

# LEE COUNTY

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

APRIL 7, 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 Womack delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

At this time the Board presented a Resolution honoring former Commissioner Nathan E. (Ed) Paschal who passed away on April 2, 2014, to his wife, Betty, two sons, and brother. Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee read the Resolution and Commissioner Robert Reives made comments. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Reives also read a Resolution and made comments honoring City Councilman Walter McNeil who passed away March 30, 2014. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve the Resolutions presented for Mr. Paschal and Mr. McNeil. 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 additions/changes to the Agenda. Commissioner Womack moved to approve the Agenda 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.

Commissioner Reives asked that a change be made to the Minutes of the Budget Work Session held on February 21, 2014 to show that he and Commissioner Frazier left the meeting early to attend a funeral

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

- Minutes from the March 17, 2014 closed session meeting,
- Minutes from the March 17, 2014 regular meeting, and
- Proclamation for Lee County 2014 Litter Sweep (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 held a public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time in reference to a program amendment for the FY 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing Project. Planner Karen Kennedy outlined the hearing request and stated a public hearing must be held for projects when more than 10% of funds are reallocated within the approved project activity line items.

Chairman Parks opened the public hearing.

No one present spoke for or against the program amendment for the FY 2011 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project.

Chairman Parks closed the public hearing.

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. Keith Clark, 212 Acorn Drive, Sanford, NC

The Board considered a Resolution to accept a bid for vacant surplus property. County Manager John Crumpton stated at the March 17, 2014 meeting of the Board, an offer was accepted from Cameron and Darlene Francis for the purchase of property located on Stroud Street in the City of Sanford. An offer of \$2,700 was accepted and the notice to purchase ran in *The Sanford Herald* on March 21, 2014. No additional bids were received per the newspaper advertisement so the Board is now asked to approve a Resolution Accepting the Final Offer, contingent upon approval of the City of Sanford. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve the *Resolution Accepting the Final Offer for the Sale of Property Located on Stroud Street in the City of Sanford*, 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.

At this time Ms. Indira Everett, District Manager, Government and Community Relations with Duke Energy, Mr. Danny Wimberly, and Mr. Jeff Brooks gave an update on recent issues affecting the Cape Fear Energy facility in Moncure that is in the process of closing. They have been monitoring the ash basin at this plant for years and strive to make sure all their facilities operate in a safe manner. Ms. Everett stated the Moncure Plant retired its two remaining coal unites in October 2012. No action was taken.

The Board considered an Amendment for the FY 2011 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project from the public hearing held earlier in the meeting. Planner Karen Kennedy stated the public hearing was held due to reallocating funds from the Reconstruction (\$59,000) and Temporary Relocation Expense (\$15,000) line items to the Rehabilitation line item (increase to \$74,000). After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *Amendment for the FY 2011 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Project* 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.

The Board considered bids for rehabilitation of a home located at 1337 Sanders Road. Planner Karen Kennedy stated an advertisement for bids was placed in *The Sanford Herald* and bid packages were emailed to seven (7) firms, and also posted on the States Interactive Purchasing System. Ms. Kennedy asked the Board to accept the low bid from Touch Construction, LLC, Sanford, in the amount of \$34,515 for the Sanders Road rehabilitation project. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to accept the low bid from Touch Construction, LLC in the amount of \$34,515 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.

At this time, Planner Karen Kennedy presented a power-point review of the 2012 NC Housing Finance Agency Urgent Repair Project (URP). The purpose of the Urgent Repair Program is for emergency repairs for the elderly or those with special needs and income below 50% of the area median income. URP funds are utilized to correct housing conditions that threaten life, health or safety, such as roof issues, failing septic systems, plumbing and electrical issues, dangerous heating/ventilation systems, or rotten floors. In addition, funds are available for ramps and other accessibility modifications that enable homeowners to continue living in the home after an injury or illness, such as a stroke, and to facilitate aging in place amongst elderly and disabled fulltime household members of eligible dwelling units through accessibility modifications. The 2012 Urgent Repair Program Highlights included the following:

- \$75,000 spent for 13 units,
- \$7,500 local match (\$3,750 from the City and County),
- Completed 15 unites,
- Program language changed from grant to a forgiven loan,
- Unsecured note signed by homeowner, and
- \$6,000 per unit max

No action was taken.

The Board considered renewal of Lee County Health Insurance for FY 2014-15. Human Resource Director Joyce McGehee presented a recommendation that Lee County remain with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) of North Carolina for health insurance purposes for the upcoming year. It was proposed that the current PPO health insurance benefit and HSA Plan remain the same. The PPO Plan is a basic co-pay plan of \$20 for office visits and pharmacy co-pays of \$4, \$40, and \$55. Monthly cost to the employee will be \$58.06 per month for those who participate in the county's wellness program and screenings. Non-participant premiums will increase from \$75.40 to \$83.06 per month. The HSA Plan will remain the same with a \$1,000 contribution by the county for those employees who participate in the county's wellness program and screenings. Non-participants will receive a \$700 contribution to their HSA account. It is proposed that retirees who are pre-sixty five have the option of choosing between the PPO and the HSA and post sixty-five retirees will remain on the MAPD Plan which is expected to increase in January 2015 by 9.5%. Mark Browder from Mark III Brokerage stated there was an 11% increase due to claims submitted from employees over the past year. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve health insurance with BCBS of North Carolina for FY 2014-15 effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, and authorized the Chairman to sign required documents. A copy of the Group Application for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina 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 a renewal contract with Logan Systems, Inc. for the Register of Deeds office. Register of Deeds Mollie McInnis asked the Board to approve a five-year renewal with Logan Systems, Inc. who provides professional services to her office for management of permanent records effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. Commissioner Womack discussed pending changes coming from the State in reference to upcoming oil and gas laws, and during that 5-year period may impact indexing of deeds. Commissioner Reives recommended that IT and GIS review the renewal contract to make sure these departments will be satisfied if there are State changes. After further discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to defer action on the renewal contract until the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting so IT and GIS can study, review and give their approval. 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 took a 10-minute recess. Upon returning from recess, with all members present, Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

The Board considered the purchase of a new Dodge Grand Caravan for Social Services. Social Services Director Brenda Potts stated that Social Services currently has 5 vehicles with over 100,000 miles on them that are used to visit and transport clients. A minivan is much easier for the worker and families due to accessibility of getting in and out, and convenient for multiple child car seats. Ms. Potts stated the minivan was budgeted in the FY 2013-14 budget and if approved will be purchased through State Contract from Ilderton Dodge Chrysler Jeep, High Point, North Carolina, in the amount of

\$20,695.00. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to approve the purchase of a new 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan from Ilderton Dodge in the amount of \$20,695.00. 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 additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding. Social Services Director Brenda Potts stated that the JCPC Board, at their February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, voted to reallocate \$8,100 of remaining funds from the FY 2013-14 State allocation. They voted to allocate \$2,334 of this balance to the Lee County Restitution Program that can be used to replace broken lawn equipment, rakes, etc. Any equipment purchased with the additional funds will be passed on to whatever group operates the Restitution Program next year. Ms. Potts stated no additional match would be required as the 30% match for the initial allocation has already been met. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the *JCPC Program Agreement Revision in the amount \$2,334 for the Restitution Program*, 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 a renewal contract with the North Carolina Department of Corrections. General Services Director Russell Spivey asked the Board to renew a contract between Lee County General Services and the North Carolina Department of Corrections for inmate labor that will expire June 30, 2014. The contract provides for six (6) inmates to work under the supervision of Lee County General Services for \$1.00 per day. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the *Renewal Contract between Lee County General Services and the North Carolina Department of Corrections*, 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 approval to declare a list of county vehicles/equipment surplus. General Services Director Russell Spivey stated that staff had compiled a list of county vehicles and equipment no longer in use, asking the Board to declare the items surplus so they can be sold at a later date. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to declare the list presented by General Services staff of county vehicles/equipment surplus, 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 discussed Fort Bragg Regional Alliance funding for FY 2014-15. Chairman Parks asked that this item be included on the Agenda for discussion. The Board discussed what the Regional Alliance would do for Lee County if funding was provided for the next fiscal year. Chairman Parks stated he would get someone from the Regional Alliance to come before the Board and give an update on what they have done for Lee County for the last 4 years and what they plan to do for us in the future. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his first of two monthly reports for the month of April 2014, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. The Board discussed changing the meeting date for the second meeting in May to a different date since Chairman Parks will be out of town on vacation. After discussion, Commissioner Smith moved to change the second meeting in May from Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 asked County Manager John Crumpton to have the State licensed vehicles parking in the upper lot (outside Clerk of Courts Office) moved to the lower lot next to the Post Office in order to free up parking spaces.

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 and to discuss pending litigation that being *Calendine vs. Lee County and Others*. 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 Board members present, the regular meeting resumed.

Chairman Parks called the regular meeting back to order.

Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve *A Resolution by the Lee County Board of Commissioners Submitting to the North Carolina Department of Commerce an Application for a Building Reuse Grant*, 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, and Womack  
Nay: Smith

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

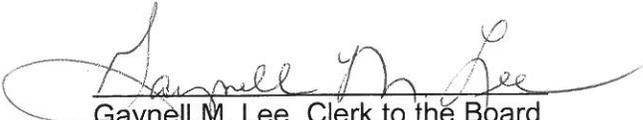
With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reives moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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 9:12 p.m.

  
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Charles T. Parks, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board