

## **HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING – October 21, 2013**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark S. Swanger convened the regular meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Courtroom at the Haywood County Historic Courthouse, Waynesville, North Carolina, with Chairman Mark S. Swanger, Vice-Chairman J.W. “Kirk” Kirkpatrick III, Commissioners L. Kevin Ensley, Michael T. Sorrells, and Bill L. Upton present. Staff members present were County Manager Marty Stamey, County Attorney Leon M. “Chip” Killian, III, Finance Director Julie Davis, Public Information Officer David Teague and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Amie Owens.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Swanger led the pledge of allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick offered the invocation.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Swanger called to order the Public Hearing for the Approval of the Execution and Delivery of the Contract and Project to be financed for Pisgah High School Renovation.

Marty Stamey, County Manager, explained that a notice of a public hearing was published on October 11, 2013, stating that the Board would hold a public hearing at the regular meeting October 21, 2013 to receive public comments on the proposed execution and delivery by the County of an installment financing contract in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, the proceeds of which would be used to finance all or a portion of the costs of certain improvements to Pisgah High School, and a deed of trust, security agreement and fixture filing under which the County would grant a lien on all or such portion of the County’s fee simple interest in the real property on which Pisgah High School is located, together with the improvements thereon, as may be required for the benefit of the entity providing the funds to the County under the Contract.

Julie Davis, Finance Director, provided an overview of the project including the estimated total cost of \$2.5 million dollars. She explained that the project would be funded partially from lottery proceeds for the down payment and debt service, with the remainder, not to exceed \$1,700,000, via an installment financing agreement. This would allow for additional classrooms, office space and a pulp and paper lab.

Chairman Swanger asked if any individuals would like to comment regarding this project. No public response was received.

Chairman Swanger closed the hearing and noted that the installment financing contract would be included on the next regular meeting's agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

Chairman Swanger opened the public comment session. Comments are generally limited to three minutes per individual, unless the speaker is representing a group for which the comment period may be extended to five minutes.

John Geers addressed the board and thanked the members for their service. He noted that this board had faced tough economic times and appreciated that the board had come together for the citizens.

John Scroggs addressed the board and echoed thanks to the board for their commitment. He noted there are some individuals who attend meetings to disrupt, harass and criticize the board. He likened these actions to bullying and commended the board for their leadership.

### **CONSTITUENT CONCERNS**

Commissioner Upton commended law enforcement and public safety for their assistance with the Pisgah-Tuscola football game. All of the agencies worked well together to monitor the grounds to ensure the safety of those on the field and in the stands. Chairman Swanger added that the students from both schools should also be commended for showing good sportsmanship.

Commissioner Ensley explained that the County Manager had received calls related to the construction of the new Burger King located adjacent to the DSS/Health Department offices. He clarified that this business has nothing to do with the county and is not on county-owned property; it is being built on an outparcel owned by a development company. Commissioner Ensley added that there has been a concern about the lights at the Tuscola Softball Fields and the breakers being flipped and the safety risks involved. He requested that the school system work with the county to rectify this situation.

Commissioner Sorrells echoed thanks for the public safety initiatives taken for the Pisgah-Tuscola football game and was impressed with the monitoring equipment utilized. He noted it was better to be proactive in order to avoid trouble.

### **DISCUSSION / ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **Introduction of New Veterans Services Director**

Chairman Swanger recognized Brandon Wilson, District State Service Officer. Mr. Wilson began by thanking the board for their support during his employment with Haywood County.

He noted that in 2012, \$33.67 million dollars were provided to veterans and their families within Haywood County; he added that the reputation of Haywood County and its services for veterans was known statewide.

Mr. Wilson introduced the new Veterans Services Director, Stephen Allred and provided biographical information related to his service in the US Army and continued service in the National Guard. Mr. Allred thanked Mr. Wilson for his assistance during this transition and noted he was honored to be working for the County and was looking forward to serving the veterans in the community.

### **The Affordable Care Act Navigator Program - Power Point Presentation**

Chairman Swanger recognized Patsy Dowling, Executive Director, Mountain Projects, Inc, and Jan Plummer and Jane Harrison, Health Care Navigators, Mountain Projects, Inc. Ms. Plummer provided a power point presentation highlighting the following:

- The role of Health Care Navigators and assistance provided
- The Health Insurance Marketplace
- Eligibility and enrollment dates
- Plan models and information required for enrollment

Chairman Swanger inquired whether the Health Care Navigators could come to citizens' homes to assist. Ms. Plummer confirmed that this type of assistance could be provided upon request.

Commissioner Ensley questioned why there were only two participating insurance companies in North Carolina. Ms. Plummer explained that while the number of companies was minimal, there are 30+ plan options available.

Commissioner Sorrells asked if the lack of the Medicaid expansion affected the number of participating companies. Ms. Plummer projected that the number of companies should increase in the years to follow.

Ms. Dowling added that Mountain Projects, Inc. wants to help and is here to help the citizens of Haywood County.

