

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

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 January 21, 2020 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; Assistant County Manager, Drew Hinkle; and Finance Officer, Lindsey Cearlock.

INVOCATION given by Chairman Austin.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Austin read the Public Comment rules. Normally only two speakers for and two speakers against any particular issue can speak about that issue. Tonight there are unique circumstances due to the large number of citizens that are in attendance. The Board would like to give more of them an opportunity to speak. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to amend the rules for Public Comments to increase the number of speakers to as many as would like to speak tonight. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Chairman Austin said the public would be hard pressed to find a Board that is more supportive of the Second Amendment than this Board of Commissioners is. He opened the floor for Public Comments.

Command Sergeant Major, Retired, Alex Nelson addressed the Board. He lives in East Bend. Over the last several weeks and months he has been speaking with the majority of counties around North Carolina about supporting the Second Amendment. He is the Coordinator for the Conservative Coalition and the Director for the 2A movement in North Carolina for the Conservative Coalition. Many counties around Yadkin County have adopted a Resolution in support of the Second Amendment. He has really been looking forward to speaking to the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners because he is from here, he knows most of the Commissioners, and he knows most of the people in the audience. The embarrassing thing is that he has to speak about a request to adopt a Resolution in support of the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment is something the citizens already have. He retired from the military in 2019 after serving for 33 years. He didn't think after fighting to defend this Nation that he would have to come back home and beg to be able to defend his own family. We have some good law enforcement agencies here and that is great but how long does it take for them to get to you when you need them? He keeps thinking of the church shooting in Texas. He wants to be able to protect his children. The fear of someone in a suit and tie being able to sit back and tell him what he can and cannot do in the protection of his children scares him to death. He is going to continue speaking to anyone who will listen to him about protecting peoples Second Amendment rights. There are already laws against killing people and laws that prevent violent offenders from getting guns. A few States think that those laws aren't enough. They want to make a law that says no one can have guns because that will fix everything. He doesn't agree with that. Taking everyone's guns is not the answer. He thanked the Board for their attention. Yadkin County is a beautiful place and he is glad to be home. He asked everyone to support the Second Amendment.

Matthew Leach addressed the Board. He works for the District Attorney's Office and is running for District Court Judge in Yadkin County. He supports the Resolution in support of the Second Amendment that is on the Board's agenda tonight. He commended the Board on all of their fine work. He was in Ashe County this morning and they passed virtually the same Resolution at their Board meeting. He commented on the necessity of electing conservative Judges to make sure this sort of thing is upheld. The Resolution references Marbury v. Madison. That is what allowed the Second Amendment to be upheld as the supreme law of the land. That is what people need to be thinking about. The citizens of North Carolina recently passed a piece of legislation called the Voter ID Act. One Judge had the power to at least stall it, if not strike it down. That is the power that Judges have in this State and in this Country. He would like the citizens in this room, the Board, and everyone in Yadkin County to consider carefully who they are voting for in all levels of the judiciary. He encouraged everyone to do their research on the candidates. The primary is March 3rd and the general election is in November. He is a conservative constitutionalist. He would appreciate the people here voting for him. He thanked the Board for their time.

