

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY
OCTOBER 1, 2018 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. Evelyn Powell, Mr. William Wooten, Mrs. Viola Harris and Rev. E. Wayne Hines.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, County Manager, Mr. Michael Peters, County Attorney and Mrs. Kim Myers, Deputy Clerk to the Board.

2. PRAYER.
Rev. Hines provided the prayer.

Mr. Evans asked the Board to appoint or designate Mrs. Kim Myers, Risk Management Coordinator for the County, as “fill in Clerk” for tonight’s meeting or to consider designating Mrs. Myers as Deputy Clerk.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve the recommendation of designating Mrs. Myers as Deputy Clerk to the Board. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL.

Mr. Boswell moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

4. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT(S).

A. Dr. Gregory McLeod and Charlie Harrell – Budget approval for year 2018-2019 for Edgecombe Community College.

Mr. Evans stated presented in the agenda is a copy of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget for Edgecombe Community College. The Board of Trustees approved the budget on September 24, 2018. Now the Board of Commissioners must acknowledge their total budget and confirm our appropriation of \$1,656,000. Mr. acknowledged the presence of Edgecombe Community College’s recently appointed President, Dr. Gregory McLeod and Mr. Charlie Harrell, ECC Vice President of Administrative Services.

Dr. Gregory McLeod, President of Edgecombe Community College came forth to introduce himself to the Board. He shared that he grew up in Raeford near Fayetteville and Lumberton. After graduating from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in 1989, he earned a bachelor’s degree in math education at UNC-Chapel Hill. After college he taught middle and high school before working briefly in corporate marketing. He later earned a master’s degree in training and development and a certificate in business management at NC State University and a Ph.D. in leadership and education at Barry University in Florida. Dr. McLeod is married to the former Beverly Wilkins of Oxford, NC and they have a 15-year-old son, Jordan and a 13-year-old-daughter, Kyla.

Dr. McLeod has hit the ground running. The Center for Innovation is back on track and Loop Road is in progress. Locally, Dr. McLeod is a member of the Tarboro-Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Strategic Twin-Counties Education Partnership Board of Directors. He strongly believes in mentoring and servicing the community.

Mr. Charlie Harrell, ECC Vice President of Administrative Services, presented the budget to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Harrell stated ECC is required to present the budget so the board is aware of all funding.

There was a motion by Mr. Wooten and a Second by Rev. Hines to approve the budget. Mrs. Harris asked to be withdrawn from the vote due to conflict. The motion and second were withdrawn, and with a motion from Mrs. Powell and a second from Rev. Hines the board voted to allow Mrs. Harris to withdraw from the vote.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve the budget. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote (minus Mrs. Harris).

B. Robert Hiatt and Michael Williams – Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government/Turning Point Workforce Development Board – Update on Workforce Development Activities.
Mr. Hiatt, Executive Director of Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government shared a handout outlining what the Council of Government is and what it does. The counties involved run from Wilson County north through North Hampton County. This includes 41 Municipalities and a population of 304,148.

Mr. Williams, Workforce Director, shared a PowerPoint presentation, a handout was presented. The Workforce program trains citizens for jobs in demand within the region and works with area businesses to develop talent. The program is administered by the UCPCOG, and program oversight is provided by the Turning Point Workforce Development Board. Mr. Williams stated that in 2017 Workforce Development served over 1,970 participants in Edgecombe County. Edgecombe's investment for 2017 was \$788,000 and the return on investment (ROI) was \$2,955,000.

Workforce provides Business Services, NCWorks Career Centers, Partnerships and Career Fairs. NCWorks Career Centers replaced the former Unemployment Security Commission offices.

Mr. Evans asked Mr. Williams to talk about the tool for job seekers and employers. Mr. Williams presented the online resources which can be found at www.ncworks.gov. The website provides resources in three categories: 1 – Job seekers; 2- Employers and 3- Labor Market Information.

5. PUBLIC PETITIONS.

Morris Mays – 802 E. Wilson St., Tarboro came forth and requested the requirements for a Sweepstakes business. Mr. Wiggins directed him to see Mrs. Cynthia Jones in the Planning/Inspections Department. Also advised Mr. Mays he would need to provide a location.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Approval of budget amendments.

Mr. Evans stated along with the routine budget amendments there is an amendment to pay \$10,000 for two generators which were purchased in preparation for Hurricane Florence.

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

B. Approval of Legally Binding Commitment for IDF Grant related to the Corning Project.

Mr. Evans stated we received grant funding to extend infrastructure onto Kingsboro Industrial Park. The funding includes a \$7 Million grant from The Golden LEAF Foundation and a \$1,704,700 grant from the NC Department of Commerce under their Industrial Development Fund. The NC Department of Commerce requires that a Legally Binding Commitment be executed with Corning, separate and apart from our inducement agreement. This agreement specifically addresses the number of jobs to be created and how those jobs will be verified.

