

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 2, 2018 in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Leach, Chairman
Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman
Tony Hunt
Robert Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:

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


NOT PRESENT

Allen Thomas, Jr.

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

Commissioner Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Wright gave the invocation.

ITEM 1. Adoption of Agenda

<p>Hoke County Board of Commissioners</p> <p>727 N. Main Street Raeford, North Carolina 28376</p>		<p>July 2, 2018 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Commissioner's Room Pratt Building</p>
<p>A G E N D A</p>		
<p>INVOCATION & PLEDGE: Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr.</p>		
<p>ITEM</p>		
<p>1. Adoption of Agenda</p>		
<p>2. Public Comment</p>		
<p>3. Public Hearings - Planning Matters - Conditional Use and Rezoning</p>		
<p>a. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-15-5 submitted by Cal Hignac Ma to rezone the approximately 1.77 acre parcel located at 7050 Fayetteville Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 49460201344. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The applicant requests to rezone the property to Highway Commercial (HC). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.</p>		
<p>b. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-15-0 submitted by Tommy Wright to rezone the approximately 11.32 acre unaddressed parcel known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 494730401402. The property is currently zoned Industrial (I). The applicant requests to rezone the property to Highway Commercial (HC). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.</p>		
<p>c. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-15-7 submitted by Raeford Oil Company to rezone an approximately 1.21 acre portion of the approximately 1293 acre parcel located at 2624 S. Pauls Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 704430001002. The property is currently zoned Residential Agriculture (RA-20). The applicant requests to rezone 1.21 acres of the property to Highway Commercial (HC). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.</p>		
<p>d. Moorman, Kizer, and Ritzel, LLC requests approval of the proposed six (6) lot Phase 3 Part 4 of the Meadows at Bedford. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.</p>		
<p>4. Consent Agenda</p>		
<p>a. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds totaling \$2,157.95</p>		
<p>b. PAC Forestry contract</p>		
<p>5. Elder Carolyn Moore regarding Hope New Zion Mission Holy Church of America property tax bill</p>		

6. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing Mr. Gaston Locklear
7. Hoke County Public Library Board of Trustees Appointment
Ms. Glenda Black-Fippen agrees to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Derwin Johnson
8. Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission
Consideration of RHEDC's recommendation of new Economic Developer
9. Cancellation of July 16, 2018 Board of Commissioners regular meeting
10. Manager's Report
11. Closed Session
12. Adjourn

Chairman Leach asked the Board if anyone needed to add an item to the agenda. Chairman Leach said that he had been given a copier contract for the Sheriff's Department.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted 4-0 to add the Sheriff's Department copier contract to the agenda as Item 4c.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Wright and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to approve the agenda as amended.

ITEM 2. Public Comment

There were no signups for Public Comment.

ITEM 3. Public Hearings – Planning Matters

- a. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-18-5 submitted by Cat Ngnoc Ha to rezone the approximately 1.77 acre parcel located at 7059 Fayetteville Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 494560201344. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The applicant requests to rezone the property to Highway Commercial (HC). **The Planning Board 4-0 recommended approval.**

Planner Robert Farrell presented a map showing the location of the property. The property is at the corner of Fayetteville Road and Hobson Road. Most of the surrounding properties are zoned Highway Commercial. An existing residential structure on the property would have to be moved or repurposed.

The applicant, Mr. Cat Ngnoc Ha, was present and made himself available for any questions. He would like to locate a business on this property.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Ha if he already had a business just across the County line. Mr. Ha confirmed that he does; he owns Mikoto Restaurant. Vice Chairman Southerland asked if he would be using the property for a restaurant. Mr. Ha said that he's had some offers; one being a barber shop/nail salon.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board voted 4-0 to close the public hearing.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted 4-0 to approve Item 3a, request for General Use Rezoning of the 1.77 acre parcel at 7059 Fayetteville Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 494560201344, from Residential Agricultural to Highway Commercial.

- b. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-18-6 submitted by Tommy Wright to rezone the approximately 11.32 acre unaddressed parcel known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 494750401402. The property is currently zoned Industrial (I). The applicant requests to rezone the property to Highway Commercial (HC). **The Planning Board 4-0 recommended approval.**

Mr. Farrell advised the Board that this property is located just off Lindsay Road near the center of Rockfish. Surrounding properties are a mix of Neighborhood Business, Highway Commercial and Industrial.