Jeff Fickett addressed the Board. He said he is a concerned citizen who lives in East Bend. His great, great, great, great, grandfather served next to George Washington in his army when they fought the British. His ancestor was awarded land for his service to his Country so he could live out the rest of his life in peace. The Founding Fathers were people from different backgrounds, different beliefs, and different professions. They were some of the most brilliant people that ever walked the earth because they had the foresight to sit down and write the Constitution and the Bill of Rights in a way that said they could see the future. They knew one day that government created for the people, by the people, would be challenged by the government. That is why the Amendments to the Constitution were written. The reason he is able to speak to the Board tonight is because of the First Amendment. It gives us the right to assemble and to speak. The Second Amendment, which we are talking about tonight, is the foundation on which everything else rests. Once the foundation crumbles, you have nothing. Others in his family have also served in the military. His grandfather fought in WWII. His father served in Korea. One of his brothers served in the Air Force in Desert Storm. He served in Vietnam. One of his brothers served in Germany. Another brother served in the Air Force. He, his brothers, his father, and his grandfather all swore an oath to the Constitution of the United States. He was worried about what was taking place in Virginia yesterday so he followed closely what was happening there. Some of the most tyrannical leaders in the world surround themselves with human shields. Headquarters are set up in schools and hospitals because they know it will make the press and it won't look good on TV when a bunch of innocent, unprotected civilians are blown up. He was proud that the people who attended the rally yesterday behaved themselves. He was also very proud that they picked up every piece of trash on the ground as they were leaving the rally. The grounds were more pristine when they left than they were when the rally started. He understands that some people don't like guns. They don't understand them and there has been a lot of negativity around them. He read a statistic today that said that all the mass murders in 2019 are less than what took place in the last three weekends in Chicago. Shootings are tragic and losing innocent lives is tragic but to think that you are going to stop evil by suppressing the rights of good people is banging on the wrong drum. The only thing he can do if he doesn't have his gun is to submit, lay down, forfeit his children, his religious rights, his beliefs, because he has nothing to argue with. Taking innocent people's guns away will limit their ability to protect themselves and their families. He believes that people's rights have already been infringed upon. The sign on the front door of this building is an infringement upon people's Second Amendment rights. If everyone in this room was carrying a gun and one of the people in the room pulled out their gun and shot someone they probably wouldn't be able to shoot anyone else before they were stopped. People need to be able to protect themselves and others. He is proud of the people who are here tonight and of the people who put together the website. Giving up our rights is over. If you want a life of freedom, if you want to concede to the blood that has been spilled in defense of the Constitution, then you have to fight to keep your rights. People are fighting peacefully now. There was a lot of guns and ammunition at the rally in Virginia and not one shot was fired. The people there were respectful then but if they have to go back to Richmond, it's game on. He would like for the Board to pass the Resolution in support of the Second Amendment. He would also seriously like for the Sheriff's Department of Yadkin County to put together a militia. If something had gone wrong in Virginia yesterday there would have been absolute chaos. People could have been shooting each other and running over each other to get away from the shooting. We need to be more organized. The only way to do that is to practice. He asked that the County consider talking about forming an organized, trained militia. Yesterday could have been the match

that lit the fuse. We need to be ready. The more organized we are, the better. He thanked the Board for their time.

Jerry Blankenship addressed the Board. He lives in Hamptonville. He is not sure if the Board is familiar with GOA, Gun Owners of America. He has given Chairman Austin a form. He would like for the Board to not only pass the Resolution but to also look at a copy of a bill that could be done for the County. A bill will have more teeth to it. Everyone can see a copy of the bill on GOA.com. He hopes the Board will look into the Red Flag laws. They are unconstitutional and go against several of the Amendments. He thanked the Board for their time.

No one else came forward.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 7:27pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Recognize Courtney Volunteer Fire Department

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. Tonight Courtney Volunteer Fire Department is being recognized for lowering their ISO rating. The Fire Marshal, Ricky Leonard, addressed the Board. The ISO rating is based on several different things. Part of the grade comes from the Fire Marshal's Office. Part of the grade comes from the Communications Center. Part of the grade is based on water supply. Only 40% of the grade comes from the Fire Department. The Fire Department's trucks, equipment, and records are inspected. The inspector has to see the Fire Department do a water haul. The inspector checks to be sure that the Fire Department personnel's training is up to date. One of the Firemen had approximately 750 hours of training. Courtney Volunteer Fire Department worked hard and was well prepared for the inspection. Fire Marshal Leonard said it was one of the smoothest inspections that he has participated in. The Fire Chief and his personnel did a tremendous job and are to be commended. Fire Chief Barry Williard addressed the Board. He thanked County Manager Hughes. She has started meeting with the Fire Chiefs and working with them and is trying to get all the Fire Departments to work together. He commended her on that. Courtney Volunteer Fire Department went from a Class 9/6 split rating to a 4. The lower ISO rating will save the home owners and some of the businesses in their area money by lowering their insurance costs. A person who owns a home valued at \$100,000.00 will save approximately \$200.00 a year on their home owners insurance. Fire Chief Williard asked his personnel to stand up. He said that he couldn't have done it without them. His personnel worked hard and did a lot of training. They practiced a lot so they were able to achieve one of the fastest water point setup times that he has seen. They were awarded SAFER Grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security. The funding is being used to help recruit volunteers for the Fire Departments. Fire Marshal Leonard and County Manager Hughes assisted them in their efforts to hire a Recruitment Coordinator. The new Recruitment Coordinator is Amanda Christy. Chairman Austin said that a home owner who has a house that is valued at \$100,000.00 pays \$80.00 a year in Fire Tax, if the Fire Tax rate is \$0.08, and what the Courtney Volunteer Fire Department has achieved will save that home owner approximately \$200.00 a year on their home owners insurance. Chairman Austin asked Fire Marshal Leonard about the number of Fire Departments in Yadkin County that have been able to lower their ISO ratings in the last few years. Fire Marshal Leonard said that Courtney Volunteer Fire Department, Fall Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Forbush Volunteer Fire Department, East Bend Fire Department, Arlington Fire Department, and Buck Shoals Fire Department have lowered their ISO ratings. Chairman Austin said the Fire Chiefs and County Manager Hughes are really working hard. He thanked David Matthews for his assistance. His expertise in this matter is benefitting all of the Fire Departments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

