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

DECEMBER 16, 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, Robert T. Reives, Kirk D. Smith, and James K. Womack.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Kirk Smith delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. Commissioner Amy Dalrymple asked the Board to consider the annual Funding Plan for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. With no other changes made, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the Agenda as amended. 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 Reives moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the December 2, 2013 regular meeting, and
- Tax Releases and Refunds for November 2013 (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.

At this time the Board conducted three joint public hearings with the Lee County Planning Board. The first hearing involved a Text Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding Board of Adjustment procedures. Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey outlined the proposed amendment.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Text Amendment.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

The second public hearing was to consider a Text Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance regarding wireless telecommunication (cell) towers. Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey outlined the proposed amendment.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed Text Amendment.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

The third and final public hearing consisted of an application by Quinton and Irene Thomas to rezone from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Residential Agricultural (RA) district a 2-acre lot west of NC Highway 87 South. Planner Althea Thompson presented the application.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing.

Ms. Irene Thomas, 5740 Hwy. 87, South spoke in favor of the rezoning request to allow her son to place a single-wide mobile home on property located behind their home to assist with caring for his disabled father.

Commissioner Amy Dalrymple left the meeting at this time (6:27 p.m.) due to a family emergency.

No one present spoke in opposition to the rezoning request.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

The Planning Board retired to the Gordon Wicker Conference Room to continue discussion. Commissioners will take action on the above public hearings at their January 6th meeting.

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

The Board considered bids for two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects. Community Development Planner Karen Kennedy presented the following bids for two FY 2011 Scattered Site Housing CDBGH Projects:

407 Wall Street Project

J. J. Repairs, Erwin, NC	\$53,570
Robert Strickland Construction, Lumberton	49,995

Touch Construction, Sanford	48,990
WSC Precision Builders, Sanford	98,275
D & A Complete Construction, Shannon	54,950

719 Courtland Drive Project

J. J. Repairs, Erwin	\$ 83,940
Robert Strickland Construction, Lumberton	67,960
Touch Construction, Sanford	68,505
WSC Precision Builders, Sanford	123,335
D & A Complete Construction, Shannon	No Bid

After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to accept the low bid from Touch Construction, Sanford, in the amount of \$48,990 for the 407 Wall Street project, and the low bid from Robert Strickland Construction, Lumberton, in the amount of \$67,960 for the 719 Courtland Drive Project. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a capital purchase approval to purchase 4 COLTS vans for Senior Services. Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson stated the County of Lee Transit System (COLTS) applied to the NC Department of Transportation and has received approval to purchase 4 lift equipped vehicles to replace 4 vans that have reached the 110,000 mile replacement requirement as of October 1, 2012. This grant application was approved by Commissioners in November 2012 and is part of the FY 2014 Lee County Budget. The total purchase amount is \$185,372, with a 10% County match (that has been allocated in the current budget). After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the capital purchase request in the amount of \$185,372 as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered *Budget Amendment # 12/16/13/06*. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented referenced Budget Amendment that appropriates the following funds:

Senior Services - \$2,814 in additional funds received from Health Promotion and Disease prevention Grant as well as \$1,739 in additional funds received from SHIP Outreach Grant.
Other – transferred funds between various departments to cover unemployment costs.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve *Budget Amendment # 12/16/13/06*, 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: Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Dalrymple

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the consolidation of a Community and Economic Development Plan. County Manager John Crumpton stated that during contract negotiations with the City of Sanford a proposal was discussed to co-locate all Planning/Zoning/Community Development Departments into one facility. This was discussed as a way to make the combined department more manageable for the Community Development Director and to create a one-stop-shop for development in the City and County. At that time the two governments could not come up with an alternative site to locate Planning Administration, CDBG/Grant Administration, Downtown Development Inc., Inspections, Code Enforcement, Environmental Health and GIS. Recently the need to not only locate these departments but the new Chamber/EDC organization, at a central location, have been part of the task force discussions. With a shortage of buildings in Lee County that could locate up to 40 employees, plus parking for staff and visitors a site has been hard to locate. The Buggy Factory located on Chatham Street would be one location due to size and a new parking lot designed and paved behind the building. With support of all partners, discussions were initiated with Progressive Contractors concerning the possibility of leasing the facility. Staff has worked with Progressive Contractors on designs to up-fit Buggy Building. Mr. Crumpton asked the Board to review the plan for a combined Community/Economic Development Operation in Lee County and authorize staff to begin lease negotiations with Progressive Contractors, City of Sanford, Chamber of Commerce and the Lee County Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Reives stated he felt he was being rushed on this project. Commissioner Womack stated he thought the project should be worked around the County budget year. Commissioner Frazier moved to defer action on the matter. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier withdrew his motion to defer action. After further discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the concept presented by the County Manager for unifying all of the City-County and Community Development and Partnership for Prosperity (EDC) offices into a single facility; and that the County release an RFI for a 30-day period of input to determine what other options may be available in addition to the Buggy Factory option, and that the County continue to collaborate with the City, Chamber, and EDC on related matters.

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered an application to the State for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding. Roger Judd, Chairman of the JCPC stated that two agencies responded to a recent ad for services to address juvenile issues within the County. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the application to the State for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council in the amount of \$251,958, 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: Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Dalrymple

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the *Monthly Financial Report* for month ending November 2013. No action was taken.

Commissioner Smith moved to go into Closed Session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business in the area per North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

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 Dalrymple, the regular meeting resumed.

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

Chairman Parks presented copies of Commissioner Board appointments for 2014 to Board members, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof.

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

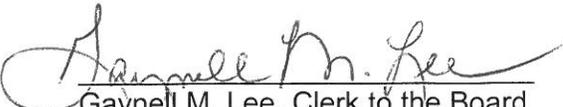
Aye: Frazier, Knecht, Parks, Reives, Smith, and Womack
Nay: None
Absent: Dalrymple

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board