The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, Lenoir County Courthouse, 130 S. Queen Street, Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Linda Rouse Sutton, Vice-Chairman Roland Best, Commissioners, June Cummings, Preston Harris, Craig Hill, and Eric Rouse.

Members Absent: Commissioner J. Mac Daughtey.

Also present were: Michael S. James, County Manager, Joey R. Bryan, Assistant County Manager, Vickie Freeman King, Clerk to the Board, Robert Griffin, County Attorney, members of the general public and news media.

Call To Order

Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Harris offered the Invocation, and Ms. Cummings led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Sutton recognized one of Lenoir County Boy Scouts Noah Weatherton, who is currently working on his eagle scout project and is present to observe the County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Rouse presented Noah with a County lapel pin.

Ms. Sutton read the NC Ethics Law Statement

Upon a motion by Mr. Best and a second by Mr. Harris, the consent agenda was unanimously approved with the addition to Item No. 9 of adding Board appointment for Shawn Wilson 1st reading for LCC Board of Directors to replace Mr. Earl Heath, and to pull Item No. 3 Resolution Approving and Adopting Amended Damaged Prevention Ordinance and Revised FEMA Floor Insurance Rate Maps Effective June 19, 2020.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Ms. Cumming the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

Public Information

Ms. Sharon Axelberg, Kinston Host Lions Club committee member, introduced Avery Taylor.

Ms. Avery Taylor stated she is 16 years old and attends South Lenoir High School. Ms. Taylor stated she was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes on October 11, 2015. She would love for everyone to come out and support their diabetes “Strides” event. Ms. Taylor stated she attended Camp “Needle in the Pines” this past summer and was able to meet other young people like herself with Type 1 diabetes. She is excited about the opportunity to raise money so that other kids with diabetes can participate in the camp.
She invited the commissioners and the public to join them in their effort to heighten the awareness of diabetes. The money raised will stay here in Eastern North Carolina, to provide scholarships for Camp “Needle in the Pines,” as well as help with the purchase of insulin pumps and diabetes supplies.

Ms. Sharon Axelberg, Lions Industries, thanked the Board for allowing them to present and for everything they do for the citizens of Lenoir County. Ms. Axelberg stated this is their 4th annual event, and on behalf of Lions Strides Rocking Walkathon, they are asking for the support of the Board in their Walk-A-Thon to raise awareness and funds. Many individuals are not aware of what diabetic patients endure. She was diagnosed at the age of 25. As in the years past, they desire to strive to help a life to be saved or better by their walk. The funds allow adults and youths to receive scholarships, as well as sends children to camp. Last year they were able to send 68 children to camp by providing full scholarships to Camp Needle in the Pines in Beaufort County located at the Boy Scout Camp. They are asking for the Commissioners, the County, and City support. The Kinston Host Lions Club with its partners, Food Farms, Kinston Community Center, UNC Healthcare, Lions Industries for the Blind, Inc., Ram Neuse Lions Club, and the West Company’s West Beyond Borders, extends an invitation to join them on March 28, 2020, Kinston Community Center from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. for the “Strides” Lions Rockin’ Walk-A-Thon for Diabetes awareness. Ms. Axelberg reminded the Board that she had team and individual packets if anyone was interested in signing up for the event.

Public Comments

None

Additions/Deletions or Adoptions to the Agenda

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of February 3, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes. King/Bryan
2. Proclamation: Strides Lions for Diabetes Awareness. Board
4. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein. Parrish
5. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Special Events & Tourism Related Activities (SETRAC) Grant Totaling $10,000. Kelly
6. Resolution Approving the Award of Contract and Authorizing County Administration to Execute Contract and Issue a Purchase Order to Bitting Electrical, Inc. in the amount of $207,618 for the Installation of a Whole Building Generator for Courthouse and Annex.

7. Resolution Order for Tax Collector to Advertise 2019 Taxes Which are a Lien on Real Property.


New Business
None

Appointments
9. Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, etc.
Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Ms. Cummings the following appointments were approved: Library: Jennifer T. Murphy and Mary T. Williams, Lenoir County Transit: June Cummings, LC Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: Ella Clark, June Cummings, Tangi Jordan, Jerri Burns, Pamela Brown, Venessia Hill, ColleenF. Kosinski, F. Lee Albritton, Molly Taylor, Imelda J. Pate, and Edward Chisolm.

Other Items
10. Items from the County Manager.

11. Items from County Attorney/Commissioners Public Comments/Closed Session (if necessary).

CLOSED SESSION
Upon a motion by Mr. Rouse and a second by Mr. Best, a closed session was entered into at approximately 4:27 p.m. with the following cited: Number Three (3): To consult an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

OPEN SESSION
Upon a motion by Mr. Hill and a second by Mr. Rouse, and unanimous approval, the Board, moved out of closed session at approximately 4:38 p.m. The meeting re-convened in open session at approximately 4:39 p.m.
Ms. Sutton stated the Board went into closed session to consult an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege. No action was taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,               Reviewed by,

Vickie F. King                        Joey R. Bryan
Clerk to the Board                   Assistant County Manager