

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Billy C. Lockamy, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert Kirby Jr., Harry Parker and Clark H. Wooten.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Assistant County Manager Susan Holder for the invocation. Commissioner Parker then led the Pledge Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Roads**

Keith Eason, NCDOT Highway Maintenance Engineer, was not present.

### **Item 1: Reports and Presentations**

Triangle South Workforce Development Overview Director of Workforce Development & WIA Rosalind Cross provided the Board with an update on the Triangle South Workforce Development Board (WDB). Ms. Cross informed the Board that the WDB is under new legislation, Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act (WIOA). WIOA mandates that all Sampson County's members appointed to the Workforce Development Board must meet eligibility guidelines of the WIOA, and there have been changes to this federal mandate, including a reduction in the number and eligibility criteria for board members. She then highlighted WIOA focus areas: increasing education; increasing training and employment for individuals with employment barriers such as lacking a high school diploma or layoffs. Another goal is to develop a comprehensive system, which would include improving the quality and relevance of the labor market of the workforce investment system. Ms. Cross then provided a brief overview on WIOA programs, including the Youth Program, Adult Program, Dislocated Program, Income and Workforce Development, and On-the-Job Training Program (OJT), noting that the Youth Program, Adult Program and Dislocated Program are provided locally in Clinton, NC.

Commissioner Kirby inquired why Sampson Community College (SCC) elected not to apply for the current fiscal year. Ms. Cross attributed the decision to not apply to

new legislation adjustments, as well as to SCC's busy schedule. Ms. Cross concluded by providing dates for upcoming Board meetings and inviting Board members and Administration personnel. Commissioner Parker expressed his thanks for providing program insight to the Board. Commissioner Kirby asked Ms. Cross if WDB had positively impacted Sampson County clients. Ms. Cross stated that statistics show that 80 percent of the clients who participate in the educational or training opportunities obtain gainful employment.

Community Child Protection Team Annual Report/Child Abuse Awareness Activities Social Work Supervisor III Lynn Fields and Child Advocacy Center (CAC) representative Shannon Blanchard presented the Child Abuse Prevention Month activities and the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) Annual Report. Ms. Fields provided a brief overview of the Child Abuse Prevention activities, followed by informing the Board of the resolution proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sampson County. Ms. Blanchard then presented the CCPT Annual Report, highlighting key subjects including: the lack of effective mental health services for families without Medicaid assistance and families financially incapable of providing insurance and the lack of immediately available resources for the Spanish speaking population. Ms. Blanchard shared the CAC's future plans to relocate to a space of their own. Ms. Blanchard concluded by reiterating the Child Abuse Prevention activities and encouraging all to participate. Commissioner Kirby asked who was responsible for the forensic interviews and if there were needs for an increase in staff. Ms. Blanchard replied that she conducted all forensic interviews, and that due to the demands of the programs, there was indeed a need for more staff.

## **Item 2: Planning and Zoning**

RZ-3-16-1 Chairman Lockamy called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 1.07 acres located along Roseboro Highway (NC 24) from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. The Planning Board has heard certain findings of fact and determined that the request was consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for commercial growth due to the fact this property is located along US Highway 24, a major thoroughfare designated as a Commercial Growth Area in Section 1 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan. She noted that are existing commercially zoned properties east of the property. Commissioner Parker inquired if the properties were across the street from one another, and Ms. Rose verified that to be fact. There were no comments presented from the floor, so the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-3-16-1, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-3-16-1*

*is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for commercial growth due to the fact this area is located along US Highway 24, a major thoroughfare designated as a Commercial Growth Area in Section 1 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan.*

RZ-3-16-2 Chairman Lockamy called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 1.0 acres located along Roseboro Highway (NC 24) from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. The Planning Board has heard certain findings of fact and determined that the request was consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for commercial growth due to the fact this property is located along US Highway 24, a major thoroughfare designated as a Commercial Growth Area in Section 1 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan. Ms. Rose included that there is existing commercially zoned property within 1,800 feet of the proposed property and that all adjoining property owners have been notified. There were no comments presented from the floor, so the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-3-16-2, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-3-16-2 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for commercial growth due to the fact this area is located along US Highway 24, a major thoroughfare designated as a Commercial Growth Area in Section 1 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan.*

Ms. Rose then informed the Board that the Planning Board will make updates to the Sampson County Land Use Plan and that the Board will be provided with periodic updates.

