

**GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2016**

The Gates County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in the Gates County Courthouse, 202 Court Street, Gatesville. Commissioners Hofler, Owens, Jordan, Felton and Freeman were present. Also present was County Manager, Natalie Rountree.

Commissioner Owens led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hofler called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jordan asked for three typo and grammatical changes to be made to the minutes.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes as modified for March 24, 2016 and April 6, 2016. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Hofler asked the Board to add number 16 Discussion about County Well and 17 Budget Amendment to New Business.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Delegations – Unannounced

Reba Greene-Holley, Gatesville, presented the Gates Partners for Health Budget Request. Mrs. Rountree stated Gates Partners For Health was an oversight, the request was received in March and will be reviewed at next week's budget meetings.

Delegations – Announced

None

Administrative Reports

Natalie Rountree, County Manager, presented the Managers Report for March 25- April 15, 2016.

Commissioner Jordan asked about the contacting of DOT in regards of Sony Lane. Mrs. Rountree stated the communication was submitted to the Board of Commissioners via email. Commissioner Jordan stated he has printed the email and would like to have the topic be added to the agenda either today or the 2nd May meeting. Mrs. Rountree stated the request was made by the property owner in 2014 and the property owner was given the required information and forms to request DOT take over the road. Commissioner Owens explained since the Library is located on the road he would support the addition to the May 16th meeting agenda.

Kathy Lane, Tax Administrator, presented the collectors report.

Commissioner Jordan asked if the letter to Ellis was sent. Mrs. Lane stated the letter was sent April 12th and was received April 14th via certified mail. Ellis has not responded at this time. Commissioner Jordan asked to have a copy of the letter mailed to the Board.

Commissioner Hofler brought up the Department of Revenue discussion to mandate reappraisals of property be conducted every four years. Mrs. Lane stated we are on an eight (8) year appraisal cycle while other counties are already on a four (4) year or six (6) year appraisal cycle. It appears the Department of Revenue is recommending four years to try to gain uniformity across the State.

Commissioner Jordan asked Mrs. Lane's opinion of four year vs. eight year appraisals. Mrs. Lane feels eight years is sufficient for Gates County due to the population, sales and building.

Mrs. Lane presented a refund for Debbie Savage for a tax bill that was paid twice. The bill was paid in full and then the balance was collected from the debt setoff program.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the refund for Debbie Savage in the amount of \$303.25. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lane presented a refund for Danny Hale in the amount of \$180.90 for double payment of tax bill.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the refund for Danny Hale in the amount of \$180.90. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lane presented a refund for David Clark in the amount of \$215.00 for double payment of tax bill.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the refund for David Clark in the amount -of \$215.00. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lane provided an update on the Keystone issues at the request of Commissioner Jordan. Mrs. Rountree stated the topic would be better addressed in closed session due to some of the correspondence that we have discussed with the County Attorney.

Commissioner Jordan asked if the Customer Service Staff is working late on cutoff days to take phone calls but not receive payments. Mrs. Rountree stated on the days of cutoff 911 was receiving phone calls and trying to contact staff at home. The building is not open for individuals to come in and make a payment. Commissioner Jordan feels in a way to be customer friendly we should allow citizens to have the best possible service as we can give them.

Chair Hofler announced there is a National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 5th. Also there was a meeting with Trillium in regards to a kiosk to be installed in the County where individuals can take a mental self-assessment and contact Trillium if needed.

Commissioner Jordan brought up several questions for Code Enforcement to be addressed when Mr. Carver is at the May 16th Board of Commissioners meeting.

Public Hearings

Commissioner Owens made a motion to enter into public hearing for the Rezoning of Grimes Parcel 10-03206. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Rountree, County Manager, presented the recommendation from the Planning Board. Mrs. Grimes was available to answer questions from the Board.

Commissioner Freeman asked how long her permit to sell firearms in VA Beach has been expired. Ms. Grimes stated she had a business beside of the home and her permit expired in the late 1990's. Commissioner Freeman asked if there have been any past security issues. Ms. Grimes stated she has an alarm system and will be installing bars on windows and adding cameras. She also has a dog on site and will be required to make daily reports to the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Jordan stated he would be interested in hearing from Planning Board members to see why there were three opposing votes to the recommendation to approve.

William Seiling, Planning Board Member, stated the rational for the vote of the four was because an established business has been there forever. Mr. Seiling stated the opposing votes were because of spot zoning. The previous business has been out of business for a

while and Mr. Seiling feels that a new business should have to conform to current regulations.

Phyllis Umphlett-Hobbs, Planning Board Member, agreed with Mr. Seiling that it is spot zoning and the Board needed to look at present and future not what has happened in the past. Another issue is the lot size is less than an acre.

Commissioner Felton stated it's not clear exactly how much land is being rezoned.

Commissioner Freeman made a motion to delay the public hearing until later in the meeting when more information can be reviewed. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to enter into public hearing for Approval of Planning Board Text Amendments Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rountree stated the Planning Board had several concerns when the draft text amendment was presented. The concerns were with sections 13-02-08 (B) and 13.02-03 (D), (E) and (F).

Phyllis Umphlett-Hobbs, Planning Board Member, stated the Planning Board had a big concern about the definition of property under 13.02-02 (B). Property could be defined as a vehicle, land or home. It needs to be clarified that you are discussing real property. It should also be clarified if someone leaves the county and returns and rents if they are allowed to serve. If you keep it as real property they are not allowed to serve. Commissioner Freeman suggested adding "and/or" to the statement about real property or have lived in the county for 6 months but the issue with this is it is hard to determine if an individual has ever lived in the county. The Planning Board would also like to see the 30 day requirement be changed to "by the next meeting" because some meetings fall over 30 days due to the how the calendar falls.

Commissioner Owens stated the Board appears to be in agreement with the recommended changes by the Planning Board and would also recommend that 13-02.02 (B)2 concerning the owning of property in unincorporated areas be removed.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to exit public hearing for Approval of Planning Board Text Amendments Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Planning Board Text Amendments with the recommended changes noted as well as the removal of number 2 under membership be removed from the document. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; the Board opened up for discussion.

Commissioner Felton asked if the Planning Board members have an issue with the elimination of number 2 under membership.

Mr. Seiling stated he understands residents of Gatesville may want to serve on the Board but he has an issue with residents that do not own property outside of Gatesville being able to serve because they have their own rules to follow.

Commissioner Owens withdrew his motion with Commissioner Freeman being in agreement.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to adopt the planning board text amendments as modified to include the addition of real property in section 13-02.02 (B) and to change 30 days to by the next meeting in section 13.02.08. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to enter into public hearing for Approval of Board of Adjustment Text Amendments Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rountree stated the Board of Adjustment had issues with 13-01.02 (G) 1 dealing with the location and time of meeting. The Board of Adjustment feels the amendment is restrictive to the Board and the ability to conduct business timely.

Dan Lang, Board of Adjustment Member, stated the library has worked much smoother, there have not been any conflicts for meeting scheduling and no meetings have had to be rescheduled due to the Court Room not being available.

Willie Hofler, Board of Adjustment Member, stated the library is the center of the county and was paid for by tax dollars and is a great facility to use. The Board of Adjustment voted unanimously to meet at the library and have enjoyed not having to cancel meetings due to court conflicts. The Board publicizes the meetings and have not had any complaints from citizens about the location.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to exit the public hearing for Approval of Board of Adjustment Text Amendments. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hofler stated if we changed the Planning Board membership requirement to state real property we need to change it for the Board of Adjustment as well.

Commissioner Owens stated the Board of Commissioners feel the meetings needed to be held at the Courthouse because of safety issues and meeting content even knowing there may be scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Jordan feels since it is a quasi-judicial body it is nice to conduct business in the Courtroom despite the ease and convenience of the Public Library.

Chair Hofler stated since 911 has taken over the old Commissioners Room there is not an easy way to move the meeting if court is being held. It is a quasi-judicial proceeding and the Courthouse would be ideal however it is often that court is in during the meeting time.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to accept the Board of Adjustment Text Amendment with the addition of the word "Real Property" under section two. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Freeman stated he liked the addition of designated area or the posting of a designated area.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to enter into public hearing for Approval of the Solar Farm Ordinance. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Kenny Harbul, SunEnergy1, stated they have reviewed the draft ordinance and would like to mention the recommended vegetation buffer/screening listed in G (2) B will run into each other if planted at only 10 feet apart once they reach 15 feet tall. There are also signs required by the national electrical code to be placed on the fence and the vegetation will cover the sign. Mr. Harbul stated they have not been able to find any sites of this size that have been abandoned in North America. The NC Utilities Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and NC prohibits the system from being abandoned. Large sites must follow the regulations prohibiting abandonment. There is only one county in the State, Catawba, that has a decommissioning bond requirement. All other counties realize that the salvage value is significantly more than the cost of removal of equipment. Mr. Harbul stated the value of the copper in the ground is over the million dollar mark. Only California and Hawaii have specified a financial bond be required and they have not determined what the amount will be. Mr. Harbul would also like a clause that excludes a landowner from being required to decommission the facility. The landowner must request a decommissioning plan be created. The landowner has the right to maintain the property. In a case where the land owner is leasing the property they may request a decommissioning plan be established. With the bond requirements that are written in the draft policy the solar systems will not be established. Mr. Harbul reiterated the farms would be in violation of federal laws if they are abandoned.

