

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 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
Jim Sims
Jarvis Woodburn

Commissioners absent: Harold Smith

Staff members present: Rita James, Interim County Manager
Denise Cannon, Clerk to the Board
Larry Newton, Tax Assessor
Cary Garner, Finance Officer

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who are present. Chairman Baucom asked Reverend Tom Kakadelis to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Interim County Manager:

Commissioner Sims moved to appoint Rita James as the Anson County Interim County Manager, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Commissioner Sims made a motion to open the voluntary public hearing for the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Boothby appeared before the Board and voiced his support for the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum.

Terry Helms appeared before the Board and voiced his opposition against the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum.

Dawn Kirkley appeared before the Board and voiced her support for the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum.

Marvin Deese appeared before the Board and voiced his support for the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum.

Joy Hildreth appeared before the Board and voiced her support for the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum.

Steve Adams appeared before the Board to encourage Board members to put the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum on the 2018 General Election Ballot in order to give the citizens a chance to decide.

Commissioner Woodburn moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodburn moved to have the ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum placed under administrative matters as item 6b, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses:

Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant introduced and recognized Miss Shymari Robinson. Miss Robinson is a junior at Anson High School and a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, Rotary, the marching band, and the scholarship recipient of Pee Dee Electric Youth Tour representing Anson County in Washington, DC.

Thuan Pham and Lan-Vu appeared before the Board to request to extend a water line to their Daisy Road property. Ms. Pham feels if her area had water lines, it will grow her business and appeal to economic developers. She claimed Tyson Foods does not contract with houses who do not have such a water source.

Terry and Betty Helms appeared to thank Commissioner Sturdivant for her dedicated service to Anson County. Mr. Helms noted that Commissioner Sturdivant has been presented with the Long Leaf Pine Award. Mr. Helms and wife appeared with their Karaoke Machine and presented a song to Commissioner Sturdivant, the Board, and citizens in attendance.

Chairman Baucom asked for a ten-minute break.

Jesse Campbell informed the Board that he has repaired his water leak. Attorney Forbes offered to assist Mr. Campbell with the procedural processes of the water department. Mr. Campbell stated that he has a bill of \$489; Chairman Baucom stated it could not be waived. Attorney Forbes referred him to contact the proper channels at the water department.

Appearances:

Sheriff Reid, Chief Diggs, and Chief Bowers gave an update on the proposed radio system upgrade. Sheriff Reid explained how they have meet with all the volunteer fire Chiefs, along with Nick Long, and is in the process of getting additional state bids and will have a presentation for the Board in March.

Aimee Colf, Interim County Extension Director, appeared to inform the Board that retired agent Richard Melton would return to fill the vacant agriculture position (part-time). Ms. Colf stated that Mr. Melton will be working about 20 hours a week, and the position is state funded and he will be working approximately three days in Anson and two days in Union.

Cary Garner, Finance Officer explained that the Anson County Animal Shelter is seeking to replace a wrecked vehicle caused by the snowstorm. Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater to purchase a replacement vehicle in the amount of \$18,500, in addition to the insurance proceeds to cover the expenses, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Garner also presented a request by the Board of Elections to replace older voting booths with more efficient models. Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to approve the purchase of replacement voting booths for the Board of Elections for \$18,000, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Larry Newton, Tax Assessor, presented and explained the 2018 Schedule of standards, values and Rules. A comprehensive study of lands, residential sales and commercial/industrial sales; this schedule reflects the results of this study. Mr. Newton noted that it has been a two-year project consisting of visiting all improved properties and analyzing land sales and verifying the information they have in their database. Mr. Newton answered and explained several in depth questions from the Board.

Administrative Matters

Litter on Anson County Roads

Vice-Chair Streater shared his concerns about the litter along the Anson County Roads, noting that Mike Session talked to the prison system about helping clean the roads, only to be told they do not do that anymore in Anson County. The Board further discussed fines and penalties for offenders.

ABC Mixed Beverage Referendum

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to have the ABC Mixed Beverages election referendum on the November 2018 General Election, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Commissioner Sims moved to re-appoint Hugh James and Harold Rodgers to the Anson Landfill Citizens Advisory Board for a term of three years, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Countywide Zoning: No action taken

Taskmasters: Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to approve the additional funding requested by Taskmasters to complete the Emergency Services Center landscaping, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Manager's Report:

Interim County Manager James shared that Carol Anderson asked to temporarily park some cars at the Board of Election, February 13-14, while a roof is being replaced on a nearby apartment complex located at 401 Morven Rd. The Board expressed no issue with this. Interim County Manager James noted that the animal shelter is in need of more cleaning; currently the facility is being cleaned one time a week. The Board instructed Interim County Manager James to prepare a budget amendment to reflect the increase of janitorial services.

Chairman's Report:

No report

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Woodburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: board minutes, property tax releases/refunds/adjustments, wastewater fund balance amendment, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

None

Closed Session:

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go into closed session for Economic Development pursuant North Carolina General Statue 143-318(a)(4) and Personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to hire Rita James full time as Anson County Manager and to make the necessary arrangements to cover the period for her being out of retirement, six to twelve months, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board