

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert D. Kirby Jr., and Harry Parker and Clark Wooten.

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

Chairman Lockamy recognized Cooperative Extension Director Eileen Coite who introduced her department's new 4-H Program Assistant Elizabeth Roe. The Chairman then recognized Peyton Johnson, a Star Scout with Boy Scout Troop 27, attending in pursuit of his communications badge.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

### **Roads**

NC DOT Assistant District Engineer Keith Eason reported on the success of the recent Litter Sweep campaign. He also reported on the completion of the repaving of Old Raleigh Road to H. B. Lewis Road. Commissioner Parker asked Mr. Eason to look into piping off Hairr Lane, west of Salemburg. Ms. Ann Knowles thanked the Department for the resurfacing of Highway 701 and expressed concerns about the visibility of the lines. Mr. Eason noted that they would be painted and reflective as the project was completed. Mr. Ray Jordan asked if Reedsford Road were scheduled be repaved, and Mr. Eason stated that it was not currently scheduled.

### **Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items**

RZ-10-15-1 Chairman Lockamy called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 1 acre located at 451 Brewington Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. Ms. Rose reviewed the findings of fact. There were no comments presented from the floor, so the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-10-15-1, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the*

*recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-10-15-1 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located in close proximity to existing commercial development.*

RZ-10-15-2 Chairman Lockamy called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 31.62 acres off Clive Jacobs Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to I-Industrial. Ms. Rose reviewed the findings of fact. She provided a memorandum from Economic Developer John Swope discussing the request and the need for industrially zoned properties for economic development purposes, particularly in the Highway 24 corridor. Commissioner Parker asked if there was a future intent to place industry on the property to be rezoned or any specific industry on the property, and Ms. Rose stated that to her knowledge at this time there was no identified prospect for the site. She noted that the property owner, Sherwood Fryar, also owned the adjacent property to the north that was the future Chemtex site. Commissioner Kirby asked staff if this were the site where the anaerobic digester company from Michigan would come, and County Manager Causey stated that the company had looked at a number of rural sites since they could not locate in the industrial park. Commissioner Kirby stated that it would be hard for him to vote for the rezoning until he knew if there was a plan to put the digester on the site, as his constituents had raised concerns. He noted that the City had vociferously opposed the siting of the plant in the industrial park, where most of the inhabitants were white. He stated that the thinking of a lot of people in his district was that they would wait about a year and find a black area to put it in. He stated that while he was sure that neither Mr. Swope nor Mr. Causey would do that, the appearance was there for some. He noted that he had visited Michigan and saw the plants and had felt good about them, but some considered this as environmental racism. Chairman Lockamy asked if all the adjoining property owners had been notified, and Ms. Rose stated that they had. She stated that a Joanne Mitchell had contacted her, more hopeful that her property might also be sought out also for industrial development. She stated that she had received no other calls, and no one had showed up at the Planning Board meeting regarding this request. There were no other comments, and the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted 3-2 (with Commissioners Parker and Kirby voting nay) to approve rezoning request RZ-10-15-2, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-10-15-2 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located in close proximity to existing industrial zoning.*

RZ-10-15-3 Chairman Lockamy called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 20.09 acres along Clive Jacobs Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to I-Industrial. Ms. Rose reviewed the findings of fact. She reported that that a family member of an adjacent property owner, Irene Pitts, had come to the Planning office and reviewed the map and

rezoning request, but did not state any opposition and did not attend the Planning Board hearing. Commissioner Parker clarified that this property was adjacent to the previously discussed property. There were no other comments presented from the floor, so the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Lockamy, the Board voted 3-2 (with Commissioners Parker and Kirby voting nay) to approve rezoning request RZ-10-15-3, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-10-15-3 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located in close proximity to existing industrial zoning.*

Adoption of Comprehensive Transportation Plan Chairman Lockamy recognized Ms. Mary Rose, who introduced NCDOT staff Suzette Morales and Scott Ralston. Ms. Morales reviewed the maps developed as the County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution evidencing their adoption of the portion of the Sampson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan dated August 27, 2015 that falls within their planning jurisdiction and their endorsement of the remainder of the plan. (Copy of resolution filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

## **Item 2: Action Items**

Acceptance of Offer to Purchase Parcel of Land (Parcel No. 18098508001, Earnest Tann Lane, Turkey) Finance Officer David Clack reported that his office had received one qualifying bid of \$4,700 for the parcel of land surplus by the Board at their previous meeting. He stated that the bid had been duly advertised pursuant to the upset bid process, and no other bids were received. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution accepting the offer by Tonia Faison to purchase the parcel for the amount of \$4,700. (Copy of resolution filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

