

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on February 4, 2019, Governmental Center, Commissioners Chambers, Wentworth, North Carolina. Present were Chairman A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr., Vice-Chairman Mark F. Richardson; Commissioners T. Craig Travis, Kevin Berger, and Charlie G. Hall, III; Lance L. Metzler, County Manager; John M. Morris, County Attorney; Keli G. Watkins, Clerk to the Board; citizens and members of the local media.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chairman Pyrtle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ITEM #2 – INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Ralph Clayton, Covington Memorial Wesleyan Church, Reidsville, North Carolina.

**ITEM #3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #4 – APPROVAL – FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AGENDA**

Commissioner Berger moved Commissioner Richardson seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the February 4, 2019 agenda to include Closed Session to take place later in the meeting, pursuant to:

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Consult With Attorney;  
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) Instruct Negotiating Agents;  
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Discuss Personnel

**ITEM #5 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**ITEM #5(a) – COUNCIL ON AGING – BUDGET REVISION**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve budget revision for Council on Aging, increasing FY 2018-2019 budget \$35,000 due to increase in COA USDA Grant. No additional County funding requested. A copy of revision shall follow these minutes for reference.

**ITEM #5(b) – EMS FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2018**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the December 2018 Financial Statement for EMS. A copy of same shall be filed with the Rockingham County Finance Department.

**ITEM #5(c) – TAX DEPARTMENT –  
TAX COLLECTION AND RECONCILIATION REPORT – DECEMBER 2018**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the December 2018 Tax Collection and Reconciliation Report submitted by the Rockingham County Tax Department. A copy of Report shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #5(d) – HEAD START REPORTS – DECEMBER 2018**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve December 2018 reports for Head Start. A copy of same shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM 5(e) – NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – ROAD ADDITIONS  
COLLYBROOKE WAY, TILLINGHAM TRACE, WILLOWBROOKE WAY**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to concur with the NC Department of Transportation to add the following roads to the State Maintenance System: Collybrooke Way, 0.05 Mile; Tillingham Trace, 0.15 Mile; Willowbrooke Way, 0.26 Mile – Collybrooke Subdivision off NC Highway 65, New Bethel Township.

**ITEM #5(f) – APPROVAL – COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION –  
COMMUNITY ANTI-POVERTY PLAN – OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the Community Services Block Grant Application, Community Anti-Poverty Plan, through the Office of Economic Opportunity.

**ITEM #5(g) – APPOINTMENT – CITY OF EDEN PLANNING BOARD – ETJ JURISDICTION**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to appoint MATTHEW W. SMITH to serve on the City of Eden Planning Board, ETJ Jurisdiction; such term to expire December 31, 2021.

**ITEM #5(h) – REAPPOINTMENTS – TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to reappoint the following individuals to serve on the Tourism Development Authority; such terms to expire June 30, 2022:

NATHAN DALY, DEBBIE MOORE, STACY BURNS

**ITEM #5(i) – APPOINTMENTS – JOINT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Joint Community Advisory Committee; such terms to expire December 31, 2019:

REAPPOINTMENTS

PAMELA BEVERIDGE, Reidsville, NC; JENNIFER BLACK, Eden, NC; GINGER EDWARDS, Ruffin, NC; EMMA S. GARVIN, Eden, NC; BETTY LIPFORD, Ruffin, NC; BETTY THOMAS, Stoneville, NC

NEW APPOINTMENT

BRUCE EVANS, Eden, NC

**ITEM #5(j) – APPOINTMENT – ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to appoint PAUL KSINIEWICZ to serve on the Rockingham County Planning Board, from an Alternate Member to a Sitting Member; such term to expire October 1, 2022.

**ITEM #6 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one signed up to speak during Public Comment.

**ITEM #7 – PUBLIC HEARING – TEXT AMENDMENT –  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE –  
STAND-ALONE STORAGE UNITS**

Chairman Pyrtle announced this was a duly advertised public hearing to consider Text Amendment to the Rockingham County Unified Development Ordinance to adopt revisions to Chapter 2, Article IX to define and permit stand-alone storage units in the Residential Agricultural District. Carrie Spencer, Planning & Inspections Director, was available for questions and/or comments. No one signed up to speak during this Public Hearing. Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the abovementioned Text Amendment. Said Amendment shall be incorporated into the Unified Development Ordinance filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #8 – CARDINAL INNOVATIONS – UPDATE**

Melissa Bunker, Senior Community Executive, Cardinal Innovations, presented the following update:

