

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their recessed meeting on Tuesday September 15, 2020 beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present:

Ross Streater, Chairman  
Jarvis Woodburn, Vice-Chair  
Vancine Sturdivant  
Dr. Jim Sims  
Lawrence Gatewood

Staff members present:

Barron Monroe, County Manager  
Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board  
Cary Garner, Finance Officer  
Chris Joffson, IT Manager

Chairman Streater called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who were present. Vice-Chair Woodburn delivered the invocation.

**Local Government Commission (LGC) Resolution:**

County Manger Monroe explained that the LGC resolution pertaining to the DSS project; a resolution is needed whenever a county is going into a lease that is over five years or five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or more in value. Finance Officer Garner continued to explain the LGC resolution with specific attention to there being no property tax rate increase required to support the DSS project lease.

Finance Officer Garner explained without the reimbursement from NCDHHS and/or discontinuation of funding, a worst-case scenario would likely result in a property tax rate increase.

Commissioner Gatewood shared several concerns about moving forward with the DSS project.

Vice-Chair Woodburn made a motion to approve the LGC Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant.

Commissioner Gatewood shared that several things need to be added to the LGC resolution: identify CF Smith as the lien holder, approval for a twenty

year lease, noting the building's fifty-year old foundation, monthly lease payment amount, total cost of project versus the cost to build anew.

Board members, County Manager and the Finance Officer continued to dialogue about building size, tax revenue generated by renting versus county-owned, employee parking, and the plan for housing DSS at lease end, and the rationale of holding a public hearing for the DSS project.

Chairman Streater called for the vote on Vice-Chair Woodburn's previous motion to approve the LGC Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried 4-1.

Chairman Streater voted:	Yes
Vice-Chair Woodburn voted:	Yes
Commissioner Sturdivant voted:	Yes
Commissioner Sims voted:	Yes
Commissioner Gatewood voted:	No

#### **Bank Resolution:**

County Manager Monroe explained that since PNC Bank has closed their branch in Wadesboro, staff must drive to Richmond County to make daily deposits, which is inconvenient for government function. The county requested that the local banks (BB&T Truist and Uwharrie) submit proposals to receive the county's business. The county chose BB&T/Truist because cyber security was a priority and BB&T provided a more consistent long-term interest rates vs Uwharrie; BB&T had a stronger bid.

Commissioner Gatewood made a motion to approve the bank resolution, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Officer Garner noted that the county still has a significant local investment at Uwharrie Bank.

Finance Officer Garner briefly explained the refinancing of two county buildings in an effort to receive lower interest rates, noting that the rates are already low and there are only three payments left on the Government Center.

Lula Jackson, Social Services Director, addressed the Board to thank Commissioner Gatewood for his commitment to the DSS project. Because of his insight, research, and wisdom, the project is able to move forward. Ms. Jackson also informed the Board that C.F. Smith and Oakley Architect will be present at their DSS Board meeting and noted that Commissioners are invited to attend.

Commissioner Gatewood suggested that this presentation be deferred to the next Board of Commissioners meeting, with the County Manager in agreement. Ms. Jackson said she would check into this request.

Commissioner Gatewood acknowledged Ms. Jackson 30+ years of dedicated service.

**Closed Session:**

Motion by Commissioner Gatewood, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to go into closed session for Personnel: North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice-Chair Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims to come out of closed session, motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Denise Cannon  
Clerk to the Board