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SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

OCTOBER 14, 2013

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 6 p.m., in the Gordon Wicker Community Conference 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. Staff in attendance included County Manager John Crumpton, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter, Law Clerk Kerry Schmid, DSS Director Brenda Potts, and Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Womack delivered the invocation;

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the Lee County Strategic Plan that was presented to Commissioners at their September 16, 2013 meeting by Mr. Dan Parks from the NC State University Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC) and Mr. Ted Abernathy from Southern Growth Policies Board. Mr. Parks and Mr. Abernathy were contracted by Lee County to develop a strategic action plan for economic growth. After several public forums and community input, the following six goals were presented for Lee County:

- (1) Leadership (provide clear economic leadership),
- (2) The Lee County Story (tell the Lee County story better),
- (3) Product Development (improve the Lee County product),
- (4) Economic Development Transaction/Structure (reinvent economic development delivery),
- (5) Targeted Growth & Economic Diversification (promote diversified economic growth), and
- (6) Continuous Measurement (evaluate, select, and apply clear metrics to gauge success).

Chairman Parks stated the Board needed to decide what the County would take responsibility for from the strategic report.

County Manager John Crumpton stated department heads will discuss the six goals referenced above and take different roles based on what the Commissioners decide.

It was agreed by the Board that private industry needed to lead the strategic plan and the business community needed to be more on board.

The upcoming 2014 golf tournaments in Pinehurst were discussed and the need for advertising and promoting Lee County before and during these major events.

After discussion, it was agreed that each Commissioner would provide to the Clerk their 5 and 10 year goals for each of the 6 goals referenced in the plan. Once compiled, a spreadsheet will be completed with all information provided.

County Manager John Crumpton shared information with the Board in reference to the Federal shutdown and how it was affecting programs in the Health Department, Social Services, and Senior Services. Meetings have been held with directors from these departments and plans have been presented to deal with the Federal impacts. Conference calls with the North Carolina Association of County Commissions on the subject have also been held. Each department receives their Federal funds through the State Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). DHHS has sent several emails concerning the impacts to the State and counties concerning the shutdown and the State has made it clear they will not be replacing Federal funding with State funding. The State cannot and will not increase their allocations to the programs affected by the shutdown. Counties have been advised that if they do not want to take on additional fiscal responsibilities to take immediate actions to begin addressing the Federal revenue shortfalls. The State cannot guarantee that it will be business as usual once a new budget or continuing resolution is passed. Mr. Crumpton stated that Lee County could not assume they will make up funds that are not sent to us during the shutdown, nor can they guarantee that all current programs will stay in place once the shutdown is over. Mr. Crumpton has stated to departments that the County will not and cannot replace any lost Federal funding with local funds. The plans put in place will result in a decrease in service levels and may involve furloughs starting November 1st if Congress and the President of the United States don't agree on a new budget or a continuing resolution. It was agreed by the Board to continue health coverage for all employees who are furloughed during the shutdown.

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

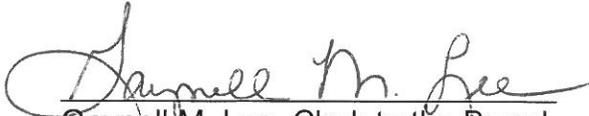
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Reives

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