Commissioner Freeman asked if there is such thing as a partnership of a company and the landowner. Mr. Harbul stated he is not aware of any type of joint ownership. Systems of these sizes are not paid for in full, there is debt associated with it.

Brian Kennedy, Duke Energy Renewables, stated they have built facilities all over the state. They are required by their auditors to calculate decommissioning cost and salvage cost. If the decommissioning cost is more than the salvage value it has to be reported. The systems are modeled to be 30 year systems because they do not start paying back until after 15 years. An independent engineer could come in and provide the salvage value if you do not trust the developer; as the policy is written companies are not going to build systems under those requirements, they will move on to another county because they cannot afford it. Mr. Kennedy stated they recently went through the process with Pasquotank County and conducted an analysis. If the decommissioning is larger than the salvage value then it makes sense to post a bond.

Commissioner Owens asked about the life cycle of the farm. Mr. Kennedy stated the contracts are written at 30 years but there are solar panels that have been in the field for 50 years and are producing at 70-80% of capacity. Commissioner Owens stated regardless of the tax benefits it is still profitable to run the farms. Mr. Kennedy confirmed the tax benefits are not what makes the system profitable, the farms are modeled at a 30 year life expectancy regardless of tax incentives.

Commissioner Owens asked for the wording of the requirements in Pasquotank. Mr. Kennedy stated he does not have their policy with him but they will gladly share it. Commissioner Owens stated he has been told by others the value of the copper just under the ground is 15 times the cost of removal. Commissioner Jordan asked for the purpose of the underground copper. Mr. Kennedy stated the copper sends the electricity to the grid.

Commissioner Jordan stated he does not want our ordinances to be a burden to economic development. A lot of the surrounding farms have added \$30-40 million to the tax base and that has gotten the attention of our citizens. When you see that a bond will cost \$2.5 million we are way out of scale.

Ms. Rountree stated she has the decommissioning plan of the farm at Morgan Corners.

Brian Eure, Sunbury, shared some concerns he has with the ordinance. Under general regulations he would suggest adding that light be cast downward instead of outward. The issue that occurs is the light hits the highway and causes driving hazards. Mr. Eure feels the bond requirement is fair when you are talking about industrial power plants. For lot sizes and setbacks he would suggest the 100 foot setback be increased by a considerable amount, we are not an industrial county we are farming and forestry. Mr. Eure would suggest 500 to 2,000 feet; this could possibly allow farmers to still farm around the outside of the fencing which could help farmers that are losing land. The purpose of the screening is so trees will grow and touch each other and provide a solid screen. Under decommissioning Mr. Eure is not sure why it only includes 36" deep; it should be required that any equipment be removed. There are over 90 companies in NC that install solar farms and they are not going to do it the same way. Business is okay but allowing industrial power plants to take over farmland is not okay. Mr. Eure feels there should be thought to require future setbacks from waterways considering most sources drain directly to the Millpond.

Gerald Waters, Waters Construction, works for SunEnergy1. Dominion Power and Duke Energy are very involved in the building of the facilities and they are not going anywhere. This is a great tax base for the County to help build schools and grow. Gates County is a farming area like Bertie and Martin County and we must think about the future and providing industry. He feels Duke Energy and Dominion do all they can to protect the County.

Carroll Ward Jr., Sunbury, feels the 25% bond requires companies to have some skin in the game and an interest in making sure the project continues to move forward. Mr. Ward would like to see the setback increased due to the soil disruption and runoff and if the projects are large enough retention ponds may be needed. The salvage prices given are at today's price but you cannot guarantee the decommissioning prices for things such as the

copper are not going to change. The County will only receive about \$150 per acre in taxes. Although they cannot show where farms have been abandoned here they have been abandoned in other countries. We will not be able to feed people if land is covered in solar farms.

Phyllis Umphlett-Hobbs, Planning Board, stated the Planning Board worked on the Ordinance for 180 days and did the best they could do. A lot of research was presented and a lot of communications were heard. Everyone has had six months of meetings that have been advertised and all of these comments could have been received at those times instead of expecting an ordinance to be re-written in one meeting. Ms. Hobbs would like to see the bond requirement stay.

Erin Eure, Sunbury, stated the Board has come a long way from the original documents that were in place but would like clarification on the special use requirements. Ms. Eure feels it is important to require the applications for the Utilities Commission and comments from NCDENR and ArmyCorps of Engineers. Mrs. Eure would like to suggest the fence be included in the 100 foot setback since it is part of the project. Under screening it is vague if natural forest vegetation is left what is considered effective. For example pine timber is effective screening at a young age but not once it grows. It could also be added that the vegetation must touch in case they chose vegetation that does not touch if it is planted 15 foot apart. There is a great concern with the destruction of wetlands and the policy needs to have sediment and erosion plans required. The County could do a better job at consulting with Soil and Water Conservation. As far as abandonment goes if it is not allowed then it doesn't hurt to have it in our ordinance. If the projects are good for 30 years and longer then why are the leases only written for 15 years. The bond requirements are a good thing because these companies have a large amount of investors and tax incentives. As far as the tax base goes we should look at the expansion of chicken houses across the County and the amount these farmers have to pay in taxes.

