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

NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 3:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, Nathan E. Paschal, John T. Quiggle, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook.

Chairman Brown presided and called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

County Attorney K. R. Hoyle delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chairman Brown awarded Tax Administrator Dwane Brinson with a plaque from the NC Association of Assessing Officers for exemplary performance and dedication to the Association.

The Board considered additions/changes to the agenda. Commissioner Reives asked that a letter of endorsement be forwarded to the local historical association for the W. B. Wicker School project. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook

Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The Board considered approval of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the November 3, 2008 regular meeting;
- Tax Releases and Refunds for October 2008 (copy attached);
- Proclamation to proclaim November 21-17, 2008 as *Farm-City Week* (copy attached);
- Budget Amendment # 11/17/08/#12 (copy attached); and
- Amended Incentive Agreement between the Lee County Economic Development Corporation and 3M Manufacturing Company changing the beginning date for incentive payments from January 2010 to January 2011 (copy attached)

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
 Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Paschal read aloud the *Farm-City* Proclamation. 4-H Director Bill Stone introduced Caleb Thomas from Lee Senior High School FFA and Stacy Neil from the Lemon Springs 4-H Horse Club and 4-H Barn Buster Club who gave highlights in reference to *Farm-City Week* and activities scheduled for that week. The annual *Farm-City* banquet will be held on Monday, November 24, 2008, at the McSwain Extension Education and Agricultural Center, and the annual ladies *Farm-City* Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2008.

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

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented a power-point presentation of the FY 2007-2008 Financial Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Items discussed included (1) General Fund Activity; (2) Fund Balance Position (General Fund); (3) Debt Position; (4) Single Audit and Grants; and (5) Audit Results. Ms. Paula Hodges, Audit Manager for Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs was present and stated Lee County continues to be in good financial status.

Commissioner Reives moved that a letter of support be forwarded to the Sanford Historic Preservation asking them to endorse a request to the State to add the W. B. Wicker School to the local historic site. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
 Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Finance Director Lisa Minter presented the Monthly Financial Report for month ending October 2008. No action was taken.

Parks and Recreation Director John Payne discussed park security for various recreation venues. Mr. Payne stated his department stays in close contact with the Sanford Police Department at the beginning of each season and asks that uniformed officers patrol recreation areas so the public will be aware that law enforcement is watching and concerned for the participants' safety. No action was taken.

County Manager John Crumpton discussed a revised time-line for renovations to San Lee Dam and stated the project has been delayed.

Mr. Crumpton stated he has received several offers to purchase vacant county property. Currently the County uses the upset bid process when an offer is made to purchase property.

Mr. Crumpton further stated he would have a list of items for the Board to declare surplus at the December 1, 2008 meeting so an auction could be scheduled in the near future.

Mr. Crumpton also discussed the December 1, 2008 swearing-in and dedication ceremony for newly elected Commissioners and members leaving the Board. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom #4 at the old Lee County Courthouse, a reception will follow in the Magistrate's Courtroom on the first floor of the new courthouse, and the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Government Center.

Commissioner Reives moved to go into closed session per N.C. Gen Stat 143-318.11(a) (6) to discuss a personnel matter. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session. After completing business in closed session, Commissioner Quiggle moved to go out of closed session. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Kelly, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Brown called the meeting back to order.

Commissioner Lemmond moved to give Tax Administrator Dwane Brinson a 5% pay increase. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At 4:20 p.m. Chairman Brown recessed the meeting till 7:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. in Courtroom #4 at the old Lee County Courthouse, 1408 S. Horner Blvd., Sanford, North Carolina. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, Jerry M. Lemmond, John T. Quiggle, and Robert T. Reives. Commissioners absent were James C. Kelly, Nathan E. Paschal, and Linda A. Shook.

Chairman Brown called the joint meeting to order with the Lee County Planning Board that had been advertised for this date and time.

Assistant Community Development Director Marshall Downey outlined the first rezoning petition submitted by Mr. Bobby Branch to rezone 6.35 ± acres of land located at 2122 Boone Trail Road (US Hwy. 421 North) from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Light Industrial (LI) district.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the rezoning request:

- Mr. Kenneth Bright, 1920 Phillips Drive, Sanford (representing Mr. Bobby Branch)

No one present spoke in opposition to the rezoning request.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Mr. Downey outlined the rezoning petition submitted by Ms. Faye Baker to rezone 4.30 ± acres of land located on Valley Road beginning at a point 278 ± feet southwest of the intersection of Valley Road and Forestwood Park Road from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Residential Agricultural (RA) district.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the rezoning request:

- Ms. Faye Baker, 3068 Valley Road, Sanford

No one present spoke in opposition to the rezoning request.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: Brown, Lemmond, Quiggle, and Reives
Nay: None
Absent: Kelly, Paschal, and Shook

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest:

Robert H. Brown, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk