

**MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
MAY 1, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSIONERS' ROOM, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN LEONARD WIGGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Leonard Wiggins, Chairman, Mr. Jonathan Felton, Vice-Chairman, Mr. Donald Boswell, Mrs. Viola Harris, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, and Mrs. Evelyn Powell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. William Wooten.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, County Manager, Mr. Michael Peters and Ms. Frankie Mungo, Clerk to the Board.

2. PRAYER.

Rev. Hines provided the prayer.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to obtain citizens input regarding a proposed amendment to Article II "State of Emergency" of the Edgecombe County Code of Ordinances.**

Mr. Peters read the public notice.

Mr. Evans stated that while responding to Hurricane Matthew, it was learned that the County's ordinance does not specify the authority to evacuate an area when it becomes necessary during a State of Emergency. State law does allow counties to exercise that as a restriction if it is specified in our local ordinance. He stated that at the retreat the Board called for a public hearing to consider the recommended amendment to the County's Emergency Management and Services ordinance to include the language in the document presented to the Board. Pending public comments, Mr. Evans recommended that the Board approve the ordinance amendment as presented.

Mr. Wiggins called for public comment. There being none the public hearing was adjourned.

Rev. Hines moved to approve the amendment as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

5. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT:

Recognition of Mr. Charles Penny retired City Manager of Rocky Mount for his leadership and service.

Mr. Wiggins presented Mr. Penny with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Penny thanked the Board.

6. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

Mr. Wiggins recognized the presence of a Boy Scout leader and two scouts.

Mr. Frank Etheridge, Assistant Troop Leader #49 of Tarboro introduced two scouts, Brody Hooker and Clark Smith. Mr. Etheridge stated that the scouts are working on their Citizenship and Community Merit badges and one of the requirements is to attend a meeting to learn more about leadership and how a County is run

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of budget amendments.**

Rev. Hines moved to approve the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Approval of declaring County owned equipment and vehicles as surplus.

Mrs. Harris moved to declare County owned equipment and vehicles as surplus and authorize disposal on GovDeals. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. Approval of JCPC funding approval for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Mr. Evans stated that it is expected that the North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention will make available \$216,301 for FY 2017-2018 to support local programs. The Edgecombe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has met and approved funding for six local programs as well as administrative funds for the Council. He stated that this funding program requires a local match of \$21,630. Mr. Evans recommended Board approval.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the allocation of funds, required match and authorize the Chairman and staff to execute required documents. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of the Industrial Development Fund grant award for Kingsboro.

Mr. Evans stated that at the Board's February meeting he informed the Board that Carolina's Gateway partnership had been awarded a \$7 million grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation for Kingsboro Industrial Park. He stated that he also reported that we had gotten a verbal commitment from the NC Department of Commerce for another \$1,704,700 to be granted to the County through the Industrial Development Fund. Both funding agencies have agreed to collaboratively invest in Kingsboro in order to extend infrastructure onto the site, and to make it even more attractive for industrial prospects. Mr. Evans stated that we have recently received the award of the NC Commerce grant and recommending that the Board accept the grant by approving the resolution and related documents.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the resolution and related documents as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. APPOINTMENTS.

A. Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Felton moved to reappoint Mr. Jerry Spruell. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Human Services Board.

Mrs. Powell moved to reappoint Mr. Ernest Taylor and Dr. Evelyn Johnson. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9. AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Mr. Harris moved to approve the afterlists and releases as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

10. CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

11. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW.**Received*****

A. Water Services.

B. Financial Summary Report.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT.*Received*****

A. Economic and Workforce Indicators.

B. Update of Hurricane Matthew.

C. Update on recent flooding event.

13. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

A. Joint meeting with Nash Rocky Mount Board of Education – May 8, 2017; Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.; ECC BioTech Building, Rocky Mount.

B. Budget Work Session – May 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Harris thanked the Planning Department and the Sheriff's Department on the way they handled a situation on Highway 33.

14. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

15. **CLOSED SESSION.**

Rev. Hines moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development and a legal matter. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Powell moved to go out of closed session and resume the regular meeting. Mr. Felton seconded by motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Evans shared the follow-up letter to LGC regarding the audit with the Board.

16. **MRS. POWELL MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL MAY 8, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. FOR THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE NASH ROCKY MOUNT BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

Approved June 5, 2017.

Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board