MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
AUGUST 1, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN LEONARD WIGGINS AT 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Leonard Wiggins, Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Felton, Vice-Chairman, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mrs. Viola Harris, Mr. William Wooten and Mrs. Evelyn Powell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, County Manager, Mr. Michael Peters, County Attorney and Ms. Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board.

2. **PRAYER.**
Prayer was provided by Rev. Hines.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.**
Mr. Felton moved to approve the July 5, 2016 minutes as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING.**
1. **Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen input regarding the proposed amendment to the FY14 Community Development Block Grant – Infrastructure Program.**

Mr. Peters read the public notice as published.

Mr. Evans stated that the original project scope involved extending the County's sewer system to install approximately 23,465 linear feet of 8 inch, 10 inch and 12 inch gravity sewer lines, 68 manholes, 4 duplex pump stations, 48,480 lf of force main and 105 connections. The sewer improvements generally occur within existing public right-of-ways along NC Highway 122 North, Acorn Hill Road, Mill Pond Road and the Town of Speed. He stated that the amended project scope involves the installation of approximately 14,000 feet of 8 inch gravity sewer lines, 58 manholes, 3 duplex pump stations, 43,000 lf of force main and 64 connections. The total CDBG-I grant is $2,981,569, which is approximately 65% of the amended project costs). Due to the reduction in project scope and USDA-Rural Development funding, the original CDBG-I budget will remain the same. The project timeline will not change from the original timeline. Mr. Evans stated that this will reduce the scope for the project area for the CDBG funded portion. The remaining northern section of NC 122 North located outside of Speed's Town limits, Cutchin Farm Road and Acorn Hill Road will be covered in other funding for the project.

Mr. Wiggins called for public comment. There being none the public hearing was adjourned.

Mrs. Harris moved to adopt the amendment resolution as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT.**
A. Mrs. Tarasa Lewis, Tax Administrator, presented the Annual Settlement.
Mrs. Lewis stated that collections from annual taxes went from 93.97% fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to 94.76% fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

Motor Vehicles NC Vehicle Tax System:

Net levy	$3,241,392.07
Collected	3,220,707.70
Uncollected	589,894.06
% collected	99.36%

Real and personal property

Net levy	$28,047,498.83

Collected	25,713,526.22
Uncollected	1,421,560.62
% collected	94.76%

Mr. Felton moved to approve the Tax Collector's Settlement as of June 30, 2016, subject to the independent audit. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Wooten moved to recharge the Tax Collector with the outstanding taxes and the responsibility for collecting the same for the years 2006 through 2016. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

6. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

Rev. Roosevelt Higgs, Speed, NC, stated that resolutions needed to be adopted regarding emergency personnel due to the nation turning their backs against them. Rev. Higgs praised the Board for the CSX project. He stated that he still has a problem with Edgecombe County's school system ranking number 99 out of 100 counties.

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

With the consensus of the Board. Mr. Wiggins moved item G. forward on the agenda.

G. Adoption of a Resolution of Acknowledgement and Commendation for Mahlon W. DeLoatch, Jr.

Mr. Wiggins moved to adopt a Resolution of Acknowledgement and Commendation for Mahlon W. DeLoatch, Jr. for his service as County Attorney for nearly twelve years. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. DeLoatch was presented with a plaque acknowledging his service to the County.

A. Approval of budget amendments.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Approval of calling for a public hearing at the September 6, 2016 meeting relative to the proposed application to USDA for Water/Sewer District No. 6.

Mr. Evans stated that staff is currently working on an application to USDA-Rural Development to make improvements to the Water and Sewer System in District #6. USDA requires that before an application is submitted, citizens are given the opportunity to ask questions and make comment. Mr. Evans recommended that the Board call for a public hearing to be held at the next regular meeting scheduled for September 6, 2016.

Mr. Wooten moved to call for a public hearing as recommended. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of calling for a public hearing at the September 6, 2016 meeting relative to the CDBG closeout for Logsboro Road Infrastructure project.

Mr. Evans stated that the construction of a sewer system for the Highway 33/Logsboro Road area is substantially complete. He state that the project addressed environmental health issues that included failing septic systems and even some cases of straight-piping of sewer. Mr. Evans stated that the funding package for the project included Community Development Block Grant funds. CDBG requires that a public hearing be held at the close of a project and recommended that the Board call for this public hearing at its regular meeting scheduled for September 6, 2016.

