

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 17, 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 February 17, 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 7:01pm.

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 Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments. Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments at 7:03pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 27, 2020 Special Session Minutes and the February 3, 2020 Regular and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes as presented. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Recognize Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with the County's Fire Departments. She has enjoyed getting to know the Fire Chiefs and the Presidents of their Boards a lot better. Several of the Fire Departments have worked very hard to prepare for their ISO inspections. Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department has completed their inspection and their ISO rating was lowered to a 6. That is great for them and the citizens in their District. Fire Marshal Ricky Leonard addressed the Board. Only one of the areas that the ISO rating comes from is in the Fire Department's control. When a Fire Department is inspected, the following five areas are graded: Needed Fire Flow, Emergency Communications, the Fire Department, Water Supply, and Community Risk. The Needed Fire Flow grade is based off of the structures in the district that needs fire protection. The Emergency Communications grade comes from the 911 System. The Water Supply grade comes from their ability to get water. Water can come from a water system and/or from tankers. Several of the Fire Departments participated in a water haul exercise and how they performed that day affected their grade. The Community Risk grade comes from the Fire Marshal for the most part. A little of that grade is based off of the Fire Department's efforts to reach out to their community and the percentage of the population that they reach. The Fire Department grade comes from the engine companies, reserve pumpers, pump capacity, ladder truck or service companies, reserve ladder truck or service companies, deployment analysis, company personnel, training, and operational considerations. The biggest number of points comes from company personnel and training. It is important that the Fire Department has enough personnel to meet the States requirements and function efficiently. Also, it is important that their personnel remains properly trained. Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department

protects 743 residential structures and 29 commercial structures in Yadkin County that are within 5 miles of their station. Residential owners will save approximately \$200.00 in insurance costs. That is a districtwide savings of approximately \$148,600.00. Commercial structure owners will save approximately \$300.00 in insurance costs. That is a districtwide savings of approximately \$8,700.00. That is a total savings of approximately \$157,300.00. That is huge. The Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department worked hard and got an excellent grade. Fire Marshal Leonard is proud of each and every one of their members. The Fire Chief excelled that day. All the Fire Department personnel represented themselves very well and did an excellent job. Fire Chief Chris Cheek addressed the Board. He said Fire Marshal Leonard was a great help to the Fire Department. The Fire Department's achievement was a group effort. The Fire Department personnel, their Board, and the community all worked together to make the Fire Department the best it could be. The Fire Department sent out letters and made announcements to make sure that everyone knew what they were trying to do. The citizens asked questions and supported their efforts however they could. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for what they do for the County and for the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department plans to continue to grow and improve so they can get an even better ISO rating in the future. County Manager Hughes said that the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department also covers some of Wilkes County. She asked if Wilkes County's emergency communications played a part in determining the score that the Fire Department received for Emergency Communications. Fire Chief Cheek said that when a Fire Department serves two counties that both counties communications are looked at to determine their final score. County Manager Hughes said Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department gets some funding from Wilkes County to go along with the funding they receive from Yadkin County. The contract they have with Yadkin County is for \$65,300.00 this year. So, in Yadkin County, it cost them \$65,300.00 to operate and the lower ISO rating they achieved resulted in a savings of approximately \$157,300.00 in insurance costs for the citizens in their District. County Manager Hughes said the County is very proud of Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. The Board of Commissioners congratulated them on their achievement.

Vice Chairman Moxley said he is really proud of them for what they did to help the citizens in their District.

Chairman Austin said that he can't thank them enough for their service. The County needs more volunteers like them. He knows the citizens in their District are going to be really happy when they start getting their insurance bills with the cost reductions on them. The Board learned a lot tonight and from the other Fire Departments that have lowered their ISO ratings. He believes that all of the Commissioners have gotten a lot smarter when it comes to fire service in Yadkin County in the last year or so.

Commissioner Zachary said that Yadkin County has got probably the best volunteer Fire Departments of anywhere in the State. The volunteers deserve a lot of credit. He hopes the citizens appreciate all of the work and the sacrifices that the Fire Departments' personnel have made. A lot of the County's Fire Departments have worked hard and achieved lower ISO ratings. The citizens of Yadkin County are very fortunate to have such dedicated people working for the Fire Departments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Zachary 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:

Human Services/DSS Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Special Needs Foster Care	1055320-57630	10,910	(7,000)	3,910
Foster Care Transportation	1055320-57681	4,000	(1,200)	2,800
Vehicle Maintenance	1055300-53040	7,700	1,200	8,900
Travel/Training	1055300-54010	11,000	3,000	14,000
Gasoline/Diesel Fuel	1055300-52350	14,100	4,000	18,100

Transfer of funds to cover the costs of vehicle maintenance and fuel for the remainder of the fiscal year and to cover the training costs of their new staff.

Tax Adjustments & Refunds for January 2020

The Tax Office submitted the tax adjustments and refunds for the month of January 2020. The Board reviewed the information and approved the presented adjustments and refunds as requested.

Order Tax Collector to Advertise Unpaid Taxes & Fees

G.S. 105-369(a) requires the Tax Collector to report all the unpaid taxes and fees for the current tax year to the Board. The Board is required to order the Tax Collector to advertise the unpaid taxes and fees. The Board ordered the Tax Collector to advertise the unpaid taxes and fees for the tax year 2019-2020.

Dorsett Heating & Air Conditioning Contract

The current HVAC unit at the Yadkin County Courthouse has far exceeded its life expectancy and needs to be replaced. The condenser was replaced approximately 11 years ago but the air handler was not replaced so it is approximately 45 years old. The coils are leaking Freon and it will cost approximately \$3,000.00 to make the repairs. The unit uses R-22 Freon and that is very expensive because it is not being manufactured anymore. Dorsett Heating & Air Conditioning will replace the HVAC unit with an energy efficient one that uses R-410 Freon. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

A-1 Auto Glass Inc DBA Glass Doctor Contract

A-1 Auto Glass Inc DBA Glass Doctor will provide the County with as needed glass repair and replacement services. The Board approved the general services contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

Spurlin Signs & Awnings Contract

Spulin Signs & Awnings will provide the County with as needed signage services. The Board approved the general services 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 Public Hearings.

BOARD ACTION

Resolution Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women Gaining the Right to Vote and the Creation of the League of Women Voters

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The North Carolina League of Women Voters is encouraging all 100 counties to adopt a resolution that recognizes and celebrates women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters. The United States Congress passed the 19th Amendment in June 1919. The needed ratification by at least 36 states was achieved by the summer of 1920 and the 19th Amendment became legal all across the Country. The North Carolina General Assembly ratified the 19th Amendment in 1971. County Manager Hughes read the Resolution. **Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adopt the Resolution recognizing and celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women Gaining the Right to Vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters. Commissioner Zachary second.** Chairman Austin asked if there was any further discussion. Commissioner Zachary asked for clarification on when North Carolina adopted the 19th Amendment. County Manager Hughes confirmed that North Carolina ratified it in 1971. The 19th Amendment first reached North Carolina in August 1920 but it was not ratified then because many of the State representatives couldn't agree on it at that time.

Vote: 5/0.

[The Resolution is attached as Appendix A]

Budget Amendment for Mini-Buses for Yadkin County Schools

County Manager Hughes addressed the Board. The Yadkin County School System has requested funding to purchase two new mini-buses. The buses they are using now are old and have a lot of mileage on them. The following budget amendment appropriates the necessary funding from Fund Balance:

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	New Budget
Appropriated Fund Balance	1044000-49000	2,327,412	104,816	2,432,228
Capital Outlay - Special	1055912-56009	61,400	104,816	166,216

Commissioner Welborn motion to appropriate \$104,816.00 of the General Fund's Fund Balance for two new mini-buses for the Yadkin County Schools. Commissioner Hemric second.

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) March 16, 2020 – Cooperative Extension Report to the People Dinner at 5:15pm.
- 2) March 30, 2020 – Joint Meeting with the Board of Education in the Media Center of the Yadkin Early College. The meal will be served at 5:30pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.
- 3) April 10, 2020 – County Offices Closed for Good Friday.
- 4) April 23, 2020 – Joint Meeting with the Human Services Advisory Committee.
- 5) April 28, 2020 – NCACC District Meeting in Wilkes County at 5:00pm.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

HCCBG Funding Plan Revision

There is a revision to the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) for Older Adults County Funding Plan that the Board has been asked to approve. The County Manager can approve fund transfer requests up to \$5,000.00 but New Horizons has requested that \$5,254.00 be transferred from Level II In-Home Aide services to Level III In-Home Aide services. The Aging Planning Committee has reviewed the request and recommends that it be approved. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve New Horizon's funding request transferring \$5,254.00 from Level II services to Level III services for In-Home Aide. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

JCPC

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) is going to start operating a Teen Court in March. It will be held one night a month at the Courthouse in Courtroom 3 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. They are currently building a pool of volunteers who are willing to serve in various roles. One of the roles that volunteers will be serving as is Judges. They are recruiting teens who are age 14 to 18 to serve as the Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, and jurors. They will be receiving referrals from DSS, law enforcement agencies, School Resource Officers, and from the Schools. Teen Court will be operated through the Surry Children's Center of Northwest North Carolina.

