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

JULY 15, 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, Dr. Andre Knecht, Charles T. Parks, Robert T. Reives, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack.

Keven Ramirez from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* called the meeting to order.

Sarah Womack from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* delivered the invocation.

Jamie Guillergan from the *Lee County Young Commissioners Leadership Program* led the pledge of allegiance.

At this time 4-H Agent Bill Stone introduced participants in the 2-week Lee County "Young Commissioners" Leadership Program. The program is an intensive two-week youth leadership program comprised of twelve rising 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders from Lee County. The program kicked off Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and will run through Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. During the two-week period, under the Commissioner's mentorship, participants gained valuable leadership skills through hands-on workshops and training while also developing a greater awareness and understanding of local government and relevant issues facing their community. Kathleen Perry gave an overview of Week 1 and Jarkayla Jackson gave an overview of what will be learned during Week 2 of the program. Mr. Stone introduced participants and a group picture was made, along with County Commissioners.

Commissioner Womack moved to rearrange the Agenda by moving the Resolution honoring a fallen Lee County Deputy from the end of the Agenda to the beginning of the Agenda. 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.

Chairman Parks read the resolution that was approved by Commissioner Frazier and unanimously adopted for Deputy Julian Powers who was killed in the line of duty in 1959, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. The Resolution was presented to family members in attendance.

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, Reives, Smith, and Womack  
Nay: None

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 June 3 and June 17, 2013 closed session meetings,
- Minutes from the June 17, 2013 regular meeting,
- Minutes from the June 24, 2013 recessed meeting,
- Minutes from the June 25, 2013 Deep River Town Hall Community meeting,
- Minutes from the June 26, 2013 McSwain Center Town Hall Community meeting,
- Minutes from the June 27, 2013 Broadway Town Hall Community meeting,
- Minutes from the July 2, 2013 special called meeting,
- Tax Releases and Refunds for June 2013 (copy attached), and
- Proclamation Recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month (copy attached).

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 revised Fees & Charges for Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation Director John Payne stated the Parks and Recreation Commission, at their June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, approved revised Fees & Charges that reflects changes that were discussed during budget work sessions with the Commissioners prior to adoption of the FY 2013-14 Budget. Mr. Payne stated Commissioners requested that adult sports team fees for non-Lee County resident teams be doubled and that non-Lee County resident individual program fees and facility rental fees be reflective of general fund appropriations to parks and recreation. Staff, along with the Finance Department, considered the department's total budget less revenues from Fees & Charges and arrived at a per capita general fund contribution just below \$15. The revised schedule reflects this amount for non-resident individual program fees and non-resident rental fees. Commissioners had also requested that adult teams be surveyed to identify concerns and issues that affect participation. Mr. Payne stated that at this time only 4 responses have been received. Staff will continue to pursue more input to hopefully improve participation in these sports programs. Staff has also reviewed participation in all programs to try to determine the extent of non-Lee County resident participation. After discussion, Commissioner

Womack thanked Mr. Payne and his staff for reviewing the fees and moved to approve the revised Schedule of Fees and Charges for Parks and Recreation 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 a proposal for a Dog Park at O. T. Sloan Park. Parks and Recreation Director John Payne stated this item had been presented to the Board of Commissioners earlier in the year with the site being proposed for Kiwanis Family Park. At that time, the Board was not in favor of the project being located at the Kiwanis Park location due to safety concerns and conflicts with various user groups. Staff, along with a dedicated group of volunteers, developed the current plan to answer concerns of the Board of Commissioners and to be able to provide a suitable site for this type project. Mr. Payne stated the O.T. Sloan site provides for separation of user groups as well as dedicated parking access to the facility. This site will be slightly larger in size than the original plan providing ample shade as well as good drainage for facility users. Mr. Payne asked the Board that his department be allowed to proceed with preliminary plans for the development of the Dog Park project at O.T. Sloan Park. The estimated cost for the project is \$25,000, with \$5,000 in private donations already received to date and more contributions are expected upon approval of the Board of Commissioners. Staff continues to gather cost estimates on an informal basis. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the Dog Park Project at O. T. Sloan Park as presented, with no appropriation of funding from the County. 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 Resolution for Economic Incentives Guidelines. County Manager John Crumpton stated a "draft" revision of the Economic Incentives Guidelines was presented to the Board at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, after being reviewed by the Chamber of Commerce and EDC Board. The motion to approve the revised document failed at that meeting. At the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board, Commissioners asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Mr. Crumpton stated the Resolution reflected all changes requested at the last meeting. He also stated that in order for the Resolution to be considered, one of the 4 Commissioners who voted against it at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting would need to make a motion to reconsider the matter. Commissioner Reives, who voted against the policy at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, moved to reconsider the policy. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

