YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, February 7, 2022
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 February 7, 2022 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, 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 9:06am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chairman Austin.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Zachary second.
Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Danny Steelman addressed the Board as a representative of the Hamptonville concerned citizens group. They are concerned about what may be happening with a 500 acre property in Hamptonville. They wanted to give the Board an update. Synergy Materials has not been cooperative with them. They are doing research and have been speaking with local and State experts. They are meeting weekly to share what they have learned. They are keeping in contact with the Board of Education because of the school that is adjacent to the property. Core drilling is still occurring on the property. They believe some type of minerals are being found and that may lead to some type of hazardous mining operation on the property. They have spoken with the Gaston County Planning & Development Manager, Brian Sciba. Brian Sciba shared information and documents with them. They have shared what they learned from him with County Manager Hughes and they gave her copies of the documents. The documents included Gaston County’s previous mining ordinances, new mining restrictions, and the resolution their Board adopted. They want to do everything they can to help put the County in control and strengthen the County’s position. If mining occurs here, there is a high probability that the mining product will be shipped away from the County so the potential jobs and revenue will go elsewhere. The group prepared a formal letter of recommendation that they shared with County Manager Hughes. They based their recommendations off of the research they have gathered over the last 90 days. The recommendations are based off of information they received from Gaston County, a hydrogeologist, and other experts across the State. They encouraged the Board to study all the information they provided as soon as possible. The Hamptonville concerned citizens group sees the following options: 1) Allow no mining to occur. That decision could be rescinded at some future time. 2) Allow no mining with the exception of granite gravel production; like a regular rock quarry. 3) If the Board doesn’t want to put total restrictions against mining, then the Special Use Permit needs to have all the stipulations that that have been recommended to protect the County’s people and resources. If a mining company operates in Yadkin County it should have to pay for things it is responsible for. For example, if the school has to be moved or something has to be done to stop the toxic waste from going into Lake Hampton, the mining company should pay for that. He urged the Board to review the information they provide and their recommendations.

Dirk Ehrhardt, of Hamptonville, addressed the Board. He lives beside the property. His family moved to Hamptonville for the water. They came from Arizona, where mining is huge. He believes the mines there
followed all the EPA laws but the byproducts from the mining operations still effected the water. There are entire communities there that no longer drink water from their own wells. They had to switch to city water because of the mines. He asked the Board of Commissioners to please review the information that has been provided and consider the recommendations.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 9:21am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Board of Commissioners reviewed the January 10, 2022 Special Session and Closed Session Minutes and the January 24, 2022 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve all four sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Zachary second.
Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD
Alternatives for Watershed Rehabilitation
Jason Walker addressed the Board. Yadkin County has been working with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Schnabel Engineering to assess two of the County’s watershed flood control structures and develop alternatives for their rehabilitation. Maridee Graves, from Schnabel Engineering, addressed the Board. The Natural Resources Conservation Service’s Watershed Rehabilitation Program provides funding and technical support to entities that have aging watershed dams that need to be rehabilitated. The Program has four phases. Those are the Assessment Phase, the Planning Phase, the Design Phase, and the Construction Phase. Yadkin County completed the Assessment Phase and is currently in the Planning Phase for Dam 19A and Dam 21. The Program funding covered 100% of the Assessment Phase cost and is covering 100% of the Planning Phase costs. That will change as the County moves into the last phases. Federal financial assistance will cover up to 65% of the total rehabilitation cost, not to exceed 100% of the construction cost. The County will have to cover the remainder of the costs. The County will also have to pay the permitting costs. Dam 19A and Dam 21 need to be rehabilitated. They were built in 1961. They were designed as low hazard dams with a design life of 50 years. They are approximately 60 years old so they have exceeded their design life. Also, due to development that has occurred over the years and higher traffic counts, the dams are now considered high hazard dams. High hazard dams have to meet stricter standards. The dams currently don’t have enough storage capacity. To increase storage capacity, sediment needs to be removed or the pool levels need to be raised. There are also some issues with erosion. Schnabel Engineering does not recommend demolishing the dams or trying to rehabilitate them non-structurally because those options are not very practical and the cost will be approximately $25 million per dam. Maridee Graves went over three structural rehabilitation alternatives for Dam 19A and Dam 21. For Dam 19A, they recommend raising the dam, raising the normal pool level, and the use of a labyrinth auxiliary spillway. For Dam 21, they recommend raising the dam, dredging 8.3 feet of sediment, and the use of a labyrinth auxiliary spillway. Once the Construction Phase is complete, the life of the dams will start over. The design life of the rehabilitated dams will be at least 50 years. The recommended changes to the dams will cause more acres to be effected. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will encourage the County to purchase easements in order to prevent people from building in those areas but purchasing those easements is not mandatory. The draft plan has to be submitted to the Natural Resources Conservation Service by March 15th so the Board will need to choose an alternative for Dam 19A and Dam 21 at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

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:
Cooperative Extension/4-H Awards Budget Amendment

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Cooperative Extension received funds to be given to 4-H award winners.

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Human Services/Medical Clinic Budget Amendment

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Human Services received new State Medicaid prepaid health plans Utilization Aggregate Based Payments.

Smart Start Child Care Health Consultation Grant Application
Human Services requested the Board approve the Smart Start of Yadkin County grant application for $36,453.00 to provide Child Care Health Consulting (CCHC) services. The grant funds will cover approximately 50% of the funding needed for the Public Health Educator that provides the services. The Board approved the grant application and authorized the County Manager to sign the documents that are needed to submit it.

Latham’s Custom Fence Contract
Latham’s Custom Fence will install an automatic gate at the Yadkin County Park entrance. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

W Brown Construction Contract
W Brown Construction will paint the interior of the former Cooperative Extension building. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Paint & Coatings Contract
Paint & Coatings will paint the exterior of the former Cooperative Extension building. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Sanpro Medical Waste Disposal Contract
Sanpro will continue to provide the Yadkin County Medical Clinic with biohazard waste disposal services. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING
There were no public hearings or actions to set a public hearing.

BOARD ACTION
NC Division of Soil & Water Grant
Jason Walker addressed the Board. This year the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water received $38 million. They plan on using $6 million of those funds for the rehabilitation of small watershed structures. Yadkin County has 14 watershed structures. As mentioned earlier, the County is already working on the rehabilitation of two of the structures. He would like to submit an application for $5,350,000.00 to rehabilitate a third structure. These funds have to be spent too quickly for them to be used to assist with the costs of the two watershed structures that are being rehabilitated through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Program. If the County is awarded less North Carolina Division of Soil and Water funds than is needed to rehabilitate a structure, the funds that we receive could still be used to make some repairs to one or more of the structures. **Commissioner Henric made a motion to authorize staff to apply for a grant from the North Carolina Division of Soil and Water in the amount of $5,350,000.00.** Vice Chairman Mosley second.

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES
1) April 15, 2022 – The County offices will be closed for Good Friday.
MANAGER’S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

EMS Report
County Manager Hughes gave the Board an EMS report to review.

County Manager’s Conference
County Manager Hughes and Assistant County Manager Hinkle attended the County Manager’s Conference that was held in Winston-Salem last week.

MANAGER’S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Funds Transfers

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BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Joint Nursing Home - Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
There are three vacancies on the Joint Nursing Home – Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee.

Aging Planning Committee
The Board was asked to review the Aging Planning Committee Member list. Clara Matthews has resigned. Two of the other members have not been attending the meetings. Due to COVID, there have been meetings that were held through Zoom and it may be difficult for some of the members to attend an electronic meeting. The Board will review the list of members.

JCPC
Randy Dimmette resigned from serving on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) due to time constraints. The Board was asked to appoint Philip Scott. Commissioner Zachary made a motion to appoint Philip Scott to serve a two-year term on the Yadkin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Welborn second. Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Welborn said it was good to see everyone here this morning. He appreciated Danny Steelman’s and Dirk Ehrhardt’s comments. He thanked Jason Walker and the Schnabel Engineering representatives for being here and providing information on the watershed dams. It looks like the County is getting a good start on some watershed dam rehabilitation projects.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everyone for being here this morning. He appreciated Danny Steelman’s and Dirk Ehrhardt’s comments. He thanked Jason Walker and the Schnabel Engineering representatives for being here and providing information on the watershed dams. He took a moment to recognize his friend, Mike Crouse, who passed away this past week. Mike Crouse was a former Commissioner. Commissioner Zachary served on the Board of Commissioners with him for 6 years. Mike Crouse was a good man and he will be missed.

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out this morning. He thanked Danny Steelman and Dirk Ehrhardt for their comments. He thanked Jason Walker and the Schnabel Engineering representatives for their presentation on the watershed dams. He appreciates all of their work.

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**Commissioner Henric** thanked everyone for coming out this morning. He appreciated Danny Steelman’s and Dirk Ehrhardt’s comments. He thanked Jason Walker and the Schnabel Engineering representatives for being here and providing information on the watershed dams.

**Chairman Austin** thanked everyone for being here. It was a little bit of a tough call on whether or not to have the meeting as scheduled today. Some people had already made plans to attend today’s meeting. The citizens deserve to have the Board move forward with conducting County business and to be available to hear their concerns so the Board wants to hold the meetings as scheduled, unless it becomes too dangerous for people to get here. This Board is committed to doing the right thing for the citizens of Yadkin County. The Board made major modifications to the solar farm section of the Zoning Ordinance. The solar farm industry was evolving fast and some changes needed to be made. The Board put in bond requirements for anyone constructing a new solar farm. They also limited the number of acres in the County that could be used for solar farming. Chairman Austin appreciates the citizens coming to the Board and sharing their thoughts and materials with them. He thanked Jason Walker and the Schnabel Engineering representatives for being here and providing information on the watershed dams. It was very helpful.

**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 approve the amended Davis Martin Powell Task Orders dated February 1, 2022. Commissioner Welborn second.**  
**Vote: 5/0.**

**Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Henric second.**  
**Vote: 5/0.**

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**Prepared by Tanya Gentry**  
Clerk to the Board

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**Kevin Austin, Chairman**  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

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**Date approved by the**  
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

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