

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, March 21, 2016

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Resources Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on March 21, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager, Lisa Hughes; Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry; Christopher Ong, Assistant County Manager; and Gary Groce, Finance Officer.

INVOCATION given by Chairman Austin.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 7:02pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by the following Yadkinville Elementary students: Vance Buelin & Avery Buelin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Vestal, of Yadkinville, addressed the Board. He congratulated the current Commissioners who just recently won re-election. He thinks we have an excellent Board of Commissioners here in Yadkin County and he appreciates everything the Commissioners do. He wanted to speak about the item on the agenda concerning partisan Board of Education elections. He feels strongly about this item and he wanted to come tonight and express his opinion on it. He has served on two different Boards of Education; one in eastern North Carolina and the one here in Yadkin County. From his experience, the non-partisan election worked great. When he served on the Board of Education in Martin County and in Yadkin County they both had Republicans and Democrats serving on the Board and everyone got along fine. He can't see how changing from non-partisan to partisan elections is going to make things any better. The candidates qualifications are what is important, not their political party. The Board of Education needs members who are qualified, get along well with others, do not have a personal agenda, and knows that education is important to the students, the County, and everyone in the County. To him public education is not a polarizing issue; it is not something that one party may be for and the other against. Both parties want the best public education that can be provided. He doesn't like the idea of the State trying to interfere with local affairs. He would like to see the Board of Education election remain non-partisan and he hopes the Board of Commissioners will take that into consideration.

Ann Black addressed the Board. She has a lot of admiration for people who want to serve on the Board of Education. Just like with the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education members don't always get a lot of ego compensation; sometimes no matter what you do someone is not going to like it and is going to lambast you about it. There are good schools in Yadkin County. We have teachers that really care. The most important thing is that the children have an opportunity for good education and when issues and problems come up we want solutions for them. She cannot see why changing the Board of Education to a partisan board would help. The fact that it is non-partisan makes it more unifying to her. She feels that there are some people who will put up a wall and not listen to anything you say if they learn you are from a

different party than them. We don't need that to happen with the Board of Education. We have enough problems coming down from the State with the budgets and everything else. She agrees with Larry Vestal, if something is not broke than wthey try to fix it. Everything seems to be working well now. We have good people on the Board of Education and she wants to see it continue as it is.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 7:12pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 24, 2016 Budget Session Minutes, the February 29, 2016 Joint Board of Commissioners/Board of Education Session and Closed Session Minutes, and the March 7, 2016 Regular and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve all five sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

There were no reports to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board considered the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Welborn requested that item number 7 be pulled from Consent and moved to Closed Session for discussion. Item number 7 is a resolution in support of partisan Board of Education elections that the Yadkin County GOP Executive Committee, after consulting with Yadkin County's legislative delegation, requested the Board of Commissioners adopt. The adoption of the agenda will need to be reconsidered if the Board would like to consider moving the item. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to reconsider the Adoption of the Agenda. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 4/1.

Commissioner Welborn made a motion to move item number 7, Resolution in Support of Partisan Board of Education Elections, to Closed Session and to adopt the agenda with the noted change.

Commissioner Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items with the noted change.

Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

The Consent Agenda items that were approved by the Board are as follows:

Building Inspections/PT Salaries Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Salaries	1054350-51010	171,555	(4,000)	167,555
PT Salaries	1054350-51030	5,000	4,000	9,000

Transfer of funds needed to pay the part-time Building Inspector.

Finance/Workers Comp Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Gov. Body – Workers Compensation	1054110-51380	105	(1)	104
Admin – Workers Compensation	1054120-51380	1,700	(27)	1,673
Finance – Workers Compensation	1054130-51380	350	(5)	345
Tax – Workers Compensation	1054140-51380	4,445	(72)	4,373
Reval – Workers Compensation	1054145-51380	2,125	(34)	2,091
Elections – Workers Compensation	1054170-51380	2,285	(37)	2,248
Reg of Deeds – Workers Compensation	1054180-51380	405	(6)	399
Info Services – Workers Compensation	1054210-51380	2,800	(45)	2,755
Public Bldgs. – Workers Compensation	1054260-51380	3,500	(57)	3,443

Communication – Workers Comp	1054311-51380	2,420	(39)	2,381
Liaison – Workers Compensation	1054317-51380	2,150	(35)	2,115
Detention – Workers Compensation	1054320-51380	11,900	(193)	11,707
EMS – Workers Compensation	1054330-51380	117,200	(1,908)	115,292
Fire Marshall – Workers Compensation	1054340-51380	1,700	(27)	1,673
Build Inspect – Workers Compensation	1054350-51380	3,150	(51)	3,099
Animal Control – Workers Comp	1054380-51380	1,785	(29)	1,756
Plan & Development – Workers Comp	1054910-51380	2,375	(38)	2,337
Coop Ext – Workers Compensation	1054950-51380	65	(1)	64
Soil & Water – Workers Compensation	1054960-51380	4,120	(67)	4,053
Health Admin – Workers Compensation	1055110-51380	5,420	(88)	5,332
Nursing/Medical – Workers Comp	1055111-51380	800	(13)	787
Social Svcs – Workers Compensation	1055300-51380	16,300	(265)	16,035
Recreation – Workers Compensation	1056120-51380	3,500	(57)	3,443
Gov. Body – Ins & Bonding	1054111-55150	715	(1)	714
Admin – Ins & Bonding	1054120-55150	270	(2)	268
Finance – Ins & Bonding	1054130-55150	2,325	(20)	2,305
Tax – Ins & Bonding	1054140-55150	2,680	(3)	2,677
LPA – Ins & Bonding	1054147-55150	450	(3)	447
Elections – Ins & Bonding	1054170-55150	450	(3)	447
Reg of Deeds – Ins & Bonding	1054180-55150	895	(2)	893
Info Services – Ins & Bonding	1054210-55150	450	(4)	446
Public Bldgs. – Ins & Bonding	1054260-55150	24,660	(2)	24,658
Sheriff – Ins & Bonding	1054310-55150	52,950	(3,885)	49,065
Communication – Ins & Bonding	1054311-55150	3,125	(2)	3,123
Liaison – Ins & Bonding	1054317-55150	2,680	(3)	2,677
Detention – Ins & Bonding	1054320-55150	7,140	(3)	7,137
Build Inspect – Ins & Bonding	1054350-55150	2,680	(3)	2,677
Animal Control – Ins & Bonding	1054380-55150	1,610	(4)	1,606
Plan & Development – Ins & Bonding	1054910-55150	895	(2)	893
Coop Ext – Ins & Bonding	1054950-55150	760	(1)	759
Soil & Water – Ins & Bonding	1054960-55150	7,895	(2)	7,893
Health Admin – Ins & Bonding	1055110-55150	14,330	(3)	14,327
Social Svcs – Ins & Bonding	1055300-55150	18,735	(1)	18,734
Recreation – Ins & Bonding	1056120-55150	2,235	(4)	2,231
Non-Departmental – Unemp. Ins.	1059000-51381	50,000	(10,335)	39,665
Sheriff – W/C Insurance	1054310-51380	59,000	17,383	76,383

Transfer of funds to cover workers compensation insurance premiums for the Sheriff's Office. The amount originally budgeted was only an estimate. The Key Risk audit found the budgeted funds were not sufficient.

IT Dept/Human Services/Northwoods Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Telephone System	1059000-55040	30,000	(3,600)	26,400
Contracted Services	1055300-51700	126,213	3,600	129,813

Transfer of funds to cover the expense of migrating the Northwoods application to new servers.

Sheriff's Office/Salaries Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Jail Salaries & Wages P/T	1054320-51030	30,000	17,000	47,000
Jail Salaries & Wages	1054320-51010	699,725	(17,000)	682,725
Communication Salaries & Wages P/T	1054311-51030	12,000	11,700	23,700
Communication Salaries & Wages	1054311-51010	419,110	(11,700)	407,410

Transfer of funds to cover the salaries of part-time employees that work in the Jail and in Communications.

Sheriff's Office/Vehicle Maintenance Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Sheriff Gas/Diesel	1054310-52350	130,000	(15,000)	115,000
Sheriff Vehicle Maintenance	1054310-53040	35,000	15,000	50,000

Transfer of funds to cover vehicle maintenance expenses.

Solid Waste/Recycling Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
State White Goods Grant	6044770-42431	0	9,451	9,451
White Goods Contracted Services	6054770-51700	0	9,451	9,451

Acceptance of funds from the State White Goods Grant and placement of the funds into a contracted services line to cover the costs associated with the recycling of white goods.

Tax Adjustments & Refunds for February 2016

The Tax Office submitted the tax adjustments and refunds for the month of February 2016. The Board reviewed the information and approved the presented adjustments and refunds as requested.

