

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Leach, Chairman
Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman
Robert Wright
Allen Thomas
Tony Hunt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Letitia Edens, County Manager, Absent
Grady Hunt, County Attorney
Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

Commissioner Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Library – Report to the People and Recognition of iPad Winner

Sheila Evans, Director, Jessie Gibson, Regional Director and Bonita Collins, Director of Technical services was present. Ms. Collins put a copy of the web page on the screen for viewing. All library services are free. All libraries will be closed on February 5th for training. Ms. Evans stated that on the 2014-2015 investments, for the county \$10,000.00 investment with the regional system, they provide \$140,792.00 in direct services with a return of \$14.08. and for the county's budget of \$329,665.00, the library provides services valued at \$2,077,028.00 with a return per dollar of \$6.30. Mr. Gibson stated that the region was awarded a \$45,000.00 grant for a 3 – 5 year strategic plan. Once this plan has been completed, it will be presented around June 2016 to the board. The Sandhills Regional Library System donated 3 Apple iPad minis to be given away. Ms. Mariana Boza was the winner from Hoke County. The library staff and board do a great job.

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Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting
- b. NCVTS Report
- c. Tax Collection – Resolution for Surplus Property –McGilvary Lane
- d. Finance
 1. Resolution for Surplus Property – Sheriff’s Department
 2. Budget Amendments
- e. Closed Session Minutes
 1. December 21, 2015
 2. January 4, 2016
- f. Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Bobby Allen
- g. Audit Contract Extension

Vice Chairman Southerland stated that he would like to pull item #f for a presentation.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the consent agenda except for item #f, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice Chairman Southerland stated that he would like to honor Mr. Bobby Gene Allen who passed away. He asked the family to come up. Each board member spoke stating that Mr. Allen gave of his time and service to Hoke County and they expressed their condolences. Jimmy Stewart, E-911, stated that Mr. Allen was the backbone of the rescue squad. This resolution was presented to the family.

RESOLUTION HONORING
THE CONTRIBUTION AND THE SERVICES TO THE HOKE COUNTY
COMMUNITY BY

BOBBY GENE ALLEN

WHEREAS, the citizens of Hoke County were enriched by the dedication of Bobby Gene Allen to God, his wife, his family, his church, and to the overall welfare of his community;

WHEREAS, Bobby Gene Allen was a Veteran of the Vietnam War (The Big Red One) and a 40-year employee of the Burlington Industries; and

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WHEREAS; Bobby Gene Allen led and supported many initiatives through his duties with the Hillcrest Fire Department and the Hoke County Rescue Department for almost three decades; and

WHEREAS; Bobby Gene Allen was a man of conviction and integrity, who was gregarious and sought out ways through his award-winning volunteerism to assist others through the Park and Recreation, Senior Services, and Boy Scouts of America,; and

WHEREAS; Bobby Gene Allen personified the values and traditions of our community and this is the legacy that he leaves for the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, hereby express their gratitude for the many years of support given by Bobby Gene Allen; and

This resolution adopted by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of January 2016.

James Leach, Chairman

Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the above resolution, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Hoke County Tax Collector's Report

Tax Levy 2015	\$26,576,304.47
Additions to Levy YTD	733,347.58
Total 2015 Levy to Date	27,309,652.05
Refunds 2015	43,867.53
Releases/abatements	9,388.25
Discounts	367,696.68
Adjustments	655.20
Write offs	32.83
Advertising Charged 2015 Tax Bills	0
Collectable Levy to Date	27,303,009.32
Collected to Date	23,306,897.69

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Uncollected Balance 2015 Tax Levy (1)	3,996,111.63
Collections December 2015	\$1,839,670.79
Releases December 2015	303.73
Percent of Levy Collected (Receipts)	85.36%
Percent of Levy Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.03%
Prior Years Tax Levy December 1, 2015	2,550,718.85
Prior Years Collected in December 2015 To Date	615,095.50
Uncollected Balance Before Releases	1,935,623.35
Refunds	1,031.10
Releases/Abatements	1,754.57
Discounts	1.33
Adjustments	560.80
Write Offs/Insolvent	37,497.23
Uncollected Balance Prior Year (2)	1,894,215.34
Prior Years Collected in December 2015	\$108,636.36
Releases Prior Years December 2015	0
Percent Prior Years Collected (Receipts)	24.11%
Percent Prior Years Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.29%
Total Uncollected Taxes (1+2)	5,890,326.97

2014 Taxes

Tax Levy December 2014	25,804,091.74
Collections December 2014	1,824,599.81
Releases December 2014	110.00
Insolvent	35,347.34
Percent Collected (Receipts)	84.51%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.17%
Prior Years Tax Levy December 2014	2,305,138.46
Collections December 2014	438,402.10
Releases December 2014	121,979.00
Insolvent	35,347.34
Percent Collected (Receipts)	19.02%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.99%

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Releases:

Currie, Kimberly 2011
Mapping error - \$15.85

Currie, Kimberly 2012
Mapping error - \$15.85

Currie, Kimberly 2013
Mapping error - \$15.85

Currie, Kimberly 2014
Mapping error - \$19.26

Currie, Kimberly 2015
Mapping error - \$19.72

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$529.04

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$516.29

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$377.38

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$368.06

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$316.40

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$308.77

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$380.54

Scull, Gary 2015
Rollback bill - \$371.16

Total releases - \$3,254.17

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the releases in the amount of \$3,254.17, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Appointments – ABC Board

Board recommended Alfred K. Leach Jr. to replace Wayne Ashburn who no longer wishes to serve.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the appointment of Alfred K. Leach, Jr., seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Manager's Report - None

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Garvin Ferguson stated that the board needed to name him as the Interim Finance Officer for the Audit Contract that was approved in the consent agenda.

Attorney Hunt stated that this needs to be added to the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to add this to the agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Garvin Ferguson as the Interim Finance Officer, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

James A. Leach, Chairman

Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board