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REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COURTROOM #4, OLD LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1400 S. HORNER BLVD.
SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

MARCH 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 5 p.m. in Courtroom #4, Old Lee County Courthouse, 1400 S. Horner Blvd., Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present when the meeting was called to order were Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Dr. Andre Knecht, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Robert T. Reives, Timothy S. Sloan, and Kirk D. Smith.

Chair Dalrymple 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. Commissioner Frazier asked the item concerning bids for the Bob Hales Center Renovation Project be pulled from the agenda until the March 21st meeting. With no other changes made, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *Agenda* as amended. 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 Oldham moved to approve the *Consent Agenda* which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the February 15, 2015 regular meeting,
- Revised Records Retention Schedule for the Department of Social Services, and
- Renewal Agreement with Dean Real Estate, Inc. for the Gymnastic facility (copy attached).

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.

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

1. Mr. Dean Tipton, 79 Tarpey Lane, Colon
2. Ms. Terica Luxton, 3616 Lee Avenue, Sanford
3. Ms. Keely Wood, 363 Angel Road, Sanford
4. Mr. David Holland, 979 Farrell Road, Sanford
5. Ms. Therese Vick, 4617 Pearl Road, Raleigh
6. Ms. Lib Hutchby, 401 S. West Street, Cary

The Board considered the sale of three surplus properties located on Black Road. County Attorney Kerry Self stated staff had advertised for upset bids for properties located at 138 Black Road, 140 Black Road, and 0 Black Road on February 20, 2016. No upset bids were received; therefore, Mr. Ryan Johnson is the final and highest bidder for the following properties:

138 Black Road – taxable value of land is \$50,100 – offer of \$4,005
140 Black Road – taxable value of land is \$42,800 – offer of \$4,700
0 Black Road – taxable value of land is \$4,300 – offer of \$1,500

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept the above offer for surplus property located at 138 Black Road and a *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Properties Located at 138 Black Road*, 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.

Commissioner Frazier moved to accept the above offer for surplus property located at 140 Black Road and a *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Properties Located at 138 Black Road*, 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.

Commissioner Frasier moved to accept the above offer for surplus property located at 0 Black Road and a *Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Properties Located at 0 Black Road*, 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.

Chair Dalrymple read and presented a Proclamation for Girl Scout Week. Scouts from Troops 737, 819, and 1401 were present and served Commissioners Girl Scout cookies prior to the meeting. Commissioner Sloan moved to approve the *Proclamation for Girl Scout Week*, 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 heard an update from Interim Health Director Health Cain on water testing in the Colon/Osgood communities. Mr. Cain stated that to date Environmental Health has received 100 letters from interested property owners to have their private well and/or surface water feature tested. Some letters are still being verified to ensure that testable water features exist on their property. A total of 53 samples from 47 property owners have been taken to date with 6 samples remaining to be taken. Properties with private wells have been given first priority. In speaking with property owners who submitted a letter but did not have a water surface feature on their property, their primary interests/concerns were (1) sampling a well on their property which was no longer operational, and (2) sampling their city water. Of the 53 water sources sampled to date, Environmental Health has sampled 23 private wells. Sample results from the State Public Health Laboratory have been received on 23 private wells as of this date. Of the 23 private well sample results, 14 results conveyed an elevated Hexavalent Chromium level (great than 0.07); and 21 results conveyed an elevated Vanadium level (great than .03). On February 11th Mr. Cain received a call from the Office of Environmental and Epidemiological Branch (OEEB) informing him the State would no longer recommend the do-not-drink and/or cook with the private well water sampled if the results were above the allowable limits. He was informed to provide the results to property owners and in the letter notify them to call the OEEB to discuss health risk. Since February 11th, Mr. Cain's office has mailed a letter, along with the results to each property owner, to contact the OEEB so the property owner could discuss with subject-matter experts the results of the baseline sampling results provided by his office.

At this time Mr. Tom Reeder, Assistant Secretary for the environment at the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) stated the well water found to contain hexavalent chromium and vanadium is safe to drink. Mr. Reeder stated the water in this area is the same as everyone else's across the state. He further stated bottled water may have more hexavalent chromium than the wells in question in the Colon/Osgood communities. Mr. Reeder stated that every major city in North Carolina has been tested and found to contain levels that do not contain health issues. He concluded by stating the levels meet Federal water guidelines.

The Board heard from Dr. Randall Williams, North Carolina Deputy Secretary of Health Services who stated the state had begun to reconsider the allowable limits at the end of 2015, noting that federal regulations were much less strict. There are no federal regulations on vanadium and only regulations on chromium in general. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to review hexavalent chromium and vanadium in December (2016) and determine allowable limits of chemicals in drinking water at that time. He further stated tests on mice suggest there is no reason to suspect levels of hexavalent chromium could cause negative health effects. His office will be sending letters to the residents in the Colon Road area that they are removing the do-not-drink notice. He stated residents were advised in November (2015) not to drink the water as a precaution.

Assistant to the County Manager Terrell Jones presented a water filter (Reverse Osmosis System) that is manufactured by a local international company of pool and spa equipment – including filters – that has a facility in Sanford, saying the company is willing to provide filters to the Colon Road residents at cost. The filter would filter different particles and contaminants from well water. If purchased on line the cost is approximately \$200.00. He recommended citizens in the Colon/Osgood community might like to purchase one if they are concerned about their water. Chair Dalrymple stated the Sanford Area Growth Alliance (SAGA) has expressed an interest in holding a fundraiser to assist in the purchase of filters.

The Board considered a Purchase Agreement for the purchase of property located at 1503 Elm Street, Sanford. County Attorney Kerry Self stated the property will be used for additional space needed at the Courthouse. The Board entered into negotiations with Ms. Nancy Watkins for the purchase at the price of \$435,000. Commissioner Oldham moved to approve the *Purchase Agreement for Property Located at 1503 Elm Street*, 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 # 03/07/16/14 for the following departments:

General Services – appropriate \$440,000 from fund balance for the purchase of property located at 1503 Elm Street

Sheriff – transferring budgeted temporary salary funds from the Sheriff's Animal Control (\$20,000) and SRO Departments (\$10,000) to cover temporary salaries for the Sheriff's Department

Sheriff-Drug Seizure Funds – transferring Drug Seizure Funds (\$13,000) to cover maintenance on drug seized vehicles.

Commissioner Frazier moved to approve *Budget Amendment # 03/07/16/14* 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 discussed training for volunteers serving on County boards/commissions. Commissioner Reives asked this item be placed on the Agenda because he had concerns some volunteers were not being given enough training to do their jobs. He stated he felt each board/commission should have some type training in place when new members come on board. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved that each department responsible for a board/commission provide that information to the Clerk to be incorporated as part of the Board's policy and kept on file and posted on line for citizens to review. 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.

Danielle Mahoney, NCACC/ICMA Management Fellow gave an update on projects she has completed since December and projects she is currently working on. She also thanked the Board for hosting the ICMA Program.

Commissioner Frazier moved to go into Closed Session to consult with the 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, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in Closed Session.

After 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:

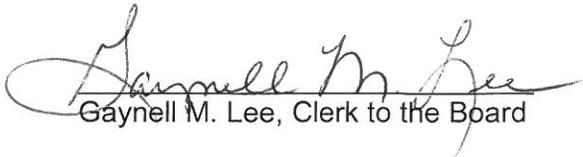
Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None

The Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board