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

APRIL 2, 2012

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The regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 3 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 Richard Hayes delivered the invocation by asking for a moment of silence.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the agenda. With no changes made, Commissioner Oldham moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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 January 23, 2012 closed session meeting,
- Minutes from the March 19, 2012 regular meeting,
- Emergency Management Performance Grant Application for FY 2012,
- Budget Amendment # 04/02/12/12 (copy attached),
- Bid award to Advanced Communications in the amount of \$21,022.70 for basement cabling project at the Lee County Courthouse (copy attached), and
- Resolution in support of Farm Service Agency office (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-42.1, Chairman Shook opened the floor for *Public Comments*. The following signed up to speak and were allowed 3 minutes for comments:

1. Keith Clark, 212 Acorn Drive, Sanford (county and school audits)
2. Kirk Smith, 3108 Avents Ferry Road (fracking issue)
3. Rev. Bruce MacInnes, 515 Hawkins Ave., Sanford (prayer before Board meetings)
4. Ray Martin, 665 Chelsea Drive, Sanford (fracking issue)
5. Ricky Frazier, 124 S. Plank Road, Sanford (fracking issue)

Ms. Victoria Whitt from the Sandhills Center completed the required paperwork to appear before the Board and discuss her recent budget funding request and program updates. Ms. Whitt stated that during the Sandhills Center Board of Directors March meeting, the Board agreed not to increase their funding request in Lee County for FY 2012-13 with the current county general allocation request remaining at \$240,000. It was further stated that the Sandhills Center has not requested an increase in County General Funding during the past eight years; that the Sandhills Center currently ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 23 Local Management Entities (LMEs) in terms of per capita County General support; the Sandhills Center devotes its entire County General Funding allocation to the support of their County Walk-in/Crisis Units; and any reduction in County General Funding will result in a loss of critical crisis/psychiatric services for the consumers and families in Lee County. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton presented the *Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for FY 2013-2017* and asked the Board to set a public hearing for the 6 p.m., April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. After the presentation, Chairman Shook stated she would like the Board to hold a budget work session to meet with members from Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) and the Board of Education (BOE) to discuss building requests before holding the public hearing. Commissioner Womack stated he was not interested in any tax increase this year to fund capital projects and didn't think the County needed to be looking at borrowing money at this time. He further stated the Board needed to slow down on capital spending and look at ways to help the local economy at this time since the tax rate is so high compared to surrounding counties. After discussion, it was decided to hold a budget work session with CCCC and the BOE beginning at 4 p.m., April 16, 2012, to discuss budget requests prior to the regular 6 p.m. meeting. Commissioners are to let Mr. Crumpton know of any budget information they wish discussed for that meeting. The public hearing date for the Capital Improvements Plan will be scheduled at some point after the budget work session.

Chairman Shook presented a *Resolution in Support of the Extraction of Natural Gas in North Carolina* for the Board to consider. The Board agreed to discuss changes to the resolution prior to a motion being made. Commissioner Hayes discussed several changes he wished made to the resolution and Commissioner's Womack and Parks referenced changes they wished made. After discussion, Commissioner Womack moved to approve the resolution with changes made during the meeting, 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: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously. Commissioner Reives asked that the Resolution be forwarded to the Lee County Bar Association for their legal advice.

County Manager John Crumpton presented an agreement between Lee County and Racanelli Construction South, Inc. for the Lee County Jail and Courthouse basement renovation project. The project consists of renovating the Courthouse basement by making expansions to the Sheriff's office; building a new Emergency Operations Center; backup 9-1-1- Center; and Emergency Management office suite. The Board, at their March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, awarded the contract to Racanelli Construction in the amount of \$832,375. Commissioner Womack moved to approve the agreement between Lee County and Racanelli Construction South, Inc., 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: Hayes, Oldham, Parks, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Womack  
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

County Manager John Crumpton discussed a request from the Board of Education (BOE) for Dr. Linda Reico from Evergreen Solutions to appear before their Board to discuss the final school audit. After discussion, Commissioners' felt that the BOE needed to furnish Evergreen with a list of specific questions if they wished for someone to come and speak with them. It was suggested that since the BOE will be getting at least one new board member after the May election, it might be best to wait and see if the new Board wished someone from Evergreen to appear before them.

Mr. Crumpton discussed a special called meeting earlier today by the Sanford City Council where they discussed loss of revenue if the sales tax distribution changes. Mr. Crumpton was upset with comments made by the City in reference to him, as County Manager. Mr. Crumpton publicly asked for an apology in reference to some of the comments made. Chairman Shook stated she would watch the video of the City Council meeting and issue a press release to clarify some of the statements made. It was also noted that she would talk with Mayor Cornelia Olive about the matter.

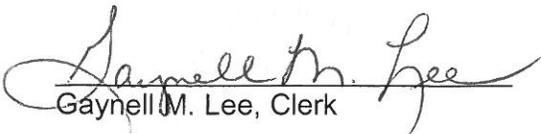
With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Womack moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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 5:25 p.m.

  
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Linda A. Shook, Chairman  
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk