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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

JUNE 18, 2007

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, Robert T. Reives, Linda A. Shook, and Kirk D. Smith.

Chairman Brown presided and the following business was transacted:

County Attorney K. R. Hoyle delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The following new employees were introduced to the Board and presented with a Lee County pin by Chairman Brown:

Nathan McGehee	Library
Mary "Molly" MacDonald	Youth Services
John Barker	Sheriff/Jail
Kimberly Cameron	Sheriff/Jail
Brandi Confair	Parks and Recreation

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

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which consisted of the following items:

- Minutes from the May 7, 2007 Closed Session;

- Minutes from the June 4, 2007 Regular Meeting;
- Minutes from the June 4, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting;
- Minutes from the June 7, 2007 Recessed Meeting;
- May 2007 Tax Releases and Refunds (copy attached);
- Renewal contract for inmate labor services between Lee County and Sanford Correctional Center (copy attached);
- Approval for the Sheriff's Department to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) with the City of Sanford in the amount of \$22,438;
- Resolution designating depositories and accounts for Lee County (copy attached);
- Budget amendment # 06/18/07/#22 (copy attached); and
- Request for funding to replace chiller unit at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center.

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Pascal, Reives, Shook, and Smith
 Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

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

At this time Chairman Brown opened the second and final public hearing concerning an application from Central Carolina Hospital for a three-month extension of its existing franchise for EMS services. County Attorney K. R. Hoyle stated the first hearing was held on June 4, 2007, and the purpose of the hearing was to hear comments from citizens concerning an application from Central Carolina Hospital for an extension of its existing franchise for emergency and non-emergency ambulance service until September 30, 2007. Mr. Hoyle stated representatives from the hospital were present if Board members wished to ask questions. Mr. Hoyle stated he was in favor of the extension as presented.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the franchise extension as presented.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve an *Ordinance to Extend a Franchise Agreement for Central Carolina Hospital*, 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: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Smith
 Nay: None

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

At this time the Board heard a report from Ms. Marilyn Green from the Helping Hand Clinic which is located in the Lee County Arts Center on Steele Street. Ms. Green stated the Clinic serves uninsured and low-income citizens with the assistance of twenty-four physicians (among other medical professionals) who volunteer their time. Dental, vision screening and skin care are also provided. Ms. Green stated a total of over \$1 million in medical care and drugs a year are provided to Lee County citizens. The Clinic is open four days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and evening clinics are held when needed. Funding is provided through private donations, grants, free drug samples, and volunteer time from individuals. No action was taken.

The Board considered a *One NC Grant* for System Plast. County Attorney K. R. Hoyle had prepared a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Local Government Grant Agreement and a Company Performance Agreement and Other Documents Pertaining to a One NC Fund Grant from the NC Department of Commerce Concerning the System Plast Project. The Resolution authorized and directed the Chairman and Clerk to the Board to make application for and accept the One NC Fund Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for and on behalf of the County. Commissioner Kelly moved to approve the above-referenced resolution, 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: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, and Reives
Nay: Shook and Smith

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a five to two vote.

The Board considered the adoption of the FY 2007-08 Budget. Interim Manager Lisa Minter presented the *Budget Ordinance for FY 2007-08*. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the FY 2007-08 Budget Ordinance, 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: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, and Reives
Nay: Paschal, Shook, and Smith

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a four to three vote.

Commissioner Shook stated her concerns as it related to the budget process:

- Did not like the method that was taken;
- Concerned that only three Commissioners served on the Finance Committee, all from the same political party;
- Not enough participation by the whole Board;
- Not enough work sessions held;
- Would like to see a new/different process taken next year;
- Not comfortable with the 75 cent tax rate;
- Would like to have more joint meetings with the Board of Education;
- Need to work closer with the schools and community college; and
- Would like to see more programs consolidated with the City and County.

The following appointments were approved to various Boards and Commissions for the terms listed:

<u>BOARD/COMMISSION</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Cemetery Board of Trustees William Pickard *	N/A	N/A
CCCC Board of Trustees Frances Warner *	4-Years	June 2011
Lee County Economic Development Board Poly Cohen * Harry Miller *	3-Years	June 2010 June 2010
Board of Health Dr. David Fisher * Jimmy Batchelor * Charles Clifford * Dr. Deborah Esteves * Steve Brewer	3-Years	June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010
Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control Financing Authority Ann Barkely *	6-Years	June 2013
Jury Commission Harold York * Joe Lemmond (alternate) *	2-Years	June 2009 June 2009
Library Board of Trustees Susan Laudate * Lynn Sadler * Leonard Viggiano *	3-Years	June 2010 June 2010 June 2010
Parks & Recreation Commission Norman (Butch) Saunders	3-Years	June 2010
Lee County Planning Board Jamie Teal * Larry Oldham * Reuben Dowdy * Lee Littiken * Greg Smith * Herman Morris (1 st alternate) Martha Lucas (2 nd alternate)	3-Years	June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010 June 2010
Sanford Planning Board Bill Norris *	3-Years	June 2010

Rest Home-Nursing Home Advisory Board	3-Years	
Del Jones *		June 2010
Willard Garren *		June 2010
Teresa Howard *		June 2010
Jeanette Lewis *		June 2010
Robert Groome *		June 2010
Joe Johnson *		June 2010
Ismael Rivera *		June 2010
Carol Williams *		June 2010
Senior Services Advisory Bd.	3-Years	
Janet Fasick *		June 2010
Brenda Ingram *		June 2010
Transportation Advisory Board	2-Years	
Robert McCarthy *		June 2009
Billy Wolfenbarger (alternate)		June 2009

(* Members Reappointed)

Strategic Initiatives Director Lesa Price introduced two interns that will be working with the Sanford-Lee County Youth Council for ten weeks during the summer. High school students Doris Clark and Rachel Stone will work jointly with the City and County to learn more about City-County Government.

Interim County Manager Lisa Minter presented the Monthly Financial Report for the month ending May 2007. Commissioner Reives moved to approve the report as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives asked the Board to consider establishing a local Mental Health Oversight Watch Committee. Mr. Reives feels that local Lee County residents should have a process in which to discuss mental health issues/concerns. County Attorney K. R. Hoyle was asked to research the matter and bring a recommendation back to the Board for consideration. It was suggested that a seven-member board be considered. No action was taken.

Commissioner Kelly moved to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute 143-318 11 (a) (4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of a business in the area. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Paschal, Reives, Shook, and Smith
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 members present, the meeting resumed in the Commissioners' Room. By motion made and duly adopted a public hearing will be held at 4:00 p.m., Monday, July 9, 2007, to consider the cost of economic development projects with the Lee County Economic Development Corporation for the Caterpillar manufacturing plant and Frontier Spinning, LLC manufacturing plant. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

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

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Chairman Brown recessed the meeting until 7:00 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m. in Courtroom # 4 at the old Lee County Courthouse. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, Linda A. Shook, and Kirk D. Smith. Commissioners Nathan E. Paschal and Robert T. Reives were absent.

Chairman Brown opened the public hearing that had been advertised for this date and time to hear comments concerning the proposed tax rates for each volunteer fire department. Interim Manager Lisa Minter presented the Fire Advisory Boards' recommended rate for each fire district.

No one present spoke in favor of or in opposition to the fire department tax rates as presented.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve the *FY 2007-08 Fire District Budget Ordinance*, 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: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Shook, and Smith
Nay: N/A
Absent: Paschal and Reives

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Chairman Brown opened the second public hearing that had been advertised with the Lee County Planning Board to hear a rezoning petition submitted by Mr. James H. Bost, Jr., to rezone approximately 8.84 acres of land off Boone Trail Road from Residential Restricted (RR) district to Light Industrial (LI) district. The property in question is the rear portion of two parcels located at 2209 Boone Trail Road.

Planner Althea Thompson outlined the rezoning request.

Mr. James H. Bost of 921 Cool Springs Road, Sanford, spoke in favor of the rezoning petition.

No one spoke in opposition to the rezoning petition.

Chairman Brown closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Shook, and Smith

Nay: N/A

Absent: Paschal and Reives

Chairman Brown ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned in keeping with the motion.

Robert H. Brown, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk