

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present:

Anna Baucom, Chair  
Ross Streater, Vice Chair  
Bobby Sikes  
Vancine Sturdivant  
Jarvis Woodburn  
Jim Sims  
Harold Smith

Staff members present:

Megan Garner, County Manager  
Cary Garner, Finance Officer  
Beth Dunn, HR Manager  
Larry Newton, Tax Assessor  
Janine Rywak, Cooperative Extension

Other:

Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming Commissioner Sims back and all who are present. Chairman Baucom called on Pastor Michael McLeod to deliver the **Invocation**.

### **Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:**

Chairman Baucom asked for any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. County Manager Garner asked to have the Tax Releases and Refunds, three budget amendments, and a memorandum of understanding for the State Health Plan, added to the Consent agenda. Commissioner Sturdivant made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Commissioner Sikes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing:**

Commissioner Streater made a motion to open the public hearing, Commissioner Woodburn seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Bill Lester of LKC Engineering, PLLC, requested the Board close out the CDBG NC Catalyst and Scattered Site projects by gathering citizens' views and comments prior to the submission of the closeout documentation to the NC Department of Commerce. The CDBG grants provided a total of \$143,754.99 for the NC Catalyst project and \$17,036.91 for the Scattered Site project. The following local funds were also committed to the projects:

Grace Senior Center (Council on Aging): \$6,500  
Town of Wadesboro (Demolition and Clearance): \$30,000  
Town of Morven (Demolition and Clearance): \$5,000  
Anson County (Emergency Repairs/Administration): \$7,500  
Crisis Ministry: \$5,122

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to authorize the Chair and/or the County Manager to proceed with the project close out and authorize LKC Engineering to prepare the close out documentation for submission to the Department of Commerce. Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## **Appearances:**

**Vancine Sturdivant, Anson County Commissioner**, shared her March 9<sup>th</sup>, experience of her traumatic automobile accident. Commissioner Sturdivant shared her appreciation and gratitude for Richmond County Sheriff James Clemmons, Cordova Emergency Management Services, Cordova Fire Department, Lilesville Fire Department, and Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid. Commissioner Sturdivant thanked Chairman Baucom for allowing her the time to speak, and IT Randy Gulledge for assisting her in the video presentation. \*Later, during the meeting Commissioner Sturdivant shared her appreciation and gratitude for NC Highway Patrol Officer Erik Johnson for his service.

**John Marek, Anson Economic Development Partnership Director,** requested that the Board approve a proclamation declaring April 7, 2017, Industry Appreciation Day in Anson County. Commissioner Streater made a motion to approve a proclamation declaring April 7, 2017, Industry Appreciation Day in Anson County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sims and it carried unanimously.

### **Public Addresses to the Board:**

#### **Terry Helms:**

Mr. Helms addressed the Board about jobs. Mr. Helms feels industry and jobs can come to Anson County. Mr. Helms feels that the county tax department needs some improvements. He feels the county needs more processors to expedite collecting the amount of taxes in the county. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Helms.

#### **Myra Dagleish:**

Ms. Dagleish, Polkton Town Commissioner addressed her concerns about still not receiving Polkton's TR2, evaluation and property tax levy report that the county provides for towns to send to the Department of Revenue. It was due February 1, 2017. Ms. Dagleish said she thought it would be here this month because she spoke with Finance Officer Garner. County Manager Garner said there is one employee in Anson County able to write the code necessary to pull the information and noted that said employee has been working on it but is not yet finished. She further stated that the county's report is delinquent as well.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Countywide Zoning:**

No new updates to report

### **Human Resources Policy Changes:**

Ms. Dunn talked about the removal of employee sick leave transfer cap of 240 hours, from other agencies and/or entities. Ms. Dunn noted no other county has a cap except for Camden County. Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to approve the removing of the sick leave cap, and following the FMLA exactly as required for employment to cease after twelve weeks. Commissioner Sturdivant seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

\*Chairman Baucom called for a break in the meeting.

\*Commissioner Smith exited the meeting.

