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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 4 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Richard B. Hayes, Larry "Doc" Oldham, Charles T. Parks, Nathan E. Paschal, Robert T. Reives, Linda A. Shook, and James K. Womack.

Chairman Shook called the meeting to order and the following business was transacted.

Commissioner Womack delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Neil Emory from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was present and presented Commissioner Nathan E. Paschal with a certificate for his 20 years of service as a Lee County Commissioner.

The Board recognized 4-H member Keven Ramirez and Gabrielle Holmes from the Boys and Girls Club to share their recent experience from the 2012 Youth Summit held at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) conference in Raleigh. Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Holmes shared items of interest and things learned during the conference and how they will apply this knowledge in their schools and communities. The Youth Summit is NCACC's initiative to increase youth involvement in county government and aims to overcome the mindset that many youth are disengaged and lack trust in government. Over 110 youth and adults from over 65 counties in North Carolina attended the event.

The Board considered additions/changes to the agenda. County Manager John Crumpton added a closed session to consult with the County Attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege. With no other changes made, Commissioner Hayes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the October 18, 2010, May 21, 2012, and August 20, 2012 closed session minutes,
- Minutes from the August 20, 2012 regular meeting,
- FY 2012-13 Seniors Health Insurance Information (SHIIP) Grant (copy attached),
- Letter of appreciation to Lowe's Hardware for assistance at Buchanan Park,
- Bid to Carolina Advanced Digital in the amount of \$24,056.30 for network hardware for the new Emergency Management offices (copy attached),
- Request for Proposal to The Wooten Company for the FY 2011 CDBG Project (copy attached),
- Budget Amendment # 09/17/12/02 (copy attached), and
- Resolution of appreciation for Bob Heuts (copy attached)

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

1. Mr. Kirk Smith, 3108 Avents Ferry Road, Sanford (Constitution Day)
2. Mr. Ron Hewett, 608 Valley Road, Sanford (Strategic Plan as recommended in the Evergreen Audit)

Community Development Director Bob Bridwell gave an update on the Endor Iron Furnace project. Mr. Bridwell stated that in 2002, members of the Railroad House began a campaign to save the Endor Iron Furnace. Working with the Triangle Land Conservancy (TLC), the Endor Iron Furnace site and the surrounding 400 plus acres adjacent to the Deep River was acquired as part of the TLC land conservancy program. Ownership of the property was transferred to the State of NC Department of Cultural Resources. As part of the original Memorandum of Understanding, TLC committed to management of the property in an assumed working relationship with the Railroad House Museum. At this time, the Railroad House Museum began fund raising efforts that continue today. No action was taken but Chairman Shook asked that a cost analysis be provided as to how much money would be needed to restore the Furnace.

The Board considered appointments to the Local Firemen's Relief Fund Board. Chairman Shook, on behalf of Donald Andrews Chairman of the Lee County Fire Advisory Board stated that each fire department is made up of three local members and two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Each fire department will forward annual funds that are not appropriated to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association Two appointments need to be made to serve on all the volunteer fire department boards and one to serve on the Cape Fear Fire Department Board. In September 2011 Commissioners appointed Commissioner Linda Shook and Donald Andrews to serve on the Fire Department Relief Fund Board and Commissioner Charlie Parks to serve on the Cape Fear Board along with Commissioner Shook. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to reappoint

Commissioners Shook and Parks along with Mr. Andrews to the above referenced boards. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a Rural Center Agreement with Atlantic Hydraulics. County Manager John Crumpton stated that Atlantic Hydraulics is relocating their company to the Lee County Industrial Park and purchasing the building located at 5225 Womack Road. With the purchase they need to restore and reuse the facility for their manufacturing process. Commissioners, at their July meeting, approved a letter to the North Carolina Rural Center endorsing this project. On August 29, 2012 the County was notified that a grant had been awarded in the amount of \$128,896.00 contingent upon the creation of 11 jobs and the receipt of information regarding the percentage of medical benefits paid by the employer. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the *Performance Agreement between Lee County and Atlantic Hydraulics for a Rural Center Grant*, contingent upon receiving a detailed written work plan and obligation from Atlantic Hydraulics that they will reimburse EDC the 5% match. A copy of the agreement is attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered an offer to purchase the old Jonesboro Library property located at 309 Main Street. County Manager John Crumpton stated that an offer had been received to purchase the Jonesboro Library property for \$50,000.00. The offer comes from a local real estate agent, but at this time the actual buyer wishes to remain anonymous. The property is appraised for tax value at \$149,100 from the 2007 valuation. The \$50,000 offer is well below the market value. Mr. Crumpton stated the offer of \$50,000 is for the property only; all selling expenses including commission are to be deducted from the sales price. Mr. Crumpton recommended that the county decline the offer due to it being 33% of the appraised value. After discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to accept the County Manager's recommendation to decline the offer and authorize the County Manager to negotiate for the property. Commissioner Womack stated he would like to see a real estate action plan put in place (a list of all county owned property) and possibly hold an auction with the City of Sanford, Town of Broadway and Board of Education to dispose of surplus property owned. Upon a vote of Mr. Reives motion, the results were as follows:

Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the *Monthly Financial Report* for the month ending August 31, 2012. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented the *County Manager's Monthly Report*, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton recognized Assistant County Manager/Finance Director Lisa Minter for receiving the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This is the 16th consecutive the award has been presented to Lee County.

The Board discussed a meeting time for the November 19, 2012 meeting. Consensus of the Board was to hold the regular meeting at 2 p.m. on that date so Board members could attend the 5:30 Farm-City Banquet hosted by the Cooperative Extension office.

Commissioner Parks stated he had received numerous calls from citizens in reference to the proposed road changes at the Hwy. #1 - Tramway Road – Center Church Road intersection. He asked the County Manager to have a resolution prepared for the October 1st meeting to send to DOT asking that they hold a public hearing instead of a public meeting on the road change and to offer three (3) options to be considered.

Commissioner Paschal thanked the Cooperative Extension for the excellent work they did with the Lee County Fair.

Commissioner Parks moved to go into closed session to consider personnel matters per North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a) (6), and to consult with the County Attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege per N.C. General Statute § 143-318.11(a) (3). Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

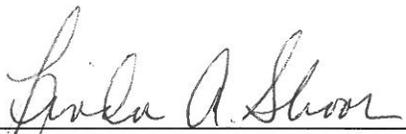
Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session. Upon returning from closed session, the meeting resumed with all members present.

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

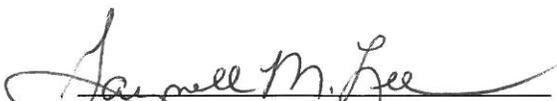
Aye: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Linda A. Shook, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk