

STATE OF NORTH)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY
GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH
CAROLINA
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nickelston called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Yontz delivered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nickelston lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and invited those in attendance to join.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

COMMENTS - Managers/Commissioners

Commissioner Morris welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home through YouTube and noted that he would be holding his office hours tomorrow in the third floor conference room. He also noted that he attended a ribbon cutting at FTCC.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and watching at home and extended an offer to anyone wishing to reach out to the Board with any concerns they may have.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home.

Chairman Nickelston welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home. County Manager Oakley recognized the Walnut Cove Senior Center for their 20 year anniversary and provided a copy of the article from the Stokes News to the Board.

Public Hearing

Chairman Nickelston opened the Public Hearing regarding dissolving the current Board of Health and DSS Board as formed by the Board of Commissioners on June 10, 2013 and reestablishing the DSS Board and Board of Health.

Chairman Nickelston noted that no one had signed up to speak and extended an offer to anyone in attendance to speak during the Public Hearing.

With no speakers Chairman Nickelston closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robin Riddlebarger
1336 Hooker Farm Road
Westfield, NC 27053

RE: Ribbon Cutting at Hanging Rock

- Robin Riddlebarger extended an invitation to the Board as well as all the citizens of the county to attend the celebration at Orell Road off of Mountain Road on Thursday September 19, 2019 at 2:00pm.
- This is in celebration of the 900+ acres that have been added to the park.
- There are big plans for this area including a new campground.
- The area is a beautiful new addition to the park.

CONSENT AGENDA

All attachments presented on the Agenda are available in the attachments of the Agenda on the County Website and are available upon request from the Clerk, with the exception of the minutes approved which are located on the County Website under the minutes tab.

Budget Amendments

Minutes

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Chairman Nickelston noted that there were no items on the Information Agenda at tonight's meeting.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Stokes County Planning and Inspections Fee Schedule

Planning and Zoning Director David Sudderth presented a proposed change to the fees schedule.

After some favorable discussion by the Board, this item was moved to the Action Agenda at the next meeting with full consensus of the Board.

Transportation Senior Services and DSS

Support Services Supervisor Glenda Pruitt presented the proposed contracts for transportation services for DSS and Senior Services.

Support Services Supervisor Glenda Pruitt noted that the RFP for this service had been sent out twice and that these were the only two companies to bid. She noted that her recommendation was to approve both contracts to act as a back up to YVEDDI.

There was much discussion from the Board.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that he would like to have YVEDDI attend the next meeting for discussion of their services.

With no further discussion and full consensus of the Board this item was moved to the Action Agenda at tonight's meeting.

Tax Administration Monthly Report

Tax Administrator Richard Brim presented the Board with the Tax Departments monthly update and items for approval at the next meeting.

With full consensus of the Board the following items were moved to the Consent Agenda at the next meeting on September 23, 2019.

1. Real and Personal Releases more than \$100.00.
2. Real and Personal Refunds more than \$100.00.
3. Present-Use Value Late Application.
4. Late Application for Elderly Exemption.
5. Business Personal Property Discovery

Emergency Watershed Project

Commissioner Morris presented the Board with a letter being requested to be sent from the County in support of the Riverview Golf Course receiving funding from the Emergency Watershed Protection Program.

There was much discussion from the Board and the Board was in agreement on wanting to help the landowner by submitting a letter of support for the landowner to receive this assistance. They were however concerned with the wording of the letter sent by Mr. Charles Anderson in that it states the county would be responsible for a portion.

County Attorney Browder noted that the current letter does read this way and that the Board would be agreeing to provide assistance once other funds were exhausted but that if they did not do this the agreement would just be void and they would not be under any obligation to provide funding. He also noted that the support of the County just increases the chances of receiving the funding.

After much discussion the Board requested that County Attorney Browder contact Mr. Charles Anderson and inquire if the wording in the letter can be changed to not reflect the County as being

prepared to pay 25% and add the business owner to the letter.

This item was moved to the Discussion Agenda at the next meeting on September 23, 2019 with full consensus of the Board.

Sales Tax Referendum

County Manager Jake Oakley presented the Board with information related to the quarter cent sales tax referendum discussed during this years budget meetings.

County Manager Oakley noted that he needed guidance from the Board on this due to the timeline for getting this on the ballot if the Board wishes to move forward with this.

The Board requested that they would like to know the information related to other counties that have had success in this passing and which election it was presented in. The Board also requested that Board of Elections Director Jason Perry be in attendance at the next meeting on September 23, 2019.

After much discussion by the Board, and full consensus of the Board this item was placed on the Action Agenda at the next meeting.

ACTION AGENDA

NC State Superintendent Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund 2019 Grant Application

Superintendent Dr. Brad Rice and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brian Taylor presented the Board with a NC State Superintendent Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund 2019 Grant Application in which the Board of Commissioners approval is required.

There was favorable discussion among the Board and the Board expressed their gratitude to Dr. Rice and Dr. Taylor for bringing this opportunity forward and wished them success in receiving this funding.

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the NC State Superintendent Needs-Based Public School Fund 2019 Grant Application.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the submission of the NC State Superintendent Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund 2019 Grant Application..

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Pine Hall Shelter-Trail update & fee proposal

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the new Pine Hall Shelter proposed rental fees as presented at the meeting on September 9, 2019. Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the new Pine Hall Shelter proposed rental fees as presented at the meeting on September 9, 2019.

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Artists Way Lease

County Manager Oakley noted that the only change to this lease from the lease previously presented is that this is a month to month lease and the amount will remain at \$400.00 per month while the building is being evaluated for much needed repairs. The current tenant is aware of the terms of the

lease.

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the Artists Way lease as presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Artists Way Lease as presented at tonights meeting.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council Appointment Request

Chairman Nickelston noted that Linda Brown was nominated to serve on the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council at the meeting on September 9, 2019 and opened the floor for any further nominations.

With no further nominations Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further discussion the floor was closed for nominations.

Chairman Nickelston polled the Board:

Commissioner Morris: Linda Brown
Vice Chairman Walker: Linda Brown
Commissioner Yontz: Linda Brown
Commissioner Mendenhall: Linda Brown
Chairman Nickelston: Linda Brown

Chairman Nickelston noted that Linda Brown had been appointed to the Walnut Cove Senior Center Advisory Council.

Stokes County Jury Commission - Appointments

Chairman Nickelston noted that Durward Bennett was nominated to serve on the Stokes County Jury Commission at the meeting on September 9, 2019 and opened the floor for any further nominations.

With no further nominations Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further discussion the floor was closed for nominations.

Chairman Nickelston polled the Board:

Commissioner Morris: Durward Bennett
Vice Chairman Walker: Durward Bennett
Commissioner Yontz: Durward Bennett
Commissioner Mendenhall: Durward Bennett
Chairman Nickelston: Durward Bennett

Chairman Nickelston noted that Durward Bennett had been appointed to the Stokes County Jury Commission.

Danbury ETJ Appointments

Chairman Nickelston noted that Donnie Mabe was nominated to serve on the Danbury ETJ at the meeting on September 9, 2019 and opened the floor for any further nominations.

With no further nominations Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With no further discussion the floor was closed for nominations.

Chairman Nickelston polled the Board:

Commissioner Morris: Donnie Mabe
Vice Chairman Walker: Donnie Mabe
Commissioner Yontz: Donnie Mabe
Commissioner Mendenhall: Donnie Mabe
Chairman Nickelston: Donnie Mabe

Chairman Nickelston noted that Donnie Mabe had been appointed to to the Danbury ETJ.

Resolutions - DSS Board/Board of Health

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the Board of Health Resolution. Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Board of Health Resolution presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the DSS Board Resolution. Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the DSS Board Resolution presented at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Transportation Senior Services & DSS

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the Transportation Contracts presented at tonight's meeting for DSS and Senior Services.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

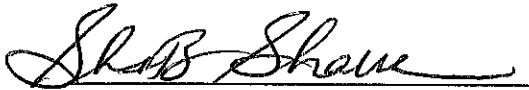
Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to enter Closed Session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board



Andy Nickelston
Chairman