

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
APRIL 6, 2015 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, Mr. William Wooten, Mrs. Viola Harris, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, and Mrs. Evelyn Powell.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Lorenzo Carmon, County Manager, Mr. Mahlon DeLoatch, County Attorney and Ms. Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board.

2. PRAYER:
Provided by Rev. E. Wayne Hines.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL:
Mr. Felton moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 meeting as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC HEARING(S):
(1) Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments or questions relative to the creation of Water and Sewer District No. 6 of Edgecombe County.

Mr. DeLoatch read the public notice as published.

Mr. Carmon stated that the public hearing was required in order to take over the operating, maintenance and ownership of the Town of Princeville's Water and Sewer System. He stated that the Town is also required to do the same. He stated that the County will be applying for loans and grants for repairs to the system.

Mr. Wiggins called for public comments.

Mr. Calvin Sherrod, 909 King Avenue, Princeville, stated that the idea of taking over Princeville's system may sound good but since the Local Government Commission took over the books from the Town he has seen no improvements. He stated that there is a water leak on King Avenue that has existed for three months and citizens will have to pick up the tab. He stated that when the County's Water Department cut across the roads for repairs they do not pave the area. Mr. Sherrod stated that the current Princeville Town Manager is capable of writing grants. He also stated that weeds around the sub-stations should be cut back by the County's Water Department. He stated that the County has taken over the Police Department, tax collections and now the water and the only thing Princeville has is its charter.

Mr. Wiggins told Mr. Sherrod that a majority of his concerns should be addressed to the Princeville governing board instead of the County.

Mr. Frank Redwine, Pastor of Tabernacle of Prayer Church located on Neville Street in Princeville, stated that the church has a high water bill. He stated that sewer pipes are sticking up on Williams Street.

Mr. Carmon stated that Powell Bill Funds are distributed to the town or state for road repairs.

Mr. Carmon stated that a preliminary engineering report was done which indicated \$6 million cost for repair of the sewer system which the Town of Princeville cannot afford. Mr. Carmon stated that as an enterprise fund, the money generated should be put back into the system and that was not done.

Mr. Wiggins stated that once the transfer of the system is complete, work will begin securing funds through grants and loans to make repairs.

There being no further comments the public hearing was adjourned.

Mrs. Harris moved to approve the Resolution Creating Edgecombe Water and Sewer District No. 6 as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

(2) Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments or questions relative to an application for a Special Use Permit submitted by Community Solar Energy for the construction of a solar energy system.

Mr. DeLoatch read the public notice as published.

Mr. Carmon called on Mr. Eric Evans, Assistant County Manager to provide details.

Mr. Evans stated that Community Solar Energies application had been submitted prior to amendments made to the County's Solar Energy Ordinance concerning vegetative buffers and decommissioning. He stated that the request has been revised to meet the amended ordinance and the only missing information is a decommissioning report. He stated that the County will hold off on issuing a building permit until this is received.

Mr. Chris Killenburg, 141 W. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC, Tarboro Solar LLC stated that the 40 acre site is located on 64 Alternate headed towards Conetoe.

Mr. Felton asked how big their operation was.

Mr. Killenburg stated that the company has already developed 18 solar facilities in North Carolina and has 18 more in development stage.

Mr. Boswell asked what their largest project was.

Mr. Killenburg stated 40 acres is their largest.

There being no further comments the public hearing was adjourned.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the issuance of the Special Use Permit contingent upon receiving the decommissioning information. Mr. Felton seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

(3) Mr. Wiggins called a public hearing to order to receive citizen comments or questions regarding the expenditure of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Down East HOME Consortium funds for housing, economic development, and other community development needs.

Mr. DeLoatch read the public notice as published.

Mr. Carmon called upon Mr. Evans to provide background on this project.

Mr. Evans stated that being a part of Down East HOME Consortium through the City of Rocky Mount we get access to HOME funds. These funds require that the City, as the lead entity, develop an action plan annually to receive citizen comments prior to submitting the action plan. Citizens were given the opportunity earlier today to come and make their views known or to ask any questions; but we also wanted to give any other citizens the opportunity at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Evans reported that the Consortium expects to receive approximately \$426,000 in HOME funds and of that; approximately \$95,000 will be designated for Edgecombe County. Primarily in the past these funds have been used to do housing rehabilitation for low income families, however, there are other activities that can take place such as rental assistance, rental rehab and home ownership assistance.

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

No action was required.

5. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW:

REV. HINES MOVED TO RECESS THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW. MR. FELTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

- A. Carol Allen White, Clerk of Superior Court administered the oath of office.
- B. Mr. Wiggins, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
Mr. Wiggins stated that the Board of Equalization and Review meets yearly to hear assessment of tax issues.
- C. Scheduled Appointments.
There were no scheduled appointments.

REV. HINES MOVED TO RECESS AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW UNTIL MAY 4, 2015 AND TO RECONVENE THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. MR. FELTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6. **PUBLIC PETITIONS:**

No petitioners came forward.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. **Approval of budget amendments.**

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

B. **Approval of Library Outreach Services Proclamation Day April 15, 2015.**

Mr. Carmon stated that citizens are encouraged to visit Edgecombe Memorial Library and Braswell Memorial Library on this day to take advantage of the available resources.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the proclamation as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C. **Call for and hold a close-out public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the CDBG-Scattered Site Housing Rehab Grant.**

Mr. Carmon stated that Edgecombe County received a Community Development Scattered Site housing Rehab Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance in their 2012 funding cycle. He stated that this grant was used to assist two low-income families with housing replacement. That grant has been completed, and therefore it is time to take the steps to close it out per the grant guidelines. Part of this is holding a close-out public hearing.

Mr. Boswell moved to call for and hold the public hearing at the May 4, 2015 meeting. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. **Approval of Health Department fees for services provided.**

Mr. Carmon stated that with the current contract the Health Department has with a physician to provide services, the physician can now provide PAP Smears, a screening test for cervical cancer. However, the Board needs to establish a fee for these services. The proposed fees are:

Age	Test	Fee
Up to age 25	PAP only	\$38.00
Ages 25-29	Normal PAP	\$34.00
	Abnormal PAP	\$81.00
Ages 30 +	PAP only	\$81.00

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the fees as submitted. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. **Approval of an amendment to the Edgecombe County Pay Classification Plan.**

Mr. Carmon stated that as a result of the Early Retirement Program offered by the County it has become necessary to amend the Pay Classification Plan as follows:

Eliminate the Lieutenant position, grade 38 and create a Captain position in Grade 43 and delete the Captain/Chief Deputy position grade 43 and create a Major position, Grade 50.

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

F. Approval of a Resolution Declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. PLANNING BOARD REPORT:

Mr. Evans presented the Planning Board report.

A. Action Items:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. UDO Text Amendment discussion.

B. Solar Energy Ordinance vegetative buffer discussion.

C. Draft Minutes.

D. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2015.

The planning board requested that the Board of Commissioners call for a public hearing to approve Flood Maps and Ordinance at the meeting scheduled for May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Boswell moved to call for a public hearing as requested. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

9. AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

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

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR REVIEW: *Received*****

- A. Water Services.
- B. Veterans Service.
- C. PreTrial Release Program.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT: *Received*****

- A. Economic/Workforce Indicators.
- B. Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners joint meeting with the Edgecombe County Board of Education, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM; Edgecombe County Administrative Building Auditorium.
- C. Suddenlink.
- D. Conetoe Solar Project – Removal and Salvage Estimates.

12. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Mr. Felton stated that he noticed in the minutes that they show a fund balance of 18.6 percent for 2013, and a fund balance of 20.25 percent for 2014. He stated that he had specifically asked the auditor what our fund balance was and was told around 9 percent. He stated he would like to have a clear understanding of where our fund balance stands as we are getting ready to go into the budget session and need to know for sure. Mr. Felton also stated the board members are supposed to be getting a cash flow statement on a monthly basis that gives us an idea of how collections and revenues are being generated against the expenditures, however, he has not seen one in the last few months.

Mr. Carmon stated that we have restricted and unrestricted fund balance. Most of that money is in the restricted fund balance and we cannot spend it on anything other than what

it is designated for such as education. He stated that staff can get the monthly report for the board.

Mrs. Harris stated that on March 18th she attended the NCACC's Public Education Steering Committee Meeting. She reported that some of the main issues discussed were: Proposal by the General Assembly to get rid of election of State Superintendent; Academic standards of Charter Schools. She further reported that the major goals discussed were: Restore lottery funding of 40% back; Board of Education not able to sue Board of Commissioners when not given funds requested.

Mrs. Harris reported that on March 25th she attended the District Regional Meeting of the Eastern District of the State which was held in Williamston. Attendees discussed issues regarding: Sales tax; a proposed education bill that states if NC students that attend college or go to a community college need remedial classes, the charges for the classes will come back to the County where the student graduated from.

Mrs. Harris stated that on March 30th she attended a Strategic Planning Meeting in Greenville. There were discussions on Regional Partnerships and creating more tax revenues in rural areas.

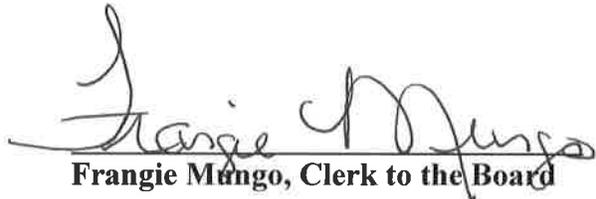
13. ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

14. CLOSED SESSION:

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

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

15. REV. HINES MOVED TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 AT 6:30 P.M. FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE EDGEcombe COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION. MR. FELTON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.


Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board