

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Anson County Extension Office, 501 McLaurin St. Wadesboro, NC.

Commissioners present: Anna Baucom, Chair
Ross Streater, Vice Chair
Jim Sims
Vancine Sturdivant
Harold Smith
Jarvis Woodburn

Commissioners absent: Bobby Sikes

Staff members present: Andrew Wilkison, Interim County Manager
Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board
Cary Garner, Finance Officer

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Interim County Manager Wilkison called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who were present. Interim County Manager Wilkison called upon Mr. Sam Cole to deliver the **Invocation**.

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Commissioner Streater made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to open the floor for Chairman Nominations, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to nominate Commissioner Anna Baucom to serve as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn.

Commissioner Woodburn moved to close the floor for Chairman Nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim County Manager Wilkison called for the vote with all present voting in the affirmative.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Sims to open the floor for Vice-Chairman Nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ross Streater to serve as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant.

Commissioner Smith moved to close the floor for Vice-Chairman Nominations, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim County Manager Wilkison called for the vote with all present voting in the affirmative.

Commissioner Anna Baucom was re-elected as Chairman.

Commissioner Ross Streater was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Vice-Chair Streater added a closed session. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the agenda with the addition, Commissioner Sims seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses:

David Nicholson, NCACC Outreach Associate appeared before the Board to present Vice-Chair Streater, Commissioner Sims, and Commissioner Smith with the North Carolina Association of Commissioners twenty years of service longevity awards. Chairman Baucom presented Ms. Katie Edwards, Anson County 4-H representative with an award of appreciation from the County for her outstanding representation at the 2017 NCACC Conference. Chairman Baucom also presented Ms. Janine Rywak with a proclamation for her retirement with thirty years of exceptional service to Anson County.

Jeff Boothby addressed the Board to request a motion and approval to place an ABC Referendum on the 2018 ballot. Mr. Boothby stated that many of the business owners have been encouraging him to get this task completed. Attorney Forbes advised that the agenda has already been adopted for the evening and this subject is better addressed at the January meeting and advised Mr. Boothby follow those appropriate channels. Mr. Boothby estimates fifteen to twenty business owners will attend the January meeting in support of this request.

Jesse Campbell appeared before the Board with a concern about a water leak at his residence. Mr. Campbell explained that he has a water leak, but the water is off, and the bill is \$489. Mr. Campbell is requesting the water be turned back on in order to locate the water leak. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to review this matter with the water department.

Appearances:

Dr. Thompson, Health Director, introduced Ms. Dinikia Savage, Public Health Educator, to the Board. Dr. Thompson reminded the Board that a few months ago, they approved a new Public Health Educator position, noting the county has not had this position since 2009. Dr. Thompson stated that Ms. Savage is a native North Carolinian and raised around the Fayetteville area.

Ms. Savage addressed the Board and gave an update on various meetings with organizations and hospital representatives. Ms. Savage shared she has been reviewing the community health assessment and health rankings.

Evonne Burr, Health Department Administrative Officer, appeared before the Board to request a change in pricing regarding family planning 340B drugs for Medicaid. Ms. Burr stated that each year they are required to review the pricing for family planning 340B drugs for Medicaid, reviewing what the county pays and then charges Medicaid, with the price fluctuating from year to year. Commissioner Sturdivant moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Burr also addressed the Board requesting approval for record copy request fees. Ms. Burr explained that this allows the Health Department to charge patients that request copies of their medical records electronically. Ms. Burr noted that currently they have no fees and paper copies are the only option, sharing that the Health Department can purchase flash drives (\$6.50) for the requested records. Ms. Burr also requested that color paper copies provided to clients be charged at \$.50 cents per page. Vice-Chair Streater made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

John Marek, Anson Economic Development Partnership Director, addressed the Board requesting the Board approve a request for the County Manager to draft a letter of support for the Project Hoist Building Reuse Grant. Mr. Marek stated he is working with a company in Wadesboro that has acquired a company overseas and will be moving a product line, which they do not currently produce, to the Wadesboro facility. This will be done over a five to six year period, with a total investment of 5.4 million and create 20 jobs. Vice-Chair Streater made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to authorize interim County Manager Wilkinson to provide a letter of support for the Project Hoist Building Reuse Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Cary Garner, Finance Officer, appeared to present the Sandhills Center Quarterly Report to the Board. Mr. Garner stated that Sandhills Center is required to report quarterly financials to the local governing bodies. Mr. Garner noted if the Board has any questions or would like further information, he would be happy to address it in further detail. The Board thanked Mr. Garner.

