

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 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  
Jim Sims  
\*Jarvis Woodburn

Commissioners absent: Harold Smith

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

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who are present. Chairman Baucom asked Pastor Terry A. Little to deliver the **Invocation**.

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

Chairman Baucom added a closed session and Commissioner Woodburn asked to add a commissioners' concern to the agenda. Vice-Chair Streater moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the closed session and commissioner concerns added to the agenda. Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Appearances:**

**Tiffany Ariel**, USDA (FSA) addressed the Board to explain the importance and processes of County committees, election and members. Ms. Ariel explained the availability of relief funds for disasters and adversities.

**Randy Gullede**, discussed and gave an update on the 911 systems, including the status of the new County backup 911 and items necessary to improve resilience of the current operations and facilities.

**Stuart Hill**, of Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Allen & Co, P.A. presented the 2016 Anson County audit, acknowledging that all financial statements DO fairly and accurately reflect the financial transaction of the County.

\*Commissioner Woodburn asked to be excused from the meeting.

### **Public Addresses:**

**Terry Helms** discussed the lack of jobs in Anson County, and suggested that the Sheriff's Office consider patrolling in zones. Sheriff Reid replied that the Anson County Sheriff's Office currently uses zoning tactics to patrol Anson County.

### **Administrative Matters:**

**Cary Garner, Finance Officer**, discussed moving forward with the County's new software integration, citing that finance would be the first suite, followed by the additional suites. Commissioner Sikes expressed his concern about the AS 400, and asked Randy Gullede for clarification. Tax Assessor Larry Newton shared his concerns with acquiring the new software, focusing on the impact it would have with the CAMA (Computer Assist Mass Appraisals) system.

\*Commissioner Woodburn returned to the meeting

Vice-Chair Streater made a motion to approve to award the contract to Edmunds and Associates in the amount not to exceed \$118,425 for new countywide software. Motion carried 5-1, to approve.

Commissioners Woodburn, Sims, Sturdivant, Streater and Baucom voted for; Commissioners Sikes voted against.

**Voting Delegate:** Vice-Chair Streater made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant to appoint Commissioner Woodburn as voting delegate for Anson County at the NCACC annual conference. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business:**

**Countywide Zoning:** Larry Newton, Tax Assessor addressed the Board to discuss the 2021 comprehensive plan, which has been previously adopted by Board, however the 2009 addendum portion to the 2021 comprehensive plan was not adopted and the dates within that plan have expired. Mr. Newton explained that he would prepare for the Board a map applying this plan for further planning and discussion.

Gordon Jackson and Linda Knotts shared their concerns about commercial zoning issues surrounding the building of a fertilizer processing plant on Stanback Ferry/Iceplant Rd. Chairman Baucom advised that the Board will keep an eye on the status of this plant. Commissioner Sims requested Attorney Forbes research this issue and the Board's authority to control its building.

## **Manager's Report:**

County Manager Garner stated that she attended the first building facilities committee meeting and a RFQ (Request for Qualifications) has been drafted in order to select an architect for the new DSS building. County Manager Garner also shared with the Board that employees will be required to punch in/out with the new time keeping system, starting with the new pay period, beginning July 16.

## **Chairman's Report:**

Chairman Baucom deferred her item to closed session.

## **Consent Agenda:**

Vice-Chair Streater moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Board Minutes, Tax Settlement, Tax Releases and Refunds and Tax Collector's Report and Charge to Collect, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

## **Appointments:**

Lewis Evans gave a brief update on TDA, pointing out the beautiful banners just recently placed throughout town. Mr. Evans shared with the Board that two billboards will be installed on the east and west-end of the county. Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to appoint Lonnie Baucom to the

Anson County Tourism Development Authority Board, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion passed unanimously. Chairman Baucom abstained.

Commissioner Sims made a motion to appoint Marilyn Allison to the Board of Trustees with the Sandhills Regional Library System, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to re-appoint the current members: Dolly Harrington, Lee Caple, Joyce Little, Bonnie Huntley, and Cynthia Little to the Wadesboro Planning and adjustment (ETJ) Board, seconded by Commissioner Sims. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Commissioner Concerns:**

Commissioner Woodburn stated that the residents living on Ridge Path Rd. are requesting to get county water. Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to add Ridge Path Rd. residents to the water line priority list, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant publically thanked Commissioner Sims, Commissioner Woodburn, and Vice-Chair Streater for their donations to Faith-Based Center of Hope.

\*Chairman Baucom called for a meeting break.

### **Closed Session:**

Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, to go into closed session for Personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to recess until Wednesday July 12, at 1:00 pm, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon  
Clerk to the Board