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

OCTOBER 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 6 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, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. Commissioner Robert T. Reives was absent at the beginning of the meeting but arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Ricky Frazier delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the September 16, 2013 regular meeting,
- Minutes from the September 18, 2013 joint meeting with EDC, City of Sanford, and Town of Broadway,
- Minutes from the September 24, 2013 Inter-Local Committee meeting,
- Closed Session Minutes from the September 24, 2013 Inter-Local Committee meeting,
- Proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (copy attached),

- Revised Records Retention Schedule for County Management (copy attached),
- Revised Records Retention Schedule for Tax Administration (copy attached),
- Revised Records Retention Schedule for Register of Deeds (copy attached),
- Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant Award and MOU for FY 2013 (copy attached),
- FY 2013-14 Senior Center General Purpose Funding Application (copy attached), and
- Minutes from the September 26, 2013 Elected Official's Work Session.

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack
 Nay: None
 Absent: Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives joined the meeting at this time.

Chairman Parks read aloud the Proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The Board considered recommendations from the Lee County Planning Board in reference to four (4) rezoning requests from The Village of Cumnock. Planner Althea Thompson outlined the first recommendation to rezone 53.63± acres of land located south of Cotten Road and west of Cumnock Road from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Multifamily 12 (MF-12) district. Commissioner Reives expressed concerns that no traffic study has been completed on Cumnock Road in the past 10 years and this new development would drastically change the area. Community Development Director Bob Bridwell stated the NC Department of Transportation would require the developer to have a traffic study completed on the entire project before approving any road changes. Mr. Bridwell stated he would ask DOT to complete a "courteous traffic count" as soon as possible. After discussion of the rezoning project, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the rezoning request and the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Lee County, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof, and after a final review has been completed by the County Attorney. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
 Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the second rezoning request from The Village of Cumnock to rezone 81.36± acres of land located east of the Deep River and west of Cumnock Road from Residential Agricultural (RA) district to Residential 6-Conditional district (R-6-C). Planner Althea Thompson outlined the rezoning request. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the rezoning request and the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Lee County, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the third rezoning request from The Village of Cumnock to rezone 45.00± acres of land located east of Cumnock Road between two sets of railroad tracks from Residential Agricultural (RA) district to Light Industrial Conditional Zoning (LI-C) district. Planner Althea Thompson outlined the rezoning request. Commissioner Smith expressed concerns and stated he could not support the request. Commissioner Womack stated he felt this project would not be undertaken for several years and a transportation plan/study would need to be worked out if a business was approved for this property. Commissioner Frazier expressed concerns about the narrow road (Zimmerman Road) and property owners living on that road. He wants to make sure the people living on that road are taken care of. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to approve the rezoning request and the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Lee County, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof, contingent upon an adequate road assessment study being completed and provided to the county for approval prior to the property being developed, and to allow additional comments from the community in reference to sufficient access to other roads from Cumnock Road. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the fourth and final rezoning request from The Village of Cumnock to rezone 153.17± acres of land located north of Cotten Road and east of Cumnock Road from Residential Agricultural (RA) district to Planned Unit Development (PUD) district. Planner Althea Thompson outlined the rezoning request. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board, and the Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Lee County, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye; Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Mr. Leon Jackson provided the required paperwork to appear before the Board to discuss two items of interest. Mr. Jackson discussed a pilot program he started in April 2009 entitled "Project Point Five, Inc. Men Under Construction" that assists with educating non-violent offenders and troubled youth/teens to obtain employment and learn skills and talents to assist them. To date, 163 referrals have been received and 49 people have entered employment since the program started. The program is made up of volunteers and their objective is to mentor, lessen recidivism, school drop-out, build character, create career opportunities and enhance communities. The group meets weekly on Fridays at the Brick Capital Community Development office. Mr. Tony Quinn, Operations Director discussed the organizations contribution to Lee County and their Vision Statement to grant an opportunity to achieve ones fullest potential and contribute to and participate in shaping and preserving the community. No action was taken.

Mr. Jackson also shared information for the "Veterans Stand Down 2013" for homeless veterans that will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Nash Street. The Triangle South Workforce Development Board, headquartered at Central Carolina Community College, and the college's Veterans Upward Bound and Barbering programs will join with various government and community agencies to provide information and aid, such as psychosocial services and health screenings. Vans will be transporting veterans from 3 different locations in Sanford to the event on that day. No action was taken.

The Board considered a NC DOT FY 2013-14 Rural Operating Assistance Grant for Senior Services. Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson referenced the public hearing held on September 16, 2013 as part of the requirement to apply for said grant. Ms. Davidson referenced the following funding levels that have been allocated to Lee County for a total of \$170,089.00:

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance - \$64,908.00
Employment funds - \$16,205.00
Rural General Public – \$88,976.00

Ms. Davidson stated an additional \$17,384.00 for the program would come from funds approved in the FY 2013-14 budget. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the NC DOT FY 2013-14 Rural Operating Assistance Grant as presented, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Interlocal Agreements between the County of Lee and City of Sanford. County Manager John Crumpton presented Interlocal Agreements with the City for Geographic Information Services (GIS), Tax Collections, Planning Services, and Inspection Services. The Committee appointed by the County and City to study the agreements met on September 24th and finalized and approved the above referenced agreements. Mr. Crumpton stated that the City will pay the county \$79,600.00 quarterly for FY 2013-14 for GIS Services, the City will pay the County 1% of the amount collected for Tax Collections, the County will pay the City 45% of the actual budget of the department, less capital, for Planning Services, and the County will pay the City an amount equal to 50% of the actual operating loss which will be calculated by subtracting the actual revenues from the actual expenditures contained in the budget for Inspection Services. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the Interlocal Agreements between the County of Lee and City of Sanford as presented for GIS Services, Tax Collections, Planning Services, and Inspection Services, copies of which are attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

No one signed up to speak during the *Public Comments* section of the meeting.

The Board considered appointments to the Local Fireman's Relief Fund Board. Mr. Donald Andrews, Chairman of the Lee County Fire Advisory Board stated that an appointment needed to be

made to each of the volunteer fire departments Firemen's Relief Fund Board. Each fire department is made up of three local members and two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Each fire department will forward annual funds that are not appropriated to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association. One appointment needs to be made to serve on all the volunteer fire department boards and also to serve on the Cape Fear Fire Department Board. In September 2011 Commissioners appointed former Commissioner Linda Shook and Donald Andrews to serve on the Fire Department Relief Fund Board and Commissioner Charlie Parks to serve on the Cape Fear Department Board along with Commissioner Shook. Since Ms. Shook is no longer on the Board, Commissioners will need to appoint another Commissioner to serve in that position. Commissioner Dalrymple nominated Commissioner Kirk Smith to serve with Mr. Andrews on the Fire Department Relief Fund Board and with Commissioner Parks on the Cape Fear Department Board. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a bid to purchase the vacant Jonesboro Library building located at 309 W. Main Street. County Manager John Crumpton stated he had received an offer to purchase the vacant Jonesboro Library building from MacAdell & Associates, Inc. and WXKL 1290 AM Radio in the amount of \$65,000.00. The current tax value of the property is \$125,000. If the \$65,000 offer is accepted, this will be \$60,000 below the fair market value of said property. The Board was asked if they wished to accept the bid submitted and enter into the upset bid process. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property Located at 309 W. Main Street, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: Knecht

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 6 to 1 vote.

County Manager John Crumpton shared a short video from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners with the Board. He also discussed the federal shutdown and the impact this was having on Lee County services. His recommendation to the Board was to place a hiring freeze on all current open positions at this time, hold the freeze on capital spending, allow travel and training for in-state only (for required certification), no overnight travel, and to notify all vendors of reduction of funds. Mr. Crumpton also stated that some mandated programs will be affected which will negatively affect the next audit. Commissioners expressed their concerns over this matter. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to accept the County Manager's recommendation to freeze all current open positions but allow department heads that have critical positions to appear before the Board for consideration. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reives moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

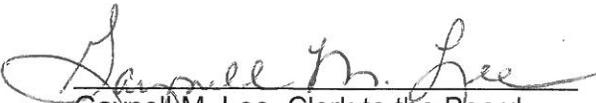
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board