Applicant Tommy Wright commented that this rezoning is appropriate for the area.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt, the Board voted 4-0 to close the public hearing.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted 4-0 to approve Item 3b, request for General Use Rezoning of the 11.32 acre parcel off Lindsay Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 494750401402, from Residential Industrial to Highway Commercial.

- c. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-18-7 submitted by Raeford Oil Company to rezone an approximately 1.21 acre portion of the approximately 1293 acre parcel located at 2494 St Pauls Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 794430001002. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The applicant requests to rezone 1.21 acres of the property to Highway Commercial (HC). **The Planning Board 4-0 recommended approval.**

Mr. Farrell advised the Board that most adjacent properties to this one on St. Pauls Road are zoned Residential Agricultural, rezoning this 1.21 acre as Highway Commercial will be the first step in making some zoning corrections in the community.

Raeford Oil owner Neill McDonald told the Board that he plans to relocate two storage tanks from their location on Highway 401 to this parcel on Highway 20 to reduce traffic at the Hwy 401 facility.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt, the Board voted 4-0 to close the public hearing.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted 4-0 to approve Item 3c, request for General Use Rezoning of the 1.21 acre parcel off St. Pauls Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number 794430001002, from Residential Industrial to Highway Commercial.

- d. Moorman, Kizer, and Reitzel, Inc. requests approval of the proposed six (6) lot Phase 3, Part 1 of the Midlands at Bedford. **The Planning Board 4-0 recommended approval.**

Mr. Farrell explained that these six lots would create an intersection linking the Midland section of Bedford to the Eastlands section of Bedford. Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Farrell if the plans have been looked at by the fire department to ensure that they have access. Mr. Farrell said they had.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Wright and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted 4-0 to approve Item 3d, request for General Use Rezoning of the proposed six lot tract of Phase 3, Part 1 of the Midlands at Bedford from Residential Industrial to Highway Commercial.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. NC Vehicle Tax Pending Refunds totaling \$2,197.98
- b. NC Forestry contract
- c. Sheriff's Department copier contract

County Attorney Grady Hunt said that he added an addendum to the Cavins contract. This item will cover the contract and the addendum.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted 4-0 to approve Consent Items a-c.

5. Elder Carolyn Moore regarding Hope New Zion Mission Holy Church of America property tax issue

Elder Moore was not present at the meeting.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted 4-0 to table Item 5 until the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

6. Proclamation honoring Mr. Gaston Locklear

James Leach
Chairman

Harry Southerland
Vice Chairman

Tony Hunt
Commissioner

Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner



Robert Wright
Commissioner

Grady Hunt
County Assessor

Letitia Edens
County Manager

Gwen McGaughan
Clerk to the Board

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING**

Mr. Gaston Locklear

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear was born on July 17, 1926 in Hoke County, North Carolina to the late Marshall and Norma Locklear; Mr. Gaston Locklear is a long resident of Hoke County;

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear married Madeline Locklear on April 27, 1968 and they have 3 children;

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear started working at an early age. He started working at tobacco in Cymeth, NC. Mr. Gaston worked at Locklear Milling Company in Raeford for many years. In 1971, he started working at Carolina Timber Company and worked there for 13 years. In 1984, Mr. Gaston started his own tree service company, Locklear Tree Service and was self-employed until 1996.

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear was elected to Hoke County Government on July 7, 1995. He served the community as an alternate on the Revenue Commission Board for 23 years.

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear is the oldest of 10 children and a former member of Percy Grady United Church of Christ in Raeford, NC with Rev. Earl Hankerson and church friends.

WHEREAS Mr. Gaston Locklear is 91 years old. He lived a long, good life. When asked about the prospect of his legacy and continued success, Mr. Gaston Locklear replied, "I'm enjoying living for the Lord." He also stated that he's looking forward to "live more years if the Lord will."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners honors Mr. Gaston Locklear and his legacy and continued success and that this Resolution will be made part of the permanent record of the County of Hoke, North Carolina.

Adopted this 29th day of July, 2018.

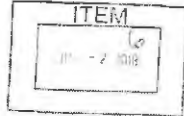
James Leach, Chairman

Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman

Tony Hunt, Commissioner

Robert Wright, Commissioner

Allen Thomas, Jr., Commissioner



Attest:
Gwen McGaughan, Clerk to the Board

Mr. Locklear had many family, friends and church members in the audience. The Board presented Mr. Locklear with the Proclamation and had photos made with Mr. Locklear.

7. Hoke County Public Library Board of Trustees Appointment

Sheila Brown Evans, Director of the Hoke County Public Library, advised the Board that Mr. Derwin Johnson has resigned from the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Glendia Black-Flippin has agreed to complete the remainder of Mr. Johnson's term.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted 4-0 to approve the appointment of Ms. Glendia Black-Flippin to serve the remainder of Mr. Derwin Johnson's term on the Library Board of Trustees.

8. Consideration of Raeford-Hoke Economic Development Commission's recommendation of new Economic Developer

County Manager Letitia Edens advised the Board that the Economic Development Commission has recommended Mr. Will Wright to replace Mr. Don Porter, who retired in June, 2018, as the new Economic Developer.

Vice Chairman Southerland commented that the Hiring Committee of the Economic Development Board went through a strenuous process to select applicants for interviews, conduct interviews and select a candidate.

Motion: Upon motion from Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Board and select Mr. Will Wright as the new Economic Developer.

9. Cancellation of July 16, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting

The July 16, 2018 meeting is being canceled because the Board will be at the NACo Annual Conference in Nashville, TN on that date.

Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Wright and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to cancel the July 16, 2018 Board of Commissioners regular meeting.

10. Manager's Report

County Manager Letitia Edens advised the Board that a meeting needs to be scheduled with Bobbitt Design-Build to discuss the timelines for the Parks & Recreation facility and the Cooperative Extension building. The contracts include timelines for the project.

Commissioner Hunt asked if the entire Board would have an opportunity to discuss the Design-Build firms before proceeding with meeting with Bobbitt to discuss timelines.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion for the entire Board of Commissioners to meet together and discuss the Design-Build firm selection prior to meeting with Bobbitt.

Commissioner Hunt offered to withdraw his motion due to Commissioner Thomas's absence, provided that no dates are set to meet with Bobbitt Design-Build.

Commissioner Wright stated that he would prefer that, since the Design-Build firm had been selected and voted upon, the Board should move forward with scheduling the meeting with Bobbitt.

Commissioner Hunt said his concern was that selection of the firm was added to the agenda and that only 3/5 of the Board voted. Commissioner Hunt felt that he was not given an opportunity to add his input into the decision.

Commissioner Hunt withdrew his motion.

Vice Chairman Southerland suggested that no dates be set until Commissioner Thomas is present.

Mrs. Edens said that she would notify Bobbitt that the meeting will be scheduled in August.

Ms. Christina Davis-McCoy came before the Board asking for clarification as to whether they want her to work on the grant that HATS has applied for.

Vice Chairman Southerland said that his preference is that Ms. Davis-McCoy focus her efforts on seeking grants for the Parks & Recreation facility and the Cooperative Extension building. Ms. Davis-McCoy concurred, adding that federal grant applications require the applicant to provide a large amount of data and statistics.

Commissioner Hunt suggested that perhaps Ms. Davis-McCoy could participate in the HATS grant process by reviewing and proofreading the application. Vice Chairman Southerland said that he agrees, but the County's contract with Ms. Davis-McCoy is for her work on applying for grants for the Parks & Recreation facility and the Cooperative Extension building. Working on the HATS grant would risk her billable hours being exhausted before funds for the Parks & Recreation and Cooperative Extensions buildings are secured. He believes that Ms. Davis-McCoy's contract be extended or amended in order for her to work on HATS.

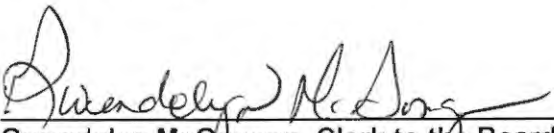
Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to extend Ms. Davis-McCoy's contract to enable her to assist with the HATS grant application process.

No Closed Session was held.

Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



James Leach, Chairman



Gwendolyn McGaugan, Clerk to the Board

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