

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 3, 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.

Commissioner Allen Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

The County Manager asked that the contract for Parks & Recreation Officials be added to the agenda as Item 10.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to add the contract for Parks & Recreation Officials to the agenda as Item 10, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

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. Ted Rutkowski
152 Mosswood Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Rutkowski is concerned about the lack of enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance. He has been before the Board the last two meetings and he understood that he would receive a follow-up letter or telephone call. He has not received any communication other than a letter sent to him after the March 6, 2017 meeting thanking him for speaking.

Chairman Leach asked the County Attorney and Animal Control Enforcement Officer Scottie Luckie to meet and review the Ordinance to see what enforcement powers are included.

2. Glen Hawkins
104 Little Rock Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Hawkins is unhappy about the noise, dust and fumes created by the Rockfish racetrack. During races he can't hear his TV. Chairman Leach asked if he called 911 and Mr. Hawkins responded that they did. Chairman Leach asked Sheriff Peterkin or Chief Deputy Hammond to respond. Mr. Hammond said that they have a meter to check the noise levels but the noise is not consistent for 20 minutes and therefore not in violation, so the Sheriff Department can't enforce the ordinance. Chairman Leach said that the Board will review the noise ordinance to see if changes are warranted.

3. Andrew Enloe
103 Little Rock Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Enloe is unhappy about the noise from the Rockfish racetrack. Last summer, Mr. Enloe called the Sheriff Department about the noise. Three deputies were dispatched. The deputy that he spoke with said that the Sheriff told him that the noise had to run for five minutes. The deputy further said that the ordinance had been changed. Mr. Enloe called the County Manager to discuss. Mrs. Edens told him that the ordinance had not been changed. She sent a copy of the Noise Ordinance to him. The location of the racetrack is zoned Industrial. He has read the ordinance and for lots zoned Industrial, the noise level should never exceed 75 dB(A). There is no duration requirement. Mr. Enloe's wife has asthma and migraines and needs it quiet in order to rest.

Chairman Leach asked the Sheriff to have his department help with enforcement.

Commissioner Hunt recommended forming a committee to include staff, citizens and at least one Commissioner to review the ordinance. Commissioner Hunt requested that the Board be prepared to appoint committee members at the next meeting.

Commissioner Thomas asked Mr. Enloe what the meter reading was when the deputy came to his home. Mr. Enloe replied that the deputy would only tell him that the level exceeded the limit but it was not at least five minutes in duration.

4. Slania Santizo
110 Sage Creek Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Ms. Santizo addressed the Board to request support for the first annual Cinco Soccer Fest on May 5, 2017 on the grounds of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church

on Fayetteville Road. The organizers of the event have invited teams from across North Carolina and South Carolina. One of the primary goals in this family-friendly event is to bridge the cultural gap in the community. In addition to the soccer games, food will be available and areas for vendors to set up.

Commissioner Hunt suggested that the Board adopt a Resolution recognizing the date.

ITEM 3. Public Hearings – Planning Matters – Conditional Use

Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-17-1 submitted by Arthur Rotundo for the use of a Private Recreation Facility located at 473 Solitaire Road also known as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 584780001120. **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.**

The applicant is requesting the Conditional Use Permit to allow recreational activities and other events such as outdoor weddings on the property.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the application for Conditional Use Permit CU-17-1, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the 03/20/2017 regular meeting
- b. NC Vehicle Tax System Pending Refund Report - \$1,391.65
- c. Finance: Budget Amendment-Animal Control
- d. Parks & Recreation: Amendment to Contract for Consultant (*Reviewed by County Attorney*)
- e. Emergency Communications: Renewal of contracts with Century Link for Moducom Radio Consoles (*Reviewed by County Attorney*)
- f. License Plate Agency Contract (*Reviewed by County Attorney*)
- g. Re-appointment of Cleo Bratcher to the ABC Board

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

Commissioner Hunt asked if it was permissible to do the Reappointment of Cleo Bratcher to the ABC Board (item g) within the Consent Agenda. The Chairman confirmed that it had been done before.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Planning Board Appointment

Planning Board member Whiteford Jones passed away in January 2017, leaving a vacancy on the Planning Board. Commissioner Hunt asked the Planner, Robert Farrell, if he had any comment. Mr. Farrell replied that he had asked the Planning Board and they did not have a specific recommendation.

