

Joint Meeting:

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, July 30, 2012

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 7:00pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC.

Present for the meeting:

Representing the Board of Commissioners

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

Representing the Board of Education

Chairman Frank Brown
Vice Chairman Howard McKnight
Rex Baity
Hazel Brown
Joe Dezern
Diane Hampton
Larry Vestal

Yadkin County Personnel

Aaron Church, County Manager
Tanya Gentry, Deputy Clerk to the Board

Yadkin County School Personnel

Dr. Hobbs, Superintendent
Gale Hill, Finance Director
Tammy Miller, Secretary to Superintendent
Donald Hawks, Director of Maintenance

INVOCATION by Chairman Austin.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kevin Austin called to order the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners at 7:00pm.
Chairman Frank Brown called to order the Board of Education at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Zachary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

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

Renegar Lease Agreement

This is a renewal lease for 223 East Main Street, Yadkinville, NC. The Sheriff's Office uses the building to house their detectives. It is a two year lease that the County can terminate by providing 30 days written notice. The Board approved the agreement and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Arlington Fire & Rescue, Inc Letter

Arlington Fire & Rescue has asked the Board to approve a letter to United Financial of North Carolina, Inc stating they are a qualified Volunteer Fire Department assigned to protect a specific fire district in Yadkin County and receive fire tax. The Board approved the letter and authorized the Chairman to sign it.

Hospice Letter

Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care is petitioning to increase the number of hospice inpatient beds in Yadkin County. The Board approved a letter in support of a need determination being done and authorized the Chairman to sign it.

AGENDA ITEMS

Report from Superintendent

The new Yadkin County Schools student handbook has been completed. Dr. Hobbs passed around a copy July 30, 2012

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of it for those present to review. The handbook will provide information to the parents and answer most of their questions. A copy of all of the forms the students are given are included in the handbook for the parents convenience.

Yadkin County Schools are continuing to make great strides academically. The test scores are up on the average of 5 points. Two schools were designated as Schools of Excellence and three schools were designated as Schools of Distinction.

The Yadkin County Schools website has been redone and they are proud of the way it turned out. It has been identified as being very user friendly.

Teachers come back to work this Thursday and students come to school next Thursday.

Legislators have changed the school calendar. Each year, students are to go to school for 185 days or for 1,025 instructional hours. The school year calendar change means that the students will go from the eight week summer they had this year to a 13 week summer. The shortened school year may cause concerns for some parents due to childcare being needed for a longer period of time.

The budget was cut and the schools will have to send money back to the State.

Parts of the Excellent Public Schools Act passed. Next year each school will be evaluated and receive a performance score along with a corresponding letter grade of A through F.

Dr. Hobbs invited the Board of Commissioners to attend convocation next Tuesday at 8:30am.

Report from County Manager

Sales tax has been down the last couple of months. It has remained pretty flat and is about what was projected.

The jail project is moving forward. We are in our 2nd month of real construction and the foundation is being poured and the walls are going up. We have not had any change orders.

A very preliminary design has been done for the new Ag building. The Board of Commissioners will be reviewing it and in a few months the rough draft may be ready. The plan is for it to be built at Surry Community College's Yadkin Center. The upstairs would be the Ag center and office space. The downstairs would be classrooms and admin space for the college. It will have a commercial kitchen. The conference room will offer somewhere for groups to meet in Yadkin County.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of
Commissioners

Date approved by the Board of Commissioners