

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for a Special Meeting on Monday, November 11, 2013 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the board room, Suite 209 of the Anson County Government Center.

Commissioners present: Anna H. Baucom, Chair
Ross Streater, Vice Chair
Bobby Sikes
Dr. Jim Sims
Jarvis Woodburn

Staff members present: Lawrence R. Gatewood, County Manager
Bonnie M. Huntley, CMC, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board

Others present: Scott Forbes, County Attorney

Chairman Baucom called the Special Meeting to Order, noting the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a personnel issue. Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to go into closed session for personnel pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to come out of closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

In regular session, motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to retroactively approve the lease for Economic Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, that the Economic Development person report to the County Manager and make sure she knows her correct title. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Gatewood felt it would be kind for the board to send Ms. Beck a strong voice of support for the job she is doing and the job she has done over the last thirty some years. Motion by Vice Chair Streater, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to send the voice of support. Chairman Baucom asked the County Manager to draft something with County Manager Gatewood saying it was discussed and voted on and he would communicate that to her. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Baucom voiced that Mary was a work-a-holic and if GrowGreen goes in the ground and gets here it will change the whole nature. Chairman Baucom shared that she was on the computer looking for a restaurant somewhere else and Wadesboro

caught her eye and the site called Wadesboro the arm pit of North Carolina. Chairman Baucom noted the writer was from Union County and she is sick of seeing this kind of thing and wondered unless you've lived somewhere else can you really appreciate what we have here. Chairman Baucom feels if we can get jobs in here, increase people's income levels and get some of the children out of poverty this place will be like a mecca. Vice Chair Streater asked the number of new jobs created by the prison with Commissioner Sims commenting that the last time he checked Ansonians only have 37% of the job. Commissioner Sims stated that he asked why and was told we did not have enough people that could pass the test so his next thing was to say let's have the college set up a course to assist. County Manager Gatewood stated that he was not surprised as these are regional employers with well-paying jobs and good benefits and they will draw from neighboring counties and beyond. Commissioner Sims felt since we had the bad guys we should get most of the jobs and there should be something we could do to help people pass the test.

Commissioner Woodburn stated that based on what he has seen about the GIS system, he feels we need, by acclamation, to have the County Manager put together a plan to take care of that. Commissioner Woodburn then offered to make this as a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Sikes. Chairman Baucom stated that we want an action plan for fixing the thing. Commissioner Woodburn felt there needed to be some training and we need to make sure internally people can work with it. Chairman Baucom added internally and externally. Commissioner Woodburn felt internal should be first and they could help with the external. County Manager Gatewood doesn't know if most of these people have given up on the system or not or if they've learned how to use it but he has seen the number of complaints go down. County Manager Gatewood added that we should have a goal of zero complaints. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Vice Chair Streater, to adjourn. Commissioner Sikes stated that he would love for Larry to get with Randy and show him what is not working, what they need and what they can't do and have the County Manager and Ms. James there with them. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie M. Huntley, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Meeting time: 1 hour 10 min.