

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 04, 2013

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 Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on Monday, February 04, 2013 at 9:00am.

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, Aaron Church; Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, Lisa Hughes; and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry.

INVOCATION led by County Manager Aaron Church.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 9:00am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one came forward to speak. Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments portion at 9:02am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 15, 2013 Recessed Session and the January 22, 2013 Regular and Closed Session minutes were reviewed. On page 4 of the January 22, 2013 Regular Session Minutes the word scheduled is misspelled in the title of the Resolution and needs to be corrected. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes, with the noted correction. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Introduction of New YVEDDI Staff

Jeff Cockerham, Public Transportation Program Director, and Jack Koontz, Chair of the YVEDDI Board, introduced Kathy Payne to the Board of Commissioners. Kathy Payne, of HeadStart, has been acting as the Interim Executive Director of YVEDDI since mid-December.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

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

Contract with Hollar and Associates for Jail Survey Work

The contract is for Mark Hollar to perform surveying services that are needed for Yadkin County to obtain an easement from the Town of Yadkinville for the jail addition project. The Board was asked to exempt the project from the Mini Brooks Act due to the contract being below \$30,000.00. The Board approved the

contract, exempted the project from the Mini Brooks Act in accordance with NC GS 143-64.32 and authorized the County Manager to sign the contract.

Smart Start Grant Application to Provide Child Care Health Consultation Services

This grant, if awarded, would provide funds for child care health consultation services. The Board approved the Health Department applying for the Smart Start grant.

Smith Gardner Contract to Perform a Solid Waste Program Evaluation

Smith Gardner will perform an evaluation of the County's Solid Waste program and provide recommendations on improving it. The Board was asked to exempt the project from the Mini Brooks Act due to the contract being below \$30,000.00. The Board approved the contract, exempted the project from the Mini Brooks Act in accordance with NC GS 143-64.32 and authorized the County Manager to sign the contract.

Martin Starnes Contract to Provide Financial Audit Services

Previously the Board authorized the County Manager to negotiate a three year contract with Martin Starnes to provide the County with financial audit services. Individual contracts will need to be approved by the Board on an annual basis. The Board approved the FY2013 audit contract with Martin Starnes and Associates.

BOARD ACTION

North Carolina Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for FY2013

Keith Vestal addressed the Board. The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds are used to offset the salary for emergency management staff and to fund projects geared toward emergency management functions within Yadkin County. Since it is performance based there are some drills that have to be conducted and some training events that have to be attended. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the 2013 EMPG application and authorize the necessary personnel to sign their designated portions. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Resolution Supporting Legislative Goals Adopted by NC Association of County Commissioners

There were over 190 goals submitted to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) for consideration this year. Those goal proposals were narrowed down to the ones that would best benefit the most counties. They were discussed at this year's Legislative Goals Conference and the NCACC members voted on the goals they wanted to see the Association support. There were 60 goals adopted by the NCACC and out of those 60 goals, 5 goals were chosen to be the Top Goals for 2013-2014. The following goals were pointed out to those attending tonight's meeting: 1) Ensure adequate mental health funding; 2) Restore local autonomy to LME/MCO governance structure; 3) Oppose weakening of smoke-free restaurant and bars law; 4) Support an increase in food and lodging inspection fees to cover costs; 5) Restore State funding of public health accreditation; 6) Implement combined motor vehicle registration and property tax collection system by July 1, 2013; 7) Increase informal let bid threshold for NCDOT local projects; 8) Seek legislation to limit the amount that providers can charge counties for inmate medical care to no more than what is allowed by the Department of Correction; 9) Reinstate ADM and lottery funds for school construction; 10) Authorize the option for counties to acquire, own and construct traditional public school sites and facilities; 11) Repeal moratorium on contingency fee audits; and 12) Replace current refund sales tax process for public institutions with a revenue-neutral exemption. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Legislative Goals Adopted by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Commissioner Welborn second. Vote: 5/0.** The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE GOALS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was founded in 1908 as a membership organization to represent the interests of counties before the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, all 100 counties are voluntary members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, making the NCACC the official voice of North Carolina counties;

WHEREAS, every two years, the membership of the NCACC develops and approves a package of legislative proposals designed to protect and enhance the interests of county governments and the citizens who live in our 100 counties;

WHEREAS, the process to generate this package of legislative goals is deliberate and inclusive and provides extensive opportunities for counties to be involved;

WHEREAS, Yadkin County is an active participant within the NCACC and participated in the process to develop these legislative proposals;

WHEREAS, more than 200 county officials representing 88 counties gathered in Durham County on Jan. 24-25, 2013, and debated and ultimately approved 60 proposals submitted by counties to be included in the legislative goals package;

WHEREAS, the attached proposals represent the collective wishes of all 100 counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners adopts this resolution in support of the legislative proposals adopted by the NCACC membership at its 2013 Legislative Goals Conference;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Yadkin County to let them know of our support for these issues.

Adopted this the 4th day of February, 2013.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) February 12-13, 2013 – Essentials of County Government Work Shop in Winston-Salem, NC.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

LGC Meeting

Chairman Austin, County Manager Church, Lisa Hughes, and County Attorney Powell met with the LGC in Raleigh to discuss financing of the Agricultural Center and the waterline project.

Animal Control

County Manager Church informed those present that Animal Control had received a Thank You letter for humanely capturing a pack of 10 or 11 dogs that were becoming dangerous to a Yadkin County neighborhood. County Manager Church also introduced Frances Yokeley, the new Animal Control Director.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Cintas Document Managing Agreement

This agreement is for Cintas to provide document shredding services to the Health Department. The County Manager stated he was going to revise this agreement. It is currently for 1 container and he will increase it to two containers. The do not exceed amount will increase to approximately \$1,000.00.

James Williams & Company Contract

This contract is for James Williams to custom print self- addressed Yadkin County Health Department envelopes.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Community Child Protection Team/Child Fatality Team

There is one vacancy that needs to be filled by a parent of a child who died before their 18th birthday.

Board of Equalization and Review Appointment

Phyllis Adams submitted a request to appoint Larry Doub to the Board of Equalization and Review. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to appoint Larry Doub to the Board of Equalization and Review. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Yadkin County Agricultural Advisory Board Reappointments

Colleen Church submitted a request to reappoint Reggie Pilcher and Marty Casstevens to the Yadkin County Agricultural Advisory Board. This will be their second 3 year term. **Commissioner Hemric made a motion to reappointment Reggie Pilcher and Marty Casstevens for a 3 year term on the Yadkin County Agricultural Advisory Board. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Yadkin County Tourism Authority Appointments

The Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority requested that Lenna Hobson be reappointed and Bonnie Lasky be appointed to their Board. Bonnie Lasky will be taking the place of Beth Gardner who has asked not to be reappointed due to her work schedule. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to reappoint Lenna Hobson and appoint Bonnie Lasky to the Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority for three year terms expiring on February 28, 2016. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out. He appreciated YVEDDI coming today. He stated Keith Vestal continues to do a good job for the County and he appreciates that.

Commissioner Welborn thanked everyone for coming out. He also appreciated YVEDDI coming and believes the meetings should go well this year.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everyone for coming out on this Monday morning. He welcomed the new animal control director and hoped she will have a long and happy career here in Yadkin County. He has had several people express their delight in the new annual Report to the People. Somebody gives a positive comment on the Report about every day. He thanked the staff for putting out such a fine publication. He thanked Keith Vestal for being here and updating the Board on the grant. He thinks Yadkin County was on the front page of the Winston-Salem Journal every day last week because of the murder case. It is probably the biggest case Yadkin County has seen in the last 16 years. It shows crime doesn't pay and is a positive reflection of Yadkin County because it shows that we don't give up. He praised all the law enforcement personnel who were involved in the case and hopefully the perpetrators of that senseless murder will be brought to justice. He commented on William Maurice Cowan being chosen to serve as Interim U.S. Senator for Massachusetts. Yadkin County is proud of him.

Vice Chairman Moxley stated he echoed the words of the previous Commissioners. He welcomed the new animal control director. Animal Control has been doing a great job and he believes that will continue. He thanked Keith Vestal for reporting on the grant. Keith Vestal will host the local emergency planning meeting on Thursday. The new EMS office is becoming a great meeting place. He has heard several positive comments on the Report to the People. County Manager Church was instrumental in starting the annual Report and it has been a very successful thing for the County.

Chairman Austin thanked the YVEDDI staff for coming here today. He thinks they are doing a good job. He believes we will see a steady and professional approach in making sure YVEDDI continues to provide the services that our citizens need. The LGC meeting was informative. Yadkin County just needs to figure out what steps we need to take to get to where we need to be to make the projects happen. It was a real good meeting. He has read that William Maurice Cowan doesn't intend to run for election after his appointment ends and he hopes that Mr. Cowan changes his mind about that.

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. Commissioner Zachary 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. Commissioner Zachary 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
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners