

The Sampson County Board of Commissioners convened for their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2017 in the County Auditorium, 435 Rowan Road in Clinton, North Carolina. Members present: Chairman Clark Wooten, Vice Chairperson Sue Lee, and Commissioners Jerol Kivett and Harry Parker; Absent: Albert Kirby Jr.

The Chairman convened the meeting and called upon Vice Chairperson Lee for the invocation. Commissioner Kivett then led the Pledge Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted to approve the agenda with the following changes: Consent Agenda item (c): Approve the submission of the FY 2017-2018 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Application by Action Pathways, Inc. was relocated to become Action Item (d).

Roads (first Monday of each quarter)

Quarterly Roads Report Keith Jackson, NCDOT Highway Maintenance Engineer, presented the Quarterly Report to the Board. He informed the Board and the citizens in attendance that there were still 27 closed roads due to Hurricane Matthew, 10 which were currently under contract with Sampson County and the remaining 14 remaining roads scheduled to be repaired by the State. He noted that the delay in these repairs was mainly due to how long it takes the contractor to make associated water pipe repairs. Mr. Jackson noted that the recent snowstorm caused temporary concerns but has not caused any extensive damage. The Commissioners commended Mr. Jackson and his staff for their hard work on the roads following the two storms and pre-existing projects. Chairman Wooten opened the floor for public comments, and the following comments were received:

Eileen Coite questioned if the hurricane delayed the West Mt. Gilead Church bridge project, and Mr. Jackson stated that the Hurricane did delay that project, but construction will resume soon.

Item 1: Reports and Presentations

Recognition of Retirees Service plaques were presented to retirees Ella Fryar, Dianne Horne, Ricky Mattocks, Cheryl Norris, and Yvonne Powell. Retiree Connie Thornton was not present to receive recognition.

Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Director Dana Hall was introduced as the new Parks and Recreation Director and was welcomed by the Board.

Update on Efforts to Establish a Child Advocacy Center Social Services Director Sarah Bradshaw provided the Board with an update on the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). She noted that the CAC Steering Committee was composed of members of the District Attorney's Office, the Clinton Police Department, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, the Sampson County Department of Social Services, Eastpointe LME, the Sampson County Health Department and Guardian ad Litem. She noted that 2016 statistics shows that the total number of children serviced, cases involving children six years old or less, and internet crimes have all increased from the prior year. Ms. Bradshaw briefly discussed funding, which is provided by several sources including grant funding, United Way, and public and business donations, and stated that there will be more fundraising efforts made in the future. She noted that the Center currently has \$157,342.00 of grant funds available until September 2017, and anticipated grant funding will increase to \$289,795.00 for the 2017-2019 period. Ms. Bradshaw stated that the Center is currently housed at the DSS office, but it was hoped that it would be relocated to the old Crisis Center building by February 1, which would allow the Center to maximize grant funds and meet NC Child Advocacy Center accreditation standards. Mr. Causey noted that the original Board's intentions were for the Center to be temporarily facilitated and housed by Social Services but eventually become an independent organization, having its own location.

Item 2: Actions Items

Public Hearing – Submission of Revised Application for FY 2018 Community Transportation Program (CTP) Grant Funding Chairman Wooten called the hearing to order and recognized Aging Director Lorie Sutton who provided the Board with information regarding the submission of a revised application for FY 2018 Community Transportation Program (CTP) grant funding. Ms. Sutton informed the Board that the Department of Aging had submitted a grant application in November of 2016 and had since been advised that they could actually apply for an increased amount of grant funding, which will be used to fund transportation services and salaries for transportation staff. She noted that the new request amount would total \$204,391.00, an increase of \$11,467.00, with an increase of only \$1,720.00 in local match. There were no public comments from the floor, so the hearing was closed. Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the submission of the revised CTP grant application and authorize staff to execute necessary grant application documents. (Copy of the executed CTP Grant Application filed in Inc. Minute Book ___, page ___.)

Scheduling of Annual Planning Sessions The Board selected the dates of February 16, February 21, and February 23, beginning at 9 am daily, for their annual work session.

Appointment - Airport Advisory Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Jerol Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Wooten to the Airport Advisory Board, replacing former Chairman Billy Lockamy.

Appointment - Economic Development Board Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Chairman Wooten, the Board voted unanimously to grant Commissioner Kivett, currently an ex-officio member of the EDC, authorization to vote in the absence of Chairman Wooten at Economic Development Commission meetings.

Appointment - Agri Exposition Center Board Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Wooten to replace former Chairman Billy Lockamy on the Agri Exposition Center Board.

Appointment - Transportation Advocacy Group Upon a motion by Chairman Wooten and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Vice Chairperson Lee to replace former Chairman Billy Lockamy on the Transportation Advocacy Group. Commissioner Kivett to remain as a member as well.

Appointment - Advisory Board of Older Adults Upon a motion by Chairman Wooten and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Vice Chairperson Lee to replace former Chairman Billy Lockamy on the Advisory Board of Older Adults.

Appointment - Mid Carolina RPO Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Commissioner Kivett to replace Commissioner Albert Kirby the Mid Carolina RPO. (Commissioner Kirby asked to resign due to time constraints.)

Appointment - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Wooten to replace Commissioner Albert Kirby on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. (Commissioner Kirby asked to resign due to time constraints.)

Appointment – Fire Commission Upon a motion by Vice Chairperson Lee and a second by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chairman Wooten to replace former Chairman Billy Lockamy on the Fire Commission.

Approve the Submission of the FY 2017-2018 Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Application by Action Pathways, Inc. Assistant County Manager Susan Holder provided background information on Action Pathways. Ms. Holder noted that Action Pathways is funded by CSBG funds, which are federal funds that are administered by the state to provide assistance to a network of eligible entities that use the funds to reduce causes and consequences of poverty and to revitalize low-income communities. She also noted that the funds are allocated based on the number of poor individuals in the area served by Action Pathways. The Board voiced concerns regarding the use of the federal grant funding, specifically in Sampson County. After much deliberation, the Board charged the administration staff to seek additional information on the use of grant funding and activities of the organization. Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted to table the item until their February meeting.

Item 3: Consent Agenda

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- a. Approved the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting
- b. Adopted a resolution accepting offer from Mr. Johnny Elkins and Mrs. Alice Elkins to purchase .5-acre parcel of surplus property (Parcel Identification Number 09082806001) (Copy filed in Inc. Minute Book ____ Page ____.)
- c. (This item moved to Action Items.)
- d. Approved tax refunds and releases as submitted

#7800	Dixie Owen Jordan	\$114.25
#7802	Aleida Monsivais Luna	\$105.30
#7814	Dustin Drake Osbourne	\$183.02
#7825	Heather Greene Waters	\$457.33

- e. Approved budget amendments as submitted

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>4-H United Way Account</u>	
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>
04449500	526230	DEPARTMENTAL SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00
04449500	529930	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$5,000.00
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase Decrease</u>
04034950	403602	4-H UNITED WAY REVENUE ACCOUNT	\$6,000.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558680	526200	Senior Center – Department Supplies	\$1,200.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035868	408900	Senior Center – Misc Revenue	\$1,200.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Aging</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02558670	524100	HR – Materials	\$270.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
02035867	408400	HR – Project Income	\$270.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Sheriff's Department</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	554000	Capital outlay vehicle	\$21,826.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	408900	Misc revenue insurance settlement	\$21,826.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Courts Department</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11141600	555000	Capital outlay other	\$27,741.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
110399900	409800	Fund balance approp encumbrances	\$27,741.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>Samp. Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
84761800	537000	Advertising	\$10,000.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
84036180	42700	Local Occupancy Tax 3%	\$10,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>SHERIFF'S</u>		
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11243100	539500	Training	\$1,500.00	
11243100	531100	Travel	\$2,000.00	

REVENUE

<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
11034310	402603	FEDERAL ASSET FUNDS (NARC)	\$3,500.00	

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>SHERIFF'S</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Description (Object of Expenditure)</u>		
11243100	512205	Overtime Salaries – US Dept. Jus	\$16,591.00	
11243100	518100	FICA	\$1,029.00	
11243100	518120	Medicare – FICA	\$241.00	
11243100	518278	Law Enforcement Retirement	\$1,187.00	
11243100	518900	401-K Supplemental	\$830.00	
<u>REVENUE</u>			<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Code Number</u>		<u>Source of Revenue</u>		
11034310	402603	Federal Asset Funds (NARC)	\$19,878.00	

- Approved Clinton City Schools Amendment No. 1 (Capital Outlay); Amendment No. 2 (State) as submitted.

Item 4: Consideration of Tax Appeals

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the penalties applied to the following tax accounts for failure to timely list business personal property by forgiving one-half of the assessed penalties.

Hobbs, Thomas and John (Tax \$2,967.36) Assessed Penalty \$1,047.08 Adjusted by Half
 Royal, James Marcus (Tax \$3,837.09) Assessed Penalty \$1,423.95 Adjusted by Half
 Tart, Charles H. Jr. (Tax \$3,894.28) Assessed Penalty \$1,131.00 Adjusted by Half
 Tart, Charles H. III (Tax \$5,542.38) Assessed Penalty \$1,637.30 Adjusted by Half
 Tires, Inc. (Tax \$4,780.04) Assessed Penalty \$988.90 Adjusted by Half

Item 5: Board Information

The Board was provided with the following items for information only:

- Nash County - Notice of Intent to Disengage from Eastpointe LME
- Notice of Sampson County Board of Health's Adoption of 2015 Rabies Compendium Post Exposure Management Control Measures for Dogs and Cats

County Manager Reports

County Manager Ed Causey informed the Board that the Mid Carolina Council of Governors will host their annual dinner at the Coharie Country Club on January 26 at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed commissioner representation. Secondly, he updated the Board regarding follow-up on the RFP for Revaluation process, per Commissioner Kivett's inquiry why only three of 13 agency's submitted a bid. He note that the county contracting officer had contacted each of the 10 unresponsive that were originally solicited, receiving feedback from seven of the 10 stating that there reasons for not

bidding as: current work obligations, one did not provide services in the state of NC, and one stated they did commercial work only; the other three agencies were unresponsive. Thirdly, he informed the Board that he would attend the Legislative Goals meeting January 12 and 13 and that he and Ms. Holder would attend the Annual County Manager's Conference February 1-3, 2017. Lastly, Mr. Causey assured the Board that the Administration staff would do the preliminary work on researching Action Pathways and proceed under the guidance of the Board following Action Pathways' presentation at the February meeting.

Public Comments

The floor was opened for comments, and none were received.

Closed Session

Upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Vice Chairperson Lee, the Board voted unanimously to go into Closed Session pursuant to GS 143.318.11(a)(4), Matters Related to the Location or Expansion of an Industry. The Board returned to the Auditorium, and upon a motion made by Chairman Wooten and seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Closed Session.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Vice Chairperson Lee and seconded by Commissioner Kivett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.