

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2013

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013, in the Board of Commissioner Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Reuben Davis, Vice-Chairman Jackie Brown and Commissioners, Mac Daughety, Roland Best, Craig Hill, Eric Rouse and Linda Rouse-Sutton.

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Tommy Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, Martha Martin, Finance Officer, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, members of the general public and news media.

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at approximately 4:07 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the invocation and Mr. Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Ms. Lucy Marston, Tourism Director, thanked Mr. Davis and the Commissioners for allowing her to present the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards for Lenoir County. This is the 34th consecutive year these awards have been presented in North Carolina. She stated Governor Pat McCrory has called on North Carolinians to renew their efforts in volunteering in our communities, in sustainable, focused projects of our choice. She stated we have no better resource than our people, each of us, our neighbors, family, friends and co-workers. Ms. Marston stated just over 25% of North Carolinians spend their time volunteering adding upwards of 5 billion dollars of services. She stated with today's economy, our needs could not be greater. Ms. Marston stated each of the recipients has lived up to the true meaning and understanding of being a "good neighbor" every day by setting an example of what it means to give of self by giving of their time, talents, money and being an integral part of our active community. She stated it has been said that "service to others is the rent we pay here on earth". Ms. Marston introduced the first recipient Mr. Mark Hollar, Jr. She stated he has supervised a team of 8 at Mary's Kitchen for 12 years and handles inventory, orders supplies and stocks shelves to feed approximately 150 people every Tuesday. Mr. Hollar works continuously to identify new food sources for the kitchen and ensures that the kitchen can access all government programs it qualifies for. He maintains the kitchen operations often at great personal expense. Ms. Marston presented Mr. Hollar with a letter from Governor McCrory, thanking him for his efforts and a certificate and a lapel pin.

Ms. Marston introduced the next recipient as Ms. Wilma Robinson Boldt, a Lenoir Memorial Hospital Volunteer who has served for 32 years, logging over 22,000 hours. She stated Ms. Boldt has been Chair of the American Hospital Association Committee on Volunteers, and Director of Southeastern Conference of Hospital Auxiliaries, and an Officer for 9 years. This includes being the president of the N.C. Society of Volunteers & Auxilians, an Officer for 7 years, including president of the LMH Volunteers. As chairman of the American Hospital Association Committee on Volunteers, she represented the State of NC and LMH throughout the nation. She stated Ms. Boldt has more service hours than any volunteer in the history of the LMH Auxiliary. Ms. Boldt was the organizer and chair of the "Lights of Love" project, which raised over \$500,000 for Oncology services at LMH since its inception. Ms. Boldt was also the chair and organizer of "Monkey Business", which provides stuffed animals for pediatric patients, and was the organizer and chair of "The Clown Troupe" patient and staff visitation project at LMH. All three of these projects received awards from the NCSHV/A. She has worked in many areas, including the service desk and as volunteer manager and buyer for the gift shop. Ms. Boldt planned the new gift shop and was instrumental in hiring the first professional manager. Ms. Marston stated Ms. Boldt received The Medallion Award for Volunteer Service in 2013. She stated this award is given to the top 20 volunteers in the state and Ms. Boldt is the first in Lenoir County to receive this honor. Ms. Marston stated our governor feels that volunteerism is the heart of community service and recognizing the needs of others and working to improve their circumstances strengthens us all and sets the highest standards for volunteer service. Ms. Marston stated our 2013 Award winners certainly demonstrate the Governor's words completely. She stated the state of N.C. recognizes up to 5 volunteers in each county per year and there are 20 that are recognized on the state level. Mr. Marston stated there has never been anyone in Lenoir County that has been recognized on the state level, but has permission from Governor McCrory's office to announce that Ms. Wilma Robinson Boldt is the first. She will be honored next Tuesday afternoon at Governor McCrory's office along with other volunteers from other counties.

ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Davis stated we are in the early stages of the Spring Litter Sweep by the NCDOT from April 13th -21st. Ms. Brown reminded everyone of the meeting with Lenoir Community College at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th.

ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Jarman gave an update regarding the Caswell Fire Museum. He stated before he had a chance to contact Jim McLain and Guy Basden, Mr. Basden came to see him. He stated they planned to seek volunteers for the project.

Mr. Jarman reminded the Board about the NCACC District Meeting on the 24th at 5:30 p.m. in Greenville. He stated his office would need to know tomorrow by 3:00 p.m., who planned to attend. He stated the NCACC 2013 assembly day is Wednesday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Jarman stated the Inspections/Permitting Report and the Financial Performance Information are in the packet as well as the CDBG Project: Monthly Performance Status Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting – April 1, 2013

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 Resolution Honoring Rebecca Jones. Ms. Brown read the Resolution Honoring Rebecca Jones to the Board. The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners recognized her for her efforts, commitment and compassion she has so freely given to the citizens of Lenoir County during her thirty years of service. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Hill, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No.5 was a Proclamation Honoring Paul F. Miller. Ms. Sutton read the Proclamation Honoring Paul F. Miller to the Board. The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners recognized him for his commitment and dedication in the field of emergency services to Lenoir County and to the State of North Carolina for over thirty years. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Roger Dail stated he wished to extend a personal invitation to the board to attend the annual “get together” for the Fireman, paid and volunteer, at King’s BBQ on April 25, at 6:30 p.m. He stated Mr. Paul F. Miller will be in attendance.

