

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 6, 2018 in the Commissioners Room of 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 Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Hunt gave the invocation.

**ITEM 1. Adoption of Agenda**

Hoke County  
Board of Commissioners

227 N. Main Street  
Randle, North Carolina  
28378



August 6, 2018  
7:00 P.M.

Commissioner's Room  
Pratt Building

**A G E N D A**

**INVOCATION & PLEDGE:** Chairman James Leach

**ITEM**

- 1 Adoption of Agenda
- 2 Public Comment
- 3 Public Hearings - Planning Matters - Conditional Use and Rezoning
  - a Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-15-2 submitted by Fawn & Foster for the use of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility located on the approximately 0.61 acre parcel known as 2027 Pied Springs Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 284400001330. The property is in the Residential Agricultural (RA-20) Zoning District. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.
  - b Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-15-3 submitted by Susan Key for the use of a Rural Home Occupation for the use of Automobile Sales located on the approximately 7.67 acre parcel known as 103 N. Sharon Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 284320001299. The property is in the Residential Agricultural (RA-20) Zoning District. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.
  - c Major Subdivision request submitted by 4-D Site Solutions for the 60 lot Phase 4 of the Vinefield Subdivision. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.
  - d Major Subdivision request submitted by H&Bard Engineering, PLLC for a future commercial development at Paradise Road. The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.
- 4 Consent Agenda
  - a Minutes from the June 4, 2018 regular meeting
  - b Minutes from the June 12, 13 and 14 budget workshops
  - c Minutes from the June 18, 2018 regular meeting
  - d Minutes from the June 21, 2018 budget workshop
  - e HC Vehicle tax refunds totaling \$4,354.68
  - f Consideration of Southern Health Partners Amendment #7 to contract with Ural
  - g Consideration of Procurement and Disbursement Policy for 2018 Urgent Repair Program
  - h Consideration of Assistance Policy for 2018 Urgent Repair Program
  - i Memorandum of Agreement Hoke/Bladen County accepting donation of a 10 Pacer. Satry Renah-Hason Trustee

- j Request from Butteba to hold annual Family Day at 211 Sports Complex
- k Finance Budget Amendments
- 5 Presentation of FY 2017 Audit Report
- 6 Planning Board Vacancies
- 7 Declaration of Surplus Properties: Sheriff's Department vehicles
- 8 Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Surplus Property: Old Highway 211, 2.0 acres undeveloped, PIN 284320001102
- 9 Sewer Waiver request for proposed 20 lot subdivision on McPhail Road
- 10 Request from Sheriff Peterkin to open a checking account for federal asset funds
- 11 Manager's Report
- 12 Closed Session
- 13 Adjourn

Chairman Leach asked if anyone had any additions or changes to the Agenda. County Manager Letitia Edens asked to add Pastor Carolyn Moore, who wishes to discuss the taxes for Hope New Zion Mission United Holy Church of America. This item was tabled from the July 2, 2018 meeting agenda.

**Motion:** Upon motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to add Pastor Carolyn Moore to the agenda as Item #3A.

County Attorney Grady Hunt asked to table Item 3a, Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-18-2, for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to adopt the amended agenda.**

## **Item 2. Public Comment**

Mr. Greg Powell  
206 Crosswinds Drive  
Raeford, NC 28376

Mr. Powell told the Board that he lives in the Cameron Village community of Hoke County. He has several items that he would like to discuss with the Board, but he will begin tonight with two items that he believes are priority.

Mr. Powell believes the Cameron Village community has been neglected. The residents would like a Community Building. The community owns 3-1/2 acres.

Both Loop Road and Burke Road, between Calloway Road and Army Road, are experiencing an increase in "through traffic". Mr. Powell would like to have the speed limits lowered on those roads. Both roads are in disrepair and need to be resurfaced.

Vice Chairman Southerland asked Mr. Powell the location of the 3-1/2 acres. Mr. Powell said the acreage is near the shelter on Loop Road. Vice Chairman Southerland told Mr. Powell that the Board just approved construction of a Community Building for the Tylertown community. The Board will take the request for a Community Building in Cameron Village under advisement.

