

Board of Supervisors, March 8, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the Goode Bank Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour, Chairman; Glanzy Spain, Jr., Vice-Chairman; David Brankley; Andy Hargrove; Jim Jennings; Charles Jones; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Sterling Wilkinson

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021, Board Meeting. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Jason Corwin addressed the Board requesting to move Polling Precinct 802 from Gator's Store to Bluestone Middle School. This move would allow for more room, better parking and shelter from the weather for voters.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, the Board voted unanimously to relocate Precinct 802 from Gator's Store to Bluestone Middle School. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Joint Education Committee met on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

Members present were Claudia Lundy, David Brankley, Glanzy Spain, Glenn Edwards, Ricky Allgood, Lindell Palmer, Paul Nichols, Ex-Efficio; Wayne Carter, Ex-Efficio

Also Present: Abe Jeffers, Brian Dalton, Vince Maresco, Skanska

Mrs. Lundy called the meeting to order.

All present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Brankley, seconded by Mr. Spain, to adopt the agenda as presented and was unanimously approved.

Superintendent Nichols along with Mr. Maresco, Project Manager with Skanska showed the Committee a presentation of the building progress, giving them an update on the New Middle/High School Project. He stated that the project was still running on schedule and should be complete August 1, 2022. He also stated that the project was running within budget and the contingency funds should be adequate for any future change orders.

Mr. Brian Dalton presented the Committee with facility study's that have recently been done by Ballou Justice Upton Architects on Lacrosse Elementary, Clarksville Elementary and Chase City Elementary Schools. The recommendations are as follows:

- demolish and replace the existing 1960's and 1980's buildings with new facilities based on VDOE guidelines. The new facilities will be equipped with updated spaces and current technologies.
- Improve safety/security at entry vestibules and throughout the facility.
- Provide ADA accessibility throughout facility and site.
- Enhance outside play areas.
- Address site related issues and constraints.
- Provide safety and security improvements to address bus loading/unloading, faculty and staff parking, and parent drop off/pick up.

Mr. Dalton explained to the Committee that in addition to the above recommendations, Lacrosse Elementary would need sewer accessibility. The report showed two options. Option one being design, bid, and build all three at the same time, option two, design all now and (bid/build) all three consecutively approximately (1) year apart from each other. The report also listed the pros and cons to both options. The cost estimate is currently \$30,000,000,00 per school.

Mr. Brankley asked what debt service would be. Mr. Carter stated that the County had borrowed \$35 million last year at an annual debt service of approximately \$2.3 million, which would be close to the cost for each school.

Upon a motion of Mr. Brankley, seconded by Mr. Edwards, the meeting was adjourned.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:15 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glanzy Spain, Chairman; Charles Jones; David Brankley; Jim Jennings; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Andy Hargrove; Claudia Lundy; Tom Tanner; Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield; Ed Taylor; Sandra Langford

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

The Sheriff's Department has received an insurance check for \$1,085.28 for damages to a Sheriff's vehicle. Staff is requesting the funds be supplementally appropriated to the Vehicle Replacement fund.

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Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends approval of the \$1,085.28 supplemental appropriation to the Sheriff's Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$1,085.28 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Fund. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Economic Development Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room, Boydton, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Jones, Chairman; Glanzy Spain, Jim Jennings, Tom Tanner

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; David Brankley; Claudia Lundy; Andy Hargrove; Sterling Wilkinson; H. Wayne Carter, III., County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter presented the five contracts for utilities at the Timber and Prison Sites.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid for the LVL (Prison) Campus, Contract D – Booster Station to Waco, Inc in the amount of \$1,436,700.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid for the Timber Sewer Lift Station and Force main, Phase 1 to H.G Reynolds Company, Inc in the amount of \$1,215,607.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid for the LVL (Timber) Campus, Contract C – Booster Station to H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc in the amount of \$1,849,258.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid for the LVL (Timber) Campus, Ground Storage Tanks to Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc in amount of \$1,520,650.00.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Committee voted unanimously to award the bid for the LVL (Prison) Campus, Ground Storage Tanks to Mid-Atlantic Storage Systems, Inc in the amount of \$1,520,650.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to award the previously stated five bids. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised the Board that Building and Zoning permits were up this month as well as permit values and that the Animal Warden was able to adopt out the majority of the dogs picked up. Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's report was included in the packet as well as the VDOT monthly report and the monthly report from Behavioral Health.

Mr. Jon Taylor updated the Board on Covid 19. He advised there have been some changes in the way the Health Department sends him the daily positive count, but that he would continue to send the Board daily email updates. He stated that the County is remaining in the 60 active cases daily with 58 total deaths. He stated that he is still working with VDEM on a site location for a vaccination center. Mr. Taylor was pleased to report that all Police, Fire, Rescue and Employees who chose to be vaccinated have been.

Mr. Carter advised that April 11-17 is National Telecommunicator's Week.

Upon a motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Resolution

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 11-17, 2021

Whereas, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and limb and the preservation of property; and,

Whereas, the safety of our police officers, rescue squads and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Mecklenburg County E-9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services as they are the person on the other end of the phone call; and,

Whereas Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, rescue squads and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety in these most difficult times; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Mecklenburg County E-9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year during the pandemic.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors declares the week of April 11th through 17th, 2021 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Mecklenburg County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Mr. Carter advised the Board of a request by Empower Broadband for the County to serve as applicant for the 2021 Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission Southern Virginia Program Grant. If awarded the project would involve 33.25 miles of fiber construction passing 217 locations along remote areas of Mecklenburg County in the Palmer Springs area to be funded through the program wide pool.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously send a support letter to the Commission in favor of the project and serve as the applicant on the grant. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Carter advised the Board of some amendments to the Buckhorn Elementary Demolition bid documents including a \$250.00 per day liquidated damage penalty if not completed in 6 months of award day and increasing the size of the demolition from gravel size for roads to football size that could still be used as fill material. This should save the County substantial costs.

Superintendent Paul Nichols addressed the Board with a presentation and update on the new school construction. He stated that the project is on budget and on schedule. The projected final completion date remains August 2022.

Under the Chairman's report:

Chairman Barbour advised that the January 26, 2021, minutes of the Roanoke River Service Authority are included in the packet for informational purposes.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent calendar as it relates to the February bill's list. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Carter stated that he had set out for each member a petition opposing the Pen Road Convenience Center.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mr. Jones stated he was pleased with the progress with the new schools and stated that the family of Mr. W.P Hudgins will be in his prayers and complemented staff on doing a good job.

Mr. Wilkinson stated that he thinks Fire, EMS, Police and the 911 dispatchers did a great job and the new radio system worked well during the storm. He commended the Landfill staff on doing a good job cleaning up sites, that we need work release and stated his pleasure with the school construction progress.

Mr. Hargrove also stated he is pleased with the new school construction progress and he is saddened about the passing of Mr. W. P. Hudgins which is a loss for our entire community.

Mr. Jennings stated Mr. Hudgins was a good leader and would be missed. He stated that the Grasshopper Solar Project is complete and he suspects run-off is continuing to go into Butcher's Creek. Mr. Jennings also informed the Board he had some more information on legalizing marijuana that he would share with Mr. Carter.

Mrs. Lundy stated that she was happy to hear the teachers are getting a pay increase and that she was also saddened by the loss of Mr. Hudgins and Mrs. Cornelia Powell, the first Lady of color on the School Board.

Mr. Brankley commended the 911 dispatchers on a job well done during the recent ice storm as well as Mecklenburg Electric and Dominion Power.

Mr. Tanner advised that EMS and Fire did an excellent job during the recent ice storm as well as Jon Taylor and the power companies. He expressed his condolences for Mr. W.P. Hudgins as well as Mr. Frank Malone of South Hill.

Mr. Spain agreed with all the previously stated comments. He stated that Charlotte County Residents dumping their garbage in our County's green boxes is an ongoing problem. Mr. Spain also said his condolences for Mr. W.P. Hudgins and Mr. Frank Malone, stating they were true public servants.

Mr. Barbour encouraged the public to get the COVID – 19 Vaccine. He told the Board that he read a recent article naming Mecklenburg County 8th in the State for second home ownership and stated how fortunate we are to have the lakes here.

Upon motion of Mr. Hargrove, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1),(5). Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to go back into Open Session. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted to adopt the following Certification Resolution. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Session to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed or considered by the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:	AYE:	NAYE:
	Barbour	
	Spain	
	Brankley	
	Lundy	
	Hargrove	
	Jennings	
	Jones	
	Tanner	
	Wilkinson	

Upon a motion of Mrs. Lundy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Economic Incentive Grant Agreement Contract with the Town of South Hill and authorize staff to sign the necessary documents. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 12, 2021, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.

