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

OCTOBER 21, 2013

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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, Charles T. Parks, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack. Dr. Andre Knecht was absent from the meeting due to personal reasons.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Mark Akinosho, Vice Chairman of the Lee County Board of Education delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. County Manager John Crumpton asked the Board to hold a closed session prior to discussing the loan to Economic Development. Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the October 7, 2013 regular meeting,
- Minutes from the October 14, 2013 special called work session,
- Tax Releases and Refunds for September 2013 (copy attached), and
- Reappointments of Bill Shuey, Heather Little, and Brenda Williams to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board conducted a public hearing for the FY 2014-15 Community Transportation Grant. Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson outlined the grant application as follows:

Administrative and Employee Development - \$157,558.00 (local required 15% match). These funds cover 85% of the salary for the County of Lee Transit System Coordinator, and a percentage of the administrative cost of 3 other staff members and benefits, travel, general office supplies, space rental, technology supplies and indirect cost for the administration of the system. Also included in this request is 85% reimbursement for vehicle insurance on 18 vehicles.

Capital – Eight (8) replacement vehicles for those with current mileage in excess of 125,000 miles, four (4) 15-passenger high-top vans at \$200,000, four (4) lift equipped high-top vans for a total of \$216,000, lettering for eight (8) vehicles at \$1,760, three (3) computer replacements under 5-year disposition plan at \$3,552, one (1) lap top and data projector for training of staff at \$1,555.00 for a grand total of \$422,867 with a 10% local match - \$42,286.00).

Ms. Davidson stated a public hearing is required prior to submitting the application.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the grant application.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

The Board conducted a second public hearing for Section 5310 Elderly and Disabled Federal Grant Application for Transportation. Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson stated a public hearing is required for a grant application under the 5310 Elderly and Disabled Transportation Program under the Federal Transit Administration to improve and enhance transportation services to elderly and disabled citizens. A Human Services Transportation Plan was approved by the Lee County Transportation Advisory Board and the Lee County Board of Commissioners in April 2013 that addressed the transportation needs of Lee County's citizens. This proposal is to continue to offer the circular route called DASH with scheduled stops and connection to the Lemon Springs and Broadway communities to provide additional mobility options and affordable transportation for Lee County residents. The application will be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for consideration and submission to the Federal Transit Administration for final approval. This is a competitive process for a one year grant cycle from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015. The grant application was outlined as follows:

Operating Expenses - \$71,156 (with a required 50% local match). Funds through the Home and Community Care Block Grant allocated through the Senior Services Department, other contract revenue and the \$2.00 per trip fare rate charged to passengers will be used to cover local matching requirements; therefore, no additional funding from the County will be requested. These funds will cover the salary for two (2) part-time drivers, 25% Administrative

salary and vehicle operation expenses for one (1) year.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the grant application.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

Architect Tim Sherman presented a Lee County Space Needs Study and answered questions from Board members. Commissioner Womack recommended the report be taken under consideration for the upcoming budget process. No action was taken.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute 153A-52.1, Chairman Parks opened the floor for *Public Comments*. The following signed up to speak and were allowed 3 minutes for comments:

1. Stephen Nystrom, 2219 Lee Avenue, Sanford (school study project)

The Board considered an agreement between the North Carolina Department of Public Safety and Lee County for the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program. Captain Kent Everett discussed the program and stated the Jail could receive potential revenue of up to \$50,000 by participating in the program. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Agreement for Participation in the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Program 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, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack  
Nay: None  
Absent: Knecht

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment # 10/21/13/02. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented said Budget Amendment for the following departments:

- Sheriff's Department School Resource Officers (SRO's)
- Cooperative Extension
- Health – General Administration
- Health – Animal Shelter
- Social Services – Programs
- Social Services – Administration
- Youth & Adult Services
- E-911
- Drug Seizure Funds

Commissioner Reives moved to approve Budget Amendment # 10/21/13/02 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, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack  
Nay: None  
Absent: Knecht

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Womack moved to request the Board of Education to apply for two safety grants for elementary and middle schools from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and transfer funds received to the County for the School Resource Officers Program. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered an Application for Lottery Funds from the Lee County Board of Education. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the above referenced application in the amount of \$700,000 for the Phase 1 replacement project of air handlers and electric heat at East Lee Middle School. County Manager John Crumpton stated "Performance Contracting" would be great for this project if the Board of Education would consider. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to defer action on this matter until after a meeting can be held later in the week between the County Manager, School Superintendent, Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Smith moved to go into Closed Session to consult with the County Attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege per North Carolina G. S. §143-318.11(a) (3). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session. Upon returning from Closed Session, with all members present except Commissioner Knecht, the regular meeting resumed.

Chairman Parks called the meeting back to order.

The Board considered a \$150,000 loan to the Lee County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for private fund raising development. County Manager John Crumpton stated that EDC wished to borrow \$150,000 from the County, with \$30,000 to be disbursed immediately upon contract approval for the cost of a fundraising assessment to begin development of the new, merged EDC and Chamber of Commerce into one Economic Development group for the City of Sanford, County of Lee, and Town

of Broadway. Part of the plan is to gain private investment into the new group. Mr. Crumpton stated that EDC would contract with a firm to assess the possibility of success in the fundraising efforts. The loan will pay for that assessment and also the campaign. The EDC/Chamber will pay the loan back through the fundraising efforts. Commissioner Dalrymple stated that one concern she had heard was why the County was loaning money to an organization that is going out of business. Donnie Oldham, Chairman of the EDC Board stated the current 501-3C status will stay in place once the two organizations are merged and that repayment terms will be worked out. County Attorney Neil Yarborough stated a Promissory Note had been prepared but didn't quite meet all the needs at this time. He stated the 501-3C needed to stay in existence as the new organization is formed. Mr. Yarborough further stated the Commissioners need a sense as to how the loan will be repaid. The loan document will need to be redrafted stipulating several additional items. Mr. Oldham stated that November 1<sup>st</sup> was the target date for the loan (if possible). After further discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to defer action on the loan to the Economic Development Corporation until the loan agreement could be revised. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the Monthly Financial Report for September 2013. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his Monthly Report for October 2013, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Dalrymple made a motion to remove the hiring freeze effective November 1<sup>st</sup> of current vacant positions. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to change the meeting time for the December 2, 2013 regular meeting from 6 p.m. to 3 p.m. due to the Sanford Christmas parade that is scheduled for 7 p.m. that evening. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

County Manager John Crumpton reported on a recent bid for the old Jonesboro Library building located at 309 W. Main Street. MacAdell & Associates, Inc. and WXKL 1290 AM Radio made an original offer to purchase the property for \$65,000. That offer was advertised in the *Sanford Herald* on Friday, October 11, 2013. Jonesboro Baptist Church has upset the bid on the property in the amount of \$68,300. If the Board accepts this upset bid, the property will be advertised once again in the *Sanford*

*Herald* for a second upset bid within 10 days from the date of the advertisement. The second upset bid must be no less than \$71,765 (deposit of \$3,588.25) plus advertising costs of \$90.00. Commissioner Womack moved to accept the upset bid from the Jonesboro Baptist Church and approve a Resolution Approving the Upset Bid 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: None  
Absent: Knecht

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, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack  
Nay: None  
Absent: Knecht

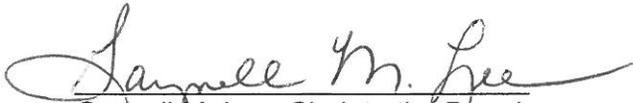
The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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Charles T. Parks, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board