Vice Chairman Southerland added that, when considering a nominee to replace Mr. Jones, it would be advantageous to replace him with someone familiar with real estate. The name that came to his mind was Tommy Wright.

Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to appoint Mr. Tommy Wright to the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Commissioner Wright asked to recuse himself from voting on this item since the Nominee is his brother.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to grant Commissioner Wright's request to recuse himself from voting on the nomination of Tommy Wright to the Planning Board, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion to grant Commissioner Wright's request to recuse himself from voting on the nomination of Tommy Wright to the Planning Board, passed 4-0.

Action: The motion to appoint Tommy Wright to the Planning Board passed 4-0.

ITEM 6. Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Property

Clerk to the Board Gwen McGougan presented a Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Property located at 369 Indian Lane, Blue Springs Township, Parcel Identification Number 384920001086. The offer was made by Stephanie Carter in the amount of \$2,232.22.

James Leach
Chairman

Harry Southerland
Vice Chairman

Tony Hunt
Commissioner

Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner



Robert Wright
Commissioner

Grady Hunt
County Attorney

Letitia Edens
County Manager

Gwen McGougan
Clerk to the Board

HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF AN
OFFER TO PURCHASE CERTAIN PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the County:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that:

1. Parcel #384920001086 – 369 Indian Lane – Blue Springs Township. Property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County.
2. The Board of Commissioners has received an offer to purchase for the sum of \$2,232.22 for this piece of property.
3. The Board of Commissioners propose to accept this offer unless an upset bid shall be made.
4. The person making the offer shall deposit with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the offer. Such deposit shall be forfeited if the bid is withdrawn and the successful bidder shall pay the purchase price.
5. The Clerk shall cause a notice of such offer to be published in accordance with North Carolina General Statute §160A-269.
6. The Clerk is directed, should a qualifying upset bid be received within ten (10) days from the publication of said notice in accordance with NCGS §160A-269, to re-advertise the offer at the increased upset bid amount.
7. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all offers at any time.

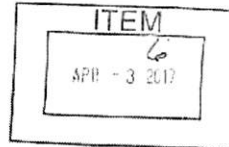
This 3rd day of April, 2017.

James A. Leach, Chairman

Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

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Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Property located at 369 Indian Lane, Blue Springs Township, Parcel Identification Number 384920001086, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7. Reinstatement of the Office Assistant V position at the Hoke County Health Department

Health Director Helene Edwards asked the Board to consider reinstating the Office Assistant V position at the Health Department. Financial constraints prevented the position from being filled since FY 2010-2011. The funding is available this year from lapsed salaries.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the reinstatement of the Office Assistant V position at the Health Department, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 8. Library Request – Sheila Brown Evans

Library Director Sheila Brown Evans, accompanied by several Friends of the Library members, requested that the Board consider allowing Friends of the Library to use one of the old HATS vans that have been replaced with newer vans. One of these vans could be converted and refurbished and used as a bookmobile.

HATS Director Nancy Thornton was in attendance and was asked to come to the podium by Chairman Leach. Chairman Leach asked Ms. Thornton if it was possible to transfer a van to another department. Ms. Thornton said that it is permissible as long as the van would not be used for the same purpose HATS used it for. In this case, the van could not be used to transport people. Vice Chairman Southerland commented that transferring ownership of the van from a county department to a non-profit might be problematic. County attorney Grady Hunt will investigate and report to the Board whether this is possible.

Commissioner Thomas asked why the van would need to be transferred to the Friends of the Library. Ms. Evans replied that this is the group's project and, for example, it could be a problem if the Friends take a vehicle that they do not own to a shop to be refurbished. The plan is that, upon completion of the conversion, the Friends would transfer ownership of the van to the library.

