

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 18, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m., 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; citizens and members of the local news media. Absent was Keli G. Watkins, Clerk to the Board.

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 Dr. Mable Springfield Scott, Public Information Officer for Rockingham County.

ITEM #3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lena Wilder, Member, Teen Leadership Council, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #4 – APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2019 AGENDA

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the February 18, 2019 agenda as presented.

ITEM #5 – RECOGNITION – OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER – BOBBY “BJ” CASE

Chairman Pyrtle, with his fellow Board members by his side, recognized Bobby “BJ” Case as “Outstanding Volunteer of the Month”. Mr. Case serves as Chairman of the Board for Hospice of Rockingham County, is an active member of Rotary, has served on the Salvation Army Board, and has been involved with the Eden Chamber of Commerce, the RCC Foundation and heads the BB&T fundraising efforts for United Way of Rockingham County. Mr. Case has a passion for helping others and uses that passion to help his community. Chairman Pyrtle presented Mr. Case with a framed certificate and Commissioner Berger presented him with a County lapel pin. Mr. Case was joined by his family and thanked the Board. Mr. Case also thanked his family and BB&T for allowing him the opportunity to help others.

ITEM #6 – APPROVAL – CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM #6(a) – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 7, 2019

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes as presented.

ITEM #6(b)(1) – DRAPER FIRE DISTRICT – BUDGET REVISION

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve budget revision for Draper Fire District by increasing budget \$50,000 for revenues collected over current budget. A copy of revision shall follow these minutes for reference.

ITEM #6(b)(2) – AWARD OF FY 2018-2019 AUDIT CONTRACT

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to award FY 2018-2019 Audit Contract to Elliot Davis, PLLC at a contract price of \$52,530, a 2% increase over the prior year and in accordance with the proposal the County accepted after the RFP for audit services last year.

ITEM #6(b)(3) – AMEND FY 2017-2018 AUDIT CONTRACT DUE DATE

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to amend FY 2017-2018 audit contract due date from October 31, 2018 to December 17, 2018 due to the impact of two hurricanes affecting North Carolina.

ITEM #6(c) – APPROVAL – TAX COLLECTION AND RECONCILIATION REPORT – JANUARY 2019

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the January 2019 Tax Collection and Reconciliation Report submitted by the Rockingham County Tax Department. A copy of same shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #6(d)(1) – REAPPOINTMENTS – TOWN OF MADISON BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT –
OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS**

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to reappoint SUSAN A. LAW and EUGENIA McCOLLUM, both of Madison, NC to serve on the Town of Madison Board of Adjustment as Out-Of-Town Members; such terms to expire February 18, 2022.

**ITEM #6(d)(2) – REAPPOINTMENTS – TOWN OF MADISON PLANNING BOARD –
OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS**

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to reappoint CHARLIE LEDERER and JAMES D. JOYCE, both of Madison, NC to serve on the Town of Madison Planning Board; such terms to expire February 18, 2021.

ITEM #7 – PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up to speak during Public Comment.

**ITEM #8 – PUBLIC HEARING – ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES CITY/TOWN
CENTER DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS AND ASHLEY LATHAM PHOTOGRAPHY**

Chairman Pyrtle announced this was a duly advertised public hearing to consider approval of an appropriation from the general fund in an amount not to exceed \$2,390.25 which will be disbursed to Ashley Latham Photography in five (5) payments following the project parameters. The consideration for such incentive package shall be a contractual obligation of Ashley Latham Photography to invest in net new taxable building renovations which will increase the property tax value in accordance with the Commercial Development Incentive Grant Requirements as outlined in the project parameters. The property is located at 619 Washington Street and 621 Washington Street, an existing facility located in Eden, Rockingham County, North Carolina. No one appeared in opposition. Leigh Cockram, Director, Economic Development, as well as Ken Allen, Assistant Director, Economic Development, were available for questions and/or comments. Ashley Latham, owner of Ashley Latham Photography, spoke in favor of this request. Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve this appropriation and to approve Chairman Pyrtle's signature on the Rockingham County and

Municipalities City/Town Center Development Incentive Grant Agreement Between Local Governments and Ashley Latham Photography. A copy of Grant Agreement shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

ITEM #9 – LAND USE PLAN UPDATE – EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT

Chad Meadows, Lead Consultant, CodeWright Planners, presented a brief power point overview highlighting the work completed to date regarding the Existing Conditions Report, a component of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update.

