

THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS convened for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018 beginning at 6:00 P.M. Anson County Cooperative Extension Office, 501 McLaurin Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Commissioners present:	Anna Baucom, Chair Ross Streater, Vice Chair Vancine Sturdivant Dr. Jim Sims Jarvis Woodburn Bobby Sikes
Commissioner absent:	Harold Smith
Staff members present:	Rita James, 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 are present. Chairman Baucom asked Elder Ted Ward to deliver the **Invocation**. Mr. Ward then presented a detailed outline of ceremony and activities for the annual Veterans Day recognition in Anson County.

Commissioner Sturdivant made a motion to form a committee, including Mr. Ward to produce a “Plaque of Recognition” for the Anson County veterans, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Agenda by Commissioners:

Commissioner Sims moved to approve the agenda, with the additions of item B.1 real property tax releases, item E.1 2nd budget amendment for Anson County Schools Capital Reserve Fund, item J budget amendment for Elderly Services, and item K approval of Uwharrie Bank financing to purchase an additional ambulance, to agenda item number 7, consent agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Streater, motion carried unanimously.

Public hearing:

Commissioner Sikes made a motion to open the public hearing for FY 2020 5310 & 5311 applications, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, motion carried unanimously.

Scott Rowell, ACTS Director, presented the administrative and capital budget for fiscal year 2020. There was no comments from the audience.

After the presentation, Vice-Chair Streater moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Sims, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Sims moved to approve forwarding the FY 2020 5310 & 5311 applications to the Public Transportation Division of NCDOT for presentation to the NC Board of Transportation, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously

Public Addresses:

Rocky Carpenter, Southern Fabricators appeared before the Board. Commissioner Sims stated that Mr. Carpenter is doing a wonderful job and is well respected in the Polkton area. Commissioner Sims shared that Mr. Carpenter through some personal sacrifice became Reverend Carpenter and founded Harmony Community Church, and has been a great inspiration to the community and has led many people to Jesus Christ, and he is truly proud of Rocky Carpenter.

Mr. Carpenter thanked the Board for what they have done for Southern Fabricators. Mr. Carpenter said his dad started the company fifty years ago, and they have the easier part of keeping the dream alive. Mr. Carpenter stated that they have already hired twenty new employees, and is currently doing work for Caterpillar, Kumasi, and other fortune 500 companies. Mr. Carpenter stated that they look at their employees, not as expendable commodities, but to make them better citizens, noting several programs they are working with through the church.

Mr. Carpenter thanked the Board for investing in Southern Fabricators, Inc. and guaranteed the county's money will be used in a worthwhile manner.

Michael Freeman, Anson County Superintendent, along with Senator Tom McInnis, Representative Mark Brody, and several Anson County Schools System personnel appeared to announce that Anson County Schools has been awarded a \$15 million dollar grant from the NC Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund to construct a new middle school. Mr. Freeman thanked the Anson County Board of Education and the Anson County Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Freeman said that he was told that the Anson County grant was one of the best submitted. Mr. Freeman publicly thanked the elected officials in Raleigh, who helped in the process. Mr. Freeman thanked Dr. Sims for his contributions to the Schools System. Senator McInnis stated he worked diligently to get the resources for Anson County Schools. Representative Brody stated that sometimes you have to

be a scrapper in order to get things done and believes that Anson County is fortunate to be able to get those things done.

Dawn Kirkley and Jimmy Faires appeared before the Board to express their disapproval for the 2018 election ballot. Mr. Faires stated the ballot is confusing and only wanted the mixed beverages on the ballot. County Attorney Forbes stated that the resolution reflects what the Board voted.

Jeff Boothby appeared before the Board to express his dissatisfaction for the 2018 election ballot. Mr. Boothby believes the ballot will be too complicated for citizens to understand. Mr. Boothby feels this issue is disappointing and will not pass.

County Attorney Scott Forbes explained that Election Officials in Raleigh wrote the language and determined the ballot protocol. Anson County Commissioners merely provided the resolution stating what the County offered in way of choices.

Appointments:

Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Woodburn, moved to appoint Rebecca Dill, Sandra Bruney, and Susan Woodburn as Trustees to the Anson County Library Board for one term. Motion carried unanimously.

County Manager's Report:

Interim County Manager James informed the Board that the helipad dedication has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Burnsville Fire Department.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Baucom acknowledged and praised Anson County Emergency Management's preparedness and readiness during Hurricane Florence.

Consent Agenda:

Vice-Chair Streater moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Board minutes, property tax refunds/adjustments, Uptown Wadesboro Fall Festival, Pee Dee Lumber Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Budget Amendment - Anson County Schools, Budget Amendment - Purchase of property at Airport, Health Department – MMR Vaccination, Health Department - 340B Drug Medicaid Fees, Health Department – Nexplanon, real property tax releases, budget amendment from Anson County Schools Capital Reserve Fund, budget amendment for Elderly Services, and approval of Uwharrie Bank financing to purchase an additional ambulance, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Concerns:

Commissioner Woodburn shared information and handouts about the Monroe Expressway to all Board and audience members. Commissioner Woodburn stated that the bypass is scheduled to open at the end of November and informed the Board that a representative from NCDOT is available to come and appear before the Board to answer any questions or concerns about the expressway.

Commissioner Woodburn shared an informational handout from Centralina Council of Governments on a study comparing Anson and Stanly counties on growth, economic development, and education.

Closed Session:

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

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

In regular session, Vice-Chair Streater made a motion to recess until November 10, 2018, 9:00 am, seconded by Commissioner Sturdivant, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Denise Cannon
Clerk to the Board