County Attorney Grady Hunt added that donations to a non-profit would have to comply with NCGS §160A Article 12, *Sale and Disposition of Property*.

Ms. Evans said that it would be best if the van can be transferred to the Hoke County Library. This is the course they will attempt to take.

ITEM 9. Hoke County Detention Center – Budget Amendment Request

Sheriff Hubert Peterkin presented a proposal to the Board that would provide additional funding for Inmate Medical Services from within their budget:

Reductions in the following expense accounts:

114320-512100 Jail Salaries	60,000
114310-525100 Sheriff – Fuel	47,000
114310-532100 Sheriff – Telephone	<u>3,000</u>
	110,000
Plus check from Inmate Welfare	<u>20,000</u>
	\$130,000

Increase in the following account:

114320-519000 Jail Medical Services	\$130,000
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This Budget Amendment will provide adequate funds through the end of Fiscal Year 2017.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for the Hoke County Detention Center totaling \$130,000, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

The Sheriff is going to seek additional vendors to submit bids for Inmate Medical Services for Fiscal Year 2018 prior to entering into any new contracts.

ITEM 10. Contract for Parks and Recreation Officials – Kendric Maynor

Parks & Recreation Director Kendric Maynor presented a contract for officiating ball games. Until now, the Parks & Recreation staff scheduled referees for their games. There were instances where the referee failed to report and Parks & Recreation staff had to scramble to find someone to officiate. The contract will take that burden off the Parks & Recreation staff. The contractor, Mr. Ernie Fisher, will be responsible for recruiting, training and providing an adequate staff of officials for each game.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Maynor if Parks & Recreation has a line item for officials. Mr. Maynor replied that officials are paid from the Part-time Salaries line item in the Parks & Recreation budget.

Consultant Fred Clark added that using a contractor takes a burden off the County HR staff as well. Commissioner Hunt asked if the Hoke County citizens that have been officiating will be trained and able to continue working. Mr. Fisher replied that those persons will be offered training and asked to continue.

Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to approve the contract for officiating between Hoke County and Ernie Fisher, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 11. Manager's Report

The Manager introduced Ms. Kristi Pylant, Animal Shelter Supervisor, and Mr. Scottie Luckie, Interim Director. During the times that Mrs. Kathy Leandro has spoken to the Board about the Shelter, she has referred to Ms. Pylant and her efforts to get the animals adopted. Mrs. Edens wanted to introduce her to the Board. Chairman Leach said that he was very impressed when he last visited the Shelter. Vice Chairman Southerland also commended Ms. Pylant and Mr. Luckie for their hard work. Commissioner Wright thanked both Ms. Pylant and Mr. Luckie for all they do.

Fire Marshal Freddy Johnson addressed the Board. Moore County terminated their contract with the Crestline Fire Department, which also serves a portion of Hoke County. An offer was made to Pine Hill Fire Department to operate Crestline, but

they declined. The City of Aberdeen has initiated a contract with Crestline. Hoke County will need to enter into a contract with Aberdeen to cover Crestline's district.

Mrs. Edens also updated the Board on the FY 2018 budget process. Budgets are due to Finance by April 22, 2017. Departments will begin meeting with the Manager beginning May 11, 2017.

ITEM 12. Closed Session – Economic Development or Personnel

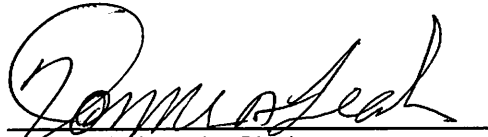
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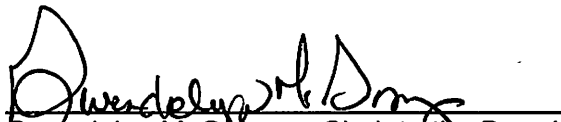
ITEM 13. Adjourn

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

Action: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.


James A. Leach, Chairman


Gwendolyn McGaugan, Clerk to the Board