

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 6, 2017, in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Leach, Chairman
Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman
Tony Hunt
Robert Wright
Allen Thomas, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Letitia Edens, County Manager
Grady Hunt, County Attorney
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

Vice Chairman Harry Southerland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Kevin Alleyne, a student at Fayetteville State University, gave the invocation.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Hunt to add a Resolution Authorizing a Loan to the Hoke County Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control to the Consent Agenda as item f, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2. Public Comment

1. Chris Monroe, Taking It by Force
431 Purvis Court
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Monroe runs the mentoring program Taking It by Force. Taking It by Force has over 60 youth from Hoke County. The group has a basketball team but can't get access to a gymnasium in Hoke County. They are currently practicing out of town. Vice Chairman Southerland said that the Board will reach out to members of the Board of Education to see if

something can be worked out. Vice Chairman Southerland added that he'd like to see this resolved within the next two weeks.

2. Ted Rutkowski
152 Mosswood Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Rutkowski lives in the Spring Valley Subdivision. He has a neighbor that has 8-9 dogs that are allowed to roam through the neighborhood. The dogs intimidate residents that like to walk through the neighborhood. They also leave feces throughout the neighborhood yards. Mr. Rutkowski has called the Animal Control officer, and they have issued tickets to this neighbor. She ignores the tickets and they are not enforced. Chairman Leach instructed the County Attorney to consult with Animal Control and see what can be done.

3. Carroll D. Randall, Sr.
207 Carthon Lane
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Randall asked what the County does about anonymous complaints. He believes that anonymous complaints waste resources and often these complaints are made to divert attention from something else. Mr. Randall suggested that perhaps the complaints are anonymous because they are not valid. Vice Chairman Southerland asked Mr. Randall where the complaints were addressed. Mr. Randall's reply was that they were made to the County. No department was specified. He said he would give the County time to investigate and follow with the Board if need be.

4. Leonard Baldwin
130 Best Street
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Baldwin requested an update on the Best Street erosion control project. Utilities Director Hilton Villines is prepared to give an update during the Manager's Report.

Mr. Baldwin also told the Board that the 2017 Soil & Water Marathon will be held soon and they need volunteers.

5. Renate Dahlin
1150 Mumford Road
Raeford, NC 28376

Ms. Dahlin had read a News-Journal insert about businesses in Hoke County. She would like to see an office supply store in Hoke County.

6. James Davis
239 Aggies Lane
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Davis commended the Board for all the good work they have done in the past 22 years. When he returned to Hoke County in 1995, Hoke County was known as being the poorest county in the state. 22 years later, Hoke County is the fastest growing county in the state and one of the fastest growing counties in the US. This is a result of the direction and leadership of our Board. He hopes the Board will continue the work they're doing and continue to employ the professionals that make up the staff.

7. Ellen McNeill
107 Steeple Run Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Mrs. McNeill waived her turn and will speak at a future meeting.

ITEM 3. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from 2/20/2017 regular meeting
- b. NC Vehicle Tax System Pending Refund Report - \$1,186.51
- c. Finance: Budget Amendments
 - Health
 - DSS
 - Animal Control
 - Administration
- d. IT: Contract to upgrade County email system *(Reviewed by County Attorney and approved in FY 2017 IT Budget)*
- e. DOT Petition to add Hensdale Drive, Wilshire Drive and Overlook Court to State-Maintained Secondary Road System
- Added: f. Resolution Authorizing a Revolving Loan to the Hoke County Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, items a - f, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Proposed 2017 Schedule for Board of Equalization & Review

Tax Assessor Jennie Gibson presented the following proposed 2017 Board of Equalization & Review Schedule for the Board's approval:

- Advertisement of meeting per G. S. 105-322
 - March 15, 2017
 - March 22, 2017
 - March 29, 2017

1st meeting April 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Board members to be sworn in and Chairman elected
Hearings

2nd meeting April 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Hearings

Adjourn

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the 2017 Board of Equalization & Review Schedule as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Parks & Recreation Board Appointment

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to table the Parks & Recreation Appointment item until the next meeting due to no representative from the department being present at the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. Health Department Items

- a. Health Director Helene Edwards presented the 2017-2018 Consolidated Agreement. This contract, between the State of North Carolina and the County of Hoke, is required in order for the Health Department to receive State funding.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Consolidated Agreement, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Ms. Edwards also presented a proposed schedule for clinical service fees for 2017-2018:

