Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
James Leach, Chairman
Harry Southerland, Vice Chairman
Tony Hunt
Robert Wright
Allen Thomas, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Letitia Edens, County Manager
Grady Hunt, County Attorney
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by the members of Boy Scout Troop 410.

ITEM 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to add the uniform contracts for Utilities and Public Buildings to Item 3c on the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

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

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

ITEM 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS – PLANNING MATTERS

a. Application for Conditional Use Permit CU-16-1 for the use of "Family Cemetery" submitted by Woodrow Locklear. The property is located at 2400 Army Road and is identified as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 584870001284. The property is currently zoned Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

   The applicant, Mr. Locklear, did not attend the meeting.

   Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to table this item until a future meeting, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

   Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

b. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-16-3 submitted by Mr. James Potter to rezone two parcels totaling approximately 3.8 acres located on the Southeastern side of the intersection of Rockfish and Posey Farm Roads. The properties are identified as Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 494650301242 and 494650301196. Currently zoned as Highway Commercial (HC), Mr. Potter requests rezoning to Residential Agricultural (RA-20). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

County Planner Robert Farrell, and the applicant, Mr. Potter, addressed the Board. He is amending his request from 3.8 acres to 1.5 acres. Mr. Potter said that the upper tract, parcel #494650301196, is more suitable for commercial development, so he wishes to leave it as is. Parcel #494650301242 is more suitable for residential development.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

Motion: Vice Chairman Southerland made a motion to approve rezoning the 1.5 acre parcel to Residential Agricultural (RA-20), as recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Wright.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

c. Application for General Use Rezoning RZ-16-4 submitted by P3DG, LLC to rezone the approximately 2.23 acre parcel located on the Southwestern side of the intersection of Brock and Wayside Roads, identified as Parcel Identification Number (PIN) 494660201511. Currently zoned as Residential Agricultural (RA-20), P3DG, LLC requests rezoning to Neighborhood Business (NB). The Planning Board unanimously recommended approval.

Mr. Farrell addressed the Board. The property had been rezoned last year to Residential Multi-Family. The intersection is very busy and would be better suited to Neighborhood Business.

Chris Pusey with 4-D Site Solutions addressed the Board. 4-D Site Solutions is working with this tract and he is available for any questions.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve rezoning Parcel #494660201511 to Neighborhood Business (NB), as recommended by the Planning Board, seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

ITEM 3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes from the June 6, 2016 meeting
b. Finance: Budget Amendment
c. Solid Waste: Contract for Uniforms
   Amendment: Add Public Buildings & Utilities uniform contracts
d. Reappointment of Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr. to the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization
e. Reappointment of Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr. to the Hoke County Department of Social Services Board

Motion: Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items a-e, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was carried 5-0.

ITEM 4. MANAGER'S REPORT

The County Manager informed the Board that suggestion boxes would be placed in the main county buildings. A similar function is available on the County's website under "Report a Concern". Postings are forwarded to the appropriate department to follow up. Vice Chairman Southerland said that the online option is fine, but he'd like to make something available for citizens who don't go online.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT

Aaron Clark addressed the Board. He has been in 4H for ten years and is attending a Commissioners' Summit in August. He is observing the meeting in preparation for the summit. The County Manager asked him if he needs anything from the Board or staff for his summit. Mr. Clark said he does not, but he might want to interview the Manager or Board members at some point in the future.

Vice Chairman Southerland recognized the Boy Scout Troop and gave them an opportunity to ask questions. The Scoutmaster spoke to the Board and thanked them for allowing the Scouts to observe the meeting and learn about county operations for their Citizenship awards.

ITEM 6. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Hunt made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, North Carolina General Statutes §153A-98 & §143-318.11(a)(1)&(6), seconded by Vice Chairman Southerland.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

No action was taken during the closed session.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to come out of closed session and go back into regular session, seconded by Commissioner Hunt.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adjourn, with Commissioner Thomas seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

James A. Leach, Chairman

Gwendolyn McGougan, Clerk to the Board