

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center, Wadesboro, NC.

Commissioners present: Jarvis T. Woodburn - Chairman
Robert Mims - Vice Chair
Vancine Sturdivant
Harold C. Smith
Dr. Jim Sims
Lawrence Gatewood
JD Bricken

Staff members present: Phil Ponder, Interim County Mgr.
Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board
Holly Berry, Finance Officer
Kishia Dunlap, DSS

Also present: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Woodburn called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who were present. Chairman Woodburn observed a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Hazel Allen.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Commissioner Gatewood approved the agenda with the addition of several Commissioner Concerns. Seconded by Vice-Chair Mims, motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Vice-Chair Mims moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Minutes, Property tax/Refunds/Adjustments, Surplus, ACTS - additional 5339(b) funding for the New Facility and Budget Amendment - LIEAP 2nd One-time Supplement. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood, motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses:

Mr. James Spencer appeared before the Board to share his concerns about his utilities account. Mr. Spencer explained when his water is shut off, there is an additional deposit charged before he can have service restored. Mr. Spencer also shared his concerns with speed bumps and abandoned houses on Ballard Street. Attorney Forbes provided Mr. Spencer with his contact information and asked that he see him to resolve the matter.

Appearances:

Geraldine Gardner of Centralina Regional Council appeared before the Board with an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Gardner explained the regulations, policies and procedures, and guidelines of using the ARPA funds, noting that Centralina Regional Council could provide additional one-on-one guidance to local governments.

Appointments:

Vice-Chair Mims moved to reappointment Commissioner Woodburn to the Southern Piedmont Community College (SPCC) Board of Trustees. Seconded by Commissioner Gatewood, motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report:

Interim County Manager Ponder recognized the employees of the quarter: Diane Edwards, Register of Deeds, Tina Johnson, Social Services, and Robert Washington, ACTS.

County Manager Ponder presented the 2022-2023 draft budget summary, highlighting key areas of interest. Mr. Ponder informed the Board the formal presentation of the budget will be June 7, with a public hearing. Interim County Manager Ponder shared that he met with several departments and noted that supervisors understood the need for budget cuts. Mr. Ponder reviewed the county's expenditures, projected revenues, and ARPA funding allocations. Interim County Manager Ponder continued to dialogue about the fund balance, water and sewer rates, and county funding obligations.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Woodburn reminded the Board of several upcoming events: Local Government Council (LGC) training, (May 24th) SPCC graduation, (May 14th) and Anson County Schools graduation (May 31st).

Commissioner Concerns:

Interim County Manager Ponder and the Board discussed the County's fund balance and tax valuation for municipalities, noting that the auditors are working diligently on the previous years budget to provide accurate numbers for distribution.

Board members also dialogued about increasing the water and sewer rates.

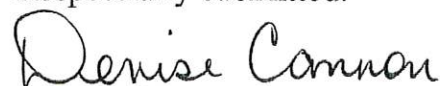
County Manager Ponder advised the Board that the demolition of the two county owned properties located at 901 N. Greene Street and 711 Salisbury Street would be an estimated \$140,000. Board members directed the County Manager to go through the bidding process and return with a recommendation.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to advertise for formal bids for demolition of the two county owned properties, and erect signage (warning), indicating the buildings are dangerous and do not enter. Seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mims inquired about the status of the QRV designated for the Morven area. County Manager Ponder said that he would follow up with the Board with further information.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to adjourn, seconded Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:


Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board