

MINUTES
LENOIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 5, 2017

The Lenoir County Board of Commissioners met in open session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, in the Board of Commissioners' Main Meeting Room in the Lenoir County Courthouse at 130 S. Queen St., Kinston, NC.

Members present: Chairman Craig Hill, Vice-Chairman Linda Rouse-Sutton, Commissioners, Roland Best, Mac Daughety, Reuben Davis, and Eric Rouse.

Members Absent: Jackie Brown, and Eric Rouse.

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

Chairman Hill called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Ms. Sutton offered the Invocation, and Mr. Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Ricke, Chairman AMvets Post 1111, Committee Chairman shared information regarding the upcoming 9/11 Memorial Service which will take place on the site of Pearson Park on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Ricke stated this will mark the 16th anniversary of such a tragic event. Mr. Ricke extended the invitation to everyone.

Mr. Hill stated this is a very important remembrance and he is looking forward to the event and being a part of the program and hopes others will be attending.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting: August 21, 2017.
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment: General Fund: Health: (Adult Health Program-STD): Increase: \$592.
3. Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the Individuals Listed Herein.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, the consent agenda was unanimously approved with the submitted revised Resolution Approving the Releases and Refunds to the the Individuals Listed Herein.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS/RESOLUTIONS:

Item No. 4 was a Resolution Authorizing Issuance of a Purchase Order to Team IA: \$3,843. Ms. Blanca Faasii, MIS Director, stated Lenoir County has a VMWare Server Farm and needs an upgrade of RAM for both the production and backup servers. This Purchase Order for Team IA for memory installation services will only be used if we run into problems after the install is complete. Upon a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 4 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 5 was a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Apperson Enterprises, LLC: \$4,200. Mr. Hal Oliver, Landfill Manager, stated Lenoir County Solid Waste Department is in need of a truck to be used for the servicing of the landfill and the nine sites. This truck will be used to travel to each site as well as the landfill to keep equipment maintained and serviced. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Best, Item No. 5 was unanimously approved.

Item No. 6 was a Resolution Approving Citizens to Boards, Commissions, Etc. Upon a motion by Ms. Sutton and a second by Mr. Daughety, Item No. 6 was unanimously approved for Ms. Betsy Griffin, Ms. Tammy Dawson, and Ms. Danielle Howell's appointment to Home & Community Block Grant Board.

Item No. 7 was Items from Assistant County Manager Joey Bryan. Mr. Bryan stated as an update regarding the Live Stock Arena and Cooperative Extension building projects that the Live Stock Arena is approximately 60% complete with an estimated date of completion of October 15, 2017. The county has some additional funding to come in. Staff negotiated back and forth with the insurance company, and because of a code change, we were given an additional \$30,000 for the roof. Several months ago, we received an email from Senator Louis Pate's office regarding a possible Ag grant. We received the paperwork last Wednesday and filled it out, and we will be receiving an additional \$83,000 which is a no match grant. As everyone is aware of by now, the Fire Department did a live burn at the Cooperative Extension building on Saturday, August 26th, for training. We have met with the bidders since then to review the current conditions of the building. We will receive bids for the demolition on this Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., and will bring them before the board at the next commissioners meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017, for approval.

Mr. Hill stated as you look back at the bidding process for the livestock building, and look at where it is now, you can fully understand the livestock arena now and where it was prior, you can see where the money is going in that project, especially the roof and some of the things that are not that obvious has made a huge difference in the building. Once the ag building is back along with the parking lots being combined, the units will be much more serviceable with the ability of expanding into even something greater down the road.

Although it may have taken some time he believes they have accomplished what they set forth to do. He appreciates management and everyone efforts. In the end, we will have a facility that will be much more integrated than it was.

Mr. Bill Ellis stated the Down East Wood Ducks won their final three (3) games of the season and eight of their last nine to capture the Carolina League Southern Division second-half title. They will face Myrtle Beach in Game 1 of the best of five Wednesday at Grainger Stadium. The Nature Center will re-open on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. and Governor Roy Cooper will be on site for the grand opening. Also, they are still on track for the completion of the Dragon at Pearson Park, and it will be finished and open on October 1, 2017.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Vickie F. King
Clerk to the Board

Joey R. Bryan
Assistant County Manager