Chair Hofler stated a lot of good points have been brought up and a lot of things need to be considered. When we started the project we were thinking about the smaller farms that were being built. We do need to consider the size tier levels and what effects each tier. The Board really needs time to go back and review statistics and crunch numbers.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to exit the public hearing for Approval of the Solar Farm Ordinance. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

The Board recessed for a five minute break.

Commissioner Jordan stated there are some changes that need to be made based on information presented in the discussion. Commissioner Jordan would like to ask a Solar Farm representative meet with the Planning Board to discuss the issues in greater detail to be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to hold a special meeting for a public hearing on May 19th at 4 p.m. to extend the Moratorium for 90 days for consideration of the issues brought up today. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Freeman asked that solar farm representatives submit their concerns in writing for consideration so that it is easier to review.

Commissioner Jordan feels that those that have brought up rational points need to be part of the drafting process.

Commissioner Owens stated the Board needs to put their concerns and questions on paper to direct the Planning Board to find responses.

Commissioner Owens made a motion for the Board of Commissioners and interested parties to submit questions to the Planning Board for further review as well as provide an opportunity for solar farm representatives and citizens to work jointly on clarifying issues. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

The Board took a 15 minute recess to review Planning Board documents before the Grimes Rezoning.

Chair Hofler stated the issue before the Board is the Grimes Rezoning of parcel 10-03206.

Ms. Grimes stated she will add the parking space requirements. She is asking for the rezoning because she is adding inventory to the inside of the property. Ms. Grimes stated when she bought the property in 2013 the store deed states it is commerce and she talked with the county before purchasing the property to make sure that the property could be a business.

Commissioner Owens explained to Ms. Grimes the issue is the selling of u-hauls didn't require it to go before the Board and could operate as nonconforming but now that it is in front of the Board the Board must be careful to not spot zone.

Commissioner Jordan stated he is having a hard time rezoning 1/3 of an acre. It would make sense if we were rezoning several things in the area as commercial, maybe the Planning Board should look at the entire area for rezoning.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to deny the rezoning of parcel 10-032060 to commercial. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Grimes asked about an appeals process. Commissioner Jordan stated if any information changes she can reapply.

Old Business

Mrs. Rountree stated the EMS Discussion has been put back on the agenda because if there is not a resolution in place by July 1 a temporary contract may be used until the funding resolution can be decided. Since we are in budget season the Board needs to decide on the amount of funding that will be given.

Commissioner Jordan wanted to recap the \$355,000.00 funding requested and how it is to be used. Stormy Butts directed the Board to look at the needed resources break down to explain how the funding is to be used.

Chair Hofler stated she has concerns with the 15% pay increase. The County would never consider giving a 15% pay increase to any employee in one year.

Commissioner Jordan stated the County is going to have to increase taxes by 4 cents to cover the costs. Chief Butts stated the urban classification has really hurt the current revenue by reducing the expected revenue reimbursement by about \$150,000. Commissioner Owens would like the County to investigate the classification and see what could be done to petition for the reclassification. Chief Butts stated he is not prepared to negotiate the price at this time, he was under the understanding the Board was okay with the amount to be funded and was trying to figure out how it was going to be funded. Commissioner Jordan stated there is the option to add a fee to the utility bill or increase taxes.

New Business

Natalie Rountree, County Manager, presented the FY 16-17 Proposed Budget to the Board of Commissioners. Budget work sessions will be May 10th and May 12th.

Commissioner Jordan read the funding request letter submitted by the Gates County Housing Committee.

Commissioner Felton asked for an update on the grant the Housing Committee Applied for. Commissioner Jordan stated they were not awarded the \$100,000 grant and have not heard back from the second grant at this time.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion that the Board of Commissioners has received the proposed budget as presented by the County Manager. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hofler stated the Personnel Board has proposed a merit increase policy for the Board of Commissioners review.

Commissioner Jordan asked for clarification that a department head must recommend the increase in addition to an exceptional evaluation being completed, he feels if an employee is available to receive it based on their evaluation then they should receive it despite a department head recommendation. Ms. Rountree presented several examples on why an employee may qualify on an evaluation but not recommended by the department head.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to adopt the Merit Increase Policy to be effective FY 17/18. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

The Personnel Board has recommended revising the Retiree Health Insurance Benefit statement to read as follows: County employees with 20 years of continuous service, who are eligible for county-paid health benefits upon retirement, can continue to pay the entire cost for the dependent coverage until the employee or dependent reaches age 65, whichever occurs first.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the revision of the Retiree Health Insurance Benefit statement as recommended by the Personnel Board. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Older Americans Month 2016. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Older Americans Month 2016 A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Gates County includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our nation; and

Whereas, Gates County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and

Whereas, Gates County is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

Whereas, we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

Whereas, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:

- Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement.
- Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.
- Ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.