Mr. Boswell moved to call for a public hearing as recommended. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of the adoption of a Resolution to Appoint Interim County Finance Director.

Mr. Evans stated that JoAnne Crabtree, Finance Director has been presented with a great opportunity and has turned in her resignation to become the Assistant Finance Director for the Town of Garner, NC. Mrs. Crabtree was presented with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Evans and the Board thanked Mrs. Crabtree for her service to the County.

Mr. Evans recommended approval of a Resolution to Appoint Interim County Finance Director. He stated that William Johnson, the Assistant Finance Director is recommended.

Mr. Felton moved to appoint William Johnson as Interim County Finance Director. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of fees for services provided by the Health Department.
Mr. Evans stated that staff at the Health Department regularly reviews fees to ensure they cover the costs associated with providing the services, and to make sure they are in compliance with rules associated with such fees. He stated that it was brought to staffs attention that when billing Medicaid for family planning birth control methods, we can only charge the actual price if 340B pricing was used to purchase the medication. The 340B discount drug program is a federal program that requires drug manufacturers to provide drugs to qualified entities at reduced prices. Therefore, a change is recommended on two medication provided by the Health Department (Depo-Provera and Nexplanon). He stated that the fee for DOT physical exams, which is a newly added service, need to be approved as recommended by the Human Services Board.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the fees for services provided by the Health Department as recommended by the Human Services Board. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F. Approval of an Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement for the Town of Princeville.
Mr. Evans presented a revised agreement with the Town of Princeville for the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services for the Town. This agreement was revised to clarify the services that will be provided from this point forward, and changes in the costs were made to reflect those changes. The revised contract was finalized in consultation with Sheriff James Knight. Also, the Princeville's Town Council has already agreed to the revised contract.

Mrs. Harris asked what was Princeville receiving for the $125,000 dollars and if an officer would be in Princeville 24 hours per day.

Mr. Wooten asked what the changes were in the revised agreement.

Mr. Evans stated that one of the changes is clarification on the patrol zone. The previous contract referred to a zone being beyond the corporate limits of Princeville. The language was not very clear as to how it was defined. He stated that the second change removed the Local Government Commission from this contract because they were no longer a party to the contract. He stated that the contract was changed from a year-to-year term contract to a three year term to give them an opportunity to prepare themselves to provide for their own Police Department.

Mr. Evans stated that is also a change in the cost. There were some costs associated with the first couple of years of start-up, such as equipment purchases, licenses, etc. which are not on-going costs.

Mr. Wooten stated that he would like to see in more detail, how the County was able to cut our expenses over 50%. He stated that his concern was committing the County to this for three years, not taking into consideration the costs in three years.

Mr. Wiggins stated that Mr. Wooten's concern regarding the three year term can be addressed by bringing the term down to one year.

After discussion Mrs. Harris moved to approve the contract with the amendment of a one year term. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion. The motion carried by a note of 6 for. Mr. Wooten voted against.

H. Approval of adopting a resolution in support of East Carolina University's request to be accepted ion the Big 12 Conference.
Mr. Felton moved to adopt a Resolution to Support East Carolina University's Request to be Accepted in the Big 12 Conference. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. **CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.**
Mr. Felton moved to approve the contracts as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9. **AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**
Mr. Boswell moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

10. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.***Received*****
A. Water Services.
B. PreTrial Release Program.
C. Financial Summary Report.
D. Project Reach.

11. **MANAGER'S REPORT. ***Received*****
A. Economic/Workforce Indicators.
B. Edgecombe County Employee Service Awards Luncheon:
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 11:30 am.
East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Road
Rocky Mount, NC
C. Response from Suddenlink.
D. Labor Market Overview.

12. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**

13. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

14. **CLOSED SESSION.**
Mr. Felton moved to enter into closed session to discuss economic development. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Rev. Hines moved to go out of closed session and resume the regular meeting. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

15. **MR. WOOTEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. REV. HINES SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Adopted this 6th day of September, 2016.

Frangie Mungo

Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board