

Surry County Board of Commissioners  
Meeting of March 2, 2020

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m., March 2, 2020. The meeting was held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, N.C.

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

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

Chris Knopf, County Manager  
Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager  
Nathan Walls, Assistant to the County Manager  
Rhonda Nixon, Budget Director & Finance Officer  
Don Mitchell, Facilities Management Director  
Martha Brintle, MIS Director  
Jessica Montgomery, Public Works Director  
Jeff Eads, Partners Behavioral Health Management  
Lynn Wilkes, Surry County Chapter American Red Cross  
Tonya Thompson, Gould Killian  
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Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. Commissioner Tucker delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Chairman Johnson requested the Board review and approve the agenda. Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 2, 2020 agenda.

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Chairman Johnson requested the Board consider the minutes of the February 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

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

Request from the County Manager:

- Approve the following proclamation:

**AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH, 2020**  
A Proclamation

March is American Red Cross Month, a time when we recognize the humanitarian organization that eases people's suffering during life's emergencies in Surry County, across the United States and around the world. The Piedmont Triad Chapter has a long history of helping our neighbors in need by delivering shelter, care and hope during disasters; making our community safer through its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign; providing lifesaving blood; teaching skills that save lives; and supporting military, veterans and their families. During this Red Cross Month, we thank and honor the selfless volunteers, dedicated employees and generous supporters who make this compassionate work possible.

Last year, 56 Piedmont Triad Chapter volunteers in Surry County helped 112 people affected by 40 home fires in Surry County by addressing their urgent needs like food and lodging and providing recovery support. Meanwhile, when large disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms, wildfires and floods devastated families in other parts of the country last year, volunteers from Surry County were among the nearly 9,000 Red Cross workers — 90 percent of them volunteers — who left their homes to work alongside partners to provide refuge, food, relief items, emotional support, recovery planning and other assistance.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross continues to work with its partners to prevent fire tragedies through its national Home Fire Campaign, which installed its 2 millionth free smoke alarm last year and has saved hundreds of lives across the country since launching five years ago.

Additionally, in Surry County, the Red Cross collected 5,199 units of blood that could save as many as 15,597 lives; trained 681 people life-saving skills in CPR, First Aid and AED training; and provided 50 emergency services to members of the Armed Forces and their families. We recognize the volunteer heroes in Surry County who make this work possible to help our neighbors when they need a helping hand.

Every day, people in our community depend on the American Red Cross, whose lifesaving mission is powered by the devotion of volunteers, generosity of donors and partnership of community organizations. We dedicate the month of March to all those who support its vital work to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Johnson, Board of Commissioners Chairman for Surry County, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Surry County and the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2020 as Red Cross Month. I encourage all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of Surry County, North Carolina.

**Request from the Assistant County Manager:**

- Approve to renew the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement, effective May 1, 2020, for three years at a yearly cost of \$216,442.

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

The Board presented a proclamation declaring March 2020 American Red Cross Month to Lynn Wilkes, Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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Chairman Johnson 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 Johnson closed the open forum.

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Tonya Thompson of Gould Killian presented a fiscal year 2018-2019 audit powerpoint. She discussed revenues, expenditures, fund balance details and enterprise fund summary information. Ms. Thompson said that Surry County is in good shape compared to peer counties.

The item was presented for information only.

*The powerpoint is saved in the Government Center shared drive.*

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Don Mitchell, Facilities Management Director, presented an item on surplus properties.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the \$3,500 offer from Chris Hege for Parcel #5956-00-47-5184 on Little Waterfalls Drive near Pilot Mountain.

Upon motion of Commissioner Tucker, seconded by Commissioner Marion, the Board voted unanimously to surplus Parcel #5966-14-34-7101 on Northview Drive in Pilot Mountain and accept the \$2,000 offer from Chris Hege.

Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Chairman Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to surplus Parcel #5021-18-22-9154 on Carroll Street in Mount Airy and accept the \$1,000 offer from Chris Hege.

Upon motion of Chairman Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to surplus Parcel #5020-18-41-9340 on Factory Street in Mount Airy and accept the \$2,000 offer from Chris Hege.

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Chris Knopf, County Manager, presented an item regarding the ambulance franchise renewal with Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care for one year.

Upon motion of Commissioner Marion, seconded by Commissioner Goins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the ambulance franchise renewal with Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care for one year.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Goins, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6:46 p.m.

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Nathan Walls  
Clerk to the Board