MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
NOVEMBER 2, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA 27886

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

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

   MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jonathan Felton, Vice-Chairman.

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

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

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.**
   Rev. Hines moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 minutes as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT:**
   A. Mr. Ken Jones, CEO Eastpointe, was present to provide an update on MCO and Medicaid Reform.

   Mr. Evans stated that the General Assembly passed a statute to call for some reform in the State's Medicaid delivery system. He stated that the biggest of the changes will be on the physical health side and those changes are expected to be implemented in full in the next few years. Eventually there will also be changes that will affect the delivery and management of Behavior Health and Substance Abuse services. He stated that Edgecombe County is part of a managed care organization, which is Eastpointe, and Mr. Ken Jones was invited to come and talk about these changes and how he thinks they might affect the Eastpointe region as well as the rest of the MCOs across the state.

   Mr. Jones provided a handout to the Board which explained in detail what the changes in the Legislation are. He stated that Eastpointe is a Managed Care Organization that manages the health care funds for Medicaid and also manages funds received for indigent care and some county funds. He stated that 90% is Medicaid funding. Mr. Jones stated that Eastpointe receives all the funding for any type of service that is provided to an individual that has behavioral health care needs. Eastpointe is responsible for making sure that the individual qualifies for the appropriate service(s) and Eastpointe is also responsible for paying for that service and making sure that the person is getting the service that they need. Eastpointe receives around $270 million in Medicaid funds for twelve counties.

   Medicaid Transformation – HB 372:
   Intent and goals:
   It is the intent of the General Assembly to transform the State's current Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs to programs that provide budget predictability for the taxpayer of the State while ensuring quality care to those in need. The new Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs shall be designed to achieve the following goals:

   1. ***Ensure budget predictability through shared risk and accountability.***
   2. ***Ensure balanced quality, patient satisfaction, and financial measures.***
   3. ***Ensure efficient and cost-effective administrative systems and structures.***
   4. ***Ensure a sustainable delivery system.***

Mr. Jones shared the HB 372 Plan and the 2015-2017 budget.

5. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

Mr. Calvin Sherrod, 909 King Avenue, Princeville, NC came forth to ask the Board about a meeting that County staff attended in Princeville on October 22nd. He wanted to know what was talked about.

Mr. Wiggins stated to Mr. Sherrod that he could have attended the meeting to know what was discussed. He stated that it was a constructive meeting and they talked about the things that the County would try to continue to do to work with Princeville and to improve the water and sewer system. The County will do a cost analysis for all of the County's water districts and look for any money to help any of the water districts in the County.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of budget amendments.

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

B. Approval of the Edgecombe County 2016 Holiday Schedule.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the Edgecombe County 2016 Holiday Schedule as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of a declaration of intent to reimburse expenditures incurred on the Speed Wastewater project.

Mr. Evans presented for Board approval a declaration of the intent to reimburse the County for expenditures incurred on the Speed Wastewater project. The County intends to spend up to $300,000 of County funds for the purpose of various engineering, easements and income verification requirements as required by CDBG with the intent to reimburse the County from grant and/or loan funds for this project. He recommended that the Board approve the declaration intent filed by the Finance Officer and the budget amendment to appropriate the funds for this project.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the declaration of intent and budget amendment as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of calling for a public hearing regarding the submission of an application to the CDBG Industrial Building Demolition Program.

Mr. Evans stated that the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Rural Economic Development has funds available in its Community Development Block Grant Industrial Building Demolition Program. Through this program, a maximum of $500,000 may be awarded to demolish, vacant, dilapidated industrial buildings and properties under the elimination of slums and blight national objective. The demolition activity is expected to create a site at which it can be reasonably expected new jobs and private sector investment will locate. Mr. Evans stated that before submitting an application a public hearing is required to offer the public the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and recommended that the Board hold a public hearing.

Mrs. Harris moved to call for and hold a public hearing at the December 7, 2015 meeting. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of fees for services provided by the Health Department.

Mr. Evans recommended that the Board approve the following two fees proposed to be added to the Health Department's Fee Schedule:

- Destruct Lesion, 15 or more (Destruction by any method of flat warts molluscum).....$99.00

This is a procedure that may be performed in-office by our physician.

- **High Dose Flu (Recommended for individuals over 65 years of age)...$40.00.**
  The Centers for Disease Control now recommends this higher dose for people over 65 because of their weaker immune systems. The regular flu shot remains at $35.00.

Mr. Evans stated that these fees have been reviewed by the Human Services Board and forward with a recommendation to approve.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the fees as presented as recommended by the Human Services Board. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F. Approval of Edgecombe Community College's fiscal year 2015-2016 budget.
Mr. Evans recommended approval of the Edgecombe Community College's fiscal year 2015-2016 budget as presented. The total budget of $35,944,579 includes the $1,600,000 County contribution. Mr. Evans pointed out that with the budget a correction was needed. He stated that within the budget detail section it states $1,625,000 but the signature page was correct with the $1,600,000 contribution.

Mr. Wiggins moved to approve the budget as submitted with the correction. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

G. Approval of a bid award to Crowder Gulf for Disaster Recovery Services.
Mr. Evans presented for the Board's consideration and approval bids submitted for Disaster Recovery Services and recommended that the bid be awarded to Crowder Gulf.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve the bid award as recommended. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

7. APPOINTMENTS:

A. ABC Board.
Mr. Boswell moved to reappoint Mr. Shelly Willingham. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Turning Point WorkForce Development Board.
Mr. Boswell moved to appoint Mr. George Thomas Freeman to fill the vacancy for private sector. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Human Relations Commission.
Mrs. Harris moved to reappoint Mr. Robert Slade and Ms. Gloria Brown and to appoint Mrs. Deborah Jordan. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport Authority.
Mr. Boswell moved to reappoint Mr. Jack Brinson. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.
Mrs. Harris moved to appoint Ms. Linda Jenkins. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F. Tarboro Planning Board and Zoning Commission. ***Deferred***

G. Edgecombe County Rescue Board.
Rev. Hines moved to appoint Mr. Mark Rogerson and Commissioner Donald Boswell. Mr. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

9. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW:****Received****
A. Water Services.
B. Veterans Service.
C. Planning/Inspections Department.

10. **MANAGER'S REPORT:***Received***
A. Financial Summary report.
B. Economic/Workforce Indicators.
C. Cardinal Innovations Healthcare.
D. Sale of Main Street property.
E. Update on donated modular unit to Town of Speed.
F. Biotech Building tour:
Friday, November 6, 2015 at 1 p.m.
Rocky Mount-ECC Campus
G. Farm City Breakfast:
Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.
East Carolina Agriculture and Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Road, Rocky Mount
H. Shiloh Landing Tourism Site Development Plan.

11. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.**
Mr. Boswell stated that he received a called from a citizen stating how they were thrilled with the County's website, particularly the posting of the Board minutes.

Mrs. Harris recognized Mrs. Barbara Campbell-Davis, the Board of Commissioners appointment to the Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees.

12. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

13. **CLOSED SESSION.**
Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

After a brief discussion on the County Line School Merger Mr. Wiggins, with the consensus of the Board asked Mr. Evans to contact the Institute of Government regarding obtaining the services of a facilitator for this issue.

Mr. Wooten suggested the formation of a budget committee to sit down and go over and discuss the budget before budget meetings are scheduled. Mr. Wiggins, with the consensus of the Board agreed and appointed Mr. Wooten (Chair), Mr. Boswell and Powell to the budget committee.

14. **MR. WOOTEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M. MR. BOSWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Approved December 7, 2015.

Frangie Mungo

Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board