Now therefore, The Board of Commissioners of Gates County do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to our community.

In the COUNTY OF GATES

Adopted this 4th Day of May, 2016

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:

 Linda Hofler, Chairman

Attest:

 Melissa C. Lawrence, Clerk to the Board

Mrs. Rountree stated she has contacted the Board of Elections Chair in regards to the Board of Elections office hours and has not received a response. Mrs. Rountree has followed up and has been told by Mr. Hankinson that he will work on getting an answer. The Board requested the County Manager to contact Mr. Hankinson to be at the May 16th meeting.

Commissioner Felton shared an offer that was received from Bubba Bundy to purchase a piece of property that an old well is sitting on. We no longer use the well.

Commissioner Jordan made a motion to direct the County Manager to find the procedure for the sale of a piece of property. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Mrs. Rountree explained Budget Amendment 27 to reallocate funds from two departments to replace the current county vehicle that is used by the County Manager.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to approve budget amendment 27. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rountree stated the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) meets quarterly and there has not been a commissioner represented at the meetings. The RPO has requested that we start having a commissioner meeting consistently present. Commissioner Owens stated he just cannot make the meetings in Manteo and if you are not at every meeting you can't understand what is going on.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to appoint Chair Hofler to the RPO Board to replace Commissioner Owens and Commissioner Freeman. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Rountree provided a brief recap of communications from Clearscapes and asked the Board if they would like Clearscapes to attend the next Board meeting. The Board agreed Clearscapes should be in attendance.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Chuck Howard stated he is with the company that has provided a quote for the roofing on the Courthouse and is available to answer any questions if needed. Mrs. Rountree stated the proposal is in the budget for approval.

Billy Winn, Emergency Management Director, informed the Board that part of his responsibility is crisis management and if something is not decided with EMS soon we will be in crisis mode. Should the two parties not work something out we need to have a backup plan in place.

Commissioner Comments

Chair Hofler thanked everyone in attendance, we had good presentations at the beginning of the meeting. The decisions made are not easy and require a lot of thought and research.

Commissioner Owens thanked citizens for attending.

Commissioner Jordan thanked citizens for showing interest in county government. We are very thankful for EMS services we just need to make sure county funds are utilized the

best way possible. We will continue to do what is needed to keep the County operating smoothly.

Commissioner Felton stated the EMS contract will be approved, it may need some compromising but it will be approved.

Commissioner Freeman thanked everyone for their comments during the meeting and for providing comments between meetings.

Closed Session

Commissioner Owens made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 a (3) Legal and (6) Personnel. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

Commissioner Owens made a motion to exit closed session. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion; motion carried without opposition.

Adjournment

Mrs. Rountree stated the Board of education is available on May 24th at 5:30 or 6 p.m.. The Board agreed to meet at 5:30 on May 24th.

Commissioner Felton made a motion to recess until May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion; motion passed without opposition.

The following bills were ordered paid:

BAPTISTE, JENNIFER C	4/29/2016	2778.97
BEAMON, LISA B	4/29/2016	735.55
BOONE, LARRY D	4/29/2016	733.07
BOONE, MURRAY D	4/29/2016	558.83
BOONE, WALTER R	4/29/2016	1341.48
BOONE-HALL, CHERYL A	4/29/2016	1463.82
BRODIE, GEORGE S	4/29/2016	766.55
BUTTS, ALFRIKA O	4/29/2016	1632.90
BYRUM, CHRISTINE C	4/29/2016	1939.99
CAMPBELL, ALTON R	4/29/2016	2221.97
CARVER, MICHAEL G	4/29/2016	767.34
CHAPPELL, TRACIE L	4/29/2016	2048.56
CHAVIS, LORI A	4/29/2016	2313.35
CLARK, ANDREA	4/29/2016	1893.75
CROSS JR, EDWARD A	4/29/2016	1843.83
CROSS, LULA M	4/29/2016	1364.68
CURRY, WARREN D	4/29/2016	1555.55
DIMINO, LOUIS V	4/29/2016	1490.55
EARLEY, DEBRA H	4/29/2016	1430.01
EURE, BILLIE JO	4/29/2016	1585.64
EURE, ROBERT M	4/29/2016	844.51
FELTON, BILLY F	4/29/2016	664.31
FREEMAN III, JOSEPH R	4/29/2016	1891.74
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GIGLIO, ROCCO M	4/29/2016	1649.64
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HARRELL, SANDRA C	4/29/2016	1688.71
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HEDGEPEETH, TIMOTHY M	4/29/2016	3695.80
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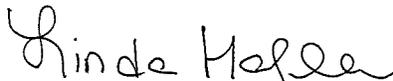
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CROSSROADS FUEL	4/2/2015	\$205.14
EMILY PARKS	4/2/2015	\$650.00

KAREN L. BOONE	4/2/2015	\$152.40
LATTA DISTRIBUTING CO., INC.	4/2/2015	\$174.11
LE BLEU BOTTLED WATER	4/2/2015	\$44.89
LOWE'S COMPANIES INC	4/2/2015	\$1,129.53
MOREHEAD HOSPITALITY, LLC	4/2/2015	\$57.84
NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	4/2/2015	\$127.13
NCARD	4/2/2015	\$40.00
RDJ SPECIALTIES INC	4/2/2015	\$255.31
SANDRA L. PITTMAN	4/2/2015	\$302.46
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC	4/2/2015	\$16,534.00
WHOLESALE CASH & CARRY IN	4/2/2015	\$22.09
WPCSOCC	4/2/2015	\$85.00
XEROX CORPORATION	4/2/2015	\$264.28
ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH	4/9/2015	\$504.00
CROSSROADS FUEL	4/9/2015	\$489.80
CYNTHIA DAY	4/9/2015	\$100.00
EASTERN RADIOLOGIST INC	4/9/2015	\$131.00
EDWARD E. WEBB	4/9/2015	\$300.00
ENVIRONMENT I INC	4/9/2015	\$1,113.55
HERTFORD CO DETENTION CEN	4/9/2015	\$19,600.00
LANE FARM SUPPLY	4/9/2015	\$186.00
LILLEY INTERNATIONAL INC	4/9/2015	\$200.37
MARK D. BARDELL, P.C.	4/9/2015	\$1,929.80
NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	4/9/2015	\$319.69
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NC DHHS OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER	4/9/2015	\$30.00
QUILL CORP.	4/9/2015	\$730.47
REG OF DEEDS SUPP PENSION	4/9/2015	\$90.23
ROBERT E. JORDAN	4/9/2015	\$270.00
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SENTARA HOSPITALS	4/9/2015	\$40.00
WILLIAM WINN	4/9/2015	\$224.65
AHOSKIE CHRISTIAN CENTER	4/9/2015	\$659.00
ALBEMARLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.	4/9/2015	\$449.00
CASSANDRA PIERCE	4/9/2015	\$439.00
CRYSTAL RIDDICK	4/9/2015	\$1,332.00
DAMASCUS ROAD WORSHIP CENTER INC.	4/9/2015	\$196.00
DIANN T. BROTHERS	4/9/2015	\$5,746.90
GATES CO BOARD OF EDUCATI	4/9/2015	\$2,187.00
JOANN HOWELL	4/9/2015	\$1,847.35
JOYCE A. RIDDICK	4/9/2015	\$692.00
MAIN STREET DAY CARE INC.	4/9/2015	\$149.00
MARY L. JOHNSON	4/9/2015	\$1,101.60
MARY'S LITTLE LAMBS DAYCARE & LEARNING CENTER INC.	4/9/2015	\$5,449.85
TANYA'S LOVING WITH LEARNING CARE CENTER	4/9/2015	\$1,349.05
THERESA M P BUTLER	4/9/2015	\$395.90
BRINKLEY HARDWARE	4/15/2015	\$566.39
CASH CYCLE SOLUTIONS, INC.	4/15/2015	\$2,299.14
CENTURYLINK	4/15/2015	\$4,784.37
CHLORINATOR SALES & SER I	4/15/2015	\$3,558.19
CROSSROADS FUEL	4/15/2015	\$1,653.70
DIXIE AUTO PARTS	4/15/2015	\$4,642.63
DOMINION NC POWER	4/15/2015	\$10,225.67
ECONO SIGN & BARRICADE, LLC	4/15/2015	\$285.96
GARRETT WINSLOW	4/15/2015	\$68.90
GATES CO WATER DEPT.	4/15/2015	\$295.50
GOOD PICKIN' INC	4/15/2015	\$1,567.50
HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS LTD	4/15/2015	\$824.16
JAMES H. SEARS	4/15/2015	\$100.00
JERRY HEMBREE	4/15/2015	\$207.00
KATHERINE A LANE	4/15/2015	\$117.76
LEXISNEXIS	4/15/2015	\$50.00
MARK NOBLES	4/15/2015	\$19.42
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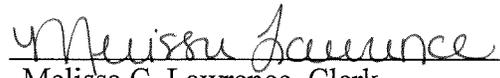