### **Agri-Civic Center:**

County Manager Garner stated that the Board was originally looking at pursuing USDA funding, however it has been determined that is not the most viable option. The county is now looking at private bank financing, but before the county can incur any debt through the LGC, the county has to have a shovel ready project. Anson County would have to initially fund the design for the Agri-Civic Center and that project requires the competitive bidding process. Bids go to LGC once received. County Manager Garner requested clarification from the Board on the amount the County will contribute to this project. Commissioner Streater made a motion to contribute eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000.00) to the Agri-Civic Center and to proceed with the funding for the initial design of the Agri-Civic Center. Commissioner Sturdivant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### **School Funding:**

County Manager Garner reported there is \$209,000 in funding for the Board to determine whether to allocate it to the school system for teacher's supplements. Finance Officer Garner shared that \$353,267 (Article 46/Quarter cent sales tax) was transferred to the school system for the fiscal year 2015/2016. Commissioner Streater moved to return the \$209,000 to the general fund which was seconded by Commissioner Woodburn the motion carried unanimously.

## **Manager's Report:**

County Manager Garner informed the Board all departments have turned in their individual fiscal year 17-18 budget requests along with SPCC, and expect Anson County Schools' request to be forthcoming. County Manager Garner stated that Paylocity (payroll software) will be implemented and hopes to have it up and running in the next four to six weeks. County Manager Garner introduced our new IT Manager, Chris Joffson. County Manager Garner noted that she will notify all department heads that non-emergency spending will be stopped May 1<sup>st</sup>, to ensure the county will meet its revenue and expenditures projections, year end June 30.

\*Commissioner Sturdivant exited the meeting.

Chairman Baucom mentioned a task force for collecting taxes. The Board discussed the lack of "debt set-off" for Anson County tax collection. The Board decided to talk with the Tax Collector and present him with some options for tax collecting. No formal action was taken.

## **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Baucom shared the flag is at half-mast for the three days to honor the late, Mr. Rufus Getzen. Chairman Baucom also shared that the Wadesboro Park has built a Veterans' Memorial and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 am on April 27, 2017. Chairman Baucom shared that Ms. Carol Smith of the Burnsville Learning Center does a great job. Chairman Baucom suggested a budget retreat.

## **Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Streater made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the additions. Commissioner Woodburn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

\*attached budget amendments, write offs, property tax releases, vehicle releases, from Jan. – April consent agenda

## **Appointments:**

Commissioner Sims made a motion to appoint Beth Diggs as new Board of Health member. Commissioner Streater seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **Commissioner's Concerns:**

Commissioner Sikes shared that EMS refused transporting a citizen, County Manager Garner was asked to gather more information. Commissioner Sikes asked about the status of the airport. County Manager Garner said the new employee will start on Monday; 19 hours per week. Commissioner Sims expressed that a lot of citizens feel the county needs a full time person at the airport. Commissioner Sims shared that planes/helicopters may skip over Anson County, once they find out no one is there. County Manager Garner noted they are in the process of adding security cameras. Commissioner Streater noted that the County Manager has offered to work and meet with several people concerning the airport, citing the meeting did not go well. County Manager Garner said they did agree to a part-time employee, noting that the building/maintenance department has taken over the landscaping at the airport. County Manager Garner also noted that the non-emergency number for 911 will be posted and the county is looking to upgrade the pumps to be self-service, accepting debit/credit cards to allow 24 hour fueling. Commissioner Streater shared a concern about condemned houses in the Morven City Limits. Attorney Forbes said he will be looking into the matter. Commissioner Streater made the Board aware that the Sneedsboro/McFarlan area is building a solar farm, that he understands will generate approximately \$250,000 a year in tax revenue and approximately \$22-23,000 per year more for the Morven Fire Department.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Commissioner Streater and seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session for Economic Development, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(4). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Streater and seconded by Commissioner Woodburn to come out of closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Streater to recess until Thursday, April 11, 2017, at 6:00 pm, for a joint meeting (dinner) at Polkton Depot. It was seconded by Commissioner Woodburn and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon  
Clerk to the Board