

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Jefferson Strickland, Vice Chairman Jarvis McLamb and Commissioners Albert D. Kirby, Jr., Billy Lockamy and Harry Parker.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Commissioner Parker for the invocation. Commissioner McLamb then led the Pledge Allegiance.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of an appointment to the Adult Care Home Community Action Committee. Commissioner Kirby indicated he had two items to discuss at the end of the agenda.

Staff introduced intern Steven Williamson, who will be working as a summer intern in the Administration department assisting with the development of the County's new website and social media.

### **Roads**

Monthly Report - NCDOT District Engineer Keith Eason was present to address questions or concerns from the Board or citizens in attendance. There were no comments.

### **Item 1: Planning and Zoning Items**

TA-4-14-1 The Chairman opened the hearing and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed the request to amend Section 12 of the Sampson County Zoning Ordinance with regard to Definitions and Word Interpretations to delete the section's reference to facilities with a generation capacity of more than 10 megawatts, as unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. Ms. Rose explained that the goal was to allow for smaller quantities of power to be generated under this same definition. Commissioner Kirby asked if this pertained to solar farms, and Ms. Rose explained that there were provisions even more specific to them. She explained that this would take care of an industry such as NOVI, a renewable energy facility that would generate less than 10,000 megawatts. Commissioner Kirby asked if this were being amended to accommodate new business. The floor was opened for comments, and none were

received. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the text amendment TA-4-14-1 as follows:

**Renewable Energy Facility:** *A facility, other than a hydroelectric power facility ~~with a generation capacity of more than 10 megawatts~~, that either:*

- A. *Generates electric power by the use of a renewable energy resource.*
- B. *Generates useful, measurable combined heat and power derived from a renewable energy resource.*
- C. *Is a solar thermal energy facility. (ZA-6-08-1)*

RZ-5-14-1 The Chairman opened the hearing and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed the request to rezone approximately 1 acre located at 481 Delway Highway from RA-Residential Agriculture to C-Commercial. She reviewed the findings of fact and noted that all adjoining property owners had been duly notified and the property posted, and this request was unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. Commissioner Kirby asked if it were in proximity to an existing commercial development, and Ms. Rose stated yes. The floor was opened for comments, and none were offered. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-5-14-1, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-5-14-1 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan and other long range planning documents due to the fact this property is located in close proximity to existing commercial development.*

RZ-5-14-2 The Chairman opened the hearing and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed the request to rezone approximately 1.01 acres located along Charles Newland Road from MRD-Mixed Residential to RA-Residential Agriculture. She reviewed the findings of fact and noted that all adjoining property owners had been duly notified and the property posted, and the request was unanimously recommended by the Planning Board. The floor was opened for comments, and none were offered. The hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to approve rezoning request RZ-5-14-2, accepting the presented findings of fact and making the following zoning consistency statement: *Whereas, in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 153A-341, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners does hereby find and determine that the recommendation of the ordinance amendment RZ-5-14-2 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Sampson County Land Use Plan for residential growth due to the fact this property is located within a portion of the County designated as a Residential Growth Area in Section 2 of the Sampson County Land Use Plan (Future Use Map). This section further identifies appropriate uses for this area would include primarily residential development.*

RZ-5-14-3 This hearing was not held because owner withdrew application.

RZ-5-14-4 The Chairman opened the hearing and recognized Planning Director Mary Rose who reviewed the request to rezone approximately 79.36 acres located at 75 Runion Lane from RA-Residential Agriculture to I-Industrial. She explained that the Planning Board had recommended **denial** of the rezoning request after hearing Planning staff information and comments provided by adjoining landowners (which have been provided as part of the Planning Board minutes); however the Planning Board did not offer findings of fact for denial nor a zoning consistency statement. She noted that the property owner had requested that the hearing be continued until July and suggested that because of the Planning Board's omission, the Board may wish to remand this rezoning request back to the Planning Board. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board continued the hearing and remanded the item back to the Planning Board for reconsideration.

