

Meeting of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Leach, Vice Chairman
Robert Wright
Jean Powell
Ellen McNeill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Johnson, County Manager
William Fields, County Attorney
Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tony Hunt, Chairman

Vice Chairman Leach called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Commissioner Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Planning Matters – Subdivision

Steeplechase – III – Conrad Garrison, Planner, stated that this is the exterior property of the subdivision. Some of the lot areas may be in wetlands. The Planning Board and staff recommend approval. James Leach stated that he has a concern for septic systems. William Fields stated that the lot will have to be perked before a building permit is issued.

Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve Steeplechase III, seconded by Jean Powell.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Budget Amendments
- b. Finance – Declare Surplus Property
- c. DOT Petition – Ridgeview
- d. Vacation Accrual for County Manager
- e. Extension – Report - March 15, 2010 Date
- f. QSCB Project & Storage Facility Re-imbursement Resolution
- g. Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center Agreement
- h. Public Buildings – Bid Approval for Bldg. #3

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William Fields stated that item #h needs to be pulled to investigate the bidding process for one package versus the building and the construction separately until the next agenda. On item #g it needs to be reflected that the Exhibit A does have the attached budgets. Jean Powell stated that in the past there have been some incarnations which involved financial concerns regarding this program. She wants this service to be provided to the community. Tom Landry stated that he served on this board and there have been some problems. They will be monitoring this program.

Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to approve items a through g of the consent agenda, seconded by Ellen McNeill.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

**HOKE COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION
Qualified School Construction Bonds Project & Storage Facility**

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Hoke County, North Carolina, as follows:

Section 1. The project relates to various school projects under the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Program and the construction of a storage facility.

Section 2. The County intends to finance the project. The expected type of financing (which is subject to change) is financing under Section 160A-20 of the General Statutes.

Section 3. The County intends that funds that have been advanced, or may be advanced, from the general fund, and or any special revenue fund for project costs will be reimbursed from the financing proceeds.

Section 4. The County intends that the adoption of this resolution will be a declaration of this County's official intent to reimburse project expenditures from financing proceeds.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hoke County, North Carolina, duly called and held on February 1, 2010, and that a quorum was present and acting throughout such meeting. Such resolution remains in full effect as of today.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2010.

Clerk, Board of Commissioners
Hoke County, North Carolina

Manager's Report

Tim Johnson stated that regarding Wal-Mart, Contract I is done, Contract III should be finished by this week, and Contract II should be finished by February 19th. There have been some time issues at the Ethanol Plant with weather delays. Everything should be fine with the time line. Regarding the wastewater treatment plant, they hope to be able to apply for permits shortly. He has also compiled a list of buildings from the retreat that the Board wanted to go look at regarding space and repairs. After discussion the Vice Chairman Leach stated that they would recess this meeting until Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. here and then go out and look at buildings.

Public Input

1. George Blue – Chairman of the Rockfish Fire Department – They have signed petitions and are concerned about the traffic at Rockfish, Lindsay and Phillipi Church Roads. They would like to see a stop light there. They are asking the commissioners to contact the State and request help with this road and the congestion. Vice Chairman Leach stated that the Board could do a resolution. William Fields stated that he would have a resolution for the next meeting. He stated that a request could also be given to the LRCOG and the Transportation Boards.

Vice Chairman Leach stated that a closed session was needed for an economic development matter.

Motion: Robert Wright made a motion to go into closed session to discuss an economic development matter, seconded by Ellen McNeill.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

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Motion: Ellen McNeill made a motion to come out of closed session and go back into regular session, seconded by Robert Wright.

Action: The motion was unanimously carried.

There was no action taken in closed session.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Robert Wright made a motion to recess until Tuesday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. here in the Commissioners Room, seconded by Jean Powell. The meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Recessed meeting from Monday, February 1st to Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Pratt Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tony Hunt, Chairman
James Leach, Vice Chairman
Robert Wright
Jean Powell
Ellen McNeill

OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Johnson, County Manager
Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed the Ethics Training dates. The closest one is in Columbus County on April 15th. Robert Wright asked the Clerk to check to see what other boards need to attend. Chairman Hunt asked the Clerk to check and see if the training could be held in Hoke County.

Letitia Edens presented the Board with a final draft of the job description for the Tax Collector for their review and comments. With no comments, Chairman Hunt requested that Ms. Edens run the advertisement and see what kind of applicants we get.

The Board then went to view several buildings. Dennis Baxley and James Tedder were also present. Charles Tapp with the school system met the Board at Upchurch and Rockfish Elementary.

Upchurch – Principal Shannon Southerland welcomed the Board to the school. They looked at the location of the new proposed modular unit next to the cafeteria. They also

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looked at the old shop building. Charles Tapp stated that they want to renovate this section. Robert Wright asked if they wait on the new roofs to look at other needed repairs? Charles Tapp stated that the roofs should last another year or two, with some being already repaired. Robert Wright also asked about the heat/air systems they requested. Mr. Tapp stated that these would be for individual units to control the temperature. They now have boilers, with some rooms too hot and some too cold. Robert Wright stated that he would like to see a cost breakdown on the units.

Rockfish Elementary - Principal Debbie Dowless welcomed the Board. The Board looked at the driveway. Mr. Tapp stated that they wanted to make a loop for traffic that currently is backed up. They also looked at the leased mobile classrooms, requesting additional space. Robert Wright stated that he would rather do modular classrooms instead of leasing. Mr. Tapp stated that he would get the Board a cost estimate of a larger modular classroom, which would result in removing the leased units.

Lunch

Communications – Jimmy Stewart welcomed the Board. Occasionally they have a very bad odor in the building. Water also seeps into the building after a heavy rain. They need a new center. This one could be used for back-up.

Utilities/Maintenance Shop – The Board looked at expansion parking plans for the new park complex. This would increase the number by about 60 spaces. This could also tie the road into the property just purchased. They also looked at sketch plans for the Emergency Command Center. Chairman Hunt asked that the County Manager and Mr. Baxley get with Jimmy Stewart and Freddie Johnson and come up with a joint operation plan.

Extension – Tim Johnson stated that they were addressing the concerns of the leaking roof and broken windows.

There being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, Ellen McNeill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jean Powell, unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Tony Hunt, Chairman

Linda Revels, Clerk to the Board