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ROANOKE ELEC MEMBERSHIP C	4/15/2015	\$1,363.47
ROBERT L. PARKER	4/15/2015	\$3,750.00
SAFE-T-WORKS, INC	4/15/2015	\$25.00
SENTARA HOSPITALS	4/15/2015	\$40.00
STITCH COUNT	4/15/2015	\$272.85
US CELLULAR	4/15/2015	\$2,273.00
VIRGINIA H. CROCKER	4/15/2015	\$25.00
WASTE INDUSTRIES INC	4/15/2015	\$402.27
WATER GUARD, INC	4/15/2015	\$1,260.35
WATSON LAWRENCE JR	4/15/2015	\$75.00
XEROX CORPORATION	4/15/2015	\$85.40
ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH	4/17/2015	\$15.00
COECO OFFICE SYSTEMS	4/17/2015	\$234.46
CRYSTAL JENKINS	4/17/2015	\$164.93
E/Z PAGE	4/17/2015	\$11.95
FIRST CITIZENS BANK	4/17/2015	\$40.00
HIGH & CROWE LLP	4/17/2015	\$49.75
IMAGING SPECIALTIES USA INC	4/17/2015	\$553.64
NC DEPT OF ADMIN - COURIE	4/17/2015	\$4.03
NEXVORTEX, INC.	4/17/2015	\$325.89
PURCHASE POWER	4/17/2015	\$252.06
R L BALLARD & ASSOCIATES	4/17/2015	\$171.87
RESCARE HOME CARE	4/17/2015	\$557.20
ROANOKE ELEC MEMBERSHIP C	4/17/2015	\$136.64
ROD, INC.	4/17/2015	\$66.95
SOUTHERN BANK & TRUST CO	4/17/2015	\$32.00
XEROX CORPORATION	4/17/2015	\$264.28
YOUNG WILLIAMS P.C.	4/17/2015	\$9,780.00
ALBEMARLE COMMISSION	4/21/2015	\$6,850.00
ALBEMARLE REGIONAL HEALTH	4/21/2015	\$43,006.99
CHOWAN COUNTY	4/21/2015	\$1,705.00
COOKE ELECTRIC & CONSTRUCTION, LLC	4/21/2015	\$497.30
ELLIS SWAMP DRAINAGE DIST	4/21/2015	\$1,269.00
EURE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPAR	4/21/2015	\$9,028.41
GATES VOL FIRE DEPARTMENT	4/21/2015	\$9,028.41
GATESVILLE VOL FIRE DEPAR	4/21/2015	\$9,028.41
GODWIN LAW FIRM	4/21/2015	\$937.50
HOBBSVILLE DRAINAGE DIST	4/21/2015	\$461.04
HOBBSVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE	4/21/2015	\$9,028.41
HOLLY GROVE DRAINAGE #1	4/21/2015	\$424.68
JILL B. LANG	4/21/2015	\$10.00
JOSEPH R. FREEMAN, III	4/21/2015	\$303.22
LOGICS LLC	4/21/2015	\$688.55
MACK POWELL	4/21/2015	\$300.00
MARK D. BARDELL, P.C.	4/21/2015	\$1,554.56
NC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	4/21/2015	\$85.08
NC DEPT OF ADMIN - COURIE	4/21/2015	\$9.91
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R L BALLARD & ASSOCIATES	4/21/2015	\$189.04
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC	4/21/2015	\$250.00
SUNBURY FIRE DEPT STATION	4/21/2015	\$9,028.41
SUNBURY FIRE DEPT STATION - CORAPEAKE	4/21/2015	\$7,966.24
TOWN OF GATESVILLE	4/21/2015	\$14,444.41
UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT	4/21/2015	\$180.00
UNIFORMS PLUS INC	4/21/2015	\$3,846.54
WILLIAM A. BOSEMAN, JR.	4/21/2015	\$3,850.00
XEROX CORPORATION	4/21/2015	\$80.00
AARON GOETZ	4/23/2015	\$4.29
AUSTIN BROWN	4/23/2015	\$9.43
BRACEY L. PERRY	4/23/2015	\$25.35
BRADLEY LEE	4/23/2015	\$22.13
DARRYL H. GOODMAN	4/23/2015	\$63.94
DEBORAH B. SMITH	4/23/2015	\$7.39

DONALD ST JOHN	4/23/2015	\$25.06
DORA HILL	4/23/2015	\$13.84
EDWARD CORDOVA	4/23/2015	\$5.25
GILBERT MODLIN	4/23/2015	\$59.84
GREGORY B. JERNIGAN	4/23/2015	\$3.72
JAMES UMPHLETT	4/23/2015	\$2.98
JAY HOBBS	4/23/2015	\$27.97
JERRY HORTON	4/23/2015	\$18.48
JERRY MORETZ	4/23/2015	\$70.40
KATHY J. RADMORE	4/23/2015	\$32.68
KAY V. RUFFIN	4/23/2015	\$44.85
LARRY R. WOODLEY	4/23/2015	\$4.65
MARK PERRY	4/23/2015	\$43.06
MATTHEW UMPHLETT	4/23/2015	\$24.96
PEGGY A. JOHNSTON	4/23/2015	\$36.78
RANDY MELTON	4/23/2015	\$11.84
SHARON BATTS	4/23/2015	\$4.59
TODD HARGETT	4/23/2015	\$44.89
WILLIAM BELICE WHICHARD, III	4/23/2015	\$47.76
WILLIAM MAURER	4/23/2015	\$4.41
ANTOINETTE P. HOLLEY	4/24/2015	\$18.40
APPLE TIME, INC	4/24/2015	\$227.00
ATLAS GEOGRAPHIC DATA INC	4/24/2015	\$2,400.00
CHLORINATOR SALES & SER I	4/24/2015	\$2,578.78
CHOWAN COUNTY EMS	4/24/2015	\$493.00
INOUTBOARD.COM,LLC	4/24/2015	\$49.90
MOORE'S INLET LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	4/24/2015	\$589.86
QUILL CORP.	4/24/2015	\$3,753.18
ROANOKE-CHOWAN PUBLISHING	4/24/2015	\$40.00
SENTARA HOSPITALS	4/24/2015	\$40.00
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC	4/24/2015	\$1,250.00
STEPHANIE SAWYER	4/24/2015	\$21.00
UNIFIRST CORP	4/24/2015	\$87.65
VIRGIL PARRISH	4/24/2015	\$736.00
JENNIFER C BAPTISTE	4/30/2015	\$2,815.38
BILLY FELTON	4/30/2015	\$82.48
DR. CLEVELAND HAWKINS	4/30/2015	\$80.75
FANNIE M. SPIVEY	4/30/2015	\$78.45
HENRY L. JORDAN	4/30/2015	\$97.08
IMAGING SPECIALTIES USA INC	4/30/2015	\$284.40
ROANOKE ELEC MEMBERSHIP C	4/30/2015	\$150.00
SANDRA NICKENS	4/30/2015	\$76.15
SUZANNE R. BUCHANAN	4/30/2015	\$213.50
VIRGINIA EMPLOYMENT COMMI	4/30/2015	\$65.00
XEROX CORPORATION	4/30/2015	\$264.28
ABC SEAMLESS SIDING & GUTTERS	4/30/2015	\$7,543.43
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ANDREA CLARK	4/30/2015	\$67.22
ASSURANT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4/30/2015	\$3,820.23
BEAVER LAKE SKI CLUB INC	4/30/2015	\$800.00
BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	4/30/2015	\$2,800.00
C. FOSTER PARRISH	4/30/2015	\$50.00
CENTURYLINK	4/30/2015	\$400.00
CHARLIE STALLS	4/30/2015	\$58.40
CITY ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	4/30/2015	\$104.95
COLONIAL LIFE	4/30/2015	\$1,747.48
DANIEL W. LANG	4/30/2015	\$50.00
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	4/30/2015	\$1,291.76
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FAMILY FOODS OF GATES	4/30/2015	\$11.19
JERRY ALLEN, II	4/30/2015	\$8.93
JOSEPH H. GREENE, JR	4/30/2015	\$50.00
KANAWHA INSURANCE CO.	4/30/2015	\$668.78
KENNETH JERNIGAN	4/30/2015	\$50.00
NC CHILD SUPPORT	4/30/2015	\$1,774.00
NC DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	4/30/2015	\$450.00
NC DEPT OF REVENUE	4/30/2015	\$94.66
NC FOREST SERVICE	4/30/2015	\$4,281.53

NC STATE UNIVERSITY	4/30/2015	\$50.00
NCSEAA	4/30/2015	\$327.55
PHELPS CHEVROLET INC.	4/30/2015	\$14,800.00
QUILL CORP.	4/30/2015	\$421.58
SOUTHERN BANK-VISA	4/30/2015	\$2,711.07
STATE INFORMATION PROC SE	4/30/2015	\$396.68
STEPHANIE WYCHE	4/30/2015	\$10.16
STRICKLAND AUTO GROUP INC	4/30/2015	\$98.22
SUPERIOR VISION	4/30/2015	\$454.08
THOMAS W. MOYER	4/30/2015	\$481.75
UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT	4/30/2015	\$1,150.00
VALERIE TRIPP	4/30/2015	\$10.35
VICTOR A. NOTARFRANCESCO, JR.	4/30/2015	\$469.40
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	4/30/2015	\$50,504.38



 Linda Hofler, Chairman



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