**Item 2: Recognitions and Reports**

Recognition of Retirees The Board presented plaques to retirees Lark Thornton and Candace Atwood.

**Item 3: Action Items**

Public Hearing – Identification of Needs, Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) for Economic Development Projects The Chairman opened the hearing and called on consultant Skip Green who explained that the County was interested seeking funds from the State's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and thus was holding the first of two required public hearings. He noted that the CDBG program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and that the CDBG Program permits grant funds to be used toward infrastructure projects that address health/safety needs (public water and sewer projects) or support Economic Development (public infrastructure) projects. He explained that applications for Economic Development must show that in excess of 60% of CDBG funds will benefit low or moderate-income persons through job creation or retention. Applications for other CDBG programs must show that funded activities: (1) will provide greater than a 50% benefit to low or moderate income persons; or (2) benefit identified special need populations; or (3) address health and safety needs. The floor was opened for comments, and none were received. The hearing was closed, and no action was requested at this time.

Appointments – Workforce Development Board This item was tabled.

Appointments – RPO/RTAC This item was tabled.

Appointments - Social Services Board Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Jeff Gray.

Appointments - Economic Development Board Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint John Baxter for the remainder of Chuck Spell's term (expiring June 30, 2016).

Appointments - Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Michelle (Balance) Mehaffey and Sharad Surati and to appoint Susan Richert. Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ray Jordan as Chairman of the CVB for another year.

Appointments - Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Elsie McPhail to fill the position made vacant by Ms. JoAnn Parker's declining her previous appointment.

#### **Item No. 4: Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lockamy and seconded by Commissioner McLamb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting
- b. Approved the proposed Home and Community Care Funding Plan for FY 2014-2015 (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_.)
- c. Awarded the bid for courthouse security monitoring equipment to the low bidder, Hi-Tech Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$155,806.40
- d. Approved the following tax refunds:

#6186	Allen Ray Godwin	\$ 181.09
#6188	Register Farms	\$ 225.85
#6160	Williams James Hairr	\$ 115.40
#6168	S&W Ready Mix Concrete LLC	\$ 559.96
#6207	William Robert McLeod	\$ 127.12
#6213	Kimberly Williams Lane	\$ 149.67

#6195	S&W Ready Mix	\$ 161.83
#6178	Prestage Farms, Inc.	\$ 107.93
#6217	Sherry Williams House	\$ 250.26

g. Approved the following budget amendments:

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558680	526200	GSC-Departmental Supplies	5,000.00	
02558800	522100	Nutrition- Food Provision		5,000.00

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035868	403601	GSC-Mid Carolina	5,000.00	
02035880	403601	Nutrition-Mid Carolina		5,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	526200	Home Repairs-Departmental Supplies	650.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	408403	HR -Donations -Fans	650.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Social Services</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13554120	568414	IV-E Foster Care	96,000.00	
13553100	512600	Part Time Salaries	6,400.00	
13553100	537000	Advertising	700.00	
13553100	545000	Insurance & Bonds	81,000.00	
13553310	544000	Adult Day Care	1,900.00	
13553100	512100	Salaries		24,800.00
13553100	518300	Group Insurance		80,000.00

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
13535410	403312	IV-E Foster Care	79,500.00	
13535330	403306	Adult Day Care	1,700.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Health/Family Planning</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551640	529700	Lab Supplies	1,200.00	
12551640	523900	Medical Supplies	8,540.00	

<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535164	404000	Family Planning State Assistance	9,740.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Health/WIC</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551670	531100	Travel	1,526.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535167	404000	WIC State Assistance	1,526.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Health/Env Health Food &amp; Lodging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12551830	531100	F&L Department Supplies	500.00	
12551830	535300	F&L Maint/Repair Vehicles	1,000.00	
12551830	525100	F&L Gas Oil & Tires	500.00	
12551830	544000	F&L Contracted Services	2,226.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
12535183	404000	F&L State Assistance	4,226.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Soil &amp; Water</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
28349610	531109	Travel District Match	200.00	
11449600	526201	Dept Supplies Equip	1,005.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
28334961	409909	Fund Bal Approp State	1,205.00	