Administrative Matters:

Lula Jackson, Department of Social Services Director, addressed the Board to review and update the Board on the timeline and current developments concerning the new Department of Social Services building. Ms. Jackson explained to the Board that the project team considered two county owned properties.

Site #1 is at 402 Morven Road, former site of the Anson Community Hospital. This 3.9-acre site is vacant except for some trees and broken pavement from what was previously the hospital parking lot.

Site #2 is located adjacent to and south of Anson Senior High School, consisting of approximately 40 acres fronting State Road 1259, with good access to Highway 74. The site is partially cleared and large enough to share space with the future Anson County Transportation System (ACTS), Health Department and Elderly Services facilities.

The major advantage of Site #2 is its size, with the capacity to accommodate facilities for DSS, Health Department, Elderly Services, and ACTS, as well as to offer customers the convenience of having multiple needs met at one location, instead of having to drive all over town to obtain these services at different sites.

Vice-Chair Streater made a motion to select the recommended site #2 to locate the new DSS building on County-owned property off Anson High School Road in Wadesboro, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jackson stated at the monthly meeting of the Anson County Board of County Commissioners on November 7, 2017, the Board approved retaining Moseley Architects to assist the county with design, engineering, and construction administration services for the new DSS building. The selection was the result of a competitive process that considered Moseley and two other

firms. The Board tasked DSS Board Vice-Chair Lawrence Gatewood and Ms. Jackson to negotiate a contract with Moseley Architects in an amount not to exceed the budgeted \$350,000.00. The proposed Moseley Contract is for \$343,000.00, which is roughly the same amount as the previous Moseley Contract drawn up in 2012 for providing design, engineering, and construction administration services for the Anson County Emergency Services Center, when adjusted for inflation. The Contract was reviewed by County Attorney Scott Forbes and Interim County Manager Wilkinson. Ms. Jackson, on behalf of the Committee, recommends that the contract be approved and executed so that the Project team can begin planned meetings with Moseley Architects in January. Commissioner Sims stated this process was very informative and efficient and he was very impressed.

Commissioner Sims moved to approve Moseley Architects' contract to provide design, engineering and construction administration services for the new DSS building, seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

2018 Commissioners Meeting Dates:

Commissioners discussed the 2018 meeting dates, noting that the November 13 Board meeting will be at 9:00 am. Commissioner Sims shared he would like to request the October 2nd meeting be moved to October 8th. Vice-Chair Streater moved to approve the Anson County Board of Commissioners 2018 regular meeting schedule, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

NCDOT Resolution:

Interim County Manager Wilkison addressed the Board concerning a request through a letter received on October 23, 2017, from the NCDOT Division of Highways requesting the County Commissioners execute a resolution. Duke Energy requested the abandonment as part of a cooperative enhancement of the boat landing and surrounding land with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Upon abandonment and deletion from the State

Secondary Road System of the last .029 mile of Boat Landing Road, Duke Energy and the Wildlife Resources Commission will assume maintenance of the portion of road and public access will be maintained.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to adopt NCDOT resolution to abandon the last 0.029 miles of Boat Landing Road (SR 1759) off Buck Road (SR-1747), seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Countywide Zoning:

No action taken

Manager's Report:

Interim County Manager Wilkison informed the Board that Ms. Aimee Colf has been appointed by Clinton McRae, Southwest Region representative, as interim Cooperative Extension Director. County Manager Wilkison shared with the Board that late last week that the North Carolina division of water infrastructure approved a low interest loan for Anson County for the sludge lagoon and dam repair project and will work towards closing. Interim County Manager Wilkison reminded the Board of the annual Employees Christmas Luncheon, is December 8, from 12-2.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Woodburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Board minutes, Property tax releases/refunds/adjustments, Governing Body amendment, and two Elderly Services amendments, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn requested to meet with the County Attorney on an ethics issue concerning a matter coming before the board in the future.

Closed Session:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, to go into closed session to consult with the attorney pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3). Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Baucom shared with the Board a resolution concerning a bypass on Hwy 74, to complete a link between Charlotte and Wilmington. Commissioner Sims stated that Hwy 74 is the most traveled Hwy in the state, but a bypass will harm Wadesboro. Commissioner Woodburn feels that NCDOT should appear before the Board concerning this matter, and noted that the issue was discussed at a RPO meeting and the representative said right now, where they are in the study, it is impossible to determine a route.

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to recess until December 8, 2017, 12:00 pm at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board