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

The following comments were made in reference to the proposed Economic Incentives Guidelines:

Commissioner Dalrymple – thinks the dollar amount (investment) and employee requirements are too high,

Commissioner Frazier – thinks the number of jobs is too high and total finances is too high; maybe lower the investment to \$10 million (from \$20 million) and lower the number of required jobs. Thinks the Board is making a hasty decision.

Commissioner Reives – would like to know the definition of “small business”. Would like for the Board to compromise on the \$20 million investment for a new company and decrease the required number of employees.

After further discussion, Commissioner Reives moved that on Section #6 of the Resolution, the \$20 million investment for a new business be reduced to \$10 million. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had failed with a 4 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Frazier moved to amend Section #4 of the Resolution to reduce the number of new jobs that must be created for a new business from twenty-five (25) to fifteen (15). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had failed with a 4 to 3 vote.

Commissioner Womack moved that an additional “Whereas” be added to the Resolution as follows:  
“Whereas, there are a variety of ways the county of Lee provides assistance to industries and businesses seeking to locate within its boundaries. These guidelines deal solely with direct financial assistance.”

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.

Commissioner Womack addressed a correction to the wording in Section #5 that should read as follows:

“Each job counted towards the incentive must be full-time employees, defined as a person employed at 35 hours or more a week, with a salary or wage package that includes health benefits. These positions shall be reported monthly by the company to Division of Employment Security at the Department of Commerce.”

No vote was taken but all were in agreement to the revised wording.

With no additional changes made, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the Resolution for Economic Incentives Guidelines be approved as amended, 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: Knecht, Parks, Smith, and Womack  
Nay: Dalrymple, Frazier, and Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a 4 to 3 vote.

At this time, the Board took a 5 minute recess. Upon returning from recess, with all members present, the meeting resumed.

The Board considered a revised Consulting Agreement with Nutrition That Works, LLC for the Health Department's WIC Program. Health Director Terrell Jones stated that Commissioners approved a contract at their June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting between the Health Department and Nutrition That Works, LLC to provide a Registered Dietician (RD) to fill the vacant WIC Director vacancy in the WIC Program. After the contract was approved the WIC consultant from the NC Nutrition Services Branch informed the Health Director that certain provisions were required by the State for any WIC related contracts. Those changes have been made to the contract and are now presented to Commissioners for consideration. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the revised Consulting Agreement between the Lee County Health Department and Nutrition That Works, LLC, 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 a voting delegate for the upcoming August NCACC Conference to be held in Guilford County. Commissioner Womack moved to appoint Commissioner Charles Parks as Lee County's voting delegate for the conference. 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.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report* for the month of July 2013, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. No action was taken.

Commissioner Womack discussed HB 94 to Amend Environmental Laws. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved that the Board oppose any bills deliberated in the House or Senate that pertain to industries not disclosing hazardous materials pumped into the ground without being disclosed across the State. 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.

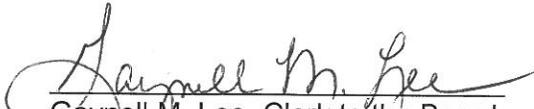
Commissioner Womack also asked the Board to review SB 76 – Domestic Energy Jobs Act and let Representative Mike Stone know how you feel about this bill. No action was taken.

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 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board

  
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Charles T. Parks, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners