

Dinner & Closed Session (Economic Development and for Consultation with Attorney) - GS 143-318.11(a)(4) and GS 143-318.11(a)(3)

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015 in the County Administration Building Conference Room, 406 County Complex Road, in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, Commissioners Albert D. Kirby Jr., and Clark Wooten. Absent: Commissioner Harry Parker.

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session. The Board first heard an update from County Attorney Joel Starling regarding the Van-Go vs. Sampson County matter. Immediately following, the Board was joined by Economic Developer John Swope who provided an update on the Carolina Cellulosic LLC project. (Company representative Paolo Corolla had been scheduled to attend, but was unavailable due to the birth of a child.)

No action was taken in Closed Session. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session and to recess to reconvene for their regular meeting.

Reconvene for Regular Meeting

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, Commissioners Albert D. Kirby Jr., and Clark Wooten. Absent: Commissioner Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Kirby for the invocation. Vice Chairperson Lee then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

County Manager Ed Causey noted that the Board had gone into Closed Session previously that evening in regards to Tab 6 - GS 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney/Client; therefore the item could be removed as an agenda item. Mr. Causey also recommended that agenda item Tab 2 (b) - Recognition of Miss NC Outstanding Teen be the first item discussed to accommodate the honoree's need to attend another engagement that evening. Mr. Causey also noted that agenda item Tab 2 (c) - Recognition of the Garland Senior Center would be postponed until the August meeting. Upon a motion made by

Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as published with the aforementioned amendments.

Roads

Monthly Report - Keith Eason, NCDOT Assistant District Engineer, informed the Board that he did not have anything to present to the Board. The floor was opened for comments, and none were received.

Item 2: Reports and Presentations - Tab 2 (b)

Mr. Wayne Edwards introduced Ms. Mckenzie Hansley to the Board stating that the reigning Miss Spivey's Corner Outstanding Teen was recently named the 2015 Miss North Carolina Outstanding Teen. The Board recognized and congratulated Ms. Hansley on her accomplishments. The Board also recognized and congratulated Mr. Wayne Edwards for being named Volunteer of the Year at the 2015 Miss North Carolina Pageant.

Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items

ZA-4-15-1 Chairman Lockamy opened the public hearing, and Planning Director Mary Rose presented recommended changes to Section 4.18 C (Screening and Buffering) of the Sampson County Zoning Ordinance, which was previously continued from the June 1, 2015 meeting. Ms. Rose explained that the ordinance addresses Screening and Buffering requirements for new or expanding commercial and industrial districts in the County. Chairman Lockamy asked if the ordinance would affect an agricultural area were it to transition to industrial or commercial. Ms. Rose informed the Board that those types of uses would be covered under "Uses permitted with conditions" or as "Special Use," thus requiring special review from the Planning Board. There being no further questions or comments from the floor, the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve amendment ZA-4-15-1 as proposed:

4.18 Screening and Buffering

C. New or expanding uses in Commercial or Industrial zoning districts and Permitted Uses with Conditions which reference Section 4.18 and other uses that are subject to this provision must provide a vegetative buffer along the property boundary that separates the proposed or expanding nonresidential use and the existing residential use as a means to lessen the impact of nonresidential use on the residential use.

The buffer shall be compact evergreen hedge or other type of evergreen foliage screening at least 15 feet wide, which shall reach the height of at least eight (8) feet within three years, or shall be a combined fence and shrubbery screen, with the shrubbery facing the residential use. It shall be maintained at a minimum of eight (8) feet in height thereafter.

The fence shall be at least 6', but no greater than 8', must be opaque, and made of materials that are normally accepted in the fencing industry.

Earth-berms, other topographical features and existing wooded areas may be accepted in lieu of the above requirements, if they conceal the use from public view.

Item 2: Reports and Presentations (cont.)

Recognition of Retirees Retirees Jessie E. (Jay) Parsons, Jr. and Tenna Autry were presented with plaques in recognition of their years of service with the County.

Recognition of Garland Senior Center as Center of Excellence At the Director's request, the recognition was tabled until the August 3, 2015 meeting.

Item 3: Action Items

Tax Settlement and Charge to Tax Collector Tax Administrator Jim Johnson presented the Board with a settlement of the outstanding balance of all delinquent taxes for FY 2014-2015 at \$1,185,602.87, a difference of \$322,218.59 from FY 2013-2014, which was a settlement of \$1,507,821.46. Mr. Johnson noted an increase in the collection rate due to the change in DMV motor vehicle tax collection system by the State. Mr. Johnson also noted that the tax collection percentage rate for FY 2014-2015 was 96.92%; an increase from FY 2013-2014 which had a percentage rate of 96.14%. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the tax settlement for FY 2014-2015 and to charge Tax Collector with collection of taxes for FY 2015-2016 (Copy of the Tax Collector Charge filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, Page ___).

Approval of Tax Exempt Financing for Taylor's Bridge Fire Department's Fire Station Addition Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to table the item until the August 3, 2015 meeting to allow the department's fire chief to be present to make the request.

Public Hearing- Naming of Private Roads The Chairman opened the hearing and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder. Ms. Holder presented the Board with recommendations of the Road Naming Committee. The floor was opened for public comments, and no comments were received. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Board voted unanimously to name the roads as recommended:

PVT 1417 213 - Shipman Avenue
PVT 1740 2131 - Covington Lane

Designation of Voting Delegate - NCACC Annual Conference (August, 2015)

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to designate County Manager Ed Causey to serve as the County's voting delegate at the 2015 NCACC Annual Conference, August 20-23, 2015. (Copy of NCACC Designation Form filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

Appointments- Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Wooten to fill the newly established commissioners position on the Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Item 4: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Chairman Lockamy, the Board unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the June 1, 2015; June 10, 2015; June 15, 2015; and June 25, 2015 meetings (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____).
- b. Approved the Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan for FY 2015-2016 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- c. Approved the contract with the City of Clinton for FY 2015-2016 planning and zoning services (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)
- d. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6950	Edna Carol Watkins	\$ 106.83
#6935	James Aaron Lee	\$ 246.51
#6959	Roger Clarence Wells	\$ 111.51
#6922	ELC Group LLC	\$ 244.19
#6934	Prestage Farms Inc.	\$ 118.06
#6953	Sarah Ann Doty	\$ 106.29
#6960	Theodore Eugene Best III	\$ 110.74
#6980	Ray Monk	\$ 115.99
#6992	James Earl Carr & Felita Carroll Carr	\$ 106.57
#6977	Kaye Baggett Warrick	\$ 100.04

- f. Approved the following budget amendments:
 - Approved Sampson County Schools budget amendment #13 (Capital Outlay), as submitted. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____, Page ____.)

- Approved Clinton City Schools budget amendments No. 4 (Special Revenue Fund), No. 3 (Capital Outlay), No. 4 (State Public School Fund), No. 4 (Current Expense Fund), and No. 4 (Federal Programs) as submitted. (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book _____, Page _____.)

Item 5: Board Information

The following items were provided to the Board for information only:

- a. NCDOT Correspondence Regarding NC 24/NC 242

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey presented the Board with the projected course of action for finding savings in the budget to accommodate the newly implemented Pay Plan. Mr. Causey noted that there would be a Department Head meeting on July 8, 2015, followed by subsequent meetings to discuss ideas and suggestions. During these meetings the department heads will actively engage in finding ways to save. He welcomed the Board to provide ideas and suggestions. Mr. Causey informed the Board that he expected to have savings prepared to present to the Board in November. Mr. Causey also made the Board aware that he would be developing a management training course, which will be shared with County employees at a later date.

Public Comments

Sheriff Jimmy Thornton commended EMS Director Ronald Bass and his staff for their diligence during two recent events: search and rescue mission of which lasted six (6) days, and the suicide and bomb threat incident on Hwy 701 South on March 12, 2015. He stated that Mr. Bass and his staff were very instrumental in the two cases. Sheriff Thornton then introduced to the Board newly hired employee Mr. Ollen Raynor, who will assume retiree Jay Parson's role as primary security officer during the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meetings.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.