Chairman Leach asked the Clerk and County Manager to send a letter to DOT from the Board requesting that they look into the issues regarding the roads.

Mr. Powell added that the Cameron Village community would like sewer lines installed in the community.

## **Item 3. Public Hearings and Planning Matters**

- a. Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-18-2 submitted by Faulk & Foster for the use of a Wireless Telecommunications Facility located on the approximately 5.61 acre parcel known as 9027 Red Springs Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 294400001390. The property is in the Residential Agricultural (RA-20) Zoning District. **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.**

Item tabled.

- b. Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-18-3 submitted by Susan Key for the use of a Rural Home Occupation for the use of Automobile Sales located on the approximately 7.87 acre parcel known as 103 N. Shannon Road, also known as Hoke County Parcel

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Identification Number (PIN) 294320001299. The property is in the Residential Agricultural (RA-20) Zoning District. **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.**

Mr. Key explained to the Board that this business will provide income for Mrs. Key upon her retirement. There is presently a 40' x 60' building on the property that will be used as an office.

Vice Chairman Southerland asked Mr. Key how many cars would be located on the lot. Mr. Key replied that he didn't know yet. He will be buying and selling the cars at the car sales, but he does plan to keep a few select vehicles onsite.

**Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Thomas and second from Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.**

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit CU-18-3.**

c. Major Subdivision request submitted by 4-D Site Solutions for the 50 lot Phase 4 of the Wedgefield Subdivision. **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.**

Planner Robert Farrell explained to the Board that these lots are part of Wedgefield Section 4. The property is zoned Residential Multi-Family. The smallest lot is over 8,000 sq. ft.

Commissioner Wright asked for confirmation that street access and water availability meet the requirements for the fire departments. Mr. Farrell confirmed that they do.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to approve Conditional Use Permit CU-18-3.**

d. Major Subdivision request submitted by Hilliard Engineering, PLLC for a future commercial development at Paraclete Road. **The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.**

Planner Robert Farrell told the Board that this will be a commercial subdivision to include extensions of Paraclete Drive and Wind Tunnel Lane. Flexibility with regard to lot size will allow commercial developers to configure lots as needed. Water and sewer are available for all lots.

Commissioner Hunt asked Mr. Farrell if these plans need to be reviewed by the fire department. Mr. Farrell said that the need for fire department review will be determined on a site by site basis.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to approve the overall design of the major commercial subdivision on Paraclete Drive.**

### **Item 3A. Discussion of taxes and fees due for Hope New Zion Mission United Holy Church of America**

Pastor Carolyn Moore addressed the Board regarding the parcel of land owned by the church and located at 173 Noble Drive. The church is a 501(c)(3) and the leadership of the church believed that they were exempt from paying property taxes.

The property was recently in tax foreclosure and when the church found out they paid \$1,700 to stop the tax foreclosure process. Pastor Moore said she understands now that the church is not exempt and is required to pay property taxes. However, roughly \$1,100 of the \$1,700 that the church had to pay was attorney fees. Pastor Moore is appealing to the Board to refund some of the funds that the church paid. Hope New Zion is a small church with few members and they try to help others by housing and feeding the homeless and operating a clothing bank for those in need throughout the community. The church is trying to raise money to build on the Noble Drive property.

Chairman Leach asked County Attorney Grady Hunt to clarify the law to the Board. Mr. Hunt said that the fees are determined pursuant to NC State Statute.

Commissioner Wright asked if Pastor Moore had applied for an exemption. Mr. Hunt explained that a vacant lot does not qualify for tax exemption. Once construction of the church begins they become eligible for exemption.

Pastor Moore said that the church was not receiving the tax bills. They were mailed to Lumberton to the residence of the deceased former pastor.

Chairman Leach told Pastor Moore that the Board would help her if they could. State law limits what the Board can do. The Board appreciates what the church does for the community.

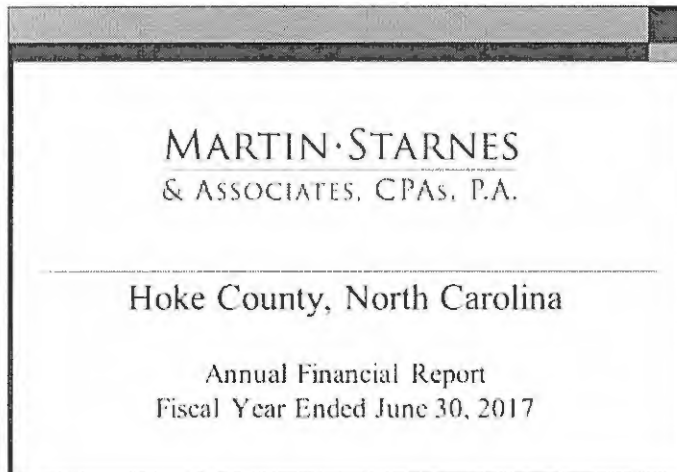
Commissioner Thomas told Pastor Moore that he disagrees with the State law. He would encourage her to go before the Board of Equalization.

#### **ITEM 4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Minutes from the June 4, 2018 regular meeting
- b. Minutes from the June 12, 13 and 14 budget workshops
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- e. NC Vehicle tax refunds totaling \$4,354.68
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- g. Consideration of Procurement and Disbursement Policy for 2018 Urgent Repair Program
- h. Consideration of Assistance Policy for 2018 Urgent Repair Program
- i. Memorandum of Agreement Hoke/Bladen County accepting donation of a 16' Public Safety Rehabilitation Trailer
- j. Request from Butterball to hold annual Family Day at 211 Sports Complex
- k. Finance: Budget Amendments

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Items a-k.**

**Item 5. Presentation of FY 2017 County Audit Report**



Audit Manager Ko Tang Cha-Moses from Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs presented Hoke County's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017. The report is an *Unmodified Opinion*, which can only be issued if the County is found to have no material financial misstatements. Mrs. Cha-Moses also commended the County staff for being very cooperative. Highlights from the 2017 Audit:

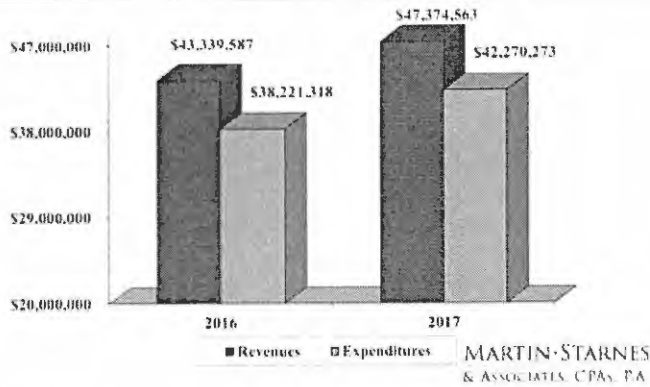
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### Audit Highlights

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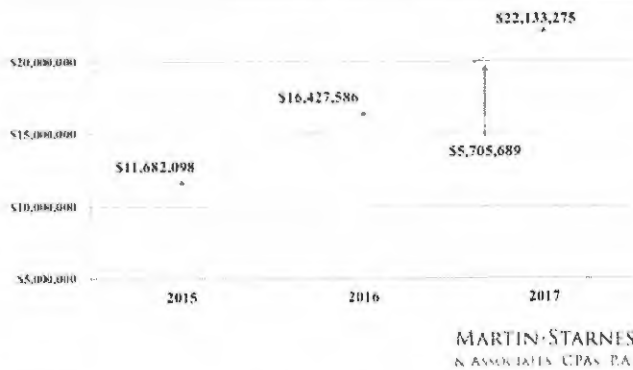
- Unmodified opinion on the financial statements
  
- Cooperative staff

### General Fund Summary



Hoke County's FY 2017 General Fund revenues increased by 9.3%, roughly \$4,000,000. Expenditures increased by 10.6%, roughly \$4,000,000.

### Total Fund Balance General Fund



Fund Balance serves as a measure of the County's financial resources available. The formula used is:

- Total Fund Balance
- Non-spendable
- Restricted
- Committed
- Assigned

### 2017 Unassigned Fund Balance

### Fund Balance Position-General Fund

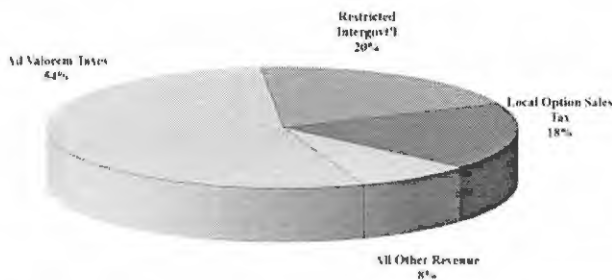
□ Total Fund Balance	\$22,133,275
□ Non spendable	- 57,470
□ Restricted	- 5,384,694
□ Committed	- 156,672
□ Assigned	- <u>593,571</u>
□ Unassigned Fund Balance 2017	\$ 15,940,868
□ Unassigned Fund Balance 2016	\$ 11,961,501
□ Increase in Unassigned FB	\$ 3,979,367

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At year-end Hoke County's General Fund increased by \$5,700,000, a 34.7% increase over the prior year. The available Fund Balance percentage is 37.71%, an increase from 34.98% at FY 2016 year-end. NC Local Government Commission requires a minimum of 8%.

When compared with seven North Carolina counties that are similar in size to Hoke County (Chatham, Edgecombe, Halifax, Lenoir, Moore, Nash and Wilson counties), Hoke County's Fund Balance is the highest.

### Top 3 Revenues: General Fund



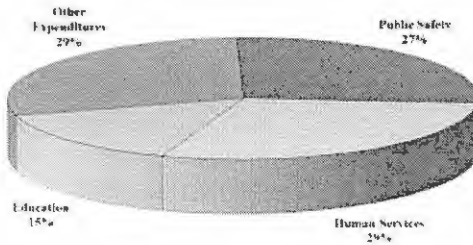
Top 3 Comprise \$44,043,261 (92%) of Revenues

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### Top 3 Expenditures: General Fund

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Top 3 Comprise \$30,183,674 (71%) of Expenditures

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### Enterprise Funds – W&S

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Water & Sewer District	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Income	\$ 1,162,515	\$ 1,041,323
Depreciation Expense	1,520,163	1,256,680
Total Net Position	50,171,836	48,982,295
Unrestricted Net Position	9,095,155	8,555,664
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	2,892,549	2,689,260
Required Debt Service	1,574,780	13,270,114

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### Enterprise Funds – SW

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Solid Waste	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating Income	\$ 262,510	\$ 690,962
Depreciation Expense	97,909	97,804
Total Net Position	5,324,346	5,019,174
Unrestricted Net Position	3,939,060	3,679,167
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	328,333	832,725

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Chairman Leach thanked E.J. Prevatte, Garvin Ferguson and the Finance Department staff for their hard work and excellent stewardship of public dollars.

Vice Chairman Southerland thanked the Tax Collector, Finance Department, County Attorney and Administration staff for their hard work and reminded everyone that it takes a team effort to achieve these accomplishments.

Commissioner Thomas added that when he joined the Board the County had a Fund Balance of 6%. The Fund Balance has grown significantly at the same time that the County has given the Hoke County School System funding for the One-to-One Initiative, provided funding for the Viper radio system for the Sheriff's Department and given the employees raises 3 out of the 4 years that he's been on the Board. Like-sized counties look up to Hoke as an example of hard work and tough decision-making. Commissioner Thomas also thanked his fellow Board members. They work hard together and intend to maintain a healthy financial position for Hoke County.

#### **Item 6. Planning Board Vacancies**

Planner Robert Farrell advised the Board that there are two vacancies on the Planning Board.

Chairman Leach opened the floor for nominations. Chairman Leach said he had spoken to local businessman Mr. William Hollingsworth and he has agreed to serve on the Planning Board.

Commissioner Wright nominated local Engineer and Surveyor Chris Pusey.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to close Planning Board nominations and proceed with Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Pusey.**

Chairman Leach asked Mr. Farrell to send the two nominees letters confirming that they will serve.

#### **Item 7. Declare as surplus 5 Sheriff's Department vehicles**

County Manager Letitia Edens presented 5 Sheriff's Department vehicles to be declared surplus and disposed of:

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND  
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke, North Carolina desires to dispose of certain equipment from the Hoke County Sheriff's office as listed below that has been determined as no longer needed by the County.

ITEM	VIN	MILEAGE	FLEET#
2004 Mercury Marquis	2MEFM74W41X680139	151,756	126
2006 Chevrolet Impala	2G1FWJ651560240312	189,561	134
2006 Mercury Marquis	2MEFM75V56X008501	105,000	100
2002 Ford Expedition	1FMRU15W42LA25809	201,000	120
2008 Ford Explorer	1FMEU73E98UA18947	105,883	132

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners that the listed property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County and authorizes the disposition of the property in the best interests of the County of Hoke.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of August, 2018.

James Leach, Chairman

Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

**Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to declare the listed vehicles surplus and disposed of.**

**Item 8. Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of an Offer to Purchase Property**

Clerk Gwen McGougan presented a Resolution authorizing the advertisement of an offer to purchase 2 undeveloped acres off Highway 211, PIN #294320001102, Antioch Township. Mr. Rick LaVelle has made an offer on this property.

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Chairman  
Harry Southerland  
Vice Chairman  
Tony Hunt  
Commissioner  
Allen Thomas, Jr.  
Commissioner



Robert Wright  
Commissioner  
Grady Hunt  
County Attorney  
Lettita Edens  
County Manager  
Gwen McGoogan  
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 various property of the County;

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

1. Parcel 294320001102 - on Highway 211 - As to: Township: Property is Parcel 294320001102 in the hands of the County.
2. The Board of Commissioners has received an offer to purchase for the sum of \$1,775,000 in a parcel of property.
3. The Board of Commissioners proposes to accept this offer unless an upper 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 §100A-230.
6. The Clerk is directed, should a qualifying deposit be received within ten (10) days from the publication of said notice in accordance with NCOS §100A-230, to re-advertise the offer at the increased upper bid amount.
7. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept any and all offers at any time.

The 05th day of August, 2018

James A. Leach, Chairman                      Gwen McGoogan, Clerk to the Board

APPROVED

Hoke Co. Board of Comm.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt the Board voted unanimously to approve advertisement of an offer to purchase property off Highway 211, PIN #294320001102.**

**Item 9. Request for Sewer Waiver**

Utilities Director Hilton Villines presented a waiver request from Leland Strother for a proposed 30-lot subdivision on McPhail Road. The force main is 1.7 miles away and the nearest gravity sewer line is 1.6 miles away and it would not be cost efficient to bring a sewer line that far to serve the subdivision.

Chairman Leach commented that the access to the sewer system is simply not there at this time. Commissioner Hunt said that the Utilities Committee looks at every angle when determining whether a project can be served.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to approve the sewer waiver request for the proposed 30-lot subdivision on McPhail Road.**

**Item 10. Sheriff request to open a checking account to separate Federal and State asset forfeiture funds**

Sheriff Hubert Peterkin requested approval to open a checking account in order to comply with the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement which requires Federal funds to be managed and accounted for separately from Justice funds, State funds and Local funds.

Chairman Leach commented that the County just received an excellent audit report and any process that can make future audits better will be supported.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Sheriff to open an account to be used specifically for Federal Equitable Sharing funds.**

Sheriff Peterkin advised the Board that the Hoke County Sheriff's Department has once again achieved National Accreditation. The Sheriff thanked the Board for their support. Hoke is one of only 7 counties in the State of North Carolina with this distinction.

**Item 11. Manager's Report**

County Manager Letitia Edens advised the Board that auditors are on site this week.

Mrs. Edens also asked the Board for guidance on how to proceed with the Design-Build projects.

Commissioner Hunt asked the Board to once again consider meeting with all Board members present and review the proposals. All members deserve the opportunity to voice their opinion.

**Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion that the Board convene to review and discuss the Design-Build proposals. The motion died due to lack of a second.**

**Motion: Upon motion from Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Wright the Board voted unanimously to schedule a meeting with Bobbitt Design-Build to move forward and review the contract process.**

After discussion regarding dates, the Board gave the County Manager 2 dates to propose to Bobbitt: Monday, August 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm (preferred) or Friday, August 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

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**Item 12. Recess**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Wright and second by Vice Chairman  
Southernland the Board recessed the meeting until Monday, August 13, 2018  
at 1:00 pm.**

**The meeting recessed at 7:55 pm.**

Resumption of recessed Monday, August 6, 2018 meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners until Monday, August 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Commissioner Tony Hunt

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order and Commissioner Wright gave the invocation.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to add meeting with Bobbitt Design-Build and a discussion regarding land acquisition and applying for grant funds.**

Mr. John Clagett and Mr. Jim Bell were present at the meeting representing Bobbitt Design-Build.

County Attorney Grady Hunt had reviewed the proposed contracts and made a list of revisions that would need to be made before the County could approve the contracts. These revisions included adding or modifying exhibits and deleting the section about arbitration.

Mr. Clagett presented a power-point presentation giving an overview of the contract process and project timeline. The process will begin with determining what the County wants beyond the basic scope of work. From that discussion, Bobbitt will prepare initial drawings for review by the Board and the public. Bobbitt then prepares more drawings and an updated scope of work. Again, the County will review the drawings and suggest any changes. This process continues until all parties agree; at that time a budget and construction documents will be prepared.

Commissioner Hunt asked when the projects would need to go before the Local Government Commission. Mr. Clagett replied that would need to be done after a final budget is determined. Commissioner Hunt added that the County needs to make sure all the grant requirements are covered. The County Manager said that she would get the Finance Officer to look into it.

Mr. Clagett told the Board that timelines would be affected by how much time is needed to complete the feasibility study, modifications to the plans and coordination with outside agencies such as the Health Department and Department of Transportation. The location of the Cooperative Extension building has been determined, but the final Parks & Recreation facility location has not been selected, so there will be a site evaluation required for that building. December, 2020 is a realistic target for completion.

Commissioner Thomas initiated a discussion regarding the grant application process. Christina Davis-McCoy said that Hoke did not meet the May 2018 deadline, so Hoke County will have to apply in the next round. Applicants should know if they're approved or not by September, 2019. Mr. Claggett said that construction could be delayed pending approval of the grant. The Board replied that the process should proceed without delay. The project is not contingent upon the grant being approved.

Mr. Claggett asked the Board if they want Bobbitt to evaluate the proposed site, adjacent to East Hoke Middle School, for the Parks & Recreation facility. Chairman Leach replied that the Board does want Bobbitt to proceed with that site evaluation. Commissioner Wright said that DOT needs to add a turning lane on Highway 401 giving direct access to the Parks & Recreation facility.

Commissioner Hunt asked if the Board of Commissioners needs to meet with the School Board to discuss this land donation. Chairman Leach replied that he believes the School Board has already had that conversation. Commissioner Hunt said that, if the Hoke High Swim Team will be practicing at the pool, it would make more sense to install it at the High School instead of next to East Hoke Middle School. Chairman Leach said that the swim team is currently driving to Laurinburg for practices.

**Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Thomas the Board voted unanimously to select the site on Highway 401 adjacent to East Hoke Middle School for the Parks & Recreation facility, subject to acquiring the property and DOT approval of direct access from Highway 401.**

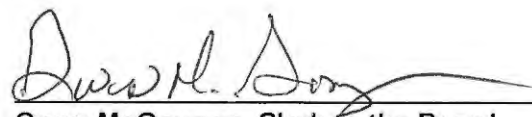
Commissioner Wright suggested that the Clerk contact the School Board to schedule a meeting with the Board of Commissioners to discuss the land donation.

Commissioner Thomas stated that ultimately, the money paid to build these buildings will come from Hoke County taxpayers. He asked Mr. Claggett what Bobbitt's philosophy is regarding sub-contractors. Specifically, how they feel about hiring local sub-contractors.

Mr. Claggett replied that Bobbitt prefers to hire locally, because by being local, they are invested in the success of the project. Other factors include minority businesses, insurability, safety record and whether the contractor has the labor and resources to complete the project. Bobbitt checks references on the sub-contractors they hire.

**Motion: Upon motion by Commissioner Thomas and second by Vice Chairman Southerland the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the recessed meeting at 2:05 pm.**

  
James Leach, Chairman

  
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

**APPROVED**  
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