Presentation of Budget Reduction Proposals County Manager Ed Causey noted that he had invited and encouraged all department heads to attend the meeting so that they would be familiar with the process. He reminded the Board that as a part of the approval of the pay study, staff had pledged to find approximately \$1.1 million in budget reductions over a period of three years, beginning with the reduction of \$345,000 for the upcoming FY 2016-2017 budget. He stated that budget reduction proposals totaling \$247,219.42 were offered for consideration at this meeting, with the remainder to be presented at subsequent meetings before January. He noted that it was not the intention to have proposals from every department at this point (some smaller departments may not ever be able to offer a proposal), but those offered represented cost-cuts more readily identified and executed. He explained that future proposals may

require some time to develop and some that would be more difficult to implement. Board members expressed their appreciation for the work of staff and department heads to develop the proposals. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following cost reduction proposals as presented, totaling \$247,219.42 for FY 2016-17; \$47,934.84 for FY 2017-18; \$15,392.29 for FY 2018-19; and \$6,069.91 for FY 2019-20:

ADM 001	Eliminate Dues; Special Com. Funding
AGE/REC 001	Shared Receptionist
ELC 001	Utilization of Co. EE as Election Clerks
EMS 001	Building Cleaning
EMS 002	Eliminate SFD Aerial Plat. Supplement
EMS 003	Office Efficiencies
EMS 004	Discontinue TFD Fire Medic
EMS 005	Cease PV EMS/Lease Space from PFD
EMS 006	Eliminate Fax Maint. Contracts
EMS 007	Eliminate Hepatitis B shot
FIN 001	Workers Compensation Premiums
FIN 002	Copier Lease/Cost Per Copy
LIB 001	Staff Reorganizations/Prog Adjustmts

Appointments - Local Emergency Planning Committee Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Scott Phillips to replace Adon Snyder; Eileen Coite to replace Lynn Stillwell; and Gary Milewski to replace Richard Munson on the LEPC.

Appointments - Transportation Advisory Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Raquel Rosario to replace Youlanda Hoxie and Steve Maynor to replace Greg Jacobs on the Transportation Advisory Board.

**Item 3: Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting
- b. Adopted the banking resolution necessary for County issuance of credit cards to department heads (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)

- c. Approved a request from the Sampson County Exposition Center to dispose of certain records pursuant to Records Retention and Disposition Schedule (Copy of request filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- d. Approved the contracts for School Nursing Services between the Sampson County Health Department and Clinton City Schools and Sampson County Schools (Copies filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- e. Approved the 2016 Holiday Schedule for Sampson County Local Government as follows:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2016
Martin Luther King Birthday	Monday, January 18, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2016
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2016
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2016
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 24-25, 2016
Christmas	Friday, Monday and Tuesday, December 23, 26, and 27, 2016

- f. Approved the 2016 Sampson County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

Monday, January 4, 2016	Monday, July 11, 2016
Monday, February 1, 2016	Monday, August 1, 2016
Monday, March 7, 2016	Monday, September 12, 2016
Monday, April 4, 2016	Monday, October 3, 2016
Monday May 2, 2016	Monday, November 7, 2016
Monday, June 6, 2016	Monday December 5, 2016

- g. Approved the following tax refunds:

#7096	Boone, William Carl	\$ 277.51
#7117	Lucas, Jerry W.	\$ 378.10
#7160	Thompson, James Ervin and Lipscomb, Peggy	\$ 112.04
#7168	Shipp, Robert Keith	\$ 101.02

h. Approved the following budget amendments:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Economic Development Commission</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11449200	519100	Professional Services	25,000.	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034920	408402	Industry Recruitment	25,000.	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>County Schools Capital Outlay</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11659140	555030	Category 1 Capital Outlay	617,000.	
11659140	555031	Category 2 Capital Outlay	70,000.	
11659140	550000	Unallocated Capital Outlay		687,000.

- Approved Sampson County Board of Education budget amendment No. 1 (Capital Outlay, Special Projects) as submitted.

### **County Manager Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey reported that the Tax Office had completed the discovery portion of a number of the business personal property listing audits and were in the process of sending out the tax bills which would include penalties and interest. He noted that this process included the right of the taxpayer to appeal and asked the Board to consider recessing to reconvene for a work session to discuss with the County Attorney and Tax Administrator how appeals would be considered pursuant to the Machinery Act. He suggested Monday, November 23, 2015 at 5 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

The floor was opened for comments, and none were received.

### **Recess to Reconvene**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene on Monday, November 23 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building.