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

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' 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, and Timothy S. Sloan. Commissioner Amy M. Dalrymple was absent for the entire meeting due to illness, and Commissioner Dr. Andre Knecht arrived at 4:14 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Dr. Ricky Frazier called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted:

Commissioner Sloan delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. County Manager John Crumpton stated the joint public hearing with the Lee County Planning Board that had been advertised for this date and time had been cancelled and would be held during the March 16th meeting. He also stated that Items V. B. (request for the Library to apply for LSTA EZ Grant), V. D. (approval for Environmental Health to accept a \$7,847.14 grant), and V. E. (request for the Health Department to apply for a \$2,700 Public Health Quality Assurance Grant) would be moved to the Consent Agenda. With no other changes made, Commissioner Sloan moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Vice-Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the January 28, 2015 Joint Interlocal Sub-Committee meeting,
- Minutes from the February 2, 2015 regular meeting,
- Tax Releases and Refunds for January 2015 (copy attached),

- Request for the Library to apply for LSTA EZ Grant,
- Acceptance of grant funding for Environmental Health in the amount of \$7,847 to be used for food safety training and equipment upgrades, and
- Request from the Health Department to apply for \$2,700 Public Health Quality Assurance Grant.

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

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. Ms. Debbie Hall, 957 Cumnock Road, Sanford (asked the Board to hold a town hall type meeting to hear presentation from the Strategic Services Department)

County Manager John Crumpton gave the Board an update on the Buggy Factory project. Contractor Progressive Contracting, Inc. received building permits the week of February 2nd and financing is in place. Construction on the building has started with the first order of business being flooring of the building. The coloring scheme, along with carpet, light switches, etc. have been approved and IT has addressed security issues. A sub-contractor has been lined up and the projected completion of the project is anticipated for December 1st. The building must be completed and occupied by December 31st or Progressive Contracting will face tax credit penalties. Another update will be given to Commissioners in March on the project.

The Board considered acceptance of a donation for the proposed off-leash dog park at O.T. Sloan Park. Parks and Recreation Director John Payne asked the Board to accept a \$30,000 donation from *The Friends of the Parks Foundation* for construction of the above referenced project. The project is a result of a public survey conducted by staff that identified an off-leash area for dogs as a needed addition to the parks system. This item was addressed and approved by the Board of Commissioners during their July 15, 2013 meeting but with no general fund appropriations. Mr. Payne stated that through fundraising activities and generous donors, the estimated needs for construction of the area has been realized. After discussion, Commissioner Oldham moved to accept the \$30,000 donation from *The Friends of the Parks Foundation* for the off-leash dog park at O.T. Sloan Park as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Vice-Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Knecht joined the meeting at 4:14 p.m., during discussion of the above matter in reference to a donation for the dog park.

Donald Nicholson, Chairman of the Agriculture Advisory District (VAD) gave the Board an update on the VAD Board. Mr. Nicholson stated the Board continues to be very active. A total of 420 acres was added to the VAD this year which equals 7,858 acres total for the county, with 48 individual participants. The Board is still trying to get more activity in the northern part of the county. The purpose of the program is to support agriculture and its existence in the county. No action was taken.

The Board considered a request to purchase new vans for the County of Lee Transit System (COLTS). Senior Services Director Debbie Davidson asked the Board to approve \$227,838 to purchase 4-thirteen passenger light transit vehicles and one lift equipped light transit vehicle with a 10% match. Ms. Davidson stated the Transit System applied to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and received approval to purchase the above referenced vehicles to replace vans that have reached the 115,000 replacement requirement as of October 1, 2013. The grant application was approved by Commissioners during their November 4, 2013 meeting and funding is included in the FY 2015 budget. If approved at this time, delivery of the vehicles will be in the spring of 2015. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of the above referenced vehicles for COLTS. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Vice-Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered Budget Amendment # 02/16/15/10 for the following departments:

General Services – to appropriate insurance proceeds and fund balance for the removal of asbestos from the San-Lee Multi-Purpose building at San-Lee Park, and
Recreation – receipt of \$30,000 from *The Friends of the Park Foundation* for facility development of an off-leash dog park at O.T. Sloan Park.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the above referenced *Budget Amendment* as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Vice-Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The *Monthly Financial Report* for January 2015 was presented. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report for February 2015*, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. No action was taken.

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

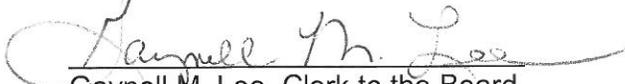
Aye: Frazier, Knecht, Oldham, Reives, Sloan, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Dalrymple

The Vice-Chair ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



Dr. Ricky D. Frazier, Vice-Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board