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		<u>Cooperative Extension/4H Teen Court/Restit</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05558320	526200	Departmental Supplies	750.00	
05558320	532100	Telephone & Postage	100.00	
05558320	539900	Restitution Bank	620.00	

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
05035832	303612	Teen Court and Restitution	1,470.00	

Commissioner Kirby asked the Board to consider two additional items:

Proclamation Honoring NC Theological Seminary Commissioner Kirby stated that he had the opportunity to attend the first graduation of the NC Theological Seminary. He read the proclamation and asked the Board to adopt it. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Kirby and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the proclamation. (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_.)

Courthouse Parking Commissioner Kirby moved that one of the parking spaces at the Courthouse be designated for use by the Board of Commissioners, presenting a picture (Exhibit A attached) for location. Commissioner McLamb seconded the motion. The Chairman stated that he thought more time was needed for consideration since the request was just being brought before the Board, and Commissioner Kirby stated he was not prepared to withdraw his motion. County Attorney Joel Starling confirmed that the motion could be brought for consideration at a regular meeting of the Board despite not being noted on the published agenda. Commissioner Lockamy stated that he did not think it was necessary; he had never needed to park around the Courthouse and the Courthouse was pushed for parking anyway. Commissioner Parker stated that extenuating circumstances must have occurred for this to come up and a lot of Courthouses in different counties have such provisions for County commissioners. Commissioner McLamb stated that if there were places for judges and deputies, he did not see why they could not have one for the commissioners. Commissioner Parker stated it could be used also by the County Manager, who represented them. The vote was 3-2 to approve the motion, with Commissioners Strickland and Lockamy voting nay.

#### **Item 5: Board Information**

The following items were provided to the Board for information:

- a. Letter of Interest Submitted to NCEM Indicating Interest in Grant Funding to Assist with Completion of Required Update to Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

#### **County Manager Reports** (only budget presentation)

#### **Presentation of Proposed Budget for FY 2014-2015; Scheduling of Budget Public Hearing**

County Manager Ed Causey presented the proposed budget for FY 2014-2015 and reviewed his budget message (copy attached). Upon a motion made by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Commissioner Lockamy, the Board voted unanimously to schedule the budget public hearing for June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. The Board scheduled budget work sessions for June 5 and June 10 beginning at 1:00 p.m. each day.

#### **Public Comments**

There floor was opened for comments, and the following were received:

Ann Knowles: This is the time that we need to speak, before you work on the budget. This is the time that we ask you to look very carefully at it, for the pay plan, for the future of our County employees, for the buildings, for all that has to be done. This wasn't created overnight, and it won't be repaired overnight, but we have to start. When you're looking at the budget, and I've been to the budget meetings with you. We didn't find anywhere that you found a whole lot of waste because we have been cut to the bone every year. So we are asking you as you look at this budget and start your cutting, do not sacrifice your employees. Do not sacrifice the residents. Work it out together so that all of us can benefit from you. Y'all have a lot of knowledge sitting up there in County government, a lot of knowledge of what our County needs and what we can afford. We know we can't afford to lose employees. I know we do not like to raise taxes, but we have to look back that we all voted to build these schools and build the buildings, and it was said then that in order to pay for them you were going to have to raise the taxes. I don't want to pay more taxes, but I want to have my office operatable for the veterans in this county. We can't take any cuts; we are bare bones, and we don't go at the end of the year and spend every dime. If there's any we can save, we turn it back in because we are going to need it next year. I thank you. You've got a hard job, but you're everyone up to the task. I applaud our County Manager. He is an excellent leader to your county departments. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Causey because he's led us through some dark times, and he can bring us out on the other side.

## **Adjournment**

Upon a motion made by Commissioner McLamb and seconded by Commissioner Kirby, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.