

**MINUTES**

**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 6, 2017**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 6, 2017, 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, Commissioners, Jackie Brown, Roland Best, Reuben Davis, and Eric Rouse.

Members Absent: Mr. Mac Daughety, and Ms. Linda Rouse Sutton.

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Joey R. Bryan, Assistant County Manager, Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, Vickie Freeman King, Clerk to the Board, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mr. Rouse offered the Invocation and Mr. Best led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, to excuse Mr. Mac Daughety from the meeting.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: February 20, 2017.
2. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein.

Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Best, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

Item No. 3 was a Proclamation for Social Workers Month 2017. Mr. Jeff Harrison, DSS Director, stated March had been designated as professional social worker month. He asked the board to recognize countywide DSS social workers and employees. He stated individuals look to professional social workers as those persons who have the professional college degree. However, at their agency every one of their employees, from income maintenance workers, child support workers, and child protective services across the building touch different types of social work in their job every single day. He is looking forward to recognizing all of DSS employees throughout the month of March as social work month. Mr. Harrison read the proclamation. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Mr. Rouse, Item No. 3 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hill thanked Mr. Harrison and his agency for the great job they are doing for the citizens of Lenoir County. He appreciates everything that is done to help our community. Mr. Hill stated the county has a group of people that is in need of support, and DSS does a great job of handling such a demand. He hopes everyone will take the time to thank the social workers and all of the employees at DSS.

Item No. 4 was a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Team IA for Upgrade of Networker: \$9,000. Ms. Blanca Faasii, MIS Director, stated Networker is a software package that allows them to back up their servers and data. They are currently on version 8.1. EMC is no longer going to support this version of software later this year. They need to upgrade their software to version 9.0, the latest version, to maintain support. Version 9.0 has been out for a while now and should be stable. Without this upgrade, any software/hardware malfunction or failure would cause major downtime if a server or data was unavailable. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Transportation Fund New Appropriation: \$58,481. Mr. Joey Bryan, Assistant County Manager, stated at the last commissioners meeting the board approved a resolution from Ms. Angie Greene, Transit Director allowing her to replace a transit van that had been involved in an accident. The purpose of this amendment is to allocate funds from insurance proceeds and transportation fund balance to cover the purchase of a replacement transit van. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Console Dispatch Furniture for the E911 Back-up Center Located in Jones County: Eaton Furniture: Gately Communications: \$60,000. Ms. Jeri King, EMS Assistant Director, stated in 2013, Lenoir and Jones Counties consolidated E911 dispatch centers to become one agency: The Jones Lenoir Emergency Communications Center, with the primary E911 dispatch center located in Kinston and the backup center located in Trenton. Currently the main E911 center has eight (8) Eaton Furniture dispatch console positions, with the ability to add four (4) more furniture positions for future growth. At present, the backup E911 Center has two (2) Eaton Furniture dispatch console positions, with conference-type tables serving as dispatch positions for the remaining four (4) positions.

The staff is recommending the purchase of four (4) dispatch console positions from Gately Communications, as an authorized seller of Eaton Furniture, to match the other positions currently in place. This purchase is an E911 allowable expenditure and will be purchased under GSA contract pricing. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Approving Economic Development Grant Agreement with Lyndon Steel Company, LLC: \$128,000. Mr. Mark Pope, Economic Development Director, stated Lyndon Steel Company, LLC, headquartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has been providing high-quality steel at a competitive price with “on time delivery” for forty years. With over 100,000 square feet of fabrication facilities Lyndon produces over 30,000 tons of fabricated steel per year in each one of their three plants. Each of these facilities contains CNC automated equipment and their engineering department is unparalleled with the use of SDS2 and CAD applications in the utilization of this cutting-edge technology enabling them to support fast-track construction. Lyndon Steel Company, LLC wishes to expand their current operation in Kinston, North Carolina. The company will invest at least \$4,500,000 in non-depreciated capital investment in real property, machinery, and equipment and create 25 new full-time positions. As with previous grants, the grant will be performance-based and distributed based upon the actual goals achieved. If Lyndon Steel Company, LLC is unable to meet the total investment goals, the grant will be prorated based upon the actual investment created. We will report this performance to the Board on an annual basis. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved for Mr. Jeff Harrison’s appointment to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development, and Mr. Jay Carraway’s appointment to the Economic Development Board. Since this was the first appearance for the others no action is required at this time.

Item No. 9 was items from the county manager Mike Jarman. Mr. Jarman stated he received a text message from Ms. Linda Rouse Sutton saying she will not be able to make the meeting in time because she is dealing with an issue with her knee and she asked to be excused from the meeting. Mr. Jarman stated he did not have any significant reports to share. However, as a reminder the county department head’s budgets will be due in two weeks. He will be moving forward into the budget and start requesting meetings and other information. Also, the revaluation notices are scheduled to go out at the end of the month.

Ms. Brown stated that Ms. Isabell Bell Fletcher served on the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners, and if her facts are right she was the first female to sit on the board. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Fletcher will turn 100 years old. It would be a kind gesture if this board would show her some recognition. Mr. Griffin stated not only was Ms. Fletcher a member of the board she also served as chairman for a while.

Mr. Davis stated he served with Ms. Fletcher for about four years and she was an adamant leader, very involved in community affairs, she was a teacher, and one of the most qualified people to serve on the board, and she deserves recognition.

Mr. Hill stated maybe a proclamation or something could be done in her honor.

Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown to excuse Ms. Linda Rouse Sutton from the meeting.

Mr. Best shared information from the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development newsletter. He stated if not already received the board should be receiving a copy in the mail soon. He welcomed Mr. Jeff Harrison and Dr. Rusty Hunt to the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board of Directors.

Mr. Hill commented on Ms. Vivian Howard and her latest award with her cookbook titled “Deep Run Roots” which is filled with her personal stories and recipes. Mr. Hill stated he is also looking forward to baseball returning to Kinston/Lenoir County, along with its upcoming significant events. It will be a great outing for our community and a big outlet that will affect the quality of life issues. For this to happen it took a lot of cooperation from different organizations. Mr. Hill commended the City of Kinston, and Lenoir County for their work together and Parks and Recreation for keeping the facility at the level that it needed to be in order to be attractive. The Freedom Classic weekend was a great and well-attended event.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Brown a closed session was entered into at approximately 9:25 a.m. with the following cited: Number Four (4): To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Lenoir County.

### **OPEN SESSION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Brown and unanimous approval, the Board moved out of closed session at approximately 9:37 a.m. The meeting re-convened in open session at approximately 9:38 a.m. Mr. Hill stated the Board went into closed session to discuss a potential industry in Lenoir County. No action was taken at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Vickie F. King  
Clerk to the Board

Joey R. Bryan  
Assistant County Manager