

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 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
Vancine Sturdivant
Dr. Jim Sims
Jarvis Woodburn
Bobby Sikes

Commissioners absent: Harold Smith

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

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who are present. Chairman Baucom asked Reverend J. Van Clyburn to deliver the **Invocation**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Commissioner Sims moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Public Addresses:

Todd Moore appeared before the Board to invite Board members and the audience to a “Meet the Candidate” event at Wadesboro Park July 21, 12-2 pm.

Appearances:

Scott Rowell, ACTS Director, appeared before the Board to give an update on the ACTS Administration facility. Mr. Rowell informed the Board of the paperwork involved with the application process of the 2018 USDOT Build Grant, with a projected local funds portion of 20% or \$268,400.

Chris Joffson, IT Manager, presented the airport fencing project grant to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Joffson stated this is a 100% funded grant that will be used to cover the first phase of the security fencing installation at the Anson County Airport. Ms. Joffson noted he is working with Michael Baker Engineering on this project and the process is going well. Commissioner Sims made a motion to approve accepting a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the amount of \$369,259 to cover the cost of the fencing project at the airport, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott Collier, SPCC, presented the Board a brief overview of options for customer service training programs available through the community college. Mr. Collier shared he will coordinate with the Clerk on available training options and report back.

Appointments:

Commissioner Sims made a moved to approve Commissioner Woodburn as the Board's voting delegate at the 2018 NCACC annual conference and seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to approve the appointments for Region F Aging Advisory Committee as follows: Thomasina Spencer – Alternate (1-year term) beginning, July 1, 2018 – ending, June 30, 2019, Joanne Clark – Delegate (2-year term) beginning, July 1, 2018 – ending, Jun 30, 2020, and Pat Adams – Delegate (2-year term) beginning, July 1, 2018 – ending, June 30, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to re-appoint Carl Griffin to the Anson County Farm Service Agency County Committee, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to re-appoint Todd Moore, district 4 and Pearl Blount, district 7, to the Anson Agricultural Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Sikes. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Report:

County Manager James informed the Board that the process of moving The Juvenile Justice from the basement of the law enforcement building is still active. The Clerk explained to the Board that a lease agreement has been negotiated with South Piedmont Community College, with detailed monthly rent and other miscellaneous requirements, have been sent to the County Manager's Office. The Clerk also shared with the Board County Attorney Forbes has reviewed the lease agreement and everything looks to be in order as to form. The Clerk continued to say that the expected date to move in is within 30-60 days. Commissioner Sturdivant moved to enter into a lease agreement with SPCC for office space, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Baucom shared her concerns about the traffic on Hwy 74. Chairman Baucom shared she would like the Board to consider forming a task force to deal with public school facilities, having reports from the Superintendent about the condition some of their buildings are in. Chairman Baucom feels contacting the senators and representatives would be proactive to get funds to help address these issues with the school buildings. Chairman Baucom shared the 2018 NCACC Conference will be August 22-25, in Hickory, NC, with several Commissioners agreeing to attend. Chairman Baucom announced that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an oyster roast fundraiser on September 29, 2018.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Sims move to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Board minutes, tax releases/refunds/adjustments, surplus items, tax collector report and charge to collect, and tax settlement, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Concerns:

Commissioner Sturdivant stated the Board needs clarity on the Anson County policy regarding Department Heads residing outside of the county. The Board discussed allowing existing Department Heads' location and moving forward with future Department Heads living within the County. The Board, by consensus, agreed the County Manager needs to reside in Anson County. The Board decided to table this subject to the August meeting.

Vice-Chair Streater shared that the County should consider having a summer luncheon for all county employees. Vice-Chair Streater suggested that the Clerk be in charge of coordinating and planning the event.

Closed Session:

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

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

In regular session, Chairman Baucom asked Mr. Gatewood how many offices would be in the new DSS building; Mr. Gatewood replied 65 in total, with 53 current employees, noting that this building and the sizing of the new DSS building should accommodate 65 to 67 employees.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sims to go back into closed session, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater to set a tax collection goal at 95%, with quarterly reviews for progress. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice-Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant to re-appoint Joe Dutton as Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn to re-appoint Larry Newton as Tax Assessor for a two-year term, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice-Chair Streater to make Commissioner Sturdivant Interim Director of Council on Aging, seconded by Commissioner Sikes. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sikes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board