

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of September 17, 2018

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., September 17, 2018. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Surry County Government Center, Dobson, N.C.

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

Others present for the meeting, at various times, were:
Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Edwin Woltz, County Attorney
Kristy Preston, DSS Director
Don Mitchell, Facilities Director
Sarah Bowen, Finance Officer
Dennis Bledsoe, Public Works Director
Maggie Simmons, Assistant Health Director
Mark Willis, Opioid Response Director
Buzz Ellis, Behavioral Health QP
Tammy Johnson, Assistant to the County Manager
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Chairman Harris called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Commissioner Johnson delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Harris requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tilley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 17, 2018 agenda.

Chairman Harris requested the Board consider the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Phillips, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Harris requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Mr. Knopf, County Manager, asked that the Duke Energy easement be pulled from the consent agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following consent agenda items, omitting the Duke Energy easement until a later date.

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
 1. Total releases for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$91,381.45.
 2. Total refunds for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$101,137.57.
 3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$2,081.47.
 4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$146,477.46.

5. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$110,848.84.
6. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$146.58.
7. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$6,229.68.
8. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 8/31/18 in the amount of \$32,763.55.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Remove EMS Training Officer from Grade 67 and add to Grade 68 on the Surry County Position Classification Plan.
- Approve for the interest to be paid on the tax settlement with Lowe's Home Centers for 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Requests from the Finance Officer:

- Approve the Purchasing Agent's request to award a recently declared surplus vehicle to the Northern Hospital of Surry County for security patrol.
- Approve the following Capital Project Ordinance Amendment.

MOUNT AIRY SURRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE

RUNWAY EXTENSION PROJECT
AMENDMENT #4

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Surry that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, this capital project ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1: The project authorized by this ordinance is the extension, strengthening, and repaving of the runway at the Mount Airy Surry County Airport.

Section 2: The officers of this governmental unit are hereby directed to proceed with this capital project within the guidelines set by the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project and are hereby appropriated or referenced by prior appropriation.

NC DOT Aviation Grant	\$ 972,916
Transfer from General Fund	<u>\$1,436,939</u>
Total Revenues	\$2,409,855

Section 4: The following amounts are available for expenditures for the project:

Professional Services - Engineering	\$ 410,000
Project Construction	\$1,227,573
Mitigation Services	\$ 747,685
Contingency	<u>\$ 24,597</u>
Total Appropriation	\$2,409,855

Section 5: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly to the Mount Airy Surry County Airport Authority on the financial status of this project.

Section 6: The Budget Officer is directed to include an analysis of past and future costs and revenues for this capital project in each annual budget submitted to the Mount Airy Surry County Airport Authority for as long as this ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 7: Any unexpended funds appropriated shall be reserved by the Grantor and the Board of Commissioners for use as provided by applicable law or regulation.

Section 8: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

Request from Budget and Performance Director:

- Approve Budget Amendment #6 as follows.

ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
<u>AIRPORT CAPITAL PROJECT FUND</u>					
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>Runway Extension</u>					
99754987	51615	Mitigation Services	0	747,685	747,685
		Increase departmental total	1,662,170	747,685	2,409,855
<u>REVENUES</u>					
99744987	43388	NC DOT Aviation Grant	300,000	672,916	972,916
99744987	49900	Unencumbered Balance	0	74,769	74,769
		Increase fund totals	7,197,165	747,685	7,944,850

Chairman Harris declared the meeting to be an open forum and invited members of the audience to address the Board on any matters of civic concern. There being no public comments, Chairman Harris closed the public forum.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the DSS Dashboard monthly report of services that the agency has provided for the period January thru August 2018.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the Reaching for Excellence in Accountability and Practice (REAP) report, for 2018 Quarter 1. Ms. Preston added that the child welfare data was captured by the Division of Social Services from October 2016 thru September 2017.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the annual Adult Protective Services survey report for 2017/2018, for elderly and disabled investigations. Ms. Preston advised that the agency is required by the Division of Aging and Adult Services in Raleigh, to send in the caseload information each year. Ms. Preston advised there were 129 reports received, 51 investigated and home-visits by a DSS social worker to 35 of those not investigated. Ms. Preston advised that DSS has been working with Emergency Services for "frequent 911 callers", to see if there are services that could be

made available through DSS and reduce calls to EMS. Ms. Preston added that 35-40 visits were made over the past 12-15 months.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the report for Monthly Child Support. Ms. Preston added that the consultant found no concerns during monitoring.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the first performance measure monitoring data from the State. Ms. Preston advised that this is regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS), signed a few months ago. Ms. Preston advised that 25 applicable indicators were found; DSS has met 20 of the 25 goals and the remaining are still in review.

Sarah Bowen, Finance Officer, and Dennis Bledsoe, Public Works Director, discussed a proposal to purchase a new compactor. Ms. Bowen advised that the landfill debt model, discussed at the Planning Retreat, included the equipment at \$680,000. Mr. Bledsoe discussed a proposal received from James River Equipment/BOMAG totaling \$721,769.83. Mr. Bledsoe advised that after looking at different compactors, this would be best to meet Public Works' needs and estimates the compactor's life at eight to ten years. Ms. Bowen advised that DEC Associates updated the landfill debt model and the purchase would be feasible. Upon motion of Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the Public Works compactor, utilizing the five-year lease option, in the amount of \$721,769.83.

Maggie Simmons, Assistant Health Director, presented and distributed the State of the County Health Report for 2017. Ms. Simmons advised that the report is completed in the years where a county health assessment is not. The last county health assessment was in 2014 with the next one to be completed in 2018. The 2014 community health assessment involved surveying the general public for health priorities and selecting three priorities for public health interventions. Ms. Simmons advised the three priorities from 2014 were obesity, substance abuse prevention, and access to affordable healthcare; she discussed how they are being addressed. Ms. Simmons discussed the 2017 Community Health Rankings, released each year by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, that show health outcomes and health factors; Surry County ranked 55 out of 100 counties. Ms. Simmons updated the Board on the Child Fatality Prevention Team that meets quarterly as required by the State. The team reviews child deaths up to the age of 18 that do not involve abuse or neglect. Seven deaths were reviewed in 2017. Ms. Simmons advised the Child Fatality Prevention Team has partnered with Kristy Preston, DSS Director, and the Community Child Protection Team which has been beneficial.

Maggie Simmons, Assistant Health Director, Mark Willis, Opioid Response Director, and Buzz Ellis, Behavioral Health QP, discussed the Opioid Recovery Grant opportunity, in the amount of \$75,000-\$100,000. The grant's purpose is to recruit and fund local health departments/districts in North Carolina to implement strategies to prevent fatal and non-fatal overdoses, increase access and linkages to care services for the most vulnerable

populations, and build local capacity to respond to the opioid epidemic in NC. Grant funds would focus on the area of expanding treatment and recovery systems of care: connecting justice-involved persons to harm reduction, treatment and recovery services. Ms. Simmons advised that the Board of Health approved the application and acceptance of the grant if awarded. Ms. Simmons asked the Board for their consideration to apply and accept the grant if awarded.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tilley, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Health and Nutrition Center to apply and accept the grant if awarded.

The Board took a 10-minute recess.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed an invitation for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC). The meeting will be held on October 17, 2018 at 12:00 noon in Greensboro.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed a letter from the Department of Health and Human Services notifying that the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) will be conducting a site visit at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in October, to consider their application for renewal designation as a Level 1 trauma center. Mr. Knopf advised the Board if they wish to share any comments, please send them to his office, and he will submit them in writing by the due date of September 30, 2018.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, asked the Board to consider the County Commissioners' Meeting Calendar for 2019 and advised that the meeting location will change to the Historic Courthouse, upon renovation completion. Upon motion of Chairman Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2019 meeting calendar as submitted.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, advised that he attended a special called Surry County Schools (SCS) Board meeting, to hear from their architects regarding projects for the current fiscal year. The meeting was to discuss inflationary costs which have increased their projects by \$2.9M. The SCS are considering two additional projects: pitched roof replacements at \$1.2M and four additional classrooms at Franklin Elementary at \$1.6M. Mr. Knopf advised that he asked DEC Associates to see how the inflationary growth can be absorbed in the debt issuance model.

Mr. Knopf added the third issuance to discuss next year, or the year following, would be the jail expansion projected at \$30-\$35M. Chairman Harris advised that the Finance Committee met with DEC Associates prior to the BOCC meeting and discussed concerns with staying within the debt model. Doug Carter and Andrew Carter, DEC Associates, addressed the Board and discussed the financial model and how they looked at selective revenues and pay-go funds (schools & County blended non-borrowed capital money), and revised the plan bringing in new data. Doug Carter advised that they do see capacity within the model for the jail expansion and inflationary growth in the three school projects but there are unknowns that may arise when the projects go to bid. Therefore, DEC does not see capacity inside

the model for add-on projects and recommended the Board not approve them at this time.

Dr. Travis Reeves, Surry County Schools Superintendent, thanked the County for having DEC Associates run the model and discussed the projects in relation to the numbers. Dr. Reeves advised that the increases were due to inflationary costs that have changed since Powell's estimates in 2014. He advised that a four-pipe HVAC system was preferred but the SCS is looking into barred (individual) units for the classrooms at Mount Airy High School. Dr. Reeves added that an estimate for a roof on a building at Mountain Park Elementary was not included in the original estimate but needs to be replaced due to its age from the 1950's. He noted that another increase is for an addition to the design to enclose a couple of halls at Dobson and Mountain Park Elementary Schools due to safety issues, and with the House Bill 90, rule for reduced class sizes, Dobson Elementary has no available classrooms; therefore, four additional classrooms have been added to the design. Dr. Reeves stated that the \$2.9M is essential. Dr. Reeves discussed the add-on projects. There are empty classrooms at Franklin Elementary that will be renovated into restrooms to meet ADA compliance guidelines, and that is the reason for requesting four new classrooms. Dr. Reeves commented that sloped roofs have been considered for maintenance reasons, but the School Board realizes the four additional classrooms at Franklin Elementary as priority, if funds are available.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed a draft list of Surry's 2018-2019 legislative goals to be submitted to the General Assembly and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Mr. Knopf asked the Board to review and submit additional items prior to the October 1, 2018 meeting. Mr. Knopf advised that the Board will need to consider a voting delegate for the Legislative Goals Conference to be held in January, 2019.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, requested the Board amend his agenda, to include an item for the Facilities Director. Upon motion of Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve adding the additional item to his agenda.

Don Mitchell, Facilities Director, and Tony Chilton, Brite Engineering, presented the following change orders issued from Simcon Company for the Service Center (Dobson Plaza).

Change Order #31

Additional cost to add data drops and jacks for USDA. This includes 28 additional data drops, 32 additional CAT6 data jacks and one additional 24 port patch panel. This also includes testing and labeling the additional drops. (Surry County to provide the CAT6 cable.) Cost \$10,098.00

Change Order #32

Additional cost to add ten (10) receptacles in meeting room 321 above the cabinets. Cost \$953.70

Change Order #33

Additional cost to extend walls to the roof deck for the USDA IT Room #409 as requested by USDA. Cost \$4,039.20

The Board raised concerns, after much discussion, about Change Order #33 and will reach out to discuss with Congresswoman Virginia Foxx before taking action. Upon motion of Commissioner

Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, the Board voted to approve Change Orders #31 and #32. Change Order #33 will be reevaluated.

Ayes: Chairman Harris, Vice-Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Tilley
Nays: Commissioner Phillips

Don Mitchell, Facilities Director, and Tony Chilton, Brite Engineering, presented the following change order issued from Hayco Construction for the Historic Courthouse.

Change Order #20

Additional cost to terminate fiber optic cables at all data boxes. Cost \$7,933.00

Upon motion of Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted to approve Change Order #20.

Ayes: Chairman Harris, Vice-Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Tilley
Nays: Commissioner Phillips

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Michael Gentry to fulfill Dr. Vincent Miller's unexpired term on the Surry County Board of Health.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Kristy Preston, Ricky Bowman, Jeff Eads, and Monroe Wagoner to serve on the Opioid Response Advisory Council.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Michael Wall, Linda Johnson, Wanda Akers, Shirley Nichols, Michael Seivers, and Larry Johnson to serve on the Surry County Nursing Adult Care Homes Community Advisory Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Melissa Hiatt to serve on the Surry Aging Planning Committee.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session for legal, economic development, and personnel matters, pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)(4)(6).

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

Upon motion of Chairman Harris, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve but not release the September 4, 2018 closed session minutes.

Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Tilley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.

Sandy Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board