

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
June 16th, 2015**

The Board of Social Services for the Lee County Department of Social Services convened at 12:00 noon, in the Board of Commissioner's Room at the Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina. Board members present were Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley, and Commissioner Amy Dalrymple, absent Gail Dickens. Also present was Ex-Officio member Brenda Potts.

Chairperson Livingston called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with the serenity prayer.

The Board considered changes to the June agenda. With no changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to approve the minutes.

Aye: Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the May Minutes. With no changes being made a motion was made by Member Utley to approve the minutes.

Aye: Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle and Paul Utley (Ms. Dalrymple was absent from the vote)

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENT - No one signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting.

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

NEW BUSINESS- Ms. Potts gave the news that the 2015-2016 Social Service budget had been approved as presented to the board. The positions for an Attorney, SW II and the 2 reclassifications remained in the budget that was approved, as did the 2 new Ford Fusions, the 2.5% salary increase and the 401K would be back to the 5% as it was a few years ago prior to the cuts. Ms. Potts also discussed with the board that until all paperwork has been completed for the attorney position and approved through Office of Human Resources that it was necessary to go before the commissioners on June 15th to request the renewal of a temporary contract for legal services for Child Welfare Services, Adult Services, Fraud, Work First, Medicaid Transportation and Child Support. This contract would only be covered from July 1, 2015 until the position can be advertised, interviewed and hired. All applicants would have to have experience in areas of DSS legal representation as no legal training will be available through the county.

The board on June 15th also approved the Medicaid transportation contracts with COLTS, Flemings Taxi and Right Transportation. Right Transportation is primarily for the handicapped and/or dialysis patients that require medical treatment transportation on week-ends and holidays, or any other time COLTS does not run or a taxi does not meet the needs of the client.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Ms. Potts told the board of surrounding counties (Wake and Durham) sending out request for eligibility staff to work on specified weekends to help them get caught up on entering Children's Medicaid in the NC Fast system. Several staff has been going on week-ends to Wake and Durham and it has been most helpful to them financially.

CLOSED SESSION - Member Utley moved for the Board to go into closed session to consider a personnel matter per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6);
Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley, Amy Dalrymple
Nay: None

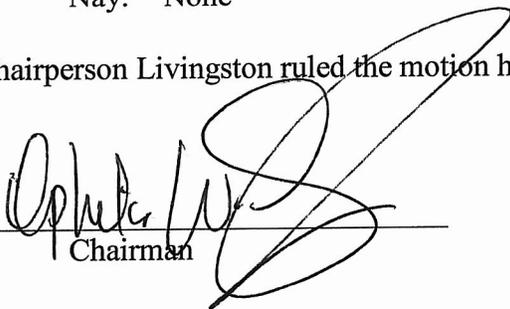
Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the Board was in closed session.

Upon returning from closed session, the regular meeting resumed with members Livingston, Dalrymple Utley, and Riddle present.

With no further business to come before the Board, Member Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Utley. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley, Amy Dalrymple
Nay: None

Chairperson Livingston ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned.



Chairman



Secretary