

**MINUTES**

**LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 19, 2016**

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 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 and Commissioners, Roland Best, Mac Daughety, Reuben Davis, Eric Rouse, and Linda 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 4:00 p.m. Ms. Brown offered the Invocation and Mr. Rouse led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: September 6, 2016.

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

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS**

Item No. 2 was a Proclamation honoring Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Day 2016. Commissioners Linda Rouse Sutton introduced Ms. Trudy Pickett to the Board. Ms. Sutton stated she personally appreciates the work that each volunteer so willingly gives to help our seniors with their special health insurance needs and choosing which insurance products are best for them. Ms. Sutton read the proclamation. Ms. Pickett stated Ms. Belinda Huggins who is in the audience is one of the volunteers that have been with Cooperative Extension for quite some time. The Lenoir County Council on Ageing and the Kinston Community Health Center has partnered with SHIIP. Ms. Pickett stated if anyone has parents or grandparents experiencing Medicare issues to call Cooperative Extension or Council on Aging and they will connect them with a volunteer.

Please keep in mind if anyone is interested in volunteering the agency is always looking for new volunteers. Ms. Sutton stated SHIP is a very good program provided to our county. Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 2 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hill stated he appreciates all of the hours the volunteers put in along with their commitment to helping most of our prized possessions who also have many needs to be met.

Item No. 3 was a Resolution Declaring Property as Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property by Auction. Darrell Parrish, Tax Administrator, stated Lenoir County has acquired various properties over a period of time mainly through tax foreclosures. Some of these properties have structures on them and some are vacant lots. These properties add no value to the operations of the County. Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 3 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 4 was a Resolution Authorizing the Release of Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Funds: for Board of Elections: Best Buy: \$5,420.12. Ms. Dana King was not present to present this resolution, therefore, it was tabled until the next meeting.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution Approving the Remount of a 2007 Ford E450 Wheeled Coached Ambulance box: Select Custom Apparatus: \$83,068.45. Jerry King, Assistant EMS Director, stated the Lenoir County Emergency Services Department (EMS) maintains a fleet of twelve (12) ambulances. Due to budget constraints in recent years, the Department has not been able to replace aging ambulances on a regular basis. From 2009-2015 no new vehicles were replaced only boxes was remounted onto new chassis. For the current fiscal year, funds were budgeted for the remount of two- (2) boxes onto new chassis. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution approving appointments of citizens to boards, commissions, etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Brown and a second by Ms. Sutton, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved for Ms. Susan Hill's appointment to Lenoir County Nursing Home & Adult Care Board.

Item No. 7 was information from Mr. Mike Jarman, County Manager. Mr. Jarman stated the first item was for a bid received on county property located at 804 E. Gordon Street. Mr. Jarman stated when you look at the tax value you are probably wondering why we are suggesting this Board accept the \$1,500 bid. Both Mr. Parrish and I have reviewed the property. There are several places inside where it appears the ceiling may cave in at anytime. The exterior vinyl of the home looks pretty good; however, someone has to undertake it in order to get it back on the tax records. The neighbors have been cutting the grass to keep the vandals out and we think they would appreciate someone going in and fix it up so that someone is able to live in it. At this time we would suggest that the Board accept the bid of \$1,500 on this property. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 7 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Jarman stated the next item was the financial performance summary. We have the one for June 30<sup>th</sup> year end. There are still some journal entries that will be made by the auditors that would probably raise some questions. Mr. Jarman shared comparisons between the old and the new reports. Mr. Jarman stated moving forward the Board will be receiving the financial summary reports generated from the new system. With the new system, Ms. Chestnutt will not have to put in lots of manual efforts. If anyone has any questions as we move forward just let him know.

Mr. Hill stated he did enjoy looking at the report in its new format. Mr. Jarman replied they are looking forward to the new system and how the analyzation will help them during budget time. This new system will also enable finance to produce answers to the Board in a more direct manner which is what he believes is preferred.

Mr. Hill reminded every one of the upcoming public information meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. at the CSS Neuse Interpreting Center on Queen Street regarding the purpose of National Registry for the Battlefield. Also, on October 13<sup>th</sup> a meeting will take place regarding the nominations of the committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie F. King  
Clerk to the Board

Reviewed By

Joey R. Bryan  
Assistant County Manager