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

C. Approval of Contract Change Order for Corrective Measures at the Landfill.

Mr. Evans reviewed the phased approach payments for the corrective measures at the Landfill. Phase two in the current year was budgeted at \$400,000. However, our engineers at S&ME recommend that part of the work planned for phase three in FY 2020 needs to be included in phase two instead requiring an additional appropriation to the Solid Waste capital outlay budget of \$100,008.85. Mr. Evans recommended approval of Change Order 4 for Preston Contractors and the accompanying budget amendment.

Mr. Sam Watts stated the goal is to protect the ground water and presented pictures of the project. There were several questions and discussion.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the change order as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Documents to convey property to Corning.

Mr. Evans stated the executed incentive agreement with Corning on May 31, 2018 included the commitment of the Board to convey 150 acres of land to the company. The County has purchased this land and is now prepared to convey the property to Corning.

Mrs. Powell moved to approve the documents to convey property to Corning as presented. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

E. Approval of Change Order Number 4 for the Sewer to Speed Project.

Mr. Evans stated Change Order Number 4 will result in an increase of \$9,259.99 increasing the total contract price to \$4,077,115.67. This also changes the substantial completion date to October 29, 2018, and addition of 95 days.

Mr. Wooten moved to approve Change Order 4 as presented. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

F. Approval of declaring 14 manufactured homes as surplus.

Mr. Evans reported 14 residents of Midlakes Mobile Home Park chose option 3. Edgcombe County now owns all 14 of these units and we are requesting that each of these units be considered surplus units. Mr. Felton asked what the county would do with them. Mr. Evans stated the units will be sold.

Rev. Hines moved to approve declaring 14 manufactured homes as surplus. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

7. APPOINTMENTS.

A. Recreation Grant Review Committee.

Mr. Boswell moved to reappoint Mr. Felton, Mr. Bellamy, Ms. Thigpen and Ms. Parker to the Recreation Grant Review Committee. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

Mrs. Powell moved to appoint Ms. Helen Bowens to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

8. AFTERLISTS AND RELEASES FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

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

9. CONTRACTS FOR REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL.

Mr. Felton moved to approve the contracts as presented. Mr. Wooten seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A. Water Services.

B. Financial Summary Report.

C. Hurricane Recovery Update.

D. Elections Update

Mr. Jerry Spruell, BOE Director presented an update. Mr. Spruell shared sample ballots with each of the commissioners showing the ballots for their particular districts along with BOE Contact Information, BOE Board Members, Edgcombe County Districts/Wards, Polling Place Master List, One-Stop Early Voting Schedule, BOE Upcoming Events, Voter Registration Application, Edgcombe County Statistics Count Report.

Mr. Spruell reported there are 21 polling places within the county. Two of the polling places have changed location. Precinct 0901 will now use Macclesfield Community Center located at 204 W. Green Street, Macclesfield. Precinct 1205 will now use North End Missionary Baptist Church located at 500 E. Grand Ave., Rocky Mount.

Mr. Spruell stated there are three locations for One-Stop Early Voting: Edgecombe County Administrative Building (Auditorium) located at 201 St. Andrews St., Tarboro; Department of Social Services located at 301 S. Fairview Rd., Rocky Mount; and Pinetops Library located at 201 SE First St., Pinetops.

Mr. Spruell stated Edgecombe County residents who are not registered to vote may register and vote at any one stop voting location. Residents who are registering to vote must provide a current valid ID as proof of residency. The ID must show the name and current residential address. Voter registration deadline to vote on Election Day for General Elections is October 12th.

E. Midlakes relocation project.

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

A. Economic and Workforce Indicators.

B. Letter from Town of Macclesfield.

C. Letter from Judge Walter Godwin.

D. Hurricane Florence Response Report.

E. Grand Opening of Rocky Mount Event Center:

Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

285 N.E. Main Street

Rocky Mount, NC

F. Press release from Triangle Tire.

12. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

None

13. ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION.

Mr. Felton moved to go into closed session to discuss economic development. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Harris moved to go out of closed session. Rev. Hines seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

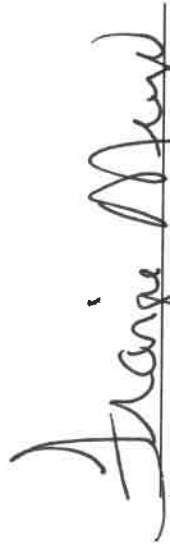
Mr. Evans reported the Building Inspector recently resigned to take a position with Winterville. The position will be posted on NC Works and in the *County Line* publication.

Rev. Hines thanked everyone for responding to his brother's passing.

Mr. Felton is having surgery on October 26th please keep him in prayer.

15. MR. FELTON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. MRS. POWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Approved November 5, 2018


Frankie Mungb, Clerk to the Board