NC Health Information Exchange Participation & Subscription Agreement

The North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority was created and enabled by the NC General Assembly to assume operations of the existing health information exchange and associated network. The NC Health Information Exchange Participation & Subscription Agreement allows the Medical Clinic to submit and/or receive electronic data through the Exchange. The Board approved the agreement and authorized Human Services Agency employees to enter into the online agreement.

Toby Outdoor Contract

Toby Outdoor will provide two foster parent advertising displays. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Smart Start Contract Amendment for Child Care Health Consultant Services

The Smart Start contract amendment is needed to increase the Smart Start Child Care Health Consultant Services contract amount by \$500.00. This makes the do not exceed payment amount of the contract \$30,500.00. The Board approved the contract amendment and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Yadkin Valley Telephone Contract

Currently, the network and telephone connection for the Animal Shelter is run through a DSL circuit and a VPN device. That connection has been unreliable and when the connection is down they don't have access to the County's network or the internet and they can't use their telephones. The IT Department would like to enter into a contract with Yadkin Valley Telephone to run fiber optic cable from the Courthouse to the Animal Shelter and lease the line to the County. This will directly connect the Animal Shelter to the County's network. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Proclaim March 21-27, 2016 National Nutrition Week

WIC, of Human Services, requested that the Board of Commissioners adopt the following Proclamation: National Nutrition Week (March 21-27, 2016)

Whereas: Yadkin County has an overall obesity rate of 30%, according to the Community Health Assessment, with only 16.8% of adults reporting daily intake of fruits and vegetables; and
Source: Yadkin County Community Health Assessment, 2014

Whereas: The overall goal of your Yadkin County WIC program is to improve obesity rates among the county and educate families about healthy food options; and

Whereas: Yadkin County WIC is currently emphasizing the fruits and vegetables that are available on the program. All clients receive a Cash Value Voucher for fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables; and

Whereas: WIC offers nutritious foods for Women, Infants, and Children. All eligible WIC clients receive free nutrition education and screenings, as well as WIC approved foods; and

Whereas: National Nutrition Week (March 21-27, 2016) Yadkin County Commissioners.
This year, our local WIC would like to recognize the importance of the nutritional benefits of healthy eating for National Nutrition Week.

Now, therefore: I, Kevin Austin, on behalf of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners of North Carolina do hereby proclaim March 21-27, 2016 to be National Nutrition Week. I urge every citizen to take time this week to emphasize the importance of healthy eating with your families.

The Board adopted the Proclamation to recognize March 21-27, 2016 as National Nutrition Week.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings or actions to set a public hearing.

BOARD ACTION

Allen & Associates Contract

Allen & Associates will install multi-media projectors and an audio sound system in the banquet room at the Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building. People who rent the banquet room can use the projectors and sound system for things like presentations and classes. They provided the cheapest quote and met all of the IT Department's requirements. **Commissioner Hemric made a motion to approve the contract for Allen & Associates, Inc. to install the multi-media/audio for the Yadkin County Agricultural & Educational Building banquet room. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Town of East Bend Municipal Public Sidewalk Easement/Temporary Construction Easement

The Town of East Bend has requested the County sign a Municipal Public Sidewalk Easement/Temporary Construction Easement. They want to construct a sidewalk along the property owned by the County at East Bend Elementary School. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve the Municipal Public Sidewalk Easement/Temporary Construction Easement between Yadkin County and the Town of East Bend. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) March 25, 2016 – County Offices Closed for Good Friday.
- 2) April 14, 2016 – NCACC District Meeting from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in Surry County at the Cross Creek Country Club.
- 3) April 18, 2016 – Celebration of Libraries from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at The Front Yard.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

East Bend Waterline

Two community meetings have been held regarding the East Bend Waterline and the County has started obtaining the easements that will be needed to construct it. Out of the approximate 120 easements that are needed, the County has obtained 27. Times will be set up on March 29th and March 31st for property owners to come here and sign easements. The project is moving forward and everyone is excited about it.

NC Dept. of Commerce

The NC Department of Commerce is having an educational seminar on March 29th. They will be talking about grants and loans available for local economic development, available assistance to plan and build local infrastructure for water and sewer, finding and training local workers using the State's NCWorks system,

changes in the State's tax rates, and how to contact the right people who can help. County Manager Hughes and Bobby Todd plan to attend it.

County Assembly Day

Registration is open for County Assembly Day. It will be held in Raleigh on May 10th.

Public Comment Policy

The Board reviewed a draft of some changes to the Public Comment Policy. The Policy will come before the Board for approval at a future Board meeting.

