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

MARCH 17, 2014

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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.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Knecht delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. Chairman Parks stated the item relating to removal of a Parks & Recreation Commission member was being pulled from the Agenda, and that a Closed Session had been added to the Agenda. Commissioner Reives asked that he be allowed to make comments to the Board in reference to crime in Sanford and Lee County. 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 February 10, 2014 joint meeting with the CCCC Board of Trustees,
- Minutes from the February 17, 2014 regular meeting,
- Minutes from the February 21, 2014 budget kickoff work session,
- Minutes from the March 7, 2014 Town Hall meeting at Carolina Trace, and
- Tax Releases and Refunds for February 2014 (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.

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. Mr. Fred McIver, 3205 Windmere Drive, Sanford
2. Ms. Martha Underwood, 3309 Westcott Circle, Sanford

The Board considered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lee County and Duke Energy Progress. Emergency Services Director Shane Seagroves asked the Board to consider a 3-year MOU stating that Lee County agrees to provide assistance to support the Harris Nuclear Plant's Emergency Plan, including assistance expected to be provided in the event of an emergency. Any resources or equipment expected to provide assistance will be maintained in a state of readiness suitable to support an emergency at the Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Seagroves stated that Lee County will receive an annual payment of \$75,000 each year this MOU remains in effect. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the *Memorandum of Understanding with Duke Energy Progress*, 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 acceptance of \$21,750 from Greenway Residential Development to be used for Dalrymple Park. Parks & Recreation Director John Payne stated he had received a check in the amount of \$21,750 from Greenway Residential Development, LLC, developers of the newly constructed Autumn Oaks apartment complex located on Woodland Avenue across from Dalrymple Park. Community Development Director Bob Bridwell negotiated an agreement with Greenway Residential Development for their company to make an investment in ADA improvements to Dalrymple Park. The funds contributed will be used as part of the "local match" toward a PARTF grant. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve acceptance of \$21,750 from Greenway Residential Development, LLC to be used for ADA improvements to Dalrymple Park. 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 discussed recent crime and violence that has occurred in Sanford and Lee County over the past few months that had been added at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Reives presented statistics about how certain segments of the community are more likely to be the victims of homicides, particularly young, black men. He stated there were a couple of local agencies interested in establishing new programs to work with youth and help get them off the streets. It was further stated that parents have a tremendous responsibility raising troubled youth and law enforcement cannot do it all; citizens must step up to the plate and help these families/youth. Mr. Reives extended an invitation to the public to submit comments and suggestions on ways to help with crime issues. He also stated he

would like to see the Sheriff's Department and City Police ride through the WB Wicker Campus and those schools that currently don't have a School Resource Officer on site to help prevent possible crimes. A "Big Brothers Event" has been scheduled at Horton Park from 1:00 – 5:00 on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to work on a strategic plan. Anyone wishing to come and participate is welcome. Chairman Parks stated he would bring this matter up at future Town Hall meetings for citizen input. No action was taken.

The Board considered a request for Lee County to become a "Purple Heart County". Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee stated that Lee County had been contacted by a representative from the Military Order of The Purple Heart, Chapter 634 out of Mecklenburg County, asking that Lee County become a "Purple Heart County" honoring those members of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States. A proclamation was presented for consideration. Commissioner Smith moved to approve a *Proclamation in Honor of the Military Order of the Purple Heart*, 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 reappointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee stated that per North Carolina General Statute §143B-544 there are a number of positions required to be filled for the JCPC Board. Commissioners were asked to approve re-appointment of the following mandated positions:

School Superintendent Designee Johnnye Waller  
Town of Broadway Police Chief Todd Hinnant  
Lee County Sheriff Designee Kent Everett  
Chief Court Counselor Marsha Woodall  
Sandhills Area Mental Health Designee Flossie Simmons  
Social Services Director Brenda Potts  
County Manager Designee Gaynell Lee  
Faith Community Rev. Gail Dickens  
Juvenile Defense Attorney Nicolle Phair  
Chief District Court Judge Designee Judge Jim Love, Jr.  
Business Community Roger Judd  
Health Director Designee Pam Glover

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve reappointments of the above referenced individuals to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for 2-year terms 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.

The Board considered a request for a DOT traffic study for Cedar Lane Road (SR 1182). Commissioner Knecht asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda due to resident complaints in reference to the lack of a turn lane from White Hill Road (onto Cedar Lane Road). It was stated there have been several wrecks when vehicles attempted to turn from White Hill Road onto Cedar Lane

Road. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to ask DOT to conduct a traffic study for a turn lane or remediation from White Hill Road onto Cedar Lane Road, at no cost to the county, along with a speed limit study. 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 an offer to purchase surplus county property. County Manager John Crumpton stated the County has received an offer from Cameron and Darlene Francis to purchase surplus property located on Stroud Street in the City of Sanford. Mr. and Mrs. Francis submitted a written offer of \$2,700 for said property. It was noted that the property is jointly owned by both the County and the City due to a foreclosure. Acceptance of the above mentioned offer will cover the taxes and legal fees owed on the property. Mr. Crumpton further stated if the Board accepts the above-referenced offer, the next step will be to publish notice of the offer for upset bids in *The Sanford Herald*. It was further stated that final approval of the offer is contingent upon approval and acceptance by the City of Sanford. Commissioner Womack moved to approve a *Resolution Accepting Offer for Sale of Surplus Property Located on Stroud Street by Cameron and Darlene Francis*, to include in the ad the assessed tax value, 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 Budget Amendment # 03/17/14/11. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented said Budget Amendment to appropriate funds for the following departments:

Recreation – appropriate a \$500 gift received from Bojangles' to cover park maintenance,

IT – appropriate funds received from NC State to cover Cooperative Extension DSL internet connection costs, and

Industrial Park Improvements – using \$35,000 from sale of the Jonesboro Library building to cover professional services for the Rural Center grant, IDF grant and the EDA grant.

Commissioner Womack moved to approve *Budget Amendment # 03/17/14/11* 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.

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the *Monthly Financial Report* for month ending February 2014. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report for March 2014*. Mr. Crumpton discussed a bond referendum that Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) has asked

Commissioners to place on the November ballot. To date no formal action has been taken in reference to the college's request. Commissioner Womack stated he felt this matter should be discussed during the upcoming budget process. Dr. Bud Marchant, President of CCCC answered questions in reference to accreditation of the Vet Tech Program. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented financial numbers showing debt issuances since 2004 for the Lee County Schools and CCCC. After discussion, it was agreed Mr. Crumpton would have detailed information for the Board to discuss the matter at their April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mr. Crumpton stated that Brick Capital Community Development has shared an interest in purchasing the Wicker Gym located at WB Wicker Campus. He will get an offer in writing from Brick Capital and bring back to the Board for discussion at their first meeting in April. No action was taken.

Commissioner Smith moved to go into Closed Session to (1) discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business in the area per North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a) (4), and (2) to consult with the County Attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege per North Carolina General Statute §143-318.11(a) (3). 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 Board was in Closed Session. Upon returning from Closed Session, with all members present, the regular meeting resumed. Chairman Parks called the regular meeting back to order.

Commissioner Reives moved for the Board of Commissioners to waive and release a copy of the "Confidential Attorney/Client Privilege" memo from Attorney Neil Yarborough to Chairman Parks in reference to the Carolina Trace Town Hall meeting held on March 7, 2014. 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 a prepared statement (copy attached) taking full responsible for the difficulties some citizens had in getting into Carolina Trace for the March 7, 2014 Town Hall meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Frazier 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 8:40 p.m.

*Charles T. Parks*

Charles T. Parks, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

*Gaynell M. Lee*  
Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board