

**LEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
BOARD MEETING
March 17th, 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, Gail Dickens, Commissioner Amy Dalrymple, Paul Utley. 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 March agenda. No changes being made a motion was made by Member Dickens to accept the changes as amended.

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

Nay: None

The Board considered changes to the January Minutes. With changes noted by Member Riddle, a motion was made by Member Dickens to approve the minutes with the changes.

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

Nay: None

The meeting was turned over to DSS Director Brenda Potts.

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

NEW BUSINESS- Ms. Potts introduced Ms. Faircloth, Fiscal Supervisor. Ms. Potts explained that they would both be available for questions/answers during the presentation of the 2015-2016 budget to the board. Ms. Potts went through the budget book which was the first draft (original budget) presented to the county manager. Since the budget was presented, Mr. Crumpton has asked for several different versions which drafts have been completed and submitted to his office. Ms. Potts briefly discussed some of the later drafts that have been submitted. The budget as presented in the first draft contained 2 new positions and 2 reclassifications, no county cars, and a 1.1 COLA. As presented the budget was -7.9% less county funds than last year. Ms. Potts asked the board for a motion to accept the original 2015/2016 budget they have before them. Member Dickens made the motion to accept the 2015-2016 budget as presented

Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley and Ms. Dalrymple.

Nay: None

The motion was approved.

Turbo Tax has added to the tax filing a question if you would like to apply for SNAP, this if checked yes, turbo tax generates an application that is then faxed to Social Services. They had been coming in at about 30 per day. The state was notified and eventually the state sent back to the counties that Turbo Tax would stop until they could tweak the process. There were several issue with these application; the biggest due to

only part of the information required was been sent to social services. The people in the IRS household were listed and the income of the IRS household was listed but it did not indicate which income belonged to whom and the FNS household may not be the same as the IRS household. Another issue was people did that realize the FNS benefits they were getting were the same as the term SNAP.

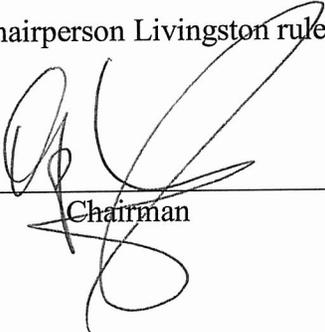
DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Mrs. Potts discussed open positions and the status of those.

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

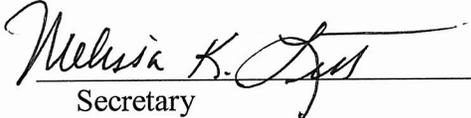
Aye: Gail Dickens, Ophelia Livingston, David Riddle, Paul Utley and Ms. Dalrymple.

Nay: None

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



Chairman



Secretary