

Surry County Board of Commissioners
Meeting of July 15, 2019

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., July 15, 2019. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

Board members present for the meeting were Chairman Van Tucker, Vice-Chairman Larry Johnson, Commissioner Bill Goins, Commissioner Eddie Harris, and Commissioner Mark Marion.

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

Chris Knopf, County Manager
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager
Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator
Don Mitchell, Facilities Director
Kristy Preston, DSS Director
Mark Willis, Opioid Response Director
John Shelton, Emergency Services Director
Daniel White, Parks and Recreation Director
Ed Woltz, County Attorney
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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.

Chairman Tucker requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 15, 2019 agenda.

Chairman Tucker requested the Board consider the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

Chairman Tucker requested the Board consider the consent agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Requests from the County Manager:

- Approve the following from the Tax Department:
 1. Total releases for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$5,130.59.
 2. Total refunds for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$1,938.58.
 3. Total NCVTS tag and tax refunds for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$2,557.52.
 4. Total real and personal property discoveries for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$2,663.82.
 5. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC additions for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$101,098.73.
 6. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC refunds for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$1,045.10.
 7. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC releases for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$1,374.79.
 8. Total EMS, EMD, and EMS-MC collections for the month ending 6/30/19 in the amount of \$19,213.46.

- Approve the following resolution requesting additional roads to be added to the state maintained secondary road system.

SURRY COUNTY }
 }
 NORTH CAROLINA } RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Highways to add Brekenridge Drive and Carrington Drive to the State Maintenance System; and

WHEREAS, these streets are part of the Timber Trace subdivision, located off Sparger Road (S.R. 1621); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described streets should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the streets meet minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of streets to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Surry County Board of Commissioners that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described streets, and to take over the streets for maintenance if they meet established standards and criteria.

Requests from the Assistant County Manager:

- Approve an additional \$15,000 for legal services provided by Attorney Howard C. Jones.
- Approve an additional \$10,000 for services provided by Bill Powell, LT Consulting.
- Terminate the AIR contract and inactivate position #431901.

Requests from the Budget & Performance Director:

- Approve Budget Amendment #1 as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners approved an amendment to the FY2019-2020 Budget					
Ordinance at their meeting on July 15, 2019.					
ACCOUNT			PREVIOUS		REVISED
CODE		DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	CHANGE	AMOUNT
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>					
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>Pre-Trail Release Monitoring</u>					
1054319	51010	Salaries & Wages	34,956	(34,956)	0
1054319	51020	Longevity	1,136	(1,136)	0
1054319	51130	401k Supplemental Retirement	1,805	(1,805)	0
1054319	51300	Social Security	2,238	(2,238)	0
1054319	51310	Medicare	523	(523)	0
1054319	51330	Retirement	3,501	(3,501)	0
1054319	51350	Group Insurance	7,741	(7,741)	0
1054319	51720	Contracted Services	82,125	(62,125)	20,000
1054319	52010	Supplies & Materials	2,700	(2,700)	0
1054319	52060	Uniforms	900	(900)	0
1054319	52350	Automotive Supplies	1,850	(1,850)	0
1054319	53040	Vehicle Maintenance	2,000	(2,000)	0

		Decrease departmental total	141,475	(121,475)	20,000
REVENUE					
1044000	49900	Unencumbered Balance	6,316,972	(121,475)	6,195,497
		Decrease fund totals.	75,936,173	(121,475)	75,814,698

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

John Shelton, Emergency Services Director, introduced Dale Harold, Training Officer, who recognized the following paramedics for life saves to citizens in Surry County:

10 Life Saves
 Brandon Jones
 James Loggins

5 Life Saves
 Jason Felts

The Board recognized Daniel White, Parks and Recreation Director, for his work involved with the development of public river accesses in the County.

The Board recognized Don Mitchell, Facilities Director, for his work involved with the renovation projects of the Historic Courthouse and the Service Center.

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

Penny Harrison, Tax Administrator, addressed the Board to discuss a list of new private road names and private road name changes/ corrections for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019. Ms. Harrison stated the public hearing had been advertised and asked for the Board to authorize the following names as pursuant to Chapter 153A Article 12 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 151 of the Surry County Code of Ordinances.

Chairman Tucker declared a public hearing and requested comments from the public. There being no comments, Chairman Tucker closed the public hearing.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following list of road names:

ROAD NAME	TYPE	NEAREST CROSSROAD	COMMUNITY	ZIP
RAINBOW BRIDGE	LN	CLAREMONT DR	ELKIN	28621
HUGHES HOUSE	TRL	N. FRANKLIN RD	MOUNT AIRY	27030
TRINITY FARM	TRL	HAYSTACK RD	MOUNT AIRY	27030

FAWN CROSSING	TRL	TURKEY FORD RD	MOUNT AIRY	27030
WINDSOR	WAY	WINDSOR PARK DR	DOBSON	27017
RED DOG	LN	HOLLY SPRINGS RD	MOUNT AIRY	27030
HARDY FARM	LN	HINSON RD	STATE ROAD	28676

Don Mitchell, Facilities Director, presented an offer received for surplus foreclosed property, tax parcel ID #5021-12-86-1507, located at 2206 Wards Gap Road in Mount Airy. The property tax value for the land is listed at \$10,800.00 and \$4,510.00 for the house, with an assessed total tax value of \$15,310.00.

An offer in the amount of \$2,500.00 has been received by Mark Noonkester, of which he has paid 5% of the bid in the amount of approximately \$125.00. Mr. Mitchell asked the Board to consider Mr. Noonkester's offer and suggested that he be asked to pay the advertising fee of approximately \$1,000.

Commissioner Harris advised the offer was too low. There were also concerns of the property not being posted for sale and no letters being sent out to adjoining property owners.

Attorney Ed Woltz and Commissioner Goins advised that the house is in poor condition, and 15% above the offer would come back to the Board before a final sale.

After discussion, Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the offer if the buyer also pays the advertising fee of approximately \$1,000, seconded by Commissioner Goins. The motion passed as follows for the \$2,500 offer subject to final say by the Board:

Ayes: Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Goins, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Marion.

Nays: Commissioner Harris.

Don Mitchell, Facilities Director, discussed a bird infestation at the Jones Family Resource Center which is leased by YVEDDI. YVEDDI contacted Pilot Environmental, CCI Environmental Services and DARI Demolition & Asbestos Removal, Inc. to assess the contamination. CCI submitted the lowest quotes as for the abatement of the hazardous bird residue, located above the drop ceiling over five rooms and replacement of approximately 100 ceiling tiles.

1. Pilot Environmental - \$3,750.00
2. CCI Environmental Services - \$23,500.00
3. Replacement Ceiling Tiles - \$2,150.00

Mr. Mitchell advised that YVEDDI is asking for the County to reimburse the costs incurred for the inspection and testing by Pilot Environmental plus CCI Environmental Services for the abatement. YVEDDI will cover the replacement tiles.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to reimburse YVEDDI from General Fund Contingency.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the FY 2019-2020 Crisis Intervention Program and Low-Income Energy Assistance Program Outreach. Federal funds are distributed for aid and the County supplements the difference.

Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Surry County Department of Social Services Energy Outreach Plan for 2019/2020 as presented.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, discussed the Medicaid Transformation and enrollment process that started effective July 15, 2019. Ms. Preston advised that letters were sent out last week.

Kristy Preston, DSS Director, reported on State/County Special Assistance Program Compliance Monitoring.

Mark Willis, Opioid Response Director, reported on the following: Prevention/Education, Intervention, Recovery, Law Enforcement/Supply Reduction, and Treatment. The Board commended Mr. Willis on his efforts.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, asked the Board to recess as the Board of Commissioners and to convene as the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District Board to adopt the water and sewer rates for FY 2019-2020.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to recess and to convene as the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District Board.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District Board voted unanimously to approve the 7% increase of water and wastewater rates for FY19-20.

Mr. Knopf, County Manager, asked the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District Board to adjourn and reconvene as the Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Flat Rock/Bannertown Water and Sewer District Board voted unanimously to adjourn and to reconvene as the Surry County Board of Commissioners.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, discussed the 2019 NCACC Annual Conference to be held in Guilford County on August 22-24, 2019. Mr. Knopf advised that the County would need to delegate a designee for voting at the conference. Commissioner Goins advised that he would be willing to serve as the voting delegate.

Upon motion of Chairman Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Goins, and County Manager Chris Knopf as an alternate, as the voting delegate for the 2019 NCACC Conference.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, presented a draft 2020 Holiday Calendar, and asked for the Board's consideration to approve.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Holiday Calendar as presented.

Chris Knopf, County Manager, presented a landfill fee waiver request from the City of Mount Airy for the Spencer's demolition

project. The debris is estimated to be approximately 1,000 tons. Ricky Hawks, Public Works, estimated the tipping fee for the tonnage to be \$47,000.00.

Commissioner Johnson advised that he supports waiving the fees or helping the City with the fee costs and advised that this will benefit the County in regards to future property and sales tax. He added that the County should assist with the costs since the County did not assist with the demolition costs.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to support the City of Mount Airy by waiving all fees, or assist with paying the fees, up to a maximum of \$47,000 from General Fund Contingency. The motion did not pass due to no second.

Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Brooke Lowry, DDS to serve on the Board of Health.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Chairman Tucker, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Tim Dockery to serve on the Surry Community College Board of Trustees.

Upon motion of Chairman Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Lisa Turney to serve on the Surry County Tourism Development Authority.

Upon motion of Chairman Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Eddie Harris to serve on the Surry County Tourism Development Authority.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Dirk Ballou, Todd Tucker, and Chris Lumsden to serve on the Opioid Response Advisory Committee.

The County Manager advised there would be no closed session.

Commissioner Johnson advised that a ceremony is scheduled for Friday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m., to be held at City Hall in Mount Airy, regarding the Eng and Chang Bunker museum in Thailand. Commissioners Harris and Marion will be attending on Friday, and Commissioners Goins and Marion will attend on Saturday.

Upon motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Sandy Snow
Deputy Clerk to the Board