Item No. 6 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Sheriff’s Department: \$15,660 Increase. Mr. Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, stated the Budget Amendment is to budget funds from HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), OCDETF (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force), and ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) Grants. These are federal programs that target organized crime, narcotics & immigrations issues. These funds reimburse the county for overtime incurred. Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No.7 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Finance/Health Department: \$15,758 Increase. Mr. Hollowell, Assistant County Manager, stated the Budget Ordinance Amendment was to bring forward unexpended funds from the Health Department’s line for maintenance and repairs of the buildings and grounds at the SPCA center. A total of \$20,000 was budgeted in FY 11-12, and \$7,982 was rolled forward from FY 10-11, giving a balance of \$27,982 for FY 11-12. Only \$12,224.56 of that amount was spent in FY 11-12, so the balance of \$15,758 is being rolled forward in to FY 12-13. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Requesting the Establishment of Fees for Rabies Vaccinations. Mr. Jarman stated the Board is asked to establish the fee for rabies vaccinations to be administered at the county sponsored Rabies Vaccination Clinics at \$7.00. NCGS 130-A-187 requires the local health director to organize and assist other organizations to conduct rabies vaccination clinics at least annually. NCGS 130A-188 requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish the fee for rabies vaccinations at county sponsored vaccination clinics. Rabies Vaccination Clinics have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2012, at Riverbank Animal Hospital, Northside Animal Hospital, Countryview Animal Hospital and Animal Hospital of Lenoir County LaGrange. This action is necessary to comply with applicable laws. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Resolution Approving a Deputy Sheriff Position in the Sheriff's Office: \$57,192. Increase. Mr. Chris Hill, Lenoir County Sheriff, stated the Board is requested to authorize the Sheriff to add one certified deputy sheriff's position to the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$57,192 with funding provided from Civil Process Fees collected by the Sheriff. The Lenoir County Sheriff's Office, excluding the jail, has a total compliment of 70 employees and is a 24/7 operation. Of those 70 employee's, 63 are sworn officers, authorized to serve civil process papers and make arrests. One position is cannibalized to fund (3) part-time door guards in the courthouse. The remaining employees are the civilian staff which perform clerical functions for the office. The office is broken down into divisions which carry out various critical functions for the Sheriff. Twenty-five deputies (5) per shift serve civil process papers, make transports, and answer 911 calls (approximately 15K per year) in the County. Nine deputies provide law enforcement to the Town of LaGrange. The remaining sworn staff consists of investigators, execution paper service and collection, child support enforcement, school resource officers, and courtroom security. The Sheriff is attempting to find ways in which to move the office more toward proactive law enforcement by reducing the day to day requirements of paper service. In an effort to enhance the service of civil process and increase enforcement, the Sheriff intends to split Support Services into two distinct divisions. The Process Services Division will be responsible for the service of civil process. The Court Service Division will be responsible for courtroom and courthouse security. This will necessitate the funding of an additional supervisor to assist in serving civil process. By doing this, the responsibilities of civil process is removed from the patrol officers, thereby providing them more time to patrol the schools that do not have SRO's, patrol within their assigned areas and perform proactive enforcement, which might reduce crime. The cost associated with funding this position will come from the Sheriff's civil process service fee's line. This line is designated to be spent exclusively by the Sheriff to enhance the service of civil process. These funds are not derived from property taxes. At present, this line accumulates funds at a rate of about \$60K per year. Salary and benefits for this position are \$57,192. The Sheriff respectfully requests that he be allowed to add a deputy sheriff position to the Sheriff's Office, bringing the Sheriff's Office staff to a total of 71 employees. Upon a motion from Mr. Daughety and a second from Ms. Sutton, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Resolution Supporting Regional Interstate Connectivity in Eastern North Carolina. Commissioner Daughety read the Resolution Supporting Regional Interstate Connectivity in Eastern North Carolina to the Board.

This was first passed by the Greenville City Council, Pitt County Commissioners, Town Board of Ayden, and Greene County Commissioners and should be passed tonight by the City of Kinston. Mr. Daughety asked the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners to support NCDOT's development and construction to Interstate Highway standards of a regional interstate system along US 264 and US 70. Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Item No. 11 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions; Etc. Mr. Jarman stated there was a correction made and he would like to give clarification. He stated he was also handed another application today and would like to share. He stated Mr. Daughety should have been listed as second appearance, not first appearance. Mr. Jarman stated in talking with others, and in looking at the Lenoir County Transportation Committee Member-At-Large position, there will be only one appointee. He stated he also received another application for the Transportation Committee/Chairman from Mr. Russell Rhodes.

