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STOKES COUNTY
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DANBURY, NORTH
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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23,
2019

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for a regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday September 23, 2019 at 6:00pm with the following members present:

Board of Commissioners Present: Chairman Andy Nickelston, Vice Chairman Jimmy Walker, Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall, Commissioner Rick Morris, and Commissioner Jamie Yontz

County Administration Present: County Manager Jake Oakley, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Shannon Shaver, Finance Director Julia Edwards, and County Attorney Ty Browder

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Mendenhall 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 noted that the agenda is fairly interseting tonight.

Vice Chairman Walker welcomed those in attendance and noted that he was glad to see this many people in attendance. He also noted that he enjoyed the Stokes Stomp this year and is thankful for this long running event.

Commissioner Yontz welcomed those in attendance and noted that he was looking forward to some

fall weather and cooler temperatures.

Commissioner Mendenhall welcomed those in attendance and noted that he attended and spoke for the people of Stokes County in appreciation of the partnership with Forsyth Tech at the recent inauguration of the new President, Dr. Janet Spriggs. He also noted that he appreciated the calls and concern from all those reaching out to him following his knee surgery.

Chairman Nickelston welcomed those in attendance and those watching at home. Chairman Nickelston asked that everyone please keep Representative Kyle Hall's family in their prayers as they were in an accident Friday night.

County Manager Oakley welcomed those in attendance and noted that he attended the Stokes Stomp and that it was a huge success. He commended the Arts Council for the tremendous job they do to make this event go on every year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Nickelston noted that there were no individuals signed up for public comments.

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.

Commissioner Morris asked Finance Director Julia Edwards for clarification on Budget Amendment #'s 27 and # 31 presented in the Consent Agenda.

Minutes

Budget Amendments

Lottery Application

Stokes County Plan For Transportation of Involuntary Commitment Respondents

Tax Administration Monthly Report

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

Commissioner Yontz seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

INFORMATION AGENDA

YVEDDI Transportation Information

Jeff Cockerham with YVEDDI presented the Board with a letter regarding the transportation services they provide as requested by the Board at the last meeting.

After some discussion, the Board extended their gratitude to Mr. Cockerham for the information he

provided.

Soil and Water Annual Report

Soil and Water Director Janice Pack presented the Board with the Soil and Water Annual Report.

The Board extended their gratitude for the presentation and all the hard work that Soil and Water does for the citizens of Stokes County.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Mercer Group

Phil Robertson with The Mercer Group spoke with the Board about the Salary Study and updated them on the progress so far.

The Board discussed the employee evaluations with Mr. Robertson and were assured that everyone would have a chance to discuss these and that they are a vital part of the study.

Mr. Robertson noted that he would keep the Board informed on the progress of the study.

Fire Marshal Office Space

Fire Marshal Scott Aaron presented the Board with information regarding the need to move the location of the Fire Marshal's office due to the Sheriff's Office needing to expand the Juvenile Justice office into the space they are currently occupying. He noted that it would not cost more than \$5,000.00 to renovate either possible location.

Commissioner Morris noted that the space being suggested for the new office space at Autumn Square was set up with a business model requiring this building to be paid for by rentals and that no taxpayers dollars would be used to pay for this. He also noted that he was fine with this move and wanted to accommodate the Sheriff who needs the extra space but wanted to be sure this was not going to change the model originally set up. I would recommend you go upstairs where you are more visible.

Finance Director Julia Edwards informed the Board that the space in question has been vacant for some time and that the rent being generated from the rest of the building is more than enough to cover the payment and this would not change the model.

Vice Chairman Walker noted that this sounds like a workable concept and the choice of location should be left up to the Fire Marshal.

Commissioner Yontz noted that he has no issue with this and understands the need to be upstairs while he would prefer to leave the upstairs for rental space but understood the visibility is needed.

Commissioner Mendenhall noted that after reviewing all of the information that he sees no issue with this.

Chairman Nickelston noted that he was in concurrence with the Board and with full consensus of the Board directed the Clerk to place this item on the next meetings Action Agenda with a request for Fire Marshal Scott Aaron to look at both proposed locations and bring back to the Board the best location in his opinion.

Administration Building Flooring

County Manager Oakley spoke with the Board about the need for the replacement of the carpet in the Administration Building.

After some discussion by the Board, County Manager Oakley was directed to bring quotes back to the Board for review.

Moratoock Grist Mill Stone Site

County Manager Oakley presented information to the Board regarding the Grist Mill Stone Site at Moratoock Park and noted that he would like to display this in a manner to preserve the history of this area. He noted that as the work would be completed in house this project would not exceed \$1,5000.00.

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

ACTION AGENDA

Surplus Property and Upset Bid Procedure

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Morris moved to to approve the surplus property and upset bid procedure.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Stokes County Planning and Inspections Fee Schedule

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve the Stokes County Planning and Inspections Fee Schedule.

Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

Sales Tax Referendum

Board of Elections Director Jason Perry presented information to the Board regarding placing the sales tax referendum on the upcoming ballot.

There was much discussion on the purpose and the decision was to move forward and place this item on the primary election ballot with a resolution and purpose to follow at a later meeting.

Chairman Nickelston entertained a motion on the item presented.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to approve moving forward with placing the Sales Tax Referendum on the upcoming Primary Election Ballot.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to enter Closed Session for NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5).

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.


Adjournment

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to to adjourn.

Vice Chairman Walker seconded the motion. The motion Passed.



Shannon Shaver
Clerk to the Board



Andy Nickelston
Chairman