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

JANUARY 22, 2013

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, 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, and Kirk D. Smith. Commissioner James K. Womack was out of the country on a mission trip with his family and Commissioner Robert T. Reives was absent due to a family health related matter.

Chairman Parks called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Frazier delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board considered additions/changes to the Agenda. With no changes made, Commissioner Knecht moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

- Minutes from the January 7, 2013 regular meeting,
- Tax Releases and Refunds for December 2012 (copy attached),
- Resolution Amending Composition of Board of Equalization & Review (copy attached), and
- Budget Amendment # 01/22/13/09 (copy attached)

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

No one present signed up to speak during the *Public Comments* section of the meeting.

The Board considered a special appropriation and budget amendment from the Lee County Schools for security equipment. County Manager John Crumpton presented the School's request for security equipment due to the December Newtown, Connecticut, shootings. Action on this item had been deferred at the January 7th meeting until a select group of Commissioners, School Board staff and Sheriff Tracy Carter could meet to discuss school safety issues. Mr. Crumpton stated 3 bids had been received by the Lee County Schools and Superintendent Jeff Moss was asking Commissioners for an appropriation of $212,000 to proceed with security equipment for all schools except Lee Senior High School. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the $212,000 appropriation to the Lee County Schools for school security equipment and Budget Amendment # 01/22/13/10 showing funds would come from Fund Balance, 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, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Department of Social Services for additional staffing in the Food & Nutrition Unit (Food Stamps). Social Services Director Brenda Potts stated the Food & Nutrition Unit has reached a point that clients cannot be served timely, State processing time standards are not being met, no quality control reviews are being completed, and customer service is at an all-time low. Extensive overtime is not helping with the issues stated above. A position has been requested for the last several years in the budget but has not been approved. The department has reached a critical point where they can no longer operate the program without additional staff and resources. Ms. Potts stated she was also concerned for the health and safety of her staff who have suffered stress from verbal abuse from clients. The request presented included the hiring of 1 new full-time permanent Income Maintenance Casework II position and 3 temporary Income Maintenance Caseworker-Tech positions for approximately 4 months. Budget figures were presented and discussed. After discussion, Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the request to hire 1 full-time permanent Income Maintenance Caseworker II position in the Food & Nutrition Unit, and the hiring of 3 full-time temporary positions, for approximately 4 months, to work on the NC Fast Conversion Program. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a request from the Sheriff's Department to apply for N.C. Governors Crime Commission Grants. Lt. David Prevatte asked for permission to submit pre-applications for two separate applications for funding with the N.C. Governors Crime Commission. The first application is

for $10,000 (no required match) to support the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, local law enforcement agencies and Lee County public and private schools training for emergency response training exercise. The second grant is up to $80,000 in federal funding, with a local 25% match, for 1-year of funding to support 2 uniformed deputy positions for Greenwood and Deep River Schools. Mr. Prevatte stated the 25% local match (approximately $25,000) would be requested in the upcoming 2013-14 budget year. After discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple moved to approve the request from the Sheriff's Department to submit pre-applications to the N.C. Governors Crime Commission for 2 separate grants as stated above. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, Parks, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered a late tax listing penalty for Central Carolina Hospital. Tax Administrator Mary Yow stated that Central Carolina Hospital had requested abatement of late listing penalty according to NC General Statute 105-312(k). Ms. Yow stated that N.C. General Statute 105-312(h) requires the county assessor to add a penalty of 10% to property not listed during the regular listing period. An audit to determine accuracy of business personal property listings filed revealed that assets were under-reported for years 2008-2011. The audit was finalized and a final discovery notice dated November 21, 2012 was sent to the taxpayer's representative. A tax bill for the discovered property was processed, mailed, and received by the taxpayer's representative on December 18, 2012. A letter requesting a refund of penalty was received by the tax office on December 28, 2012. Payment of the 2012 Discovery notice was made on January 3, 2013. The taxpayer (Central Carolina Hospital) is requesting a refund of penalty in the amount of $10,968.66. The City of Sanford's penalty is $4,591.53 and the County's penalty is $6,377.13. Commissioner Smith asked to recuse himself from voting since he has 2 family members employed by Central Carolina Hospital. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Parks, and Smith
Nay: Knecht
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been approved by a 4 to 1 vote.

Commissioner Frazier moved to deny the request for abatement of County penalty to Central Carolina Hospital in the amount of $6,377.13. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Dalrymple, Frazier, Knecht, and Parks
Nay: None
Excused: Smith
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Director John Payne presented a department report, for information only, discussing several initiatives that have been affecting recreation facilities owned or leased by the County. Discussion followed but no action was taken.

At this time, the Board took a 5-minute recess. Upon returning from recess, with all members present except Commissioners' Reives and Womack, the meeting resumed.

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

The Board considered the FY 2013-14 Budget Calendar. Finance Director Lisa Minter presented a Budget Calendar that serves as a guideline for the upcoming budget process. The calendar is not a firm calendar and is subject to change especially with regard to budget work sessions that the Board of Commissioners would like to hold. It was noted that the March 8th Budget Kick-off Session would be rescheduled for March 15th. Commissioner Frazier moved to approve the FY 2013-14 Budget Procedure Calendar as amended, 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, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

County Manager John Crumpton presented his *Monthly Report* for the month of January 2013, 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 discussed current agreements with the City of Sanford. No action was taken but these matters will be discussed during the upcoming January 29th joint meeting between the Sanford City Council and Lee County Board of Commissioners scheduled for 6 p.m., at the McSwain Agriculture Center.

County Manager John Crumpton recognized Tax Administrator Mary Yow for receiving the *County Assessors Designation* with the State.

Commissioner Knecht asked that in the future all budget items be listed under *New Business* instead of the *Consent Agenda*.

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, Parks, and Smith
Nay: None
Absent: Reives and Womack

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Charles T. Parks, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board