New Atlantic Change Orders

New Atlantic has submitted some Change Order Requests. Previously they submitted COR #4 that gave the County a credit of \$300.00. The Superintendent spoke with the sub that is doing the work and found that the \$300.00 was not enough; additional money needs to be credited to the County. COR #4R1 credits the County with an additional amount of \$2,500.00. COR #34R2 is to provide electrical outlets to a display case on the lower level of the building. Surry Community College requested the change so they will reimburse the County the \$539.00 cost of the change order. COR #35R2 is to place additional electrical and data outlets in the Distance Learning Center. Surry Community College requested the change so they will reimburse the County the \$1,013.00 cost of the change order. COR #33R1 concerns adding additional days to the contract. Barry Hennings has reviewed their request. He met with County Manager Hughes, Jason Walker, Michael Hardman, and Gene Crouse to discuss the time extensions and an agreement was reached that 13 days was a reasonable time extension for the additional work. AIA Change Order 002 will give New Atlantic that 13 day time extension plus a 10 day time extension for COR #26. Adding the 23 days to the contract makes the Substantial Completion Date April 9, 2016. At a future meeting the Board will be asked to review a request for additional days due to weather. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve Change Order Requests 4R1, 34R2, 35R2, and 33R1 and to approve AIA Change Order 002. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Funds Transfers

Register of Deeds		Transfer of funds needed to cover expenses for the new credit card reader and Sharp printing services.
Travel/Training	(200)	
Supplies & Materials	200	
Tax Administration		Transfer of funds to cover Life Insurance costs for Tag Office Employees.
Tax - Life Insurance	(19)	
Revaluation - Life Insurance	(22)	
LPA - Life Insurance	41	

Joshua Brown Construction Contract

Joshua Brown Construction will provide the labor needed to construct a 16'x16' building at the Yadkin County Park disc golf course. The County will provide all the materials that are needed. County employees will assist with the construction and will be the only ones to operate County-owned equipment.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Human Services Advisory Committee

There are two vacancies on the Human Services Advisory Committee.

Joint Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

There is a vacancy on the Committee.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Welborn said it was good to see everyone here tonight. He thanked everyone for their comments. He gave his condolences to County Attorney Powell and his family. County Attorney Powell's

mother-in-law passed away. He congratulated Chairman Austin and Vice Chairman Moxley on their re-election to the Board.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everybody for being here. He thanked Larry Vestal and Ann Black for their comments. He expressed his condolences to the Powell family. Mayor Gregory and his good friend Tony Snow passed away over the weekend. Tony Snow was a good guy and Commissioner Zachary worked with him a lot over the years. He thanked the ladies of Home Extension for the wonderful meal tonight. He thanked the students who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out. He thanked Larry Vestal and Ann Black for their comments. He expressed his condolences to the Powell family. He knew Tony Snow and Mayor Gregory. He will keep their families in his thoughts during this time. The Yadkin Valley Trail Riders have invited the Commissioners to the NC Horse Council Caucus that will be held at the Jonesville Senior Center on April 7th at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He thanked Larry Vestal and Ann Black for their comments. He offered his condolences to the Powell family. He also offered condolences to the families of Tony Snow and Mayor Gregory. They were people who really helped this community.

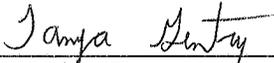
Chairman Austin thanked everyone for being here tonight. He thanked everyone for their comments. A week from this coming Friday Smart Start of Yadkin County is having a port-a-pit fund raiser for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. That is a great program. Children who are under 5 years old can join the program and receive an age appropriate book once a month. The book comes to them in the mail. He encouraged anyone who knows of a child under 5 who could use a book a month to contact Smart Start and get the child added to the program. He also encouraged everyone to do what they could to support the program. He offered his condolences to the families who lost loved ones, particularly Mayor Gregory's family. Mayor Gregory's family and his family are very close. He can't remember a time when Yadkinville didn't have Mayor Gregory. Hubert Gregory served as a Commissioner and then as Mayor. It is the end of an era here in Yadkinville and in Yadkin County. He can't think of a man who had a bigger heart than Mayor Gregory and he will definitely be missed.

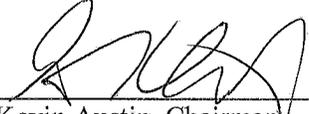
Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney and Pursuant to NCGS 131E-97.3 to discuss Confidential Competitive Health Care Information. Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session, Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.


Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board


Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

4/4/16
Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners