create better, more efficient routes, as well as give him access to real time information as to where the vehicles are located and their actual speeds. He also said the department currently has to validate trip sheets at the end of the day, and check and double check, to make sure the correct program the rider is paying from has been noted. Mr. Harper stated this software will allow the driver to validate the rider's program as soon as they enter the vehicle. He said Joey Bryan, the MIS Director, was able to negotiate a price of \$99.99 per tablet as well as obtain a more cost effective data plan with Verizon. Mr. Harper said Transit now has to compete each year with other departments, such as the Highway Department, for its funding, and the better data and demographics will be a huge asset in applying for future funds. Mr. Rouse asked if there would be ongoing costs? Mr. Harper stated the data plan through Verizon would cost \$12 per vehicle per month and he would have to purchase two additional licenses. He also said with the current levels of ridership and the savings that would be realized from the software, he will be able to stay within his current budget. Ms. Sutton asked if this was the same software that was being used by the school system? Mr. Harper replied no, but it was very similar. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Approving the Purchase of a 2003 Ford E-450 Wheeled Coach Ambulance: Select Custom Apparatus: \$45,000. Mr. Dail addressed the Board and said he currently has twelve ambulances in his fleet, but two have been taken out of service due to their mechanic declaring them unsafe. He said the bodies of those two are cracked and the expense of repairing is too costly. He said he was made aware of this used ambulance, and was able to negotiate the price down to \$45,000. Mr. Dail also said that over the past several years, due to budget constraints, he has not been able to replace units as needed. He said they did remount two boxes onto new chassis in FY11-12. Mr. Dail said this used ambulance was coming from Salter Path. He also said the back is configured differently from his other units, so his only expense other than the purchase price, is the cost of reconfiguring the back. He said it is very important for all units to be configured the same, so whenever paramedics arrive at a scene and need access to materials, they will always be in the same place, no matter which unit they respond with. Mr. Jarman said the current year's budget has enough money allocated to pay for one new unit, or the remounting of two units. Mr. Daughety asked if the used vehicle had been checked for possible rust erosion and what the current mileage was? Mr. Dail stated the department's mechanics had checked it out thoroughly and there was no rust, and it currently has 32,000 miles on the odometer. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dail said while he was before the commissioners, he would like to update them on the status of the Jones Lenoir Emergency Communications Center (JLECC) project. He said things were going well and the contractor is currently in Jones County working on their site and steel was being erected. Mr. Dail said the contractor would be remodeling the Lenoir County equipment room in the next few weeks. He did say the construction process had been delayed by about three weeks so far due to inclement weather.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. The following reflects existing vacancies and appointments.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Parks and Recreation Commission	Kendall Huffman 2nd Appearance	March 2017
Lenoir County ABC Board	Yvonne Deatherage Rodney Smith Emmette Clyde Sutton 2nd Appearance	

Ms. Sutton said she would like to recuse herself from any discussion or voting on the appointment to the Lenoir County ABC Board since she had a family member as an applicant. Ms. Brown made a motion to recuse Ms. Sutton and Mr. Rouse seconded Ms. Brown’s motion. The vote was unanimous to recuse Ms. Sutton.

Ms. Brown made a motion to appoint Kendall Huffman to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Daughety seconded her motion. The vote to appoint Kendall Huffman to the Parks and Recreation Commission was unanimous.

Chairman Hill asked for a nomination from the group for the appointment to the Lenoir County ABC Board. Ms. Brown nominated Mr. Emmette Clyde Sutton. Mr. Daughety nominated Mr. Rodney Smith. Ms. Brown made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Daughety seconded her motion. By common consent, the commissioners voted to close the nominations. Chairman Hill asked each person when addressed, to call the name of the person for whom they were voting. Those votes are as follows:

- Rouse Emmette Clyde Sutton
- Brown Emmette Clyde Sutton
- Hill Emmette Clyde Sutton
- Davis Emmette Clyde Sutton
- Best Emmette Clyde Sutton
- Daughety Rodney Smith

By virtue of having the most votes, Mr. Emmette Clyde Sutton was appointed to serve on the Lenoir County ABC Board.

Mr. Mike Parker addressed the group and said the CSS Neuse would be hosting a breakfast on the gunboat on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at a cost of \$7 per person. The menu will consist of bacon, link sausage, scrambled eggs and grits. John Nix also addressed the group and said there will also be entertainment on the boat, and the proceeds from the breakfast will go to offset expenses, such as liability insurance and electric bills. Mr. Parker also said he would like to thank the commissioners for their support of him and the library board, as he is currently serving his third term on that board.

CLOSED SESSION:

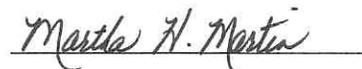
Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, the Board went into closed session at 4:25 p.m. to discuss Item #4: "To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County" and also Item #5: "To establish or instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price or other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other materials terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract."

Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Daughety, the Board came out of closed session at 5:00 p.m. with no action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Hill said there was no action taken during the closed session. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martha H. Martin

Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By,



Michael W. Jarman

County Manager