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

JANUARY 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board 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 Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Robert T. Reives, Timothy S. Sloan, and Kirk D. Smith. Commissioners Amy M. Dalrymple and Dr. Andre Knecht arrived late for the meeting.

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

Commissioner Frazier delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chair Dalrymple joined the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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

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

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the December 21, 2015 regular meeting,
- Acceptance of FY 2016 Seniors Health Insurance Information (SHIIP) Outreach Grant (copy attached),
- Emergency Management Performance Grant Application for FY 2016, and
- FY 2015-16 Local Emergency Planning Committee Membership Roster.

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

Commissioner Knecht joined the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

The Board considered an appointment to the Lee County Planning Board. Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee presented two applications for consideration due to the recent resignation of Mr. Joe Johnson. At the December 7th meeting the Clerk was instructed to advertise said vacancy and bring applications to the Board at the first meeting in January. Commissioner Reives stressed his concern with a husband wife both sitting as members of the Planning Board. He stated he would like to address this issue in the Boards' policy for board appointments. He further stated he had asked the Clerk to add a statement on the Board application asking if anyone was related to a current member serving on any board/commission. He requested the Boards' Policy for Board Appointments be addressed at the January 19th meeting. Commissioner Oldham moved to appoint Mr. Frank Gilliam to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Joe Johnson. Commissioner Smith voiced his concerns with alternate members not moving into full-time vacant positions. Commissioner Reives made a substitute motion to waive the existing Boards' policy to allow the appointment of Mr. Gilliam on the Board to replace Mr. Johnson. Upon a vote of the substitute motion, the results were as follows:

Aye: Frazier, Oldham, and Reives
Nay: Dalrymple, Knecht, Sloan, and Smith

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

Commissioner Smith moved to appoint Mr. William Oberkirsch (Alternate #1) to the full-time position and appoint Mr. Frank Gilliam as Alternate #1. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Reives, and Smith
Nay: Oldham and Sloan

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted by a 5 to 2 vote.

The Board considered the purchase of handguns and holsters for the Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Randall Butler asked the Board to approve the trade-in of ninety-three (93) Springfield 45's and the purchase of ninety-three Sig P320 9mm handguns and holsters using drug seizure monies. Total for the handguns and holsters is \$31,786.85 from Lawmen's Safety Supply Company (who is the sole distributor in North and South Carolina for this type weapon). After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the trade-in and purchase of handguns and holsters from Lawmen's Safety Supply Company in the amount of \$31,786.85 as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the FY 2015-16 NCDPI Facilities Needs Survey for the Lee County Schools. County Manager John Crumpton stated that every five years the Board of Education must submit a Facility Needs Assessment to the Department of Public Instruction (State Board of Education). The report is used by the State to assess project facility needs for the next 5-10 years, statewide and locally. Since the County is required by State Statute to fund facility capital needs it is required that the County approve the Assessment before it is forwarded to the State. The Lee County Board of Education approved the Assessment at their December 8th meeting. It was noted the certification which is approved by the Board of Commissioners is only a signature, "not necessarily constitutes endorsement or commitment to fund the Facility Needs Survey." The certification is a statement that the Assessment has been received and reviewed. The last Assessment was approved by Commissioners in January 2011. School Superintendent Andy Bryan was present and answered questions from the Board. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *FY 2015-16 Facility Needs Assessment* 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, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment # 1/04/16/10 for the following departments:

IT – appropriate funds for installing broadband to the Airport Authority property.

Social Services – appropriate additional funds received from the State for low income clients with heating/cooling needs.

Drug Seizure Fund – appropriate drug seizure fund balance to cover the purchase of new handguns and holsters.

Commissioner Sloan moved to approve the above referenced *Budget Amendment* 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, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered the FY 2016-17 Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action Grant Application. Ms. Tiny Ray, CSBG Director from Johnston-Lee-Harnett Community Action stated the grant must be submitted to each County Commissioner Board it serves before being forwarded to the State. Ms. Ray stated Community Action was trying to assist twenty-five low-income Lee County citizens to become self-sufficient. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *FY 2016-17 Community Action Grant Application* as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, and Sloan
Nay: Smith

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

County Manager John Crumpton updated the Board on the Colon Road-Osgood Community water testing. Seventeen applications were received over the Christmas-New Year holidays. A total of fifty-four applications have been received to date requesting testing. Ten home owners have been notified of elevated levels in their water and advised not to use for drinking or cooking. No action was taken.

It was noted that Community Development staff is trying to schedule a joint informational meeting with the Board of Commissioners, Joint Environmental Affairs Board and State staff to discuss the water testing. It was noted by Community Development Director Marshall Downey that no definite date has been set at this time for the meeting.

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

At 6 p.m. the Board conducted two public hearings for economic development incentives.

Economic Development Director Bob Joyce presented and discussed the first hearing for "Project Core" (Core Mark). Mr. Joyce stated "Project Core" would consist of the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$1,500,000, and the addition of twenty-five new jobs at an annual salary of \$31,800. The five-year incentive proposed is estimated at \$16,354.25. It was also noted the Economic Development Executive Board has approved the proposed project.

Chair Dalrymple opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time.

Economic Development Director Bob Joyce spoke in favor of the project and stated it would stimulate the local economy, promote additional business and result in the creation of new jobs and increase payroll in Lee County.

No one present spoke in opposition to the proposed incentive project.

Chair Dalrymple closed the public hearing.

Mr. Joyce presented and discussed the second hearing for "Project Winter". Mr. Joyce stated "Project Winter" would consist of building renovations and the purchase of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$30,200.00. A total of twenty-five new jobs will be added at an annual average salary of \$45,000. The expansion project will take place over five-years. New machinery will be purchased and/or moved to the Sanford location in 2017-18. The six-year grant is estimated at \$583,746.24.

Chair Dalrymple opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time.

Economic Development Director Bob Joyce spoke in favor of the project and stated the project will stimulate the local economy, promote additional business, result in the creation of new jobs, and increase payroll in Lee County.

No one present spoke in opposition to the proposed project.

Chair Dalrymple closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve economic development incentive grants for "Project Core" and "Project Winter" as presented during the public hearings. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Oldham, Reives, and Sloan
Nay: Knecht and Smith

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted by a 5 to 2 vote.

At this time Economic Development Director Bob Joyce gave the Board an update on current economic development projects. Mr. Joyce stated there are currently twenty on-going active projects. He continues to see activity in manufacturing, machining, chemical formulation and assembly. The office is also receiving wholesale and retail inquires. It was stated that approximately 75% of the inquiries are looking for buildings. No action was taken.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into Closed Session to consider a personnel matter per North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a) (6). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

Chair Dalrymple 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.

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

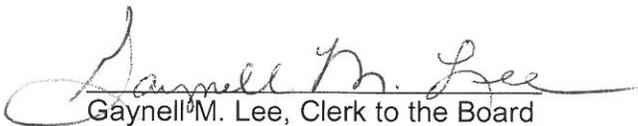
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board