### **Effects of the Government Shutdown on County Services**

Chairman Swanger recognized Ira Dove, DSS Director. Mr. Dove noted that even though the government shutdown was concluded at the time of his report, there were some key issues identified that affected the County. He highlighted the programs affected during the shutdown and noted that certain vulnerabilities were identified including the impact felt if the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Food and Nutrition Services (food stamps) were interrupted. Mr. Dove explained that applications could not be completed in the NCFAST system during the shutdown and would lead to delays in October and November.

Mr. Dove provided statistics on the monthly funding requirements of various programs from federal sources including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - \$55,000; Social Services Block Grant - \$22,000; \$47,000 Work First and \$242,000 Child Day Care. He noted that all of these programs could be affected if there are other shutdowns and

reminded everyone to be mindful that at the local level control may be limited when programs are so dependent upon federal subsidies.

Commissioner Sorrells thanked Mr. Dove for keeping the DSS Board informed of the challenges faced in Haywood County and the decisions made by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). He commended Mr. Dove and staff for continuing to provide the best service possible during an unsure time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of October 7, 2013 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of September 2013 - Refunds, Releases, Amendments and Discoveries – Judy Hickman, Assistant Tax Assessor
- Request approval of the County Tax Administration Records Retention and Disposition Schedule and Amendment – Judy Hickman, Assistant Tax Assessor
- Budget Amendment – Julie Davis, Finance Director
  - Health Department - \$5,200 – grant revenue (federal pass-through) to support adult health education and promotion in Haywood County

HAYWOOD COUNTY  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

PER: \_\_\_\_\_  
JNL: \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County that the following amendment be made to the budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

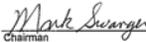
Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<i>Health &amp; Human Services:</i>				
Adult Health Services-education	115151-523000	-	5,200	5,200
which will result in a net increase (decrease) of \$			5,200	
General Fund.				

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased as the money has been received:

Revenue	Acct. No.	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<i>Intergovernmental revenue:</i>				
Health Department Grants	110050-451101	-	5,200	5,200
			5,200	

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be delivered to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2013.

  
 Mark Swanger  
 Chairman  
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:   
 Clerk to the Board

<b>Explanation:</b>
To appropriate the funds received from the Community Transformation Grant Project to be used to support the Health Promotion program in Haywood County.



**Request approval of Search and Rescue Course Grant from the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program**

Chairman Swanger recognized Greg Shuping, Emergency Services Director. Mr. Shuping explained that the request would be for the County Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for the grant that would be used to pay for 25 local law enforcement officers' training and certification in the areas of search and rescue.

Commissioner Sorrells motioned to approve the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Davis presented a budget amendment for \$5,500 for the Search and Rescue Course Grant.

Commissioner Ensley motioned to approve the budget amendment to be used as described related to the Search and Rescue Course. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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Emergency Management				
Professional Services-Other	11 4375 519900 14SAR		1,800	1,800
Office Supplies & Materials	11 4375 526000 14SAR		3,700	3,700

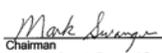
which will result in a net increase of \$ 5,500 in the expenditures of the General Fund.

To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will be increased as the money has been received:

Revenue	Acct. No.	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Restricted Intergovernmental				
Emergency Management	11 0050 443750 14SAR		5,500	5,500

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Adopted this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013

  
 Chairman  
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:   
Clerk to the Board

Explanation: To appropriate grant funds from State of NC Dept of Public Safety Div of Emergency Management to conduct a Nationally Certified Search and Rescue course for Law Enforcement in Haywood County.
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**Request Approval of Haywood County Property Bids and Offers to Purchase initial offering for parcel 8615-45-8413 - Off Babb Street, Waynesville**

Chairman Swanger recognized Greg West, Real Property Appraiser. Mr. West explained that this property was acquired via the foreclosure process. The bid was received on October 8, 2013, and per the procedure approved by this Board in April 2013 is being brought before the Board for approval.

Parcel 8615-45-8413 – located off Babb Street in Waynesville – the bid is \$1,000 by Gary Dahlhofer.

Commissioner Upton motioned to approve the bid for parcel 8615-45-8413 as presented. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Request Approval of a Resolution Urging the NC Department of Health and Human Services, NC General Assembly and the Governor to Delay, Revisit and Revise the Requirements Concerning the Governance and Appointment of Elected County Officials as Board Members to the Smoky Mountain LME/MCO Board of Directors**

Commissioner Upton explained that currently there are two (2) representatives from each of the 15 westernmost counties on the Smoky Mountain Board. Recently a merger with the Western Highlands Network occurred and added eight (8) additional counties. He noted that if the previous representation rules were in place, the board would be comprised of 46 members.

Legislation passed at the end of the 2011 session limited the number of representatives on such a board to 21 members, with 13 of these positions being designated seats, which allows for only eight additional members. Commissioner Upton continued by explaining that Watauga and Haywood County were not selected to serve on this board; therefore, were not represented.

The resolution was drafted in response to this lack of representation, and requests that legislators revisit this board composition to allow for all of those counties who appropriate funds annually to be included on the board.

Chairman Swanger added that if a population threshold of 1.25 million individuals