### **Item 3: Action Items**

Public Hearing – Adoption of Sampson/Duplin Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan EMS Director Ronald Bass informed the Board that the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was last updated in 2011, and that staff had been working with Holland Consulting Planners to complete the required 5-year update to the County's plan. He explained that the multi-jurisdictional plan was regional in nature, a collaboration of Sampson County and its participating municipalities and Duplin County and its participating municipalities. He reported that the proposed update had been approved by both NCEM and FEMA. Mr. Bass introduced Landin Holland of Holland Consulting Planners to review components of the plan and answer questions. Mr. Holland provided the Board with a brief overview of the HMP process, noting that it had become common for counties within a region to partner in developing a HMP as typically they would share some of the same hazards. He stated that the HMP was 100% grant funded - 75% Federal and 25% State, a benefit for completing a regional

plan. Mr. Holland referenced the website hosting updates on the plan for the Board and others to view. Chairman Lockamy opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments received from the floor; therefore the floor was closed. Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan by resolution.

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Budget Reduction Proposal County Manager Ed Causey provided a brief overview of a Social Services cost reduction proposal of \$150,000.00, and then introduced Social Services Director Sarah Bradshaw for additional details. Ms. Bradshaw informed the Board that filing differently for state reimbursement would result in an increase in revenue, while decreasing the County's contribution costs. She noted estimated savings of \$166,773.00 for FY 2015-16; \$183,228.00 for FY 2016-17; and ongoing estimated savings of \$150,000.00-\$200,000.00. Ms. Bradshaw stated that the law permits agencies to retroactively file for eight (8) quarters, and that Social Services has done so, receiving savings for each of those eight (8) quarters. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted 4-1 to approve the budget reduction proposal as presented (Commissioner Kirby casting the dissenting vote).

Appointments - Southeastern Economic Development Commission (SEDC)

Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Chairman Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Parker to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

**Item 4: Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Kirby asked to be briefed on Item 4(h). Finance Officer David Clack explained that Taylor's Bridge Fire Department requested a surplus 2006 Ford Expedition, one of several vehicles to be surplus by the Sheriff's Department. He noted that all the other vehicles would be sold in an auction, stating that vehicles are surplus based on the overall condition of the vehicles, taking also into consideration the mileage of the vehicle and the Sheriff's recommendations.

Commissioner Kirby inquired about Item 4(f), the renewal of the lease for the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) ATM. Mr. Clack informed the Board that the SECU was the only bank to request maintaining an ATM at the location; the lease is updated yearly. Under the lease agreement, SECU maintains the ATM location and provides a revenue of \$100.00 per month to the County.

Commissioner Parker asked how many years back the County went to destroy certain Finance and Administration records. Ms. Holder stated that according to the

Records Retention and Disposal Schedule documents are disposed of based on their historical value and not necessarily the age of the documents.

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the December 15, 2016 and March 7, 2016 meetings  
Adopted a resolution proclaiming April 2016 as County Government Month.  
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- b. Adopted a resolution proclaiming April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.  
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- c. Adopted a resolution proclaiming April 2016 as Public Health Month. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- d. Adopted a resolution in support of the completion of the widening of NC 24 from Clinton to I-40, as recommended by the Transportation Advocacy Group.  
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- e. Approved renewal of the lease for the SECU ATM kiosk located on the County Complex. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- f. Accepted Tri-County and Four County Operation Round Up Grants totaling \$2,500 as host agency on behalf of the Southeastern Incident Management Team
- g. Declared eleven Sheriff's vehicles (as identified on the property disposal form) as surplus, authorizing transfer of the 2006 Ford Expedition (VIN 1FMPU15506LA97586) to Taylor's Bridge Fire Department
- h. Approved a request from the Board of Health to increase the Rabavert Rabies Vaccine fee from \$206 to \$282
- i. Authorized the destruction of certain Finance Department records (list on file) pursuant to the County's Records Retention and Disposition Schedule
- j. Authorized the destruction of certain Administration Department records (list on file) pursuant to the County's Records Retention and Disposition Schedule
- k. Approved on second reading: TA-2-16-1 (Section 3.3.1.E-Dimensional Requirements RA-Residential Agriculture District); TA-2-16-2 (Section 3.3.2.E-Dimensional Requirements R-Residential); and TA-2-16-3 (Section 3.3.3.E-Dimensional Requirements MRD-Mixed Residential District)
- l. Approved tax refunds as submitted

#7339	Donna Guy	\$213.50
#7336	Register Farms	\$213.24
#7333	Tanya Lee	\$128.36
#7351	Audrey Peterson	\$151.53

#7322	Bryan Electrical Inc.	\$112.45
#7361	Michael Hendricks	\$249.56
#7367	Angel Badillo	\$137.38
#7374	Dubose National Energy Services	\$248.19
#7350	Joseph McClure	\$175.40
#7375	Maria Azucena	\$1,617.21
#7326	Simmons & Simmons Management	\$1,306.70

m. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Ec. Development Commission</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
11449200	544000	Contracted Services	5,500.00
11449200		Building Reuse Program	115,500.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
11034920		Building Reuse Grant	121,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Finance – Plain View Fire Department</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
23243410	581018	Plain View Fire Department	62,500.00

<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>Decrease</u>
23043418	499900	Fund Balance Appropriated	62,500.00

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 3 (State); No. 3 (Local); No. 3 (Federal); No. 3 (Special Revenue Fund); No. 4 (State) as submitted.

**Item 5: Board Information**

The Board was provided with the following items for information only:

- Potential Increases to Interlocal Agreements with Roseboro and Garland for Law Enforcement Services
- Upcoming NCACC Events – County Assembly Day, District Meeting
- NC A&T 2016 Small Farmer of the Year

**Item 6: Consideration of Business Personal Property Compliance Review Appeal**

Mr. Causey presented the Board with the following Business Personal Property Compliance Review Appeal (copies of written appeals filed in the Tax Office):

Mark Reeves (Tax \$4,902.77; Late List Penalty \$1,914.19; Interest \$136.34) = \$6,953.30) Mr. Reeves provided a written request for relief of this late list penalty. This appeal was considered based upon written request from taxpayer only. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted 3-2 (Commissioners Kirby and Parker voting nay) to grant a release of 50% of the penalties due.

County Manager Ed Causey recommended that the Board consider establishing a policy requiring that all business audit appeals must be presented in person by the taxpayer or his/her representative in order to be considered. The consensus of the Board was that this should be the policy for future business personal property audit appeals.

### **County Manager Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey reminded the Board that the Board of Equalization and Review will meet on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. He continued by directing the Board's attention to the included proposed Law Enforcement Contracts for the Towns of Garland and Roseboro, which will be presented to the Board at the May 2016 meeting. Town representatives will be invited as well. Mr. Causey informed the Board of County Assembly Day scheduled May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Committee of 100 Banquet on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and the NCACC District Meeting scheduled on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Causey recommended that the proposal budget for FY 2016-17 be presented at a reconvened meeting on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, with a public hearing set for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Causey concluded his report by introducing Cooperative Extension Director Eileen Coite to provide the Board with information regarding Sampson County Ag Day. Ms. Coite invited the Board to the event scheduled on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Ms. Coite also reminded the Board of the annual Report to the People dinner prior to their May meeting.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments offered.

### **Closed Session**

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143.11(a)(4) – to discuss matters related to location or expansion of industry. Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board unanimously to go into come out of Closed Session.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner Wooten, the Board voted to set a public hearing on proposed expenditures for economic development activities for Farm Fresh Produce Packing for the May 2, 2016 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

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