Water Infrastructure

The State Water Infrastructure Authority has approved the County's application for a feasibility study on the possible regionalization of the County's water systems. The Towns of Jonesville, Yadkinville, and East Bend supported the application. The Town of Boonville didn't respond when the County reached out to them. The next step in the process is to get \$50,000.00 of grant funding for the study. After that an RFP will need to be issued for someone to come in and assist with the study. County Manager Hughes thanked Drew Hinkle for his work on the application.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

A-1 Auto Glass Inc DBA Glass Doctor Contract

A-1 Auto Glass Inc DBA Glass Doctor reset five windows in the building that the Medical Clinic and Hands of Hope are sharing.

Spurlin Signs & Awnings Contract

Spurlin Signs & Awnings added signage onto the Yadkin County Courthouse.

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.

Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority

The Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority requested that Cindy Shore, with Sanders Ridge Vineyards, and Dr. Wayne Matthews, with the Yadkin Center of Surry Community College, be reappointed to serve another three year term. Their current terms expire February 28, 2020. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to reappoint Cindy Shore and Dr. Wayne Matthews to the Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority for a three year term expiring February 28, 2023. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Zachary thanked everyone for being here tonight. He appreciated Ricky Leonard, Keith Vestal, and Sheriff Oliver being here. It is always a pleasure to have one of the County’s fine Fire Departments come and be recognized for their hard work and achievements. He was glad to have the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department here tonight. He hopes that their constituents recognizes the benefits that their Fire Department brings to their community. It sounds like the community is very supportive of the Fire Department. The Board of Commissioners is proud of the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. He wants them to keep up the good work.

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He congratulated the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. The lower ISO rating will benefit them and all of the citizens in their District. He was pleased to pass the resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote. He thinks that was a good thing for North Carolina and the United States.

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He congratulated the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. He knows that they worked hard to lower their ISO rating. The new lower rating will be a great benefit for the citizens in their District. He thanked all of the County employees that were here for coming tonight.

Commissioner Welborn thanked everyone for coming tonight. He thanked Sheriff Oliver and the County employees for being here. He commended the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for lowering their ISO rating. The citizens in their community are really going to appreciate the benefits of the lower ISO rating. Some of the other Fire Departments have also lowered their ISO ratings. He hopes the Fire Departments that haven’t lowered their ISO ratings yet will achieve a lower rating when they are inspected.

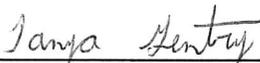
Chairman Austin thanked the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for coming tonight. Their lower ISO rating is a real blessing for the citizens that are in their District. He hopes everyone in the community celebrates that achievement at the next fish fry. He commended the Buck Shoals Volunteer Fire Department personnel for all of their service. He thanked everyone for being here.

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 Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

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

Vote: 5/0.


Prepared by Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board


David Moxley, Vice Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

3/2/2020
Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

*Kevin Austin, Chairman of Board
David Moxley, Vice Chairman
Gilbert Hemric, Commissioner
Marion Welborn, Commissioner
Frank Zachary, Commissioner*



*Ed Powell, County Attorney
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**RESOLUTION OF THE YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN GAINING
THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE FOUNDING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN NORTH CAROLINA.**

WHEREAS, an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July, 1848, at a convention in Seneca Falls, NY; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of brave and courageous women referred to as suffragists who sacrificed family, their personal lie, and their financial resources for over seventy years to gain equal rights for women, especially the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, women and men, black and white, supported the women's suffrage movement for women to gain the constitutional right of having a voice in making the laws that govern them; and

WHEREAS, the women's suffrage movement led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919; with ratification by the states by the summer of 1920; and

WHEREAS, the National Women's Suffrage Association dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the US to register and educate all voters; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of North Carolina was launched on October 7, 1920, on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse by Gertrude Weil, a politically active and tireless young woman from Goldsboro, NC; and

WHEREAS, more than 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina by 1920; and

WHEREAS, women today constitute a majority vote in our state and in the US and are running for office in higher numbers and are more active in the election process than ever before in history; and

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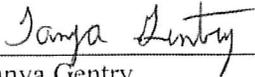
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners declares that Yadkin County, North Carolina recognizes and celebrates the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters in the United States and in North Carolina.

Section 2. That the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners recognizes the impact that these historical accomplishments have had on citizen engagement and the civic life of the community, the state, and the nation.

Adopted the 17 day of February 2020 by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners.

Attest:



Tanya Gentry
Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin
Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

