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

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, First Floor, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present when the meeting was called to order were Amy M. Dalrymple, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Timothy S. Sloan, and Kirk D. Smith. Commissioner Dr. Andre Knecht joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m., Commissioner Dr. Ricky D. Frazier was absent for the entire meeting, and Commissioner Robert T. Reives joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Chair Dalrymple called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Oldham delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

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

Aye: Dalrymple, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier, Knecht, and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Smith moved to approved the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the November 7, 2016 regular meeting,
- Minutes from the November 14, 2016 special called meeting, and
- Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2016 (copy attached).

Upon a vote the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier, Knecht, and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Mr. David Holland, 979 Farrell Road, Sanford (Colon Road water issue)
- Ms. Terica Luxton, 3616 Lee Avenue, Sanford (Public commenting)

Commissioner Knecht joined the meeting during Mr. Holland's comments at 4:04 p.m.

At this time Chair Dalrymple read and presented a *Resolution of Appreciation* to outgoing Commissioner Kirk D. Smith. Commissioner Sloan moved to approve said Resolution, 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, Knecht, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a request from Ryder Truck Rental for abatement of late list penalty. Tax Administrator Mary Yow stated Ryder Truck Rental failed to timely file their 2016 Business Personal Property listing for which they were granted an extension to file until March 15, 2016. Because a listing was not filed, an assessment notice was mailed on April 21, 2016. Ryder did not respond within the 30-day period to the notice. On July 5, 2016 the Tax Office received their 2016 notice of assessment. After processing their return, it was determined the assessment made in April was too low and therefore an additional discovery notice was processed. Ryder is requesting waiver of penalty, stating their returns were delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, being short staffed and problems with the IT reporting system. It is also noted they filed late in multiple counties in North Carolina. The total owed to the County is \$5,523.56 and \$4,168.73 to the City of Sanford. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to deny Ryder Truck Rental's request for abatement of late list penalty and authorized the Tax Office to collect overdue taxes. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the purchase of two vans for COLTS. Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson asked the Board to approve the capital purchases in the amount of \$106,802.00 to purchase two 20' lift equipped light transit vehicles, with a 10% required local match. Ms. Davidson stated the County of Lee Transit System applied to the NC Department of Transportation and received approval to purchase the two replacement lift vans. The FY 2017 grant application was approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 19, 2015 and funding is included in the current budget. Commissioner Oldham moved to approve the capital purchases for the two lift vans referenced above. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the first reading of an Amendment to the Library Ordinance. County Attorney Whitney Parrish stated that at the November 7th meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a request was made by Commissioner Frazier, for this item to be placed on the Agenda for discussion. The Library Board of Directors wish to change Sec. 14-41 as it relates to the appointment of the chief librarian. The Library Board does not feel they have the time or expertise in dealing with Library personnel issues and wish this to fall under the direction of the County Manager. It was noted since this will be an amendment to the Ordinance it will require two readings, with this being considered as the first reading. A couple of minor changes were recommended to the Resolution which will be changed for the final reading. Commissioner Knecht moved to approve the proposed *Resolution to Amend the Lee County Code of Ordinances Concerning the Lee County Library*, with referenced changes, as the first reading and schedule a second reading and public hearing for the December 5, 2016, Commissioners meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier and Reives

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time the Board was presented with the *FY 2015-16 Financial Statement*. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented a power point regarding the County's finances for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Mr. Hill from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. was present and stated the County received a clean audit with no findings. No action was taken.

Commissioner Reives arrived during the above presentation at 4:26 p.m.

The Board discussed a request from the Board of Education (BOE) or Low Wealth Funding. County Manager John Crumpton and Finance Director Lisa Minter discussed a request where local Boards of Education qualify for low wealth funding from the State based on a complicated formula which takes local funding into consideration. Superintendent Andy Bryan notified the County of an issue that may cause a reduction in funding to the BOE funding in the amount of \$2.4 million in FY 2017-18. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve \$42,000 in additional funding to the Lee County Schools for the above referenced request. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment # 11/21/16/06 for the following departments:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – rollover \$2,153 in grant funds for items ordered but not received by June 30, 2016.

Airport – appropriate \$175,000 from fund balance for capital grant funding match, and \$35,000 from the Airport Reserve Fund for grant projects and other projects involving expanding the sewer capacity at the airport.

San Lee Nature Center Project – appropriate \$53,000 in contingency funds for a three-phase power line and to conduct construction materials testing.

Commissioner Oldham moved to approve *Budget Amendment # 11/21/16/06* 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, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The *Monthly Financial Report* for month ending October 2016 was presented. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report for November 2016*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton gave the Board an update on proposals for the O. T. Sloan Pool. He noted that at the September 19th meeting of the Board, members from the Sanford Squids swim team asked Commissioners to consider options to allow the pool (O. T. Sloan) to remain open longer and make the pool US Swim compliant so that swim meets can be held at that location. Aquatic Designs, Inc. was contacted to evaluate the pool and give recommendations and upgrades to the pool. Three options were presented that would allow the pool to be altered to allow for competitive swimming and extend the swim season without adding an enclosure. Mr. Crumpton stated there is also a heating option which can be used separately from the other three options. The heating option is the most effective and operationally the best proposal for the pool improvements. No action was taken but a copy of the report is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof.

The Board discussed a meeting time for the December 5, 2016 Commissioners' meeting. The first meeting in December each year is always the reorganizational meeting of the Board when new members take the oath and other important matters are taken under consideration. Commissioner Smith moved to hold the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected and re-elected Commissioners at 10 a.m., December 5th with a reception following the ceremony, and the full Board meeting to begin at 11:30 a.m. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Knecht amended his motion made earlier in the meeting to hold the public hearing on the *Amendment to the Library Ordinance* at the December 19th meeting instead of the December 5th meeting. Upon a vote of the amended motion, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time Chair Dalrymple read a *Resolution of Appreciation* for Commissioner Ricky D. Frazier, thanking him for his service to Lee County. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the Resolution, 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, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for their assistance, service, and hard work during his tenure as Lee County Commissioner.

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

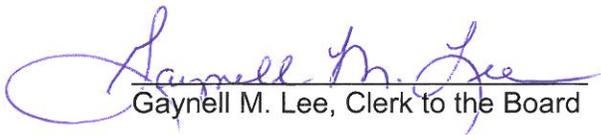
Aye: Dalrymple, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Frazier

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board