

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 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
 Dr. Jim Sims
 Vancine Sturdivant
 Jarvis Woodburn

Commissioners absent: Harold Smith

Staff Members Present: Megan Garner, County Manager

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to Order, welcoming those present. Chairman Baucom recognized Reverend Poe to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Chairman Baucom asked if there were any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. County Manager Garner asked to have items (C) Tax Collector's Report and (D) Budget Expense Report and Fund Balance Update removed from the Consent agenda. Commissioner Streater made a motion to approve the agenda Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Josh Bowers, Burnsville Fire Chief and President of the Anson County Chief's Association appeared to ask for an increase in the fire tax rate to assist in purchasing of state required equipment and to cover every day rising operating costs. Chairman Baucom noted the Board will take this request under consideration for the new upcoming budget year.

Public Addresses to the Board

Brian Johnson appeared to inform the Commissioners of a presentation on Saturday at the Anson County Library Theater from 12 until 2, on the proposed Anson Charter School and property, and proposed Monroe Charter School. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Johnson

Old Business:

Interlocal Agreements for Utilities

Chairman Baucom noted how critical it is for a Board Members to attend the hearing regarding the Union County proposed water system in Charlotte on January 11. Chairman Baucom asked Scott Forbes to attend. Chairman Baucom asked County Manager Garner to contact Mike Sessions and request that he also attend the hearing. All Board Members were in agreement of sending Scott Forbes as a representative for Anson County.

Countywide Zoning

No new updates to report

County Website

Randy Gulledge, Anson County IT Department, noted he had several departments adding new content, requesting log-ins and a few requests for one on ones. Mr. Gulledge cited that they were finally making progress.

Manager's Report:

County Manager Garner passed out Legislative Goals for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, informing the Board of a conference scheduled in Wake County on January 12-13. County Manager Garner noted that the Department of Social Services processed approximately 100 LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) applications;

92 were approved, 8 denied (5 over income-3 no more funds available). County Manager Garner presented a report from Solutions for Local Government from last year, with a consolidated Human Services, building including DSS, Health, and possibly Grace Senior Center. Their recommendation is to put DSS and Health together long term, and Council on Aging at a nearby location, but not connected. No sites named, only estimated costs. The Board would have to decide on location sites. On January 17, a North Carolina DSS Representative will meet to explain future funding opportunities and reimbursement. A handout was made available to the Board. County Manager Garner reminded the Board that Emergency Management will be watching for potential wintry mix for the weekend and everyone will be updated.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Baucom noted the large number of retirements from Anson County which include: Betty Baucom – Health Department, Bonnie Huntley – Clerk to the Board, Rita James - Data Processing, Donnie Lewis – Library, and Buddy Waddell – Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chairman Baucom wished all the retirees a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made to approve consent agenda by Commissioner Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Motion made by Commissioner Sturdivant to appoint Commissioner Woodburn to be the Centralina COG Delegate, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Streater to appoint Commissioner Sturdivant as Centralina COG Alternate, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner's Concern:

Commissioner Sims was concerned about the volume of trash by the roadside as he traveled around the county during the Christmas Holiday. County Attorney Forbes will be looking into the matter, to see what can be put in place.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Commissioner Sikes to recess until Monday January 9, 2017 at 11:00 am, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board