

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Albert Kirby Jr., Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Kivett for the invocation. Commissioner Parker then led the Pledge Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 3 (d): Finance – Award of Bid for Construction of 60 x 28 Foot Building for DSS was removed.

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

Introduction of New Children’s Librarian Tiffany Savage was introduced as the new Children’s Librarian and welcomed by the Board.

Recognition of 2017 Miss Spivey’s Corner and 2017 Miss Spivey’s Corner Outstanding Teen Recently crowned Miss Spivey’s Corner Karen Stallings and Miss Spivey’s Corner Outstanding Teen Mackie Brown were recognized by the Board. They were both offered congratulations and best wishes.

Recognition of Retirees Service plaques were presented to retirees Lee Cannady and Angela Sanderson.

Recognition of Governor’s Volunteer Award Recipient Chris Driver was recognized by the Board as the recipient of the Governor’s Medallion Award for Volunteer Service due to his services provided through the Diaper Bank of Sampson County.

Introduction of New Public Works Director Linwood Reynolds was introduced as the new Public Works Director and welcomed by the Board.

Report – Fiscal Impact of Sampson Community College’s Request for County to Serve as Co-Applicant for EDA Grant Funding Sampson Community College President Paul Hutchins provided financial analysis of the operational and maintenance costs of

their facilities and the potential fiscal impact of the maintenance and upkeep of a new welding and metal fabrication facility. He explained that the welding facility was potentially a more viable project for EDA funds, freeing up monies for other needs. He explained that, if awarded, the EDA grant funding would be used to construct a new 10,000 square foot building. Two other buildings would be taken offline (one demolished to provide a footprint for the building and the other used only for storage, not instruction), resulting in a reduction in utilities costs. A small increase in insurance for the new asset would result in a net increase in operational costs of between \$300-\$400 per month.

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

RZ-5-17-1 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed a request to rezone approximately 3.3 acres located along Roseboro Highway and Bass Lake Road from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. Commissioner Kirby asked what the rezoned property would be used for, and Ms. Rose reminded the Board that the Planning Board must consider all potential uses in the zoning classification. However, because a billboard company had contacted the Zoning office regarding the property, they were led to think the intended use was for a billboard. The Chairman opened the floor for comments, and none were received. The Chairman closed the hearing. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-5-17-1, 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 Planning Board does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-5-17-1 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 along a major thoroughfare where commercial development is encouraged.*

RZ-5-17-2 Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who informed the Board that due to illness the applicant was not represented at the Planning Board meeting; therefore the Planning Board respectfully had requested that the zoning request be continued to the July 10, 2017 meeting. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the hearing was continued.

## **Item 3: Action Items**

Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 The Chairman opened the public hearing and recognized County Manager Ed Causey who informed the Board that in accordance with NC General Statute 159-12(b), the public hearing had been duly advertised to receive public comment on the proposed budget.

The Chairman opened the floor for comments and the following were received:

Jeffrey Dunn (7870 Godwin Lane Rd., Dunn, NC) Mr. Dunn, a representative of the Midway High School Athletic Training Facility Fundraising Committee, provided the Board a brochure containing information regarding the proposed athletic training facility noting that the committee's responsibility was to raise monies to fund the estimated \$600,000 construction costs of the facility. Mr. Dunn asked the Board to reconsider allocating \$150,000 for the Midway High School Athletic Training Facility.

Quincy Edgerton (709 Reedsford Rd., Clinton, NC) Elections Board Member Edgerton requested that the Board consider increasing the Elections Department proposed part-time salary amount to \$14,925, as in the FY 2016-17 budget. Mr. Edgerton also requested that the Board consider increasing the Director's annual salary to \$55,000. He stated that he had been told that there was a mistake when Elections Director Ashley Tew was hired, that the Elections Board had offered her \$46,400, but that the commissioners' motion to approve her hiring/salary was made at \$40,000, costing her \$6,000.00. Mr. Edgerton stated that a previous commissioner had stated that rather than revisiting the salary, he told her that she would make up the difference in overtime. He noted that Ms. Tew had received overtime for a number of elections, but that the pay study had changed her classification to an exempt employee, ineligible for overtime.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Scheduling of Budget Work Session The Board scheduled a budget work session for June 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room.

