

MINUTES

LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 1, 2016

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016, 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, Commissioners, Roland Best, Mac Daughety, Reuben Davis, Eric Rouse, and Linda Rouse Sutton.

Members Absent: None

Also present were: Michael W. Jarman, County Manager, Joey R. Bryan, Assistant County Manager, Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, Vickie F. 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. Ms. Brown offered the Invocation and Mr. Best led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Victoria Kosinski, a rising senior at Kinston High School and an ambassador for Girl Scouts shared her vision for her Gold Award Project. Ms. Kosinski stated as a project for girl scouts she decided to renovate a domestic violence home in Kinston. Along with that project, she has been visiting different businesses offering self-defense classes to educate women on how to protect themselves. Lowes has agreed to provide painting and landscaping for the home. Anyone that is willing to volunteer will receive a patch which was personally designed by Ms. Kosinski. The Gold Award will be an ongoing project even after she attends college, the next person will continue with the vision. Tanglewood Church in Kinston will be hosting a drive for individuals to donate twin size beds to go in the home. They are in the process of collecting supplies to help furnish the new home which will house approximately eighteen (18) people. They are accepting items such as white blankets and sheets, food, dishes, pots, pans, silverware, glassware, toiletries, towels, games, books for children and teens. If anyone is interested in helping or volunteering please call (252) 268-4579. Ms. Kosinski stated any assistance would be greatly appreciated as they work to protect the lives of survivors of domestic violence. The crisis line is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and 365 days per year. For information regarding domestic violence and sexual abuse you can call (252) 523-5573.

Mr. Hill thanked Ms. Kosinski for her efforts in wanting to make a difference in the lives of women and he appreciates the work she is doing. Mr. Hill stated it is a great day when young people become involved in their community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: July 18, 2016.
2. Resolution Approving Releases and Refunds Listed to the Individuals Herein.
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Trust and Agency Funds: Decrease. \$525.71.
4. Budget Ordinance Amendment: Process Funds: Increase. \$2,000.

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

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS:

Item No. 5 was a Resolution Honoring Grady E. Bethel. Ms. Sutton stated this is indeed an honor for her to be able to read the resolution on behalf of the Board. Ms. Sutton stated Mr. Bethel was stepping down as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees but would remain a Board member. Ms. Sutton read the resolution. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bethel thanked the Commissioners for electing him to the Lenoir Community College Board of Trustees. He stated he was grateful to God for the strength and health to perform. He thanked his wife of 56 years for encouraging him to keep the faith and the fortitude to do each task. It's been his pleasure to serve Lenoir Community College, the community, and the citizens of Lenoir County.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of the Surplus Property by Auction. Mr. Chris Harper, Special Project Officer, stated the Maintenance Department has one (1) truck and, three (3) Sheriff's Department cars which have outlived their useful life. The vehicles are no longer of use to any County Department and there are no plans to put them back into service. In accordance with procedures set forth in G.S. 153A-176, County Administration is requesting the approval of the Board to sell the following vehicles by auction on GovDeals.com within the next 120 days. Proceeds resulting from the sale less expenses will be appropriated to the Maintenance Department and Sheriff's Department respectively. Upon a motion by Mr. Daughety and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 7 was a Resolution Authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order to Contract with Paragard: \$11,252. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, stated the Board is requested to authorize the Lenoir County Health Department to execute a purchase order for Paragard in the amount of \$11,252 for the purchase of Intrauterine Devices (IUD). The additional funding was made available for the Health Department from the Infant Mortality Reduction funds for long-term contraceptives. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 8 was a Resolution Authorizing Lenoir County Health Department to Execute a Purchase Order to Contract with Theracom: 57 Mirena: \$11,841, 60 Nexplanon: \$21,840. Total: \$33,681. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, stated the Board is requested to authorize the Lenoir County Health Department to execute a purchase order for Theracom in the amount of \$33,681. The additional funding was made available for the Health Department from the Infant Mortality Reduction funds for long-term contraceptives. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 8 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 9 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health: (Adult Health). Line Item Transfer: \$45,317. Mr. Joey Huff, Health Director, stated the purpose of this amendment is to allow the Infant Mortality Grant funds to be spent on long-term contraceptives. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 9 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 10 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Capital Improvements: Increase. \$31,499.20. Ms. Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, stated the purpose of this amendment is to bring forward unexpended fiscal year 15-16 capital improvement funds for Parks and Recreation and for Lenoir Community College. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Ms. Brown, Item No. 10 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 11 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Vehicle Replacement: \$50,000. Ms. Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, stated the purpose of this amendment is to appropriate additional funds to cover capital vehicle requests for fiscal year 16-17. The original budgeted amount was not enough to cover the approved requests. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 11 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jarman stated to add clarity to Ms. Chestnutt's statement, we did not budget the expenditure because these are the cars being reimbursed by LaGrange. This Board is not committing more money than you thought you did, we did not show it because it was a reimbursement, however; we have to show it now.

Item No. 12. was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: Departmental Transfer Process Funds: Parenting Matters: \$206,571. Ms. Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, stated the purpose of this amendment is to transfer JCPC funds to the appropriate expenditure line items for fiscal year 16-17. The exact estimates for specific programs are normally received after approval of the budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 12 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 13 was a Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: \$221,066.27. Ms. Tracy Chestnutt, Finance Officer, stated the purpose of this amendment is to roll forward unexpended grant funds. This process is done once a year from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 13 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 14 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Marva J. Brown, and Betsy Griffin was appointed to the Lenoir County Nursing Home & Adult Care Board.

Mr. Hill stated he is glad to see the citizen's of Lenoir County willing to serve on the different boards. He hopes our citizens continue to look for ways to serve on the different boards. This is a great avenue to begin the process of looking into local government and working with the different aspects of the community. There are several commissions and boards that citizens can serve on. The openings are kept on the website for thirty (30) days for advertising which gives an ample amount of time before it's brought before the Board of Commissioners to get voted on. He hopes the citizens will continue to stay focused on the boards and get acquainted with local government.

Mr. Griffin stated currently there are several spots available on the Planning & Inspections Board.

Mr. Rouse asked didn't they do away with districts on the planning board. Mr. Jarman replied to his knowledge he believes they still have them but they have talked about doing away with them. Mr. Jarman stated changes were initiated because they weren't able to get a quorum, however; he is not sure of the exact changes.

Mr. Hill stated congratulations are in order for Ms. Jackie Brown on behalf of the NC Association of County Commissioners. Ms. Brown obtained the "practitioner's status" in the Local Elective Leader's Academy. Ms. Brown will be recognized at the upcoming NC Association of County Commissioners annual conference in Winston-Salem in a few weeks. Mr. Hill stated it is important that we try to send representation so they can bring the information back for the rest of the Board.

Ms. Brown asked Commissioner Rouse if he had an update regarding the Ferrell Road Project. Mr. Rouse stated they are waiting on CSX to get approval for working on the railroad tracks and it is creating a delay. They can't do anything until CXS receives approval. They are still anticipating it being completed by the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Best reminded the Board that ECC will be hosting the Renaissance on the Neuse, August 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Trent River Country Club in New Bern. This is a free event and an opportunity to network with other Commissioners.

Ms. Sutton stated she attended the Lenoir Community College Board of Trustees meeting. They are in the process of selecting a new president for the college and have narrowed it down to three (3) finalists. Dr. Debra Grimes who has experience with Academics and Students Services, Dr. Russell Hunt who has experience in Financial and Administrative Services, and Dr. Ralph Soney who has experience in Corporate and Continuing Education. The Board has scheduled a meet and greet event, open to the public. The schedule for the event is as follows: Dr. Soney, August 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Dr. Grimes, August 2, 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., and Dr. Hunt, August 3, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. During the meet and greet sessions, the public will be able to participate and pose questions to each of the finalists. The new president will be selected on Wednesday, August 6th, however; it will not become public knowledge until a later date due to the process of the paperwork being sent to Raleigh. Once the paperwork is returned to LCC the announcement will be made.

Also, LCC has had good success with Latino students, they have almost 400 students that are registered and have three (3) that have completed some classes that have graduated and started their own businesses. Lenoir Community College has registered over 1,500 students thus far. The Board of Trustees elected Mr. Randy Smith as Chairman and Ron Evans as Vice-Chairman. They announced their first project using the bond money will be to renovate three (3) elevators on campus that are very old. In addition, they were informed that they could not use bond money to pave the parking lot.

Mr. Best stated he had the opportunity to attend the Harvey Parkway meeting held at the Global Transpark. He felt it was important to attend the second meeting held that evening because several people in his area will be affected by that route. Also, after reviewing the map, he actually drove the route to see exactly what it would be like. It appears they selected the best route compared to the land usage because there are a lot of houses in the Jericho area.

Mr. Hill echoed it was a well-attended meeting. He appreciates all of the local officials that took the time to attend the meeting.

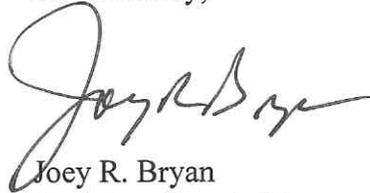
Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vickie F. King
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed by,



Joey R. Bryan
Assistant County Manager