

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 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
*Harold Smith

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

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who are present. Chairman Baucom asked Pastor Steve Adams to deliver the **Invocation**.

*Commissioner Woodburn joined the meeting

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Chairman Baucom asked for any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. County Manager Garner asked to have the tax refunds added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Sims moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the tax refunds added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Woodburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Recommended Budget, Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom opened the floor for comments from the public.

(There were no public comments)

Commissioner Streater moved for the public hearing to close, Commissioner Woodburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Appearances:

Sheriff Landric Reid, recognized and presented Deputies David Spencer and Darius Ellison, with certificates/plaques of achievement for their outstanding work performance in the line of duty wherein they apprehended a fleeing robbery suspect, professionally detained him and protected the community from further harm.

*Commissioner Smith joined the meeting

Terry Helms, discussed the lack of jobs in Anson County, and shared his concern with the tax collection process. Mr. Helms is retired and expressed interest in employment with Anson County's tax department.

Roshunda Terry and Miss Katie Edwards, Roshunda Terry introduced Miss Katie Edwards to the Board. Miss Edwards is a county and district presentation winner and a state presentation participant. She will be the county representative for the NC Association of County Commissioners Youth Voice! August 11-12, 2017 in Durham County.

Chuck Horne, stated that John Marek has been doing a great job for the past seven months on economic development projects. Mr. Horne made a request for \$20,000 of the sales tax on labor that has been designated for economic development. Mr. Horne explained funds will be used as originally intended, which is to offset additional expenses such as rent, travel, personnel, supplies, etc. Commissioner Sims made motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, shared a slide presentation about the 5210 program, highlighting the event in which Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton visited Anson High School. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that children will always be her legacy. Commissioner Sturdivant thanked Superintendent Freeman for putting the 5210 event together for the children of Anson County.

Public Addresses:

Janet Dyson, expressed her concern about animals being euthanized. Ms. Dyson asked the Board for an ordinance regulating animal control.

Administrative Matters:

Mike Sessions, Utility Director, requested that the Board increase water/wastewater rates to 8.33% percent, noting that operational costs have increased. Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to increase the Anson County water/wastewater rates by 8.33% percent, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, Motion carried unanimously.

Beth Dunn, HR Manager, requested that the Board approve changes to the Anson County personnel ordinance to reflect terms of the NC State Health Plan. She proposed updating section 1 to reflect the State Health Plan and remove verbiage on dental insurance, as the County presently does not pay for dental; and updating section 10 to remove the policy concerning coverage for spouses of deceased Retirees. Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to change the Anson County Personnel Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

Cary Garner, Finance Officer, stated that Requests for Proposals (RFPs) were sent out regarding the County Audit. Only one response was received, from Belinda Johnson CPA, with a bid of \$53,500 for the first year, with the second and third year being the same, noting that it is the Board's discretion to renew from year to year. Mr. Garner recommended awarding the contract to Belinda Johnson CPA for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Commissioner Woodburn made the motion to award the audit contract to Belinda Johnson,

CPA, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Garner also presented the Sandhills Center Quarterly Report.

Old Business:

Countywide Zoning

Chairman asked for this item to be held for further study – No action taken.

*Chairman Baucom asked for a break

*Commissioner Smith exited the meeting.

Manager's Report:

County Manager Garner stated that the Town of Polkton increased their property tax rate by two cents. County Manager Garner shared that the Union County's inter-basin water transfer permit was approved by the State. County Manager Garner reported that regarding tax evaluation, the State exempts 80% for solar farms allowing the County to bill for 20% of said property value, on a depreciated basis. County Manager Garner informed the Board the County had completed three test payrolls with the new system and will be going live on Friday.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Baucom asked the Board to set a time and date to review County Manager applications. County Manager Garner reminded the Board that a date is also needed to approve the budget ordinance. After further discussion the Board set a date of June 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Sims moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to re-appoint Jason Kiker from District 6 (Woodburn) and Robbie Harrington from District 2 (Sturdivant) to the Anson Agricultural Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Woodburn made a motion to appoint Lee Ainsworth as New Board of Health member in the Engineer position, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to appoint Joanne Clark – Alternate (1-year term) beginning, July 1, 2017 – ending, June 30, 2018, and Angela DePietro – Delegate (2-year term) beginning, July 1, 2017 – ending, Jun 30, 2019 to the Region F Aging Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to phase in a 2 cent increase for the fire district taxes for each department with the exception of Wadesboro. After three years, this would bring all departments to 9.6 cents per \$100 tax valuation, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

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

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

In regular session, Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to recess until Monday June 19, at 6:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board