Emergency Management - Granting of Franchise for Convalescent Transport Service Emergency Management Director Ronald Bass informed the Board that pursuant to the ordinance related to the award of such franchises, the EMS Advisory Board met recently to consider applications from two providers, LifeStar Emergency Services LLC and North State Medical Transport. Since that meeting, LifeStar had tabled their application as they did not deem it financially feasible to provide services at the time; therefore it was recommended that a franchise be awarded to North State Medical Transport. North State Medical Transport Operations Director Bryan Perry was present and informed the Board that the company would be prepared to meet the county needs. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the award of a franchise to North State Medical Transport and authorize the execution of an associated contract. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_, Page \_\_\_.)

Emergency Management - Approval of Change in EMS Director Emergency Management Director Ronald Bass informed the Board that current EMS system's

Medical Director Dr. Steven Kelley had recently indicated a desire to step down from the position, and that because of the importance of the partnership between the County's EMS system and the emergency care provided by Sampson Regional Medical Center, the hospital's input was sought on the designation of a replacement Medical Director. Dr. Christopher Occhino, M.D. of their staff had expressed interest in serving as the Medical Director, under the same type of contract with the County that Dr. Kelly had, at the same contract price. He also noted that Dr. Kelley had agreed to serve until Dr. Occhino's application had been reviewed and approved by the State. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to designate Dr. Christopher Occhino as the EMS system Medical Director, contingent upon OEMS approval and to authorize termination of the contract with Dr. Steven Kelley upon Dr. Occhino's approval by the state and his subsequent execution of a contract with the County. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_, Page \_\_\_.)

Finance – Award of Bid for Construction of 60 x 28 Foot Building for DSS Item was removed from the agenda.

Appointment – Sampson Community College Board of Trustees Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Larinda Haight to the Sampson Community College Board of Trustees.

Appointment – Jury Commission Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chris Naylor to the Jury Commission.

Appointment – Social Services Board Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Bob Werner to the Social Services Board.

#### **Item 4:        Consent Agenda**

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

- a. Approved the minutes of the May 1, 2017 and May 15, 2017 meetings.
- b. Approved the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_ Page \_\_\_.)
- c. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Sampson County EMS and Wayne Community College for clinical/field internships (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_ Page \_\_\_.)

- d. Approved Sampson Area Transportation’s revised Title VI Plan, contingent upon subsequent final approval by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- e. Approved revisions to the Sampson Area Transportation System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) to designate the Transportation Supervisor as the system’s Safety Officer (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- f. Approved the Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_.)
- g. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted:

#8014	Robert Shipp	\$222.33
#8017	Penny Underwood	\$109.21
#8019	Russell Boland	\$230.44
#8042	Roby Blakely, Jr.	\$157.44
#8044	Cody Langston	\$259.80
#7862	Lilly Idea Lease Inc.	\$1,792.10
Tax Release	T-Bone Enterprises	\$102.23

- h. Approved budget amendments as submitted:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Veterans Department</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11558200	526201	Dept. Supplies equipment		\$2,131.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11035820	403615	State Grant Veterans		\$2,131.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Tax Department</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141400	519100	Professional Services		\$30,000.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034140	404125	Legal Fees Collected		\$30,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging Department</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	525000	Home Repairs – United Way		\$5,000.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	403602	Home Repairs – United Way		\$5,000.00	

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<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558810	526200	FCG – Dept. Supplies		\$400.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035881	408401	FCG - Donations		\$400.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Library Department</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	523200	AV		\$450.00	
11761100	526200	Department Supplies		\$1,419.00	
11761100	566100	Books		\$2,000.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11761100	408401	Donations		\$1,419.00	
11761100	408930	Discard Sales		\$1,450.00	
11761100	404110	Fines & Fees		\$1,000.00	
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Emergency Management Department</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243300	544000	Capital Outlay Vehicles		\$5,000.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>					
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034330	408402	Donations		\$5,000.00	

**Item 5: Board Information**

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

- a. Department of Social Services resolution regarding SB 594/HB 608 (Family/Child Protection and Accountability Act).

Social Services Director Sarah Bradshaw informed the Board that the County Commissioners Association had opposed the legislation as introduced, and that the rewritten bill did not mandate regionalization, but would allow counties to regionalize voluntarily.

**County Manager Reports**

County Manager Ed Causey reminded the Board of the County Commissioners Conference in Durham on August 10-12, 2017.

## **Public Comments**

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

## **Closed Session**

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143-318.11(a)(3) for consultation with the County Attorney on several legal matters including the impact of the Garland Town/Garland Fire Department budget matter on the County's contract with Garland Fire Department and the subpoena for public records in an intellectual property case for an industrial prospect. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session. No action was taken in Closed Session.

## **Recess to Reconvene**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to recess to reconvene on June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.