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RECONVENED

MINUTES FOR MEETING OF

THE HOKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

APRIL 2, 2018

A reconvened meeting of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (the “*Board*”) was held at 10:00 a.m. on April 2, 2018 in the Commissioners Room located in the County Administration Building (Pratt Building) at 227 N. Main St, Raeford NC, pursuant to notice duly given. The following Board Members (“*BM*”), constituting a quorum, were present:

Charlotte Kelly, Vice-Chair
Bill Evans
Allen Thomas, Jr.
Brenda Branch

Also present representing the Department were Becky Morrow, Interim Director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services; Jonathan Charleston, Department of Social Services Attorney; Barbara Mena-Peña, Administrative Officer; and Ellen Leichliter, Administrative Assistant.

Vice-Chair Kelly called the recessed meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Vice-Chair Kelly asked for any comments about the FY2018-2019 budget update. BM Thomas said he conferred with Chair Pevia; BM Thomas proposed to amend the attorney’s contract. BM Thomas stated for all those things covered in the attorney’s contract to amend the amount to \$230,000 and a separate (unspecified) legal line item amount of \$20,000 for all things above and beyond the scope stated in the contract. The Board discussed the proposed amendment. BM Thomas made a motion to amend the attorney’s contract as stated which was seconded by BM Branch. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Kelly asked Interim Director Morrow for the Director’s comments. Ms. Morrow said she gave the comments at the March 26th meeting. Ms. Morrow said she will continue to work to improve the agency and will move forward to what the Board wants her to do. Ms. Morrow said she continues to work with Ms. Mena-Peña on how we can pull down the highest reimbursement.

Vice-Chair Kelly guided the Board to the Interim Director Search packet. The Board discussed the actions to take and schedule the qualified candidates' interview process. The Board agreed on three (3) interview dates.

Vice-Chair Kelly asked for motion for a closed session. BM Branch made a motion for a closed session to consult with counsel and discuss a personnel matter pursuant to the N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(a)6, which was seconded by BM Thomas. The vote was unanimous. Those in attendance during the closed session included Vice-Chair Kelly, BM Evans, BM Thomas, BM Branch, Mrs. Morrow and Mr. Charleston. BM Thomas made a motion to exit the closed session which was seconded by BM Branch. The vote to exit closed session was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Kelly asked for a motion to adjourn. BM Thomas made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by BM Evans. The vote was unanimous.

Charlotte, Kelly, Vice-Chair

Becky Morrow, Secretary

Date