

**THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 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  
Jarvis Woodburn  
\*Jim Sims  
\*Harold Smith

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

Other: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the meeting to **Order**, welcoming all who are present. Chairman Baucom asked if any ministers are present. Deacon Melvin Davis delivered the **Invocation**.

### **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 Releases and Refunds, three budget amendments, and Michael Baker Engineering Agreement added to the Consent agenda, and to delete agenda item 9e. Commissioner Streater moved to approve the agenda with the additions and deletion. Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing:**

Commissioner Sikes made a motion to open the public hearing, Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously. Tax Assessor/Planning Larry Newton requested a motion to approve changing parcel 649100649165, US Hwy. 52 South, Morven, NC, across from Morven Truck Stop, from Light Industrial to R-20 Residential. Evidence showed the change will not change substantially the intended purpose of the area nor devalue surrounding property. Mr. Newton shared that the planning board recommends to approve the change. Commissioner Streater moved for the public hearing to close, Commissioner Woodburn seconded, motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Streater made a motion that the property be rezoned, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

## **Appearances:**

**Victoria Whitt, CEO of Sandhills Center** presented the Sandhill Center request for county general funding and a program update. Ms. Whitt thanked Commissioner Streater and Ms. Pricilla Little for serving on the Sandhill's Center Board. Ms. Whitt requested fifty-five thousand (\$55,000) dollars, the amount that the county has provided for the last thirteen years, reminding the Board that the funding stays in Anson County to support of the Outpatient Crisis Center on Old Lilesville Rd. in Wadesboro. Ms. Whitt highlighted several programs and training that Sandhills Center has offered. Chairman Baucom thanked Ms. Whitt for all she and they do in Anson County.

\*Commissioner Sims joined the meeting

**Scott Rowell, Anson County ACTS**, presented the Title VI Program Plan for the Board's approval. Commissioner Sims moved to approve ACTS Title VI Plan, seconded by Commissioner Streater, motion carried unanimously.

**Michael Freeman, Anson County School Superintendent**, appeared before the Board to talk about the 2016/2017 teachers' supplement, present a brief historical budget update on some of the Anson County Schools funds that are being continuously reduced at the State level, and to provide clarification on the 2017 budget request, and supplanting. After hearing an in-depth discussion from Mr. Freeman, along with several Anson County Schools principals, teachers, and other staff members, Commissioner Sims moved to approve the teachers' supplement in the amount of \$209,755, Commissioner Sikes seconded, motion carried 4-2, to approve.

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

\*Chairman Baucom called for a short break.

\*Commissioner Smith joined the meeting

**Dr. Fred Thompson, Anson County Health Department**, presented and discussed the 2017 County Health rankings. Wherein he illustrated comparisons and contrasts of other NC rankings and the contributing factors to those statistics.

### **Public Addresses:**

**Alex Sewell, Wadesboro Town Manager**, informed the Board that the Town of Wadesboro has received a downtown revitalization grant. Commissioner Sturdivant moved to endorse the Wadesboro beautification project, Commissioner Sims seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Jeff Boothby, TDA**, gave a Tourism Development update. Mr. Boothby shared the upcoming May River Paddle Day, May 6<sup>th</sup>, a collaboration between TDA, the Anson County Chamber of Commerce and Anson County Park and Recreation. Chairman Baucom thanked Mr. Boothby.

**Denise Thompson of Lilesville**, appeared to request assistance with an issue she is having with a leaking water line at her residence. Ms. Thompson confessed the leak is on “her side of the meter” and her bill is over \$1000.00 per month. Ms. Thompson shared that she has called several plumbers and the Anson County Water Department to review the problem. Anson County Water Department has assisted with her water bill and will put her name on the water line priority list. The Commissioners expressed concern, but noted that she needs to remedy it at her expense. Commissioner Sturdivant feels Ms. Thompson’s situation is an emergency and moved to put Ms. Thompson’s name at the top of the list. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith, motion carried unanimously.

### **County Manager’s Report:**

County Manager Garner advised the Board that the County is moving forward with Paylocity (payroll system). County Manager Garner noted the hospital property has been deeded over to the County and County Attorney Forbes is working with the hospital to get the parking lot, and the property bordering the Board of Elections building, deeded as well. County Manager Garner shared that the County is finalizing the architectural agreement for the Agri-Civic Center with HH Architecture. County Manager Garner noted that she has been working with Ms. Janine Rywak to work out the scope of the agreement and is currently reviewing the standard AIA agreement. Attorney Forbes will review this agreement before it is signed. County Manager Garner stated that construction admin and closeout has been taken out from the initial portion of the design fee to be added later. County Manager Garner shared that she has submitted her resignation within ninety (90) days. Commissioner Streater moved to begin the recruitment process for the County Manager’s position, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

## **Closed Session:**

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

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

In regular session, Commissioner Sturdivant moved to forgive the tax interest of Johnsie Jones Heirs, as information was presented that the interest is a mistake. Commissioner Smith abstained. The motion seconded by Commissioner Streater, carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sims made a motion to go back into closed session, Commissioner Woodburn seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

In regular session, a motion by Commissioner Streater that Veterans Services be placed back under the direct supervision of the County Manager at the beginning of the 2017-2018 budget year, was seconded by Commissioner Sims, and carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Streater to recess until Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 6:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon  
Clerk to the Board