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

Sheriff's Office Admin Debt Service Payment Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Finance Capital Management Interest	1044130-44900	80,000	22,219	102,219
General Fund – Miscellaneous	1044000-48900	5,000	16,678	21,678
Transfer from Capital Projects	1044212-42413	0	50,761	50,761
Sheriff Inmate Housing	1044320-42344	65,000	2,680	67,680
Insurance Consulting	1059000-51704	45,000	(3,395)	41,605
Lease Agreement - Telephone	1059000-55040	20,000	(1,500)	18,500
Telephone	1059000-54200	46,000	(1,500)	44,500
Dues and Subscriptions	1059000-55500	25,000	(856)	24,144
Contingency	1059000-58500	22,100	(22,100)	0
Central Permitting PT Salary	1054350-51030	5,000	(5,000)	0
Vehicle Lease	1059000-55605	5,000	(1,169)	3,831
Finance Postage	1054310-54250	3,800	(800)	3,000
Finance Supplies	1054130-52010	5,000	(1,603)	3,397
Soil & Water Equipment	1054960-56010	15,000	(4,820)	10,180
Non-Departmental Professional Services	1059000-51500	200,000	(876)	199,124
Christmas Ham	1059000-55605	19,000	(755)	18,245
Banking Services	1059000-52025	10,000	(969)	9,031
Schools Interest	1059830-58226	402,807	(40,813)	361,994
Sheriff Administration Principal	1059830-58237	0	115,550	115,550
Sheriff Administration Interest	1059830-58238	0	67,944	67,944
Annual Audit Administration	1059000-51530	60,000	(5,000)	55,000

Transfer of funds needed for the Sheriff's Administration Building Debt Service payment.

Tax Adjustments & Refunds for December 2019

The Tax Office submitted the tax adjustments and refunds for the month of December 2019. The Board reviewed the information and approved the presented adjustments and refunds as requested.

Charlotte Scale Company, Inc. Contract and Budget Amendment

Charlotte Scale Company, Inc. will repair the scales at the Landfill. A new load cell is needed due to wear and tear that has occurred over the years. The equipment maintenance line needs some additional funds to cover the cost of the contract. The following budget amendment appropriates those funds:

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Solid Waste - Disposal Transfer Fee	6054710-54317			
Solid Waste - Equipment Maintenance	6054710-53020			

The Board approved the contract and budget amendment and authorized the County Manager to sign the contract.

YVEDDI ROAP Memorandum of Agreement

Each year the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) distributes Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant funds to Yadkin County. This fiscal year Yadkin County will receive \$166,708.00. The funding is split into three transportation programs. The Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP), the Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL), and the Rural General Public Program (RGP). The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with YVEDDI is for them to provide the specified transportation services. The Board approved the MOA and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

FY2020 ROAP Certified Statement

The North Carolina Department of Transportation requires the County to sign a Certified Statement as part of the agreement for the FY2020 Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) funding that YVEDDI will receive from the County. The Board approved the Certified Statement and authorized the County Manager and Finance Officer to sign it.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings or actions to set Public Hearings.

BOARD ACTION

Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment

County Manager Hughes read the Resolution Declaring Support for Protection of Second Amendment Rights. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

[The Resolution is attached as Appendix A]

The Commissioners made the following comments:

Commissioner Welborn said he was glad to see such a good crowd here. Tonight's meeting had either the largest or the second largest amount of people that have ever attended a meeting. Some are chipping away at all the rights that people have but Yadkin County is not like that. The people here are probably more like they were a hundred years ago. He appreciated hearing from everyone who spoke. He agrees with what they had to say.

Commissioner Zachary thanked each and every person for coming here tonight. What is great about America is here, alive and well, in Yadkin County. When things are important to you, you stand up for them. That is what the citizens have done tonight. The Board was going to adopt the Resolution tonight whether any citizens were here or not but it feels better to have adopted it with so many citizens in attendance. What is going on in this Country is very sad. He was sorry to say that he agrees with Mr. Fickett; the fuse is in place and it is too close to being lit. We have to stand up for what is right. The people on the other side want to change everything about your life because they don't think it's right. They want to impose their ideas on you and make you do what they want and the only way they can do that is to take your guns away from you. He never thought the Board would be doing something like this but he would do it again at the next meeting if it was needed. He asked people to pay attention. He still likes to think that we can win our battles in the ballot box. People need to look at who is running, know what they stand for, and go out and vote. People also need to encourage everyone they know to vote. He asked those that haven't registered to vote to please go and register and vote in the election.

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He did the Hunter Education Program at Forbush High School for 23 years. He taught students how to shoot different kinds of weapons and compete all over the United States but that is not all that the students learned. One of the biggest parts of Hunter Education is the education piece. The students are taught hunter safety and the responsibilities that go along with weapons and hunting. The students are taught when they go into the woods to pick up any litter they see and not to leave any of their own litter behind. When the Program first started the shooting was done on campus, behind the bus parking lot. Back then students would walk across campus to the shooting range carrying a box of ammo with a shotgun over their shoulder and no one thought anything of it. Over time that thought process has changed. We are still as responsible and law abiding as we ever were but some don't see us that way. We have to stand up for what we believe in. As mentioned, the best way to fight our battles is at the ballot box. He asked that everyone vote and talk to everyone they know and encourage them to vote.

Commissioner Hemric appreciated everyone coming out tonight. It showed the Board that the citizens are really concerned about what is going on. If you read about history, the countries that have taken over their people started out by taking the people's guns. He wants to try and stop that from happening here.

Chairman Austin couldn't be happier than to have passed this Resolution. A great crowd was here tonight. There was also a great crowd here a few months ago when the Board passed a Resolution supporting the unborn in Yadkin County. These are issues that the Board takes very, very seriously. There are four pieces of legislation moving in Virginia. One of them limits handgun purchases to one a month. That infringes on free commerce and the Second Amendment, among other things. He believes the argument in Court would be that is an arbitrary and capricious position. It is impossible to justify limiting handgun purchases to one a month. The second one will allow local government to establish gun free zones. Personally he absolutely opposes gun free zones because they create target rich environments. He had forgotten the signs were on this building. He is not sure why the signs are there. The third one will force all gun transactions to be

registered, even if the transaction is between two individuals. We are responsible gun owners and when we buy a gun from a dealer we submit to a background check. At that point we have accepted responsibility for that gun. There does not need to be documentation of a further transaction between two individuals. That infringes on people's rights. The fourth one is the Red Flag Law. That puts subjective decisions about our rights in someone else's hands. Law enforcement has the means necessary to deal with people who are a danger to themselves or others. The DA's Office and court systems have things in place to deal with those people. A Red Flag Law isn't needed. There is a long list of other legislation they have talked about but not introduced. This is a slippery slope that we shouldn't go down as a society. They will move these four pieces of legislation forward and if they are successful, and they don't listen to the people, they will move another group of bills through next session. As was mentioned, we have to be mindful in this State and in this Nation. Citizens need to vote for the candidates that will protect their rights instead of infringe on them. When Virginia voted for their legislature in 2017 there was one race that ended in an absolute tie. They recounted and recounted again and it was still a tie so they drew the winner from a hat. He thought that would get more people out to vote in 2019 but it didn't. The impeachment is not doing anything positive for our Country. It is creating so much division. The people here tonight are motivated; please encourage everyone you know to vote. Regardless of what county or state they live in, they need to vote. Electing the right candidates is the preferred solution. He personally promised to stand behind this Resolution. He has lived in North Carolina his whole life. He chose to move to Yadkin County in early adulthood because of the freedom he enjoys in Yadkin County. This is a great place. He will do everything he can to keep it that way. He thanked everyone for being here tonight. The Board was going to approve the Resolution anyway but it sure felt good to have so many people here when it was done.

