

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 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
Vancine Sturdivant
Jim Sims
Bobby Sikes
Jarvis Woodburn

Commissioners absent: Harold Smith

Staff members present: Andrew Wilkison, Interim 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 were present. Chairman Baucom read a passage called: **We Meet to Serve**.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Chairman Baucom added property tax releases/refunds/adjustments, an appearance by Finance Officer Cary Garner, and a closed session. Commissioner Sims moved to approve the agenda with the additions, Commissioner Sikes seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing (Anson County Landfill Ordinance):

Motion by Commissioner Sikes, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn to open the public hearing for Anson County Landfill Ordinance, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Fadul, Division Vice-president of Waste Connections asked the Board to consider changing the tonnage cap from three thousand (3,000) tons a day to six thousand (6,000) tons per day. Commissioner Sims asked why are they expanding so quickly and stated that he noticed that the company came before the Board in 2016 for expansion. Mr. Fadul noted that the business is growing and is not taking waste from anywhere other than the immediate market. Mr. Fadul advised the Board that in 2009, the daily tonnage cap was approximately six to seven hundred tons per day with a host fee revenues to the County of \$104,662. The first quarter of 2017, the host fee revenues to the county was a little over \$500,000, so the business is continually growing. Mr. Fadul told the Board that the company is asking for an increase of the initial footprint from 133 acres to 210 acres, representing 18% of the total land owned. Mr. Fadul advised the Board that the total footprint is 991 acres with +/- 300 acres adjacent, and his company is asking to use only 18% of the total available area. Commissioner Sikes asked about accepting coal ash, with Mr. Fadul answering the only way they can accept coal ash is if the Boards approves it. County Attorney Forbes asked about the impact it would have to the surrounding areas; Mr. Fadul answered none. County Attorney Forbes asked about the buffer zone, with Mr. Fadul answering a few hundred acres in different directions. Mr. Fadul noted that the company is simply asking to continue to grow, as the market requires. Mr. Fadul informed the Board if this request is not approved then it will be about ten (10) years left at the current volume of (3000) tons per day. With approval of the additional acreage, it could be over twenty years, even at the projected (6,000) tons per day. Mr. Fadul noted that the land would last well over a hundred years if the Commissioners continue to grant expansions. Commissioner Sturdivant asked about the dangers of what is coming into the landfill and shared her concern about endangering the health of citizens in that area. Mr. Fadul stated absolutely not, there will be nothing taken that they are not legally permitted to take and based on the host agreement. Commissioner Sturdivant shared that the county can use the revenue, but safety of the citizens is priority. County Attorney Forbes noted that this request does not change anything except for the amount that they can bring in daily. Chairman Baucom shared that an increase in tonnage means an increase in host fees, Mr.

Fadul agreed. Chairman Baucom asked for a committee to look further into this matter and negotiate per ton pricing. Chairman Baucom asked Commissioners Sturdivant, Commissioner Woodburn, and Commissioner Sikes to serve on this committee. Mr. Fadul informed the Board that approving the tonnage request of six-thousand (6,000) tons a day would increase revenue yield approximately two million, thirty five thousand, two hundred dollars (\$2,035,200.00) annually for the County. Mr. Fadul warned that increasing the host fees would likely lower the projected income by lowering demand for their services.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes to close the public hearing for Anson County Landfill Ordinance, motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing (Anson County Landfill Fifth Supplemental Agreement):

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes to open the public hearing for Anson County Landfill Fifth Supplemental Agreement motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Fadul, Division Vice-president of Waste Connections is requesting to increase from 133 acres to 210 acres.

Commissioner Sims asked about the previous supplemental agreements, with Mr. Fadul stating not all agreements dealt with increasing the tonnage cap. Commissioner Sikes asked County Attorney Forbes if A and B items affect each other if voted upon tonight. County Attorney Forbes advised the Board that both items coincide with each other, and will affect each other. Commissioner Woodburn recommended that the Board continue with the negotiations previously talked about, once completed then vote on both items at the same time.

Motion by Commissioner Woodburn, seconded by Commissioner Sikes to close the public hearing for Anson County Landfill Fifth Supplemental Agreement, motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners did not vote on this matter.

Public Addresses:

Jimmy and Dawn Faires, owners of Farmhouse Restaurant, Ansonville, addressed the Board to request that the Board vote for an ABC/Mixed Beverage ordinance or vote to put an ABC/Mixed Beverage referendum on the ballot. Board members discussed this issue and requested that County Attorney Forbes research this issue of whether the Commissioners have the legal authority to enact such ordinances without a voter referendum.

Appearances:

Cary Garner, Finance Officer, addressed the Board with a request to approve the financing of five (5) Sheriff's Office vehicles through Uwharrie Bank for \$168,752, with an interest rate of 1.99% at the term of three years, with the first annual payment being due in one year. Vice-Chair Streater move to approve, Commissioner Sturdivant seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Office Garner identified several areas of expenditures associated with the Anson County Animal Shelter, per state compliance and county practices, it is requested that additional funding of \$25,675 go to the animal shelter. Commissioner Sims moved to approve a budget amendment for the Anson County Animal Shelter, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Bill Roark, McGill Associates, presented the bid results for the Anson County Sludge Lagoon and Dam Repair Project. Commissioner Sims moved to approve to tentatively award the Anson County Sludge Lagoon and Dam Repair Project to Anson Contractors, pending concurrence of Department of water infrastructure, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater. Motion carried unanimously.

Victor Cureton addressed the Board about his cleanup efforts for the gravesite of Reverend Adam M. Barrett, which is located in the Pee Dee community. He shared with the Board he is doing this act in honor of his mother. The Board expressed their appreciation for his work.

J.D. Bricken, Wildlife Refuge Manager, addressed the Board for a presentation on various programs and services offered through Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge and invited Board members for a tour of their facility and refuge.

James Cromartie, Enterprise Fleet Management, gave a presentation to the Board proposing expanding their fleet management business to Anson County. Mr. Cromartie feels this will save Anson County money, and improve maintenance costs. Mr. Cromartie shared that Enterprise Fleet Management is an alternate way to fund and manage vehicles, in order to reduce overall fleet budget.

*Chairman Baucom asked for a 10-minute break.

Christine Valcourt, GreenGo Energy, re-appeared before the Board concerning the easement agreements previously discussed during the September Board meeting. Ms. Valcourt informed the Board that GreenGo and County Manager Wilkison has been corresponding with each other to revise the language in the agreements according to the Commissioners concerns and modifications. Commissioner Woodburn moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters:

2017 Veterans Day Resolution

Motion by Vice-Chair Streater to approve the 2017 Veterans Day Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn. Motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Contract

Commissioner Sims made a motion to approve the 2018 County Attorney contract, between Mr. Scott Forbes and County of Anson, seconded by Commissioner Sikes, motion carried unanimously

EMS Building Landscaping

Wendell Small, Parks and Recreation, addressed the Board and presented three landscaping proposals for the Boards consideration for the EMS/911 building, located on Country Club Road. Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to select Taskmaster's proposal for \$7,160.51, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

New DSS Building Update

Lula Jackson, DSS Director, addressed the Board to review and update the Board on the timeline and current developments concerning the new Department of Social Services building. Ms. Jackson informed the Board that a project team was formed in July, and members are Cheryl Lee Boone, Kishia Dunlap, Mary Kendall, Pricilla Little, Beth Rodgers, Jeff Waisner, Cary Garner, Randy Gullledge, Andy Wilkison, Pamela Graham, Lawrence Gatewood, and herself. Ms. Jackson said this project team created a 2020 vision, and in August issued a request for qualifications to establish a pool of qualified architectural firms. Five Firms submitted a written statement of qualifications, the three top ranked firms, ADW Architects, Moseley Architects, and Stogner Architects were subsequently invited to make oral presentations to the project team in October 2017. Ms. Jackson stated that based on the overall rating scores the project team is recommending Moseley Architects to assist the County with design and engineering services for the new Anson County DSS building. Commissioner Sims made a motion to approve the recommendation of Moseley Architects to assist the County with design and engineering services for the new Anson County DSS building, also authorizing Ms. Jackson and Mr. Gatewood to negotiate a contract with Moseley, not to exceed the \$350,000 approved budget for design and engineering services for the new DSS building, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Boothby, a citizen in the audience, questioned whether the planning committee had explored using some existing building/s to save the taxpayers money.

Fred Thompson, Anson County Health Director, deferred his item to the December Board meeting.

Appointments:

Lewis Evans, Tourism Development Advisory Board, addressed the Board on several updates associated with the TDA, to increase tourism and promote economic development. Mr. Evans noted the banners on Wade and Greene Street provided through business owners and individuals. Mr. Evans said there will be two billboards on the 74 corridors, billboards on the east side will be located close to the Old Store, Lilesville and the Billboard located on the west side, just before Allen's restaurant, Peachland. Mr. Evans requested that he Board consider Mr. Steve Lear as a member of the Tourism Development Board.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to appoint Mr. Steve Lear as a Board member of the TDA as a representative from the Anson County Arts Council, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Countywide Zoning:

No action taken

Manager's Report:

Interim County Manager Wilkison reminded the Board that a date needs to be set for the review of county manager applications and to revisit the schematic design for the Agri-Civic Center. County Manager Wilkison mentioned that the Department of Transportation would like the County to enact a resolution to remove the last 152 ft. of Boat Landing Road. County Manager Wilkison shared that he will be attending the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization, - technical coordinating committee meeting.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Baucom shared with the Board her concerns and issues with the Library maintenance and upkeep. Chairman Baucom noted that there are several issues that need to be addressed, a systematic plan need to be developed addressing, and correcting these issues. Chairman Baucom mentioned branch libraries around the County. Chairman Baucom noted the 2020 Census, County manager Wilkison said the he and other staff meet with the statewide coordinator, and she recommends that the county designate a local promoter, to get an accurate and complete count in Anson County.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Woodburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Board minutes, 2018-holiday schedule, surplus items, and tax releases, refunds, adjustments, seconded by Commissioner Sims, motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Concerns:

Commissioner Sikes asked for an update on the airport. County Manager Wilkison discussed with the Board staffing options: keep the airport as is, have a full time airport manager, add another part time person, or contract. County manager said it may be other alternatives available for the Board to consider, and suggested this item be further discussed when the Board meets to review County Manager applications.

Commissioner Sturdivant shared with the Board that she had a great time at the installation ceremony of South Piedmont Community College President, Dr. Maria Pharr. Commissioner Sturdivant feels that the community college is an outstanding asset for Anson County.

Closed Session:

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

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

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to recess until November 13, 2017, 6:00 pm seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board