2019 GOALS

- People are my passion
- Do something real
- Authentic customer service
  - Be present
  - Listen
  - Advocate
  - Follow Up
- Increase Utilization of behavioral health urgent care

Successful NCQA Accreditation

National Review of MCO Functions

- Measures MCO Management of Service – Delivery System (providers, services, admin functions)
- Cardinal Outcomes
- MBHO (Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization) Accreditation Score: 98.21 out of 100 (first public MCO in NC to hold this accreditation)
- LTSS (Long Term Services and Supports) Distinction Score: 100 out of 100 (one of only two public MCOs in NC to hold this accreditation)

Rapid Response Services

- New Medicaid "in lieu of" Service Definition
- Developed for Highland Behavioral Health Urgent Care
- Triage, Assessment & Crisis Stabilization
- In Medically & Psychiatrically Monitored 24/7 Facility
- Population: Child/Adult; MH and/or SUD
- Time: Maximum 23 hours and 59 minutes

Community Needs Assessment

- February
- Two-Week Window
- Helps determine need and capacity of providers to deliver services

Wellness Centers

- Exercise is BACK
  - Zumba
  - Tai-Chi
  - Stretch and Tone
- Stokes – move locations
- Calendars – monthly

## "County 360" Project

... to become the Tailored Plan of Choice

How?

- Best Services
- Best People
- Best Processes

Goals

- Understand County Perceptions & Needs
- Enhance Relationships with key County Leaders
- Deliver on Expectations

Action Steps

- County leader interviews 10/18 – 3/19
- Develop improvement plan to address findings

## SB 630 a.k.a. "the Crisis/IVC Bill"

Coordinated Community Response IVC

Local Area Crisis Services Plans

- MCO defines number/geographic boundaries
- Non-Hospital assessment as best option
- Includes County IVC Transportation Plan

MCO Leads Plan Development

- Planning Committee
- Plan identifies facilities to provide behavioral health and physical assessment

County IVC (Involuntary Commitment) Transportation Plan

- Counties and cities retain responsibility for custody and transportation
- Adoption of plan required
- Mandatory participation in planning
- Included in area crisis services plan

Child Residential Services Pilot

Goals of Triad Pilot Proposal

- Align mandates of Departments of Social Services & Cardinal Innovations
- Reduce Child Trauma induced by frequent residential moves
- Support children & foster families with trauma-informed crisis response and training

Status

- Legislative support from Senators Phil Berger and Joyce Krawiec
- Consult funded by Cardinal Innovations
- Refine proposal for sustainability post-reform
- Draft language for bill for legislation and funding
- Advocacy at state level

## Community Highlights

Stokes, Rockingham, Forsyth, Davie

Triad Region – Four Countywide

- Voting rights for IDD members and families
- School employees – trauma informed training
- Rooted in Advocacy Conference - 3/29/2019
- Field of Dreams Event – 3/30/2019

## Rockingham County

Upcoming!

Cone Health Partnership

- MedAssist Event
- March 30, 2019

Transformations and Innovations Conference

- March 29, 2019

- NC School Based Health Alliance
- 4 High School Health Centers
- \$1,500 Sponsorship of Conference
- Kevin Hines – Key Note Speaker

The Board thanked Ms. Bunker for her power point presentation.

#### **ITEM #9 – 2018 STATE-OF-THE-COUNTY HEALTH REPORT (SOTCH)**

Ayeshan Parker, Healthy Carolinians Coordinator, with Division of Public Health, presented the 2018 State-of-the-County Health Report, in conjunction with the Rockingham County Healthy Carolinians Partnership and Department of Health and Human Services to reflect the following:

- Purpose of SOTCH report is to provide the most current information on the health status of the County
- Report is also an annual update on the priority health issues identified during the 2016 Community Health Assessment
- Priorities include:
  - Physical Activity and Nutrition
  - Social Determinants with an Emphasis on Education
  - Access to Healthcare
- Since the 2016 CHA, the RCHCP and RCDHHS along with other community partners have worked diligently to address the priority health concerns. In 2018, during the CHA Winter Institute, the Rockingham County Community Health Assessment Advisory Group was awarded the Best Practice Award for Leadership, Partnership, and Communication.
- Rockingham County Data
- Rockingham County Top Priorities
- Physical Activity and Nutrition Progress
- Social Determinants – Education Progress
- Access to Healthcare Progress
- Emerging Issues
- New Initiatives
- Rockingham County Healthy Carolinians

The Board thanked Ms. Parker for her presentation.

#### **ITEM #9(a) – INTRODUCTION OF ERNESTO MOSELEY, PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR**

Felissa Ferrell, Director, Health and Human Services, introduced newly appointed Public Health Director, Ernesto Moseley. Mr. Moseley is a Senior Public Health Advisor with over 20 years' experience serving the military community, beneficiaries, veterans and civilian population at large within the U.S., its territories, and overseas during humanitarian, and Emergency Response Operations. He is a veteran of the United States Navy with multiple tours to Iraq and Afghanistan. Mr. Moseley's educational background includes an MA in Public Policy and Hospital Administration, BS in Biology with four years of course on a Ph.D. Program Research Project.

#### **ITEM #10 – NEW BUSINESS**

##### **ADOPTION – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/RESOLUTION – PLANTERS ROAD**

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt Memorandum of Understanding/Resolution accepting real property located on Planters Road, between Dan River Basin Association and Rockingham County. A copy of same shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

## ITEM #11 – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

### A) Commissioner Travis

Thanks everyone for coming out tonight. Drive safely going home. If you see litter out on the streets, call Lance or someone so we can get someone out to clean some litter up. So hopefully, that will be changing soon. Thank you.

### B) Commissioner Richardson

I'm happy to see everyone here. Thanks for coming out on a nice day. It was pretty cold the last time we had to do this and I hope it stays nice for a while. It has encouraged some litter out there, so help us discourage the litterers and if you get a chance to help remove some of that, then by all means. I'd like to recognize the RockATop program from Rockingham County. This evening, Chairman Pyrtle and I were able to attend the initiation of the second group of young people who are going to be involved in that program. It's a collaboration effort of your County Commissioners, County Officials with the school system and RCC. Key members of this team are the various businesses and industries that support these young people that are aiming to become apprentices and experts. It's a four year program that starts as a junior in high school and costs about \$125,000 which is picked up by private investors of these industries. So far, we've had nothing but positive comments. There were 18 in the first cohort. When these young people finish, they will not only have a high school diploma and associates degree, but also a certificate as a journeyman apprentice in some specialty and we fully expect them to begin their full working career at \$55,000-60,000. With a little math, you can see this is over a million bucks. Perhaps the best part of this is that they are adding to our County workforce readiness and living in this county and hopefully spending their million bucks here. My hat's off to everyone that is involved in setting this program up and moving it forward. If you happen to know a business that may be able to sponsor an apprentice, contact me or Commissioner Pyrtle or RCC or the school system. We'd be most interested in making contact.

### C) Commissioner Hall

Well folks, if you're like me, you've probably received your re-evaluation statement from our tax department. I was very pleasantly surprised with mine; but if you're not pleased with it, there is a process. Be sure to read that at the bottom of the form; you can tear it off and send it in. I want to commend the tax department for the job they've done. I think they've done a great job in getting those out this year. Thank you very much.

### D) Commissioner Berger

Thanks for coming out tonight. I certainly appreciate all the department heads for coming out. I want to again welcome our new folks that are joining us. Also, Carrie, I appreciate your hard work on this text amendment. There seemed to be some questions a few months ago and I appreciate you working to get that resolved, and your team. Thank you.

### E) Commissioner Pyrtle

I would just like to welcome Ms. Bonnie Purgason, Board of Elections and Sheriff Sam Page. I appreciate you being here tonight; and our new employee, Mr. Moseley. We look forward to working with you and your relationship with the County and everything you can do for the County. One thing I'd like to share with you. I know we've been talking a lot about litter, but when we do things right I think it's important to point them out. This morning I was on my way to the governmental center for an event bright and early and it looked like there were some busted trash bags on the side of the road on 87. When I said something to the County Manager, he reached out to the Sheriff's Department who reached out to the Inmate Crew. Within an hour or so when I returned back going the other direction, the Inmate Crew was out there and they were picking up trash on 87. I think that is a great thing, but I think we all have a responsibility and I know we're going to be talking more about this in the days to come; but we all have a responsibility to be good stewards of our communities which means we need to be out there doing the same thing. I talked to the manager and that piece of property is the County employees and officials. We're officials, so we're going to pick a time and go out there and pick up litter. I play a lot of golf, and the golden rule is that you leave the golf course a little bit nicer than it was when you played. I think we have that same obligation to the community to make our footprint as well as we can.

**ITEM #11 (a) – CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to go into Closed Session at 6:54 p.m. pursuant to:  
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult With Attorney;  
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Instruct Negotiating Agents;  
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Discuss Personnel

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to come out of Closed Session at 8:15 p.m.

**ITEM #12 – ADJOURN**

Commissioner Hall moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**MINUTES READ AND APPROVED,**



**A. REECE PYRTLE, JR., CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**



**KELI G. WATKINS, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**