Hoke County Health Department
Proposed Fees Board of Health 02-13-2017

CPT Code	Service	Current Fee	Cost	Proposed Fee
J7298	Mirena	583.00	891.00	900.00
J7609	Albuterol	6.00	13.00	13.00
94664	Nebulizer Treatment	6.00	21.00	25.00
90651	Gardasil HPV	200.00	254.00	255.00
90670	Prevnar 13	140.00	235.00	235.00
96127	Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment	-	13.00	15.00
96160	Administration of Patient-Focused Health Risk Assessment	-	13.00	15.00
96161	Administration of Caregiver-Focused Health Risk Assessment	-	13.00	15.00

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Fee Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7. NC Fall Festival

Mrs. Judy Pittman presented the Board with a lease agreement for the NC Turkey Festival (now Fall Festival) to use the ballfield at Armory Park for the annual concert.

State of North Carolina
County of Hoke

LEASE AGREEMENT

This LEASE AGREEMENT made and entered into this the 6th day of March, 2017 by and between the COUNTY OF HOKE, a municipal corporation, Lessor, and the North Carolina Turkey Festival, Inc., Lessee:

WITNESSETH:

That the Lessor hereby rents, demises and leases unto the Lessee for the term and under the conditions below ball field at the National Guard Armory Park, 423 East Central Avenue, Rutherford, N.C. 28376.

This lease is made upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The Lessee agrees to pay, in advance, the sum of FIFTY and NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50.00) for the use of the ball field described above (this fee is waived as in-kind services from County of Hoke to put on the Turkey Festival). The date for the lease of the ball field will be Saturday, September 16, 2017 for the annual NC Poultry Festival Concert a/k/a the NC Turkey Festival Beach Concert.
2. It is understood and agreed that the Lessee shall use the premises only for the purpose of holding an outdoor concert, and if said premises are used for any other purpose the Lessor may immediately terminate the lease at the option of the Lessor.
3. The Lessee agrees to be responsible for vandalism or other damages to the said premises and agrees to compensate the Lessor for any vandalism or damage done to the premises by persons attending the function held by the Lessee. The Lessee further agrees to supervise the event and those attending.
4. This lease may not be assigned and the Lessee may not sub-rent or sub-lease any part of the premises described above.
5. The Lessee further agrees to be fully responsible for any personal injuries or damage to personal or real property which may occur on the said premises during the lease term, and further agrees to indemnify the Lessor for any losses incurred by it and to hold the County of Hoke free from any and all liability which may arise from such personal injuries or property damage on the premises described during the lease term.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Hoke County / Lessor

BY: _____
James Leach, Chairman of Hoke County Commissioners

Attest:

Gwen McGougan, Clerk

North Carolina Turkey Festival, Inc. dba NC Poultry Festival / Lessee

BY: _____
Melissa Pittman, Director

Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with the NC Turkey Festival for the use of the ballfield at Armory Park for their annual concert, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 8. NCACC Update Video

NCACC Update Video for February, 2017 *(Tabled from 2/20/2017 meeting)*

ITEM 9. Manager's Report

For the Manager's Report, Mrs. Edens asked Utilities Director Hilton Villines to update the Board on the Best Street Erosion Control Project.

Mr. Villines told the Board that preliminary engineering is finished and the project is ready to advertise for bids. He is planning a meeting for Best Street property owners in the near future.

ITEM 10. Closed Session

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing an Economic Development matter, North Carolina General Statutes §153A-98 & §143-318.11(a)(1)&(6), seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

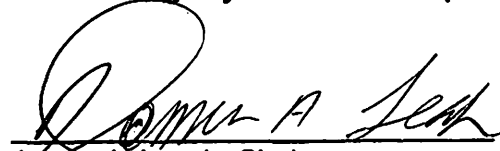
Action: The motion passed unanimously.

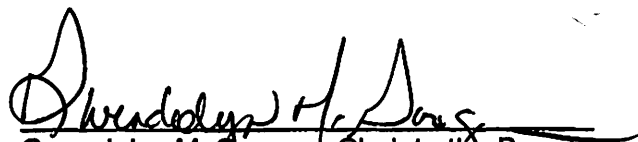
ITEM 11. Adjourn

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.


James A. Leach, Chairman


Gwendolyn McGougan, Clerk to the Board