Presentation Outline:

- Project Name/Website: Rockingham Returns
 - Project Overview: Phase 1 – Updated Land Use Plan; Phase 2 – Re-write Unified Development Ordinance
 - The team is compiled of the following firms: CodeWright Planners (Project Management, Code Drafting), Nealon Planning (Design, Private Sector Intel), Both & Planning (GIS, Illustrations, Engagement), Economic Leadership (Economics), and Brough Law Firm (Legal Sufficiency Review)
 - Project Schedule: Land Use Plan Completion – Summer 2019; Unified Development Ordinance completion – Mid-year 2021
 - Existing Conditions Report: Population, Demographics, Housing, Revenue, Employment, Workforce, Education, Communications, Health, Recreation
 - Next Steps: Public Engagement (stakeholder interviews, open house, community survey)
- The Board thanked Mr. Meadows for his presentation.

ITEM #10 – EMERGENCY SERVICES – HIRING OF PART-TIME EMS SCHEDULER

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the hiring of a part-time EMS Scheduler and to release \$50,000 previously appropriated for this position. This position has been established through Springsted, created in NeoGov and ready for Department of Human Resources.

ITEM #10(a) – INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY HIRED ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL – WILLIAM LINGLE

Rodney Cates, Director, Emergency Services, introduced newly hired Rockingham County Fire Marshal, William Lingle.

ITEM #11(a) – RE-APPOINTMENT – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and the vote was unanimous to reappoint CHARLES RAKESTRAW of Stokesdale, NC to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review; such term to expire March 31, 2022.

ITEM #11(b) – CREATION – FACILITIES & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the creation of a Facilities & Grounds Committee.

The committee members shall consist of the following:

- County Commissioner appointed by the Board of Commissioners
- County Manager
- Director of Facilities & Engineering
- Director of Buildings and Grounds/Assistant Maintenance Supervisor
- Director of Strategic Management

Committee Responsibilities:

- Review request/plans for future capital projects and monitor capital projects underway
- Make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on major capital projects/expenditures and issues impacting Rockingham County
- Develop and recommend a five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the County
- Review and provide recommendations concerning annual update for the CIP.
- Provide oversight on capital projects to assure projects are completed in a timely manner, and within budget
- Review requests by departments who are seeking to have renovations or modifications to County facilities in excess of \$30,000
- Engage in other related projects as determined by the Board of Commissioners

Meetings:

- Shall meet as called or needed
- Committee should meet at a minimum once per year to review capital projects for the forthcoming fiscal year

ITEM #11(c) – COUNTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT – FACILITIES & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to appoint Commissioner Charlie G. Hall, III to serve on the Facilities & Grounds Committee.

ITEM #12(a) – DESIGNATION – “FREE WEEK” – APRIL 1-6, 2019 – ROCKINGHAM COUNTY LANDFILL

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve the designation of April 1-6, 2019 as “Free Week” at the Rockingham County Landfill with conditions thereof as recommended by staff of proposed changes, reviewed by the County Manager. During presentation of this item by Ronnie Tate, Director, Engineering & Public Utilities, proposed changes were discussed.

ITEM #12(b) – APPROVAL – SHAMROCK ENVIRONMENTAL CORPORATION – GENERAL CONTRACTOR – PHASE 4 OF LANDFILL NEW CELL CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURE OF PHASE 1-3 OF ACTIVE LANDFILL

Commissioner Richardson moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve Shamrock Environmental Corporation as the general contractor for Phase 4 of Landfill new cell construction and closure of approximately 22 acres of Phase 1-3 of active Landfill at a construction contract of \$7,186,975.00; to approve a contingency amount of \$718,698.00; and the County Manager to approve change orders up to \$50,000 per change order without Board action.

ITEM #13 – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING SALE OF GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY TO ABC BOARD

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Richardson seconded and the vote was unanimous to adopt Resolution authorizing the sale of governmental property to the ABC Board, approximately two acres located at Lot #1 Diesel Drive, Reidsville, NC for the appraised value of \$208,200. A copy of Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

ITEM #14 – NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented.

ITEM #15 – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A) Commissioner Hall

I appreciate all those in attendance tonight. I've seen new staff, members of the Youth Council and members of the community. We just appreciate your participation in your county government. Thank you.

B) Commissioner Berger

Thanks for coming out tonight. I appreciate everyone's attendance; also, Happy Presidents' Day. This day was originally established to honor George Washington then was incorporated at a later time to include all presidents. Thanks for coming out.

C) Commissioner Travis

I, too, want to say thank you for all of you coming out. I see the new Fire Marshal and Economic Development Director. I look forward to working with both of you. Just another note that Saturday, March 30th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm is "Team Up, To Clean Up" at Morehead High School in Eden. That's when the County, citizens and the community gets together to beautify our schools by painting, doing projects, cleaning up, and other things. Thank you for working together to help our school system.

D) Commissioner Richardson

It's good to see everyone here. I particularly enjoy seeing the young people and encourage each of you here to stay involved with our Youth Council. I appreciate all of our volunteers. We appointed Mr. Rakestraw to a very important board tonight. He and his colleagues represent the citizens on that board. We're very glad to have you on that board. Thank you, Charles. And Paul, we appreciate you stepping up and joining our Planning Board. It's one of the most thankless jobs around, but it is very important. There's been discussion from all the Commissioners up here about creating a program that eliminates litter. If we could make our County litter free, that would set us apart from the other 99 counties in the state. It would improve the appearance, economics and sanitation of the County. We're going to clean the County up, and it will cost us some money, but the requirement is that all citizens get involved and have a lack of tolerance for people who trash the County.

E) Commissioner Pyrtle

I'd like to recognize our elected officials who are here tonight; Mr. Micky Silvers from the Town of Madison. I'd like to tell you about a food drive that will be benefitting agencies across the County. The 2019 County-Wide Food Drive will run from March 2 – April 27. If you are interested in participating, call 336-432-2843 or 336-627-1256. Last year they collected over 50,000 pounds of food. They are providing food boxes and ask members of the community to put them in your local businesses, churches, wherever people gather. Ms. Ann Fish and Blake Dawson are leading the way. Some agencies who benefitted last year are the Cooperative Christian Ministries in Eden, the Hands of God in Madison, Men in Christ in Reidsville, Rockingham County Veteran's Coalition Food Pantry in Wentworth, the Reidsville Soup Kitchen, the Salvation Army Kitchen in Eden, and the Salvation Army Food Pantry in Reidsville. Please help out with this food drive. Again, I want to thank Mr. BJ Case for all that he does for our County. The Commissioners and County employees will be picking up litter from around the Governmental Center soon. We have to change the behavior for those folks that think it's okay to throw trash out the window. It's something we're going to work on.

ITEM #16 – CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to go into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. pursuant to:

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) Approve Closed Session Minutes;

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with Attorney;

N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Discuss Personnel

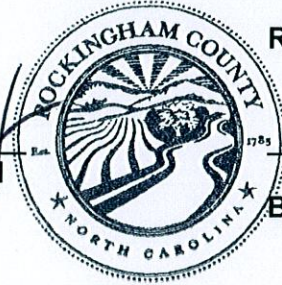
Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to come out of Closed Session at 7:50 p.m.

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and the vote was unanimous to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 p.m.

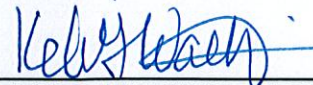
MINUTES READ AND APPROVED,



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



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KELI G. WATKINS, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS