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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
106 HILLCREST DRIVE
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Amy M. Dalrymple, Richard B. Hayes, James C. Kelly, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Nathan E. Paschal, and Linda A. Shook. Commissioner Robert T. Reives was absent but joined the meeting later.

Chairman Richard Hayes presided and called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

County Attorney K. R. Hoyle delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Joe Cherry from the Employee Selection Committee introduced Ms. Sandra Sherlin, Income Maintenance Caseworker II, with the Lee County Department of Social Services, as the *February 2009 Employee of the Month*. Chairman Hayes presented Ms. Sherlin with her awards which include a framed certificate, a *Star Award*, a pizza, compliments of Papa John's Pizza, Coca Cola products from Sanford Coca Cola Bottling Company, a movie rental from the Movie Gallery, and a day off with pay.

Ms. Lesa Price from the Employee Selection Committee introduced the twelve *Employees of the Month for 2008* and announced that Mr. Peter West from the Lee County Sheriff's Department had been selected as the *2008 Employee of the Year*. Chairman Hayes presented Mr. West with his awards which included a framed certificate, a *Star Trophy*, and his selection of a \$300.00 prize donated by TW Telecom.

Commissioner Reives joined the meeting during Ms. Price's presentation.

The Board considered additions/changes to the agenda. With no changes made, Commissioner Oldham moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Oldham moved to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the January 20, 2009 regular meeting;
- Minutes from the January 21, 2009 adjourned regular meeting;
- Request to write off FY 2006-07 Health Department bad debts in the amount of \$18,977.93;
- Approval to apply for 2009 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grants;
- Ordinance to amend the Lee County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) in reference to a text amendment for concessionaire vendors (copy attached);
- Appointments of the following individuals to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC);
 1. Roger Judd Concerned Citizen
 2. Marsha Woodall Chief Court Counselor
 3. Brenda Potts Social Services Director
 4. Debbie Scott Health Department Designee
 5. Nicolle Phair Juvenile Defense Attorney
 6. Gaynell Lee County Manager's Designee
 7. Todd Hinnant Broadway Chief of Police
 8. Laura Phillips Concerned Citizen
 9. Allison Briggs Youth Representative
 10. Betty Ciliberto Concerned Citizen
 11. Judge Jim Love, Jr. District Court Judge
- Revised Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for County Sheriffs' Departments;
- Budget Amendment # 02/02/09/#19 (copy attached);
- Tax lien advertisement for collection of 2008 taxes; (copy attached) and
- Application for Lottery Funds for the Board of Education in the amount of \$232,066.00 for HVAC replacement at J. Glenn Edwards Elementary School (copy attached)

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The following signed up to speak during the *Public Comments* section of the meeting:

1. Mr. Eugene Bareufkin (Harnett County mobile medical/dental van)
2. Mr. Keith Clark (unemployment concerns)

The Board considered an appointment to the Lee County Fire Advisory Board that was deferred at the January 5, 2009 meeting. Chairman Hayes moved to take the matter off the table for discussion. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered six applications that had been submitted to fill the unexpired vacancy when Commissioner Doc Oldham was elected Commissioner. Based on applications received, Commissioner Shook nominated Mr. Worth Pickard. Commissioner Reives nominated Mr. Tim Sloan. With no other nominations submitted, Chairman Hayes closed the nominations. Upon a vote, Mr. Pickard received the following votes:

Aye: Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, and Shook

Mr. Sloan received the following votes:

Aye: Dalrymple and Reives

Chairman Hayes stated that Mr. Worth Pickard was selected to serve the unexpired term on the Lee County Fire Advisory Board through June 2010.

Health Director Howard Surface presented the *2008 State of the County Report*. Mr. Surface stated all local health departments are required to complete a Community Health Assessment every four years and a State of the County Report. The State of the County Report is published each year except in the year a Community Health Assessment is prepared. The report provides the most current data highlighting county demographics for such things as leading causes of death, access to health care, chronic disease mortality, communicable disease incidence, maternal and child health, injury, healthy behaviors and environmental health. It was noted that teen pregnancy in Lee County has averaged 48 percent higher than the State rate since 2002. It was also noted the average teen pregnancy rate (in Lee County) has been approximately 96 per 1,000 females ages 15 to 19 since 2002. Mr. Surface stated that public health, along with other local agencies, are working to address this problem through education and prevention measures. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented a BRAC update and stated that funding for new schools has been identified as the number one priority. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton discussed the closure of the County C & D Landfill. No action was taken.

Commissioner Reives moved to open the floor for discussion concerning the 911 issue between the City of Sanford and Lee County after Commissioner Shook brought the matter up under *Commissioner Comments*. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the floor was open for discussion.

County Manager John Crumpton stated that for the past 10-months he has been trying to work with the City to obtain a signed agreement for 911 services. With new State Legislation that became effective January 1, 2008, changes were made as to how the 911 Board operated. Under the new rules the 911 Board can only disburse funds to the Primary Public Answering Point

(PSAP). The State Treasurer recognizes the County as the recipient of the 911 funds and the responsible party for PSAP operations in Lee County. At the January 20, 2009 meeting of the Board, an Interlocal Agreement for 911 services was presented and approved and forwarded to the City of Sanford, asking they respond within 30 days. On January 28, 2009 the City forwarded a letter to Chairman Hayes that upset some Board members with its tone and various statements addressed. Mr. Crumpton stated the State is holding approximately \$400,000 of 911 funds that will not be released until a signed agreement between the City and County has been received. The City Manager stated in his January 28th letter that "the City of Sanford is not interested in controlling dispatch for the Emergency Medical Services or rural fire departments. We are only providing these dispatch services at the request of the County." County Attorney K. R. Hoyle stated the County has complied with the General Statute and has filed all reports with the State. Commissioner Shook stated that all stakeholders should have a voice in how 911 services are served. Commissioner Dalrymple also agreed with Commissioner Shook's comments and stated "we are responsible for all citizens of the county". She further questioned why the City would not give the County a counter-contract to work with. Commissioner Kelly stated if the City doesn't like our contract they need to provide something for the County to review and consider. Mr. Kelly further stated "we, as a group need to come up with something." Commissioner Reives stated the City is protecting their own interest. He further stated elected members need to find out what the State 911 Board wants/needs. Commissioner Shook asked Mr. Crumpton to provide a budget if the County should decide to take over control of the PSAP. Chairman Hayes stated dialogue is ongoing and feels a solution will be coming soon. Commissioner Reives asked for a list of concerns from the County concerning the 911 matter. No action was taken on the matter.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to go into closed session to consider a personnel matter per N.C. Gen Stat 143-318.11(A) (6). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session. Upon completing business in closed session, Chairman Hayes called the regular meeting back to order. With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Hayes, Kelly, Oldham, Paschal, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Richard B. Hayes, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk