

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 1, 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
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 Commissioner Hunt gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Hunt stated that he wanted to pull #4c1 for discussion and pull item 5 from the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to pull item #4c1 for discussion and pull item 5 from the agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Public Hearing – Planning - Rezoning

a. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-15-4 submitted by Avern Collins to rezone the approximately one (1) acre parcel located at 5640 N. Shannon Road also known as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 294500001077. The request is to rezone the property from Residential Agricultural (RA-20) to Highway Commercial (HC). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval. Mr. Collins was present for the request. Mr. Farrell stated that the surrounding property was zoned RA-20. Vice Chairman

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Southerland asked Mr. Collins what he intended to use the property for? Mr. Collins stated a used car dealership. There were no other comments.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the rezoning request, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Public Hearing LRCOG – CDBG – SSH

Adrian Lowery, with the LRCOG, was present. He stated that two recipients were present and wanted to speak. Mrs. Helen McLaurin stated that her house was remodeled with this program. She has been blessed. She has lived in Hoke County all her life. Her home now is also handicap accessible. She stated that she is proud of her home and wanted to thank the commissioners, the LRCOG and the contractor that did a professional job. Mrs. Shirley Hart was present on behalf of her father that received a new modular unit. She stated that this program is needed in Hoke County. Chairman Leach stated that these were grant funds. The state has cut the amount of funds that we received. Vice Chairman Southerland stated that he would like to commend the board and LRCOG. Commissioner Wright stated that he wished we had more money to help other families. There were no other comments.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Update on Single Family Rehabilitation Program

Mr. Lowery showed a power point regarding the homes that this program had helped. He stated that this was a CDBG funded program from FY 2012. Future money may be going to water and sewer. Citizens need these funds, especially seniors. He works with DSS and Senior Services to identify citizens with critical needs. The homes are new and rehabbed being energy efficient. He has also applied for another single family re-hab program that the county was approved for in the amount of \$170,000. This program is targeted toward the elderly and disabled and is

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income based. This program is strictly for homes to be rehabbed. This program will be able to complete three (3) units. The Board thanked Mr. Lowery his work with Hoke County.

Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes from the January 19, 2016 meeting
- b. Surplus Property – Resolution Authorizing Advertisement
 1. Branchwood Lane – unaddressed
 2. Branchwood Lane – 252
- c. NCACC Resolutions
 1. Resolution Supporting Connect NC Bond Act
 2. Resolution Supporting Wellness Initiative
- d. Utilities
 1. PWC Supply Agreement Amendment
 2. Authorization negotiations for LKC for water supply Study
- e. Finance
 1. Budget Amendments
 2. Surplus Property Resolution for Jail
- f. Cape Fear Valley Amendment to Health Services Agreement

Commissioner Hunt stated that they need to change item #c2 as amended. Commissioner Thomas stated that he would like to pull item #d 1 & 2 for information.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to approve the consent agenda with #c2 as amended, pulling #c1 for discussion and #d 1 & 2 for discussion, seconded by Commissioner Thomas.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Lech stated that this Connect NC bond will not help Hoke County and we will have to pay it back. The state wants voters to approve this bond on March 15, 2016. This is not fair to our citizens. Vice Chairman Southerland stated that this bond does not benefit Hoke County.

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to table the Connect NC bond item, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

The motion carried with Commissioner Thomas voting no.

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Ms. Edens stated that regarding item #d1, since the county no longer contracts sewer with PWC, they wanted to do a water negotiation agreement. Attorney Hunt stated that with this agreement, an additional 6 million gallons per month can be acquired, especially for the Rockfish area. This will enable the county to purchase up to 24 million gallon per month. There is also a one time FIF fee. The balance of the contract remains the same. Commissioner Hunt stated that during dry summers, the sewer committee felt that this was needed. We are trying to loop wells to help with water on the eastern side of the county. The utility department has done a good job. Ms. Edens stated that regarding the LKC negotiations for the water study, Hoke County is looking at several areas such as purchasing water with the City of Raeford and PWC as well as surface water. Once the study is done, it will come back to the board.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve item #4d 1 & 2, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Audit Presentation – Item pulled

Discussion of RFP's for Liability and Property Insurance

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to send out RFP's for the liability and property insurance, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Appointments:

a. Economic Development Commission – 2 vacancies – Will Wright and William Fields – Chairman Leach stated that Commissioner Wright needed to be recused.

Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to recuse Commissioner Wright from voting on this matter, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

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Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to approve the recommendation for the two vacancies, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

b. Health Department – reappointments of Vance McGougan and Lisa Lewis

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the reappointments, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Manager's Report

Ms. Edens stated that the DMV office will be closed on the 23rd for staff training. She stated that she would advertise this on the website and radio. Vice Chairman Southerland stated that they need to advertise more on the radio.

Public Input

1. Dorothy Freeman and Janice Boucher – Both ladies were from Parker's Grove. They were here about the restrictive covenants in the subdivision. They stated that they are different for every street. They were told that they had to get a lawyer regarding the covenants. Chairman Leach stated that the county does not enforce restrictive covenants. Ms. Freeman stated that they are also developing the property beside them and they will be taking a part of their entrance. Chairman Leach requested that the planner go out and look at this issue.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wright, unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

James A. Leach, Chairman

Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board