Ms. Brown questioned the address of the appointee, Ms. Mineko Holloway, for the CDBG Committee. Mr. Jarman stated her address would not prohibit her from serving. Ms. Holloway came forward, introduced herself to the board, and thanked them for the opportunity to address them. She stated she would like to expand her relationship with the Board and has worked with Lenoir County out of the regional office. Ms. Holloway stated she has been exposed to 9 counties, but chose Lenoir County because of its position as a non-profit. She stated she is eager to serve and hopes Lenoir County reaps the benefits of her hard work. Ms. Brown stated she only questioned her residency because there wasn't an address on the application. Mr. Daughety stated he had been told Ms. Holloway would be an asset to Lenoir County.

Mr. Davis stated Ms. Leigh McNairy did not ask to be reappointed to the Transportation Committee but expressed an interest in serving on the Hwy 70 Corridor Committee. Mr. Jarman stated she called and said she was on the Transportation Committee but also wanted to be added to the Hwy 70 Corridor Committee. Mr. Daughety stated she had been on various committees and would be an asset.

Mr. Hill stated if Russell Rhodes was accepted tonight the earliest it could be acted on would be next month. He stated if protocol was followed, and Mr. Rhodes was accepted in the next meeting, it would be two meetings from now before action could be taken. Mr. Jarman stated if you were to rewrite the chart and add Mr. Rhodes it would be his first appearance. Mr. Griffin stated he had a different recollection of the last meeting. He stated he was under the impression that Mr. Daughety had not submitted his application on time for the agenda, but gave it to the Board for them to add at their pleasure. Mr. Griffin stated he thought today would be the 1st Appearance.

Mr. Jarman stated he had made it known at the last meeting that it was the Board's decision. Mr. Jarman asked that the minutes be read, and Mr. Davis had asked that Mr. Daughety be added as 1st Appearance. Mr. Best asked if there should be a time requirement for turning in the applications and Mr. Griffin stated if someone is going to make a 1st Appearance, then the application should be in for the clerk to have it included in the agenda.

Ms. Brown made a motion that Dan Sale be reappointed Lenoir County Transportation Committee Member At-Large, Mr. Daughety as Chairman of the Lenoir County Transportation Committee, Leigh McNairy on the Hwy 70 Corridor Committee and Mineko Holloway, for the Home and Community Block Grant Committee and the Transit Board. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. The following discussion followed.

Mr. Rouse stated he did not think a Commissioner should be sitting Chair and made reference to B.J. Murphy. Mr. Hill stated he did not have a problem with a Commissioner serving in that capacity. He stated the City of Kinston has already chosen their representative and that Mayor Murphy had already stated he was not seeking reelection. Mr. Hill stated as a private citizen Mayor Murphy certainly had the right to apply to serve on the commission of his choosing. Mr. Daughety stated the Transportation Committee would give the City of Kinston an opportunity to be a part, but Mr. Rouse stated he thought that was a bad idea. Mr. Daughety stated some issues are being worked out and the goal is to be as inclusive as possible. Mr. Davis asked the clerk to call the question. The motion was passed, with Mr. Rouse casting the only dissenting vote. Mr. Davis stated the motion was carried.

<u>BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION</u>	<u>APPLICANT/CURRENT MEMBER</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
Lenoir County Transportation Committee Member At-Large (One Vacancy)	Dan Sale (Re-Appointment)	December 2016
Lenoir County Transportation Committee Chairman (One Vacancy)	Mac Daughety 2nd Appearance	December 2016
Hwy. 70 Corridor Committee (One Vacancy)	Leigh McNairy 2nd Appearance	
Home and Community Block Grant Committee	Mineko Holloway 2nd Appearance	February 2016
Lenoir County Transit Board	Mineko Holloway 2nd Appearance	February 2016

Item No. 12 was a Resolution Authorizing a Lease with Trenton Tower, LLC; \$30,000. Mr. Jarman stated he would like to remind the Board that it had been stated that an add on item is not accepted unless there is a “motivating factor”. He stated the resolution is for Authorizing the Lease with Trenton Tower, LLC and there is a crew working now. Mr. Jarman stated if this resolution is approved now instead of waiting until the crew is remobilized, it will save the County \$14,000. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Hill, Item No. 12, was unanimously approved.

Mr. Roger Dail addressed the Board regarding the Resolution. He stated the agreement was worked out then another issue arose and he requested permission to go forward if the issue is resolved. Mr. Griffin stated the issue was regarding whether or not the owners of the tower would be responsible for paying to move the power line or if Lenoir County would be responsible.

Mr. Dail stated the cost of moving the power lines is \$8,500, which would come from the E911 grant money and is currently being negotiated. Mr. Griffin stated the Board could give the approval for Mr. Dail to move forward if certain criteria were met. Mr. Daughety asked who owns the power lines and Mr. Dail stated Progress Energy was the owner. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Hill, Amended Item No. 12 was unanimously approved subject to satisfactory arrangements made by Roger Dail, EM Director, regarding the power lines being moved.

With no further discussion and upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Ms. Brown, Mr. Davis adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed By,

Faye H. Mervin

Michael W. Jarman

Deputy Clerk

County Manager