FY2019 Charlotte Scale Company, Inc. Invoice

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. At the end of December, the County received an invoice dated June 6, 2019 from Charlotte Scale Company. The County had paid the September 2019 invoice and it didn't indicate that there was an overdue balance. It is too late to use FY2019 funds to pay the invoice so the Board was asked to approve paying the invoice out of the current FY2020 budget. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the payment of Charlotte Scale Company Inc.'s invoice dated 06/06/2019 for \$252.19. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

FY2019 Inmate Medical Bills

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. Hugh Chatham had to resubmit some inmate medical invoices so they would be in compliance with GS 153A-225.2. The Sheriff's Office has confirmed that the two inmates were in custody when the medical services were provided. Inmate #1's charges originally totaled \$1,412.95 but the County has now been billed \$484.76. Inmate #2's charges originally totaled \$3,170.47 but the County has now been billed \$1,311.32. The charges are for FY2019. It is too late to use FY2019 funds to pay the invoices so the Board was asked to approve paying them out of the current FY2020 budget. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve payment of the prior year medical invoices for the two inmates. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

North Carolina Governors Crime Commission 2020 Grant

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The Sheriff's Office would like to apply for North Carolina Governors Crime Commission 2020 Grant funding of \$24,500.00. The funding, if awarded to the Sheriff's Office, will be used to purchase dual band portable radios. The dual band function will provide VHF and VIPER capabilities. It is a reimbursement grant so the County will pay for the radios and then be reimbursed. Sheriff Oliver addressed the Board. The cost of the radios was expected to be approximately \$3,000.00 each. The Sheriff's Office is still negotiating that price so it may be lower than that. Many of the surrounding counties have these types of radios so they would provide essential communication abilities with multiple agencies. **Commissioner Hemric made a motion to authorize the Yadkin County Sheriff's Office to pursue the North Carolina Governors Crime Commission 2020 Grant. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) January 27, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Budget Retreat at 2:00pm at Junker’s Barn in Mocksville, NC.

MANAGER’S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

Employee News

Adam Anderson has accepted the DSS Attorney Position. He will start work on February 3rd. Chuck Knight had originally announced his retirement from Veterans Services to be effective as of March 1st. He has decided to retire effective February 1st instead. Until his position is filled, veterans seeking assistance will be referred to the Clemmons office. Dana Ladd, the Assistant Tax Administrator, is going to retire April 1st. County Manager Hughes is encouraging the Department Directors to start thinking about succession planning.

Lone Hickory Volunteer Fire Department

The Lone Hickory Volunteer Fire Department notified County Manager Hughes that one of their Firefighter’s Relief Fund Board members, John Weatherman, has resigned. He was a Commissioner appointee. They have requested that the Board of Commissioners appoint Grant Joyner. He is a member of the Lone Hickory Volunteer Fire Department. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to appoint Grant Joyner to serve on the Lone Hickory Volunteer Fire Departments Firefighter’s Relief Fund Board. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

Courtney Volunteer Fire Department

County Manager Hughes is very proud of Courtney Volunteer Fire Department and the work that they have done.

MANAGER’S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Funds Transfers

Department	Purpose
Human Services/Health Equipment less than \$5000 (673) Contracted Services 673	Transfer of funds needed to cover printing costs.
Elections Travel/Training (25) Dues & Subscriptions 25	Transfer of funds needed to cover the cost of the NCADE dues increase.
Human Services/WIC Client Services Equipment < \$5000 (400) Nutrition Supplies 400	Transfer of funds needed to cover the cost of the WIC garden materials.

Spurlin Signs & Awnings Contract

Spurlin Signs & Awnings installed signage for the new Yadkin County Medical Clinic location. Signage was placed on the existing monument at the road and on the Medical Clinic door.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Surry County Housing Consortium

There is a vacancy on the Surry County Housing Consortium.

Joint Nursing Home Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Linda H. Williams has volunteered to serve on the Joint Nursing Home Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to appoint Linda H. Williams to serve on the Joint Nursing Home Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He appreciated the citizens being here for the Second Amendment agenda item. He loves hearing from the citizens.

Commissioner Welborn congratulated Courtney Volunteer Fire Department on the reduction in their ISO rating. It takes dedicated people to serve as volunteers for a Fire Department.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everyone for coming out. He appreciates everyone who spoke tonight. He knows that Alex Nelson and Jeff Fickett served in the military. He is sure that a lot of the other people that attended tonight's meeting are also veterans. He thanked all the veterans for their service and for the patriotism that they still live by that brought them here tonight. It is good to see that alive and well in Yadkin County. He congratulated Courtney Volunteer Fire Department. He was thinking of the other Fire Departments that felt the need to work hard and lower their ISO ratings. We have some good Fire Departments in Yadkin County. He thanked County Manager Hughes for working with them. The Fire Departments are very, very, important to the County. He hopes that people appreciate what the Fire Departments do. It is great to see them working as hard as they are and achieving good things.

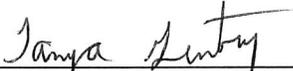
Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He congratulated Courtney Volunteer Fire Department. He hopes that everyone was paying attention in regards to the savings on home owners insurance compared to the Fire Tax bill. The lower ISO rating resulted in a net savings of \$120.00 on a home valued at \$100,000.00. He hopes the Recruitment Coordinator does well on her work to recruit volunteer firemen. There is a shortage of volunteers, not only in Yadkin County but also across North Carolina and the Country. Hopefully more young people will want to volunteer. It was mentioned tonight that those who served in the military swore an oath to uphold the Constitution. The Board of Commissioners, as elected officials, also swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Approving the resolution in support of the Second Amendment was a good action to take to show their commitment to upholding their oath. The East Bend Fire Department may have been the first one to start looking at various ways to lower their ISO rating. Before that a lot of Fire Departments just wanted to throw money at it. They wanted to buy things, like bigger tankers and ladder trucks, to try and lower their ISO rating. He thinks with some education and County Manager Hughes' help the Fire Departments learned that you don't necessarily have to spend big money to get a lower ISO rating; there are other ways to achieve that. The Fire Departments started talking to each other and sharing ways to lower ISO ratings and doing things together, like the water haul exercise. Once they started doing that more and more Fire Departments have been able to lower their ISO ratings. That has been a great thing for Yadkin County.

Chairman Austin wanted to mention that something that makes the Yadkin County Resolution different from the Resolutions other counties have passed that he has seen is that ours includes the Sheriff as an oath taker. Chairman Austin thanked Sheriff Oliver for including himself. That makes a strong statement to the people of Yadkin County. Sheriff Oliver thanked the Board for the action they took tonight. Chairman Austin said that people have to pay their Fire Tax no matter what so the ones that have a home valued at \$100,000.00 that are being served by the Courtney Volunteer Department will save \$200.00. What a return on investment. Where else can you invest \$80.00 and get \$200.00 back. That is incredible. Fire Tax is one of the best bargains that the residents pay when you think about things you pay taxes for and want to see results from. The Fire Departments are so important. Commissioner Welborn is an Air Force veteran and County Attorney Powell served in Vietnam in the Army. County Attorney Powell shared with him how distinguished the rank of Command Sergeant Major is. Chairman Austin thanked all of the veterans in Yadkin County. He did not serve. He has a daughter who is currently in the Air Force. He is really happy about the Resolution supporting the Second Amendment. He loves Yadkin County. He congratulated Vice Chairman Moxley on his induction into the Forbush High School Hall of Fame.

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. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session**, **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Welborn second.**
Vote: 5/0.



Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

2/3/2020

Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR PROTECTION OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Whereas, it is recognized that the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of our nation; and

Whereas, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed;" and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has, through multiple rulings, upheld an individual's right to keep and bear arms when federal, state, and local laws have sought to restrict this right; and

Whereas, the supremacy of the Constitution over other law was well established in 1803 by the Supreme Court of the United States in its decision in *Marbury v. Madison*; and,

Whereas, according to the Declaration of Independence, we are afforded the God given rights of liberty and personal security which are the basis of the greatness of the miracle of America; and,

Whereas, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from many levels of Government; and,

Whereas, the members of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners and the Yadkin County Sheriff have taken an oath to defend and uphold the Constitutions of the United States and of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its deep commitment to protecting all Constitutional rights of Yadkin County citizens and stands opposed to any law, regulation or other act that would unconstitutionally infringe on the citizens' Second Amendment rights; and

Whereas, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners further wishes to express that it will use every power and authority of the county to protect the Second Amendment Rights of Yadkin County citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners declares that Yadkin County government will use all powers and authority to defend and protect the rights of all of our citizens.

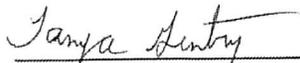
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina Legislature and the United States Congress to use all of their powers and authority to protect our citizens' freedom under the Constitution and specifically the Second Amendment.

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2020.



Kevin Austin, Chair
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Tanya Gentry, Clerk to the Board