

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of October 15, 2018

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., October 15, 2018. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Surry County Government Center, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present for the meeting were Vice-Chairman Van Tucker, Commissioner Larry Phillips, Commissioner Larry Johnson, and Commissioner Gary Carson Tilley.

Chairman Eddie Harris was unable to attend.

Others present for the meeting, at various times, were:

Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Rhonda Nixon, Budget and Performance Director
John Shelton, Emergency Services Director
Stephanie Conner, Communications Director
Edwin Woltz, County Attorney
Tammy Johnson, Assistant to the County Manager
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Vice-Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Tucker requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to approve the October 15, 2018 agenda.

Vice-Chairman Tucker requested the Board consider the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tilley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to approve the minutes as written.

Vice-Chairman Tucker requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Chris Knopf, County Manager, advised the Board of an additional item for consideration from the Facilities Director. Upon motion of Commissioner Tilley seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to approve the consent agenda with the additional item as follows.

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the Parks and Recreation Director to apply for and accept, if awarded, a grant from the Duke Energy Water Resources Trust Fund to develop a river access along the Fisher River at Old US Highway 601.
- Approve the Opioid Response Director to apply for the "Access and Mobility Partnership Grant" and the "Combating Opioid Overdose Community-Level Intervention Initiative Grant", with acceptance of both grants requiring future Board approval, if awarded.
- Approve the following from the Tax Department:

1. Total releases for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$6,547.02.
2. Total refunds for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$2,596.16.
3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$2,081.47.
4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$1,587,849.52.
5. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$136,176.12.
6. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$0.
7. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$5,632.17.
8. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 9/30/18 in the amount of \$37,864.99.

- Approve for the Facilities Director to select the lowest quote of \$24,900 from Hayco Construction for renovations in the District Attorney's Offices in the Judicial Center with funding being allocated from General Fund Contingency.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve the donation of flags to Franklin Elementary School.
- Approve the emergency purchase of the autoclave for the Dental Clinic.

Requests from the Budget & Performance Director:

- Approve Budget Amendment #7 as follows.

ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS AMOUNT	CHANGE	REVISED AMOUNT
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
<u>Tax Supervisor</u>				
1054140 51720	Contracted Services	75,000	48,050	123,050
	Increase departmental total	1,548,204	48,050	1,596,254
<u>Judicial Center BLDG</u>				
1054185 51720	Contracted Services	57,000	12,120	69,120
	Increase departmental total	380,340	12,120	392,460
<u>Permit & Health BLDG</u>				
1054189 51720	Contracted Services	30,000	31,165	61,165
	Increase departmental total	76,300	31,165	107,465
<u>Historic Courthouse</u>				
1054192 52010	Supplies & Materials	0	32,245	32,245
	Increase departmental total	48,900	32,245	81,145
<u>Health Department BLDG</u>				
1054195 51720	Contracted Services	1,000	31,165	32,165
	Increase departmental total	18,550	31,165	49,715
<u>NON-Departmental</u>				
1054199 59510	General Fund Contingency	150,000	(85,919)	64,081
	Decrease departmental total	690,739	(85,919)	604,820
<u>REVENUES</u>				
1044000 49900	Unencumbered Balance	6,191,582	68,826	6,260,408
	Increase fund totals.	72,836,910	68,826	72,905,736

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve the Purchasing Agent's request to award a recently declared surplus vehicle to Mountain Park Rescue Squad for a first responder vehicle.
- Approve the proposed amendment to the audit contract for the Airport Authority, not built into the original contract with Gould Killian CPA Group, P.A. The amendment includes the following additions: transition of the accounting system from Quickbooks to Munis and construction-in-progress reconciliation.
- Approve the Public Works Director be allowed to use funding in the Recycling Center budget to repair a retaining wall at the Ararat Recycling Center at a cost not to exceed \$32,500.

Vice-Chairman Tucker declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address the Board on any matters of civic concern.

Rawley King, Mount Airy, came forward to express his concerns with the County funds approved to assist with the proposed public water line from Mount Airy to Pilot Mountain. The Board explained that their support for the project was for economic development as with other past initiatives within the County.

There being no further comments, Vice-Chairman Tucker closed the public forum.

Jeffery Eads, Regional Director of Community Operations with Partners Behavioral Health, presented a quarterly report as of June 30, 2018. The report included: Comparison of Medicaid/State Expenditures in Surry County for FY16, FY17, and FY18; Medicaid/Non-Medicaid adults and children served for intellectual developmental/mental health/substance abuse disabilities for FY18; Cost of Medicaid/Non-Medicaid adults and children served for intellectual developmental/mental health/substance abuse disabilities for FY18; and, Program Activities such as Threat Assessment Training for Schools, School Safety Training, Elkin and Mount Airy City Schools Pilot Projects, Integrated Care (Surry County Health and Nutrition), Opioid Response, Participation with the Juvenile Crime Prevention/Child Protection/Child Fatality Team/Local Emergency Preparedness Committee, and sponsor at the NC Association of County Commissioners Conference.

Mr. Eads asked Robin Testerman, Executive Director of the Children's Center, to discuss a grant award from the North Carolina Public Schools Safety Grant Program, in the amount of \$34,000, to implement a Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Program for Surry County. Ms. Testerman advised that the program will fund one to two representatives from each school in Surry County, in each district, to attend training that follows an outline by Cornell University. The attendees will be able to train their staff on ways to assess student behavior to possibly defuse a crisis in the school before it escalates.

Ms. Testerman advised that the project proposal was for \$38,000 therefore resulting in a shortfall of \$4,000. Ms. Testerman asked the Board for their permission to allow Partners Behavioral Health to redirect \$4,000 of designated funds from Surry County to be utilized for the shortfall.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, all present were in favor and the motion carried to approve Partners Behavioral Health redirect \$4,000 of appropriated funds from Surry County for the program.

Vice-Chairman Tucker advised that it was time for the special recognition portion of the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Tucker recognized his sister and father for attending the meeting. Mr. Tucker advised that his father, Calvin Tucker, is a veteran of the World War II era and lifelong citizen and active businessman in Surry County.

The following paramedics were recognized by the Board and John Shelton, Emergency Services Director, for life saves to citizens in Surry County:

10 Life Saves

Clint Harper
James Hutchins

5 Life Saves

Steve Allen
Corey Carson
Chastin Dickerson
Josh LeCrone
Aaron Stoltzfus
Matthew Thomas

The following telecommunicators were commended for their dedication to public service and were recognized by the Board for going above and beyond their duties to aid in assistance during Hurricane Florence:

Handled 911 Calls for Columbus County

Daniel Watson
Gerald Hicks
Brandon Ramey
Glenn Lamb
Brent Robertson
Robbie Cook
Andrew Shores
Karen Ratliff
Nick Brown
Jamie Bobbitt
John Wesley Hargrave, Jr.

Worked the Console for Surry County

Chris Spainhour
Tony Miceli
Garnett Brintle
Timothy Ramey

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed the Building Reuse Grant for Project Eagle and advised that the local match of five percent, was approved by the Board in July 2017. The grant was contingent upon job creation and sustainability of the jobs. Mr. Knopf advised that J.P. Decelle, Surry County Finance Department, and Andrew Wright, Surry County Economic Development Partnership, have been in contact with Altec Industries, Inc. to confirm that benchmarks have been met, as required by the North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC). Mr. Knopf advised the Board that they could pay the five percent local

match (\$25,000) at this time or wait until the end of the term which has approximately nine months remaining. Mr. Knopf asked the Board to consider moving forward to release the \$25,000.

Attorney Ed Woltz advised that the State has confirmed that the project is complete and documented with NCDOC. Mr. Woltz advised the Board to direct the NCDOC to release the grant funds prior to the County releasing the five percent commitment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to direct the North Carolina Department of Commerce to release the grant funds, and Surry County will pay the five percent local commitment of \$25,000.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, reminded the Board that the November 5, 2018 meeting will be held at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, all present were in favor and the motion carried to appoint Walter D. Harris III to serve on the Surry County Board of Adjustment.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, all present were in favor and the motion carried to reappoint Dr. Mark Hauser to serve on the Surry County Board of Health, effective November 1, 2018.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tilley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to reappoint Anne Vaughn, Tom Riggs, Teresa Lewis, and Paul Patterson to serve on the Northern Hospital of Surry County Board of Trustees.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, all present were in favor and the motion carried to reappoint Dr. Myra Cox to serve on the Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

A motion was made from Commissioner Phillips to approve the following reappointments to the Juvenile Prevention Council: Rusty Slate, Spencer Key, Daniel White, Janice King, Jeff Eads, and Terri Mosley. Following the motion and further discussion by the Board, Commissioners Phillips asked that the motion be tabled. The Board asked for attendance records to be obtained to review and to bring back for consideration at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, all present were in favor and the motion carried directing the County Manager to develop a draft Board/Commission/Committee evaluation form to present at the November 5, 2018 meeting. Upon approval, each Board/Commission/Committee in Surry County would be required to fill out the evaluation form annually for review by the Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, all present were in favor and the motion carried to go into closed session for legal matters pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

The Board came out of closed session and resumed regular business.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve but not release the October 1, 2018 closed session minutes.

Commissioner Johnson discussed with the Board the structure of the CCOM Advisory Committee and the possible role of Dr. Jason Stopyra, Medical Director. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to add Dr. Stopyra to the Committee, Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and Commissioner Phillips called for a vote to be taken.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Phillips,
Commissioner Tilley

Nays: Vice-Chairman Tucker

The motion carried.

The budget pocket cards, prepared in the past by Finance, were discussed. The Assistant County Manager will ask Finance to prepare new budget cards.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all present were in favor and the motion carried to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Tammy Johnson
Clerk to the Board

Sandy Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board