

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

The Rockingham County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on March 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Governmental Center, Commissioners Chambers, Wentworth, North Carolina. Present were Chairman A. Reece Pyrtle, Jr.; 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 news media. Absent was Vice-Chairman, Mark F. Richardson.

**ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pyrtle.

**ITEM #2 – INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Pastor Kenny Houston, First Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina.

**ITEM #3 – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caroline Roseman, Member, Teen Leadership Council.

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

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and all members present voted to approve the March 4, 2019 agenda as presented.

**ITEM #5 – RECOGNITION – REIDSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL RAMS FOOTBALL TEAM /  
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC  
ASSOCIATION 2018 2-A CHAMPIONS**

Commissioner Pyrtle, with other Board members by his side, recognized the Reidsville High School Rams Football Team with a framed award for being named the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSSA) 2018 2-A Champions. This win represents the Reidsville Rams second win and third appearance in the past three years in the NCHSSA Championship football title game and the 20<sup>th</sup> in the history of Reidsville football. Head Coach Jimmy Teague thanked the team for their success and credited their individual talents, senior leadership and the players' devotion and commitment to work together as a team.

There was a standing ovation.

**ITEM #6 – APPROVAL – CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**ITEM #6(a) – APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 22, 2019**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes as presented.

**ITEM #6(b) – DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES – BUDGET REVISION**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve budget revision for Division of Social Services to increase DSS Low Income Assistance Program \$157,984 due to additional funding authorization to the County. This is 100% Federal funded. A copy of revision shall follow these minutes for reference.

**ITEM #6(c) – EMS FINANCIAL STATEMENT – JANUARY 2019**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve the January 2019 Financial Statement for Emergency Medical Services. A copy of statement shall be filed with the Rockingham County Finance Department for safekeeping.

**ITEM #6(d) – HEAD START – JANUARY 2019 MONTHLY REPORT**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve the January 2019 monthly report for Head Start. A copy of same shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #6(e) – DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH – BUDGET REVISION**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to approve budget revision for Division of Public Health to increase Public Health Maternal Health Program \$20,757 due to grant funds awarded for Activity 167 Maternal and Child Health Mini Grants. No County funds are being used. A copy of revision shall follow these minutes for reference.

**ITEM #6(f) – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT  
PLAT REVIEW OFFICER – TOWN OF STONEVILLE**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to adopt Resolution appointing Sherri Darnell, Clerk, Town of Stoneville, as Plat Review Officer for the Town of Stoneville. A copy of Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #6(g) – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION – DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT AGENT –  
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT WITH FEMA – TROPICAL STORM MICHAEL**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to adopt Resolution for the Designation of Applicant Agent for the Public Assistance Grant with FEMA for Tropical Storm Michael occurring October 11-12, 2018. A copy of Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #6(h) – ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING 2012 CHEVROLET IMPALA AS  
SURPLUS/REALLOCATE TO JACOBS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to adopt Resolution declaring one (1) 2012 Chevrolet Impala, Serial #2G1WD5E34C1208463, as surplus and reallocating to Jacobs Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Madison, NC. A copy of Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board.

**ITEM #7 – PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one appeared to speak during Public Comment.

**ITEM #8 – APPROVAL – LANDFILL MASTER FEE SCHEDULES FOR TIRE DISPOSAL**

After discussion of proposed changes to the Landfill Master Fee Schedules for Tire Disposal, Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and all members present voted to table this item until the next Commissioners meeting of March 18, 2019 to hear an explanation from Ronnie Tate, Director, Engineering and Public Utilities.

**ITEM #9 – APPROVAL OF UPDATES –  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY’S MISSION, VISION AND STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS**

Commissioner Hall moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and all members present voted to approve updates to Rockingham County’s Mission, Vision and Strategic Focus Areas compiled by Paul Murray, Director, Strategic Management, and gleaned from discussion during the Strategic Planning Retreat held on January 28, 2019. A copy of updates shall follow these minutes for reference.

**ITEM #10(a) – APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and all members present voted to appoint the following individual to serve as an Alternate Member to the Rockingham County Planning Board; such term to expire October 1, 2020:

PHILLIP STONE  
640 Stanley Road  
Stokesdale, NC

**ITEM #10(b) – APPOINTMENTS – AIRPORT AUTHORITY ADVISORY BOARD /  
TABLE APPOINTMENT OF THIRD VACANCY**

Commissioner Berger moved, Commissioner Travis seconded and all members present voted to reappoint the following individuals to serve on the Airport Authority Advisory Board; such terms to expire June 30, 2022:

ELIZABETH JORSEY  
291 Buckhorn Trail  
Reidsville, NC

BRITT WILKINS  
609 W. Washington Street  
Mayodan, NC

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Berger seconded and all members present voted to table the appointment of the third vacancy until the Commissioners’ next meeting of March 18, 2019.

**ITEM #11 – NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

**ITEM #12 – COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

A) Commissioner Travis

I thank everyone for being here. Please put it on your calendar that March 30<sup>th</sup> is Team Up, Clean Up day at Morehead High School. This is a project where we try to work together with the schools and the community. We come together and make sure our schools and grounds are beautified so it can last the next generation so we can maintain them. So please mark your calendar from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Morehead High School.

B) Commissioner Hall

I appreciate those that are here tonight. It was wonderful to see the football team and to recognize those guys tonight. It’s just wonderful to see positive things happen in the community. I appreciate all of you that came out tonight for the meeting. Thank you for your attendance and participation as well.

C) Commissioner Berger

Thank you for coming out. Congratulations to Reidsville High School in winning the state football championship. Since our last meeting, there has been a little activity concerning the State of North Carolina. A single democratic Wake County Judge, Brian Collins, has created a great deal of chaos and turmoil over our elections in striking down voter ID, something that was approved by millions of voters in North Carolina. Make no mistake about where this chaos is coming from; it's from an activist judge that is seated in Wake County trying to usurp what millions of voters have done. Folks just need to be aware of what's going on.

D) Commissioner Pyrtle

First, I'd like to recognize the elected officials here tonight. Sheriff Sam Page was here earlier, Mr. Doug Isley with the School Board and Ms. Bonnie Purgason, Rockingham County Board of Elections. Thank you for being here. I too would like to congratulate Reidsville High School. I think just about every year I've been up here, we've recognized them for something. That's pretty good. They do a great job. I think Commissioner Travis's remarks were very poignant. They are molding young men for tomorrow in being a part of our community. We are working diligently on a litter campaign that we're going to roll out. I hope it becomes something that is discussed out in our communities and it's not tolerated in our communities. Pretty soon, when you throw that cup out of the window, it may not be a marked car behind you. It might be an unmarked car or concerned citizen that gets your tag number and you're held accountable. I appreciate the County Manager working so hard on this. That's something that you're going to see in the near future. We had the opportunity to meet with the municipalities and they are completely 100% on board with this. It's going to be a County-wide effort. Rockingham County is a wonderful place to live, work and play. We'd love for it to be a beautiful place to live, work and play. Thank you for being out here tonight for a relatively short meeting.

**ITEM #13 – ADJOURN**

Commissioner Travis moved, Commissioner Hall seconded and all members present voted to adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MINUTES READ AND APPROVED,

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



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
KELI G. WATKINS, CLERK  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS