

Board of Supervisors, April 12, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in and for the County of Mecklenburg on April 11, 2021, at 9:30 a.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 March 8, 2021 and March 22, 2021 Board Meetings. 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 amended agenda as presented. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour read aloud a resolution, that the Board adopted last month in recognition of Telecommunication's Week. Chairman Barbour next presented it to 911 Dispatchers Erin Clancy, Tajean Dixon and Director Ben Duncan, thanking them for their hard-work and dedication to the Police, First Responders and Citizens of Mecklenburg County.

A public hearing was held on the application by Delores Pulliam for a special exception permit to allow for a bookkeeping service. This property, identified as County Tax number 174000 ((A)) 012, zoned Residential R2 is located on the south side of Highway 707 (Phillis Road), approximately ½ mile west of its intersection with Martin Lane, Boydton District, Election District 6, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-10-2733.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Delores Pulliam for a special exception permit to allow for a bookkeeping service. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Inter Metro Properties, LLC (Barbara Semple) to rezone from Industrial M-1, to Business B-1. This property is identified as County Tax Number 180000-((A))-045A, zoned Industrial M-1, and is located on the Southside of Highway 903, approximately 200 feet west of its intersection with Highway 1401 (Bracey Drive), La Crosse District, Election District 3, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-6-4130.

Mr. John Janson, attorney representing the applicant, was present to answer questions. Mr. Janson advised the Board that this was an adjoining property to the property that was previously used as a truck terminal.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Inter Metro Properties, LLC (Barbara Semple) to rezone from Industrial M-1, to Business B-1. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

A public hearing was held on the application by Inter Metro Properties, LLC (Barbara Semple) to rezone from Industrial M-1, to Business B-1. This property is identified as County Tax Number 180000-((A))-045B, zoned Industrial M-1, and is located on the southside of Highway 903, approximately 200 feet west of its intersection with Highway 1401 (Bracey Drive), La Crosse District, Election District 3, County of Mecklenburg. Reference Deed Book LR-6-4130.

Mr. John Janson, Attorney representing the applicant, was present to answer questions. Mr. Janson advised the planning commission that this was an adjoining property to the property that was used as a truck terminal. The truck company has relocated and the owner felt that Business B-1 is a more appropriate use of the property.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing was closed.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application by Inter Metro Properties, LLC (Barbara Semple) to rezone from Industrial M-1, to Business B-1. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Property Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Jennings, Chairman; Andy Hargrove; Claudia Lundy; Glanzy Spain; Sterling Wilkinson

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Barbour; Charles Jones; Tom Tanner; David Brankley; H. Wayne Carter, County Administrator; Judy Sheffield, Assistant County Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Carter presented bids received for demolition of Buckhorn Elementary. The low bid was received from R.J. Smith Construction for a cost of \$93,475.00. He stated that this company is highly recommended, they will have six months to complete the job and the County will pay the tipping fees.

Upon a motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the low bid. Supervisors Jennings, Spain, Lundy, Hargrove and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to accept the low bid received from R.J. Smith Construction for a cost of \$93,475.00 to demolish Buckhorn Elementary School. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 8:45 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Glanzly 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 \$6,428.74, for damages to a Sheriff's vehicle. Staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation to the Vehicle Replacement fund.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Committee unanimously recommends approval of the \$6,428.74 supplemental appropriation to the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Carter stated that he, Ed and Sandra have been working on the budget and hope to have something to the Committee by the end of the month.

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 \$6,428.74 to the Sheriff's Vehicle Replacement Fund. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Ms. Tina Morgan, Tourism Coordinator addressed the Board with a presentation and update.

Ms. Morgan stated that during this past year she has divided her time between driving visitations during a pandemic and helping small business who were struggling and left out of federal grant funding. In the fall of 2020, \$200,000 was allocated from CARES funding for a Tourism and Arts Grant to help struggling non-profits organizations. She stated that they awarded \$139,000 to 12 applicants. She updated the Board on the CARES funded Gift Card Match Program. With completing 3 rounds, she was able to put back over 1 million dollars to the small businesses that participated and stated she has been contacted by localities from all over the Nation that wanted information on how her program worked. Ms. Morgan stated that tourism marketing during a pandemic is very challenging. The last year was focused on road trips, outdoor activities and safety. Luckily, Mecklenburg County was already in a good position for that. She stated that Mecklenburg County hotels are showing an increase in bookings right now. She advised the

Board that she has launched a new tour section of the Tourism website complete with sample itineraries. Ms. Morgan advised the Board that information on the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail can also be found on the website. Planning for the American Bass Anglers Tournament for October 17th – 22nd is well underway. She stated that she is expecting 250 anglers and their partners here for this national championship. Ms. Morgan shared with the Board that Clarksville's lakeside is getting a facelift with new ownership of the restaurant, hotels and a brewery alongside the lake. Chase City has two new restaurants. Ms. Morgan stated that with our community getting vaccinated, she hopes that activities this summer will come to life safely, stating that Clarksville hosted their Wine Festival last weekend.

Ms. Morgan advised the Board that the Virginia Outdoors Foundation Grant the County applied for with the Southside Planning District Commission for the Tobacco Heritage Trail was denied but they were encouraged to apply again. This grant would be for \$250,000 to construct a trailhead west of Boydton and plan/design the trail to an overlook at Rudd's Creek. Ms. Morgan is requesting the County again; serve as co-applicant on this grant.

Upon a motion of Mr. Tanner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board of Supervisors serving as co-applicant on a grant through the Virginia Outdoors Foundation for the Tobacco Heritage Trail in the amount of \$250,000. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Under the County Administrator's report:

Mr. Carter advised that this year in the budget is \$45,000 for the fishing tournament.

Mr. Carter advised that the Building Inspector's report is included in the packet and it has the permits included in it for the Prison Site. The Zoning Administrator's report and the Animal Warden's report is included in the packet. The County was able to adopt out over 80% of the animals picked up.

Mr. Barbour questioned the adoption process as to ensuring that the dogs adopted are not aggressive. Mr. Carter explained the adoption process to the Board.

Mr. Spain asked Mr. Carter to introduce the Deputy with us today.

Mr. Carter introduced Captain Whittemore to the Board stating that the Sheriff and Major were unable to attend today.

Mr. Carter advised that the Sheriff's monthly report is included in the packet for review. Mr. Carter advised that the VDOT monthly report is included. He stated that they are working on patching potholes on secondary roads, have hired private contractors to pick up litter on primary roads and have contractors through FEMA that are trimming trees along the sides of the roads due to damage from the ice storms.

Mr. Brankley suggested that the newspapers publish that the County is urging citizens to take more pride in our County and our roads and to help stop the littering. Mr. Carter advised the Board that he is working with the Sheriff's Office on having an Officer to take inmates from the Meherrin River Regional Jail out to help with litter pick-up once the new Officers get out of school in June.

Mr. Carter advised that the monthly report from Southside Behavioral Health is included in the packet for review.

Under the Chairman's report:

The term of Mr. J.R. Price on the Board of Zoning Appeals will expire on April 30, 2021. He is eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jennings, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. J.R. Price to serve another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The term of Mr. Keith Carter on the Board of Zoning Appeals will expire on April 30, 2021. He is eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Keith Carter to serve another term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

The term of Mrs. Gail Moody on the Mecklenburg/Brunswick Regional Airport Commission will expire on April 30, 2021. She is eligible for re-appointment.

Upon a motion of Mr. Spain, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Mrs. Gail Moody to serve another term on the Mecklenburg/Brunswick Regional Airport Commission. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Chairman Barbour advised that the minutes of the Roanoke River Service Authority's February 23, 2021 meeting 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 March bill's list. Supervisors Barbour, Spain, Brankley, Hargrove, Jennings, Jones, Lundy, Tanner and Wilkinson voted 'aye'.

Mr. Carter announced that the County Office's will be reopening to the public on Monday, April 19th.

Under Board Member Matters:

Mrs. Lundy thanked Tina Morgan for her hard work especially working with the small businesses. She also wanted to make sure that Whittles Mill is on the list of places to visit.

Mr. Brankley thanked Tina Morgan for her tourism efforts and stated that he was looking forward to the fishing tournament. Mr. Brankley also thanked the 911 staff for their hard work and dedication and said he is glad things are beginning to get back to normal.

Mr. Tanner recognized the 911 dispatchers for the excellent job they perform. He thanked Tina Morgan for her report, and stated that the County is very well positioned for tourism and thanked Mr. Carter for always addressing the Board's concerns.

Mr. Jennings stated that he is concerned with what is happening with the Federal Government.

Mr. Hargrove thanked Tina Morgan for helping other localities and even other states with the gift card match program, thanked the 911 dispatchers and thanked the Assistant Superintendent Mr. Jeffers for attending the meetings.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked Tina Morgan and stated how important tourism is to our area; he is looking forward to the fishing tournament as well. He also thanked the 911 dispatchers as their job is very demanding and the call volume is high.

Mr. Jones recognized the 911 dispatchers stating that it takes a special group of individuals. He stated that he is pleased with tourism in our County. He stated he was happy the Wine Festival was able to take place in Clarksville as well as other events that are planned this summer.

Mr. Spain said that we have an amazing county with amazing leaders. He stated his concern over trash. He is concerned with citizens misusing the green box locations as well as littering. He questioned if installing signs would help and if clubs would begin to pick up roads again.

Mr. Barbour thanked Tina Morgan and the 911 dispatchers for their dedication to the County. He stated he is pleased with seeing the school project progress. He also thanked the citizens for their patience as our meetings have been closed to the public, stating that he missed the public here. Mr. Barbour also thanked staff for their work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, May 10, 2021, unless sooner called to order by the Chairman.