

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Suite 209, and via Conference Call in the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present:	Ross Streater, Chair
Conference Call:	Jarvis Woodburn, Vice-Chair Vancine Sturdivant Lawrence Gatewood Jim Sims
Commissioners Absent:	Harold Smith Bobby Sikes
Staff members present:	Barron Monroe, County Manager Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board Chris Joffson, IT Manager
Others present:	Scott Forbes, County Attorney
Conference Call:	Dr. Thompson, Health Department Evonne Burr, Health Department Lula Jackson, Social Services Sheriff Landric Reid, Sheriff's Office

Chairman Streater called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who were present and on the conference call. Chairman Streater asked Ms. Lula Jackson, Department of Social Services Director to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Commissioner Sims moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Sturdivant moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Resolution for remote participation. Board minutes, Property tax/ Refunds/Adjustments, ACTS Certifications & Assurances, JCPC (FY 19-20) RTA Expansion Funding, JCPC (FY 20-21) Anson County JCPC Funding and Sandhills Center budget request. Seconded, by Vice-Chair Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses:

There were no questions or comments received from the public.

Appointments:

Commissioner Sims made a motion to appoint Cynthia Springer to the Sandhills Regional Library System's Board of Trustees, representing Anson County. Seconded, by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report:

County Manager Monroe shared that the County, in conjunction with Governor Roy Cooper's Directives for health, welfare, and safety reasons has reduced the number of hours available to the public and has restricted public access to County buildings. County Manager Monroe said the Animal Shelter, Veterans Services, Library, Elderly, Parks and Recreation are closed to the public as far as programming. Social Services, Health Department and ACTS are still open but are reducing their services to clients. County Manager Monroe said the county cannot close, but is trying to meet the level of need with appropriate safety for the employees and the public. County Manager reiterated that employees are encouraged to practice good hygiene, go home if sick, avoid touching their face and practice social distancing. County Manager Monroe shared that the County is paralleling with the state's guidelines, directives, and orders.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Streater encouraged everyone to remain safe during this difficult time.

Commissioner Concerns, Petitions, Announcements, and Comments:

Commissioner Sturdivant acknowledged Chief Scott Howell, Anson County Sheriff's Office for his acts of community kindness. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that Chief Howell purchased and delivered food and supplies to elderly

who were unable to travel. Chairman Streater thanked Chief Howell with helping the senior citizens in the county.

Vice-Chair Woodburn shared his concerns with social gatherings in Anson County, noting that an issue with one particular citizen was allowing people to congregate at their residence. Vice-Chair Woodburn said he and Sheriff Reid have been in conversations concerning this issue.

Vice-Chair Woodburn shared that electronic Board packets should be considered and said it makes sense to alleviate the need for packages to be physically delivered. Vice-Chair Woodburn said the Clerk would be the administrator of the Board packets and hardware distribution for the Commissioners and wanted the County Manager and Finance Officer to look into the cost of implementation.

The Clerk advised the Board that during the budget process, she and Chris Joffson, IT Manager researched several viable options for electronic Board packaging. The Clerk said prices ranging from \$8000.00 to \$11,500.00 were presented for budgetary consideration.

Vice-Chair Woodburn also shared an email, from Mr. Frank Jones concerning the County's response to Covid-19. Mr. Johnson feels that the Anson County Health Department is not doing enough for the seriousness of the Coronavirus. Board members felt that the individual's lack of knowledge on the matter is viable.

Commissioner Gatewood shared his concerns with Anson County citizens that have been diagnosed with Covid-19, and asked Dr. Thompson to provide a brief update on these individuals. Dr. Thompson shared that Anson County has a total of seven cases, of those, three has recovered and released from quarantine. Dr. Thompson shared that the Health Department has a very experienced communicable disease nurse, nursing supervisor and emergency preparedness coordinator, noting that the department's Facebook page is updated daily. Board members encouraged the Health Department to place information on the County's website in addition to Facebook.

Sheriff Reid said church can be held with ten or less participants. Sheriff Reid also mentioned that several churches are holding services through drive-ins and Facebook live.

Commissioner Gatewood recognized two employees in the utility department on their current promotions, Gary Garrison, to WWTP Director and Amy Dawkins, to Filtration Plant Supervisor. Commissioner Gatewood also acknowledged three

Anson County employees that recently retired on March 31, 2020. Leon Gatewood, 33 years of service; Sylvia Jeter, 37 years of service; and Daniel Gatewood, 30 years of service; noting that when their experience is combined it yields over 100 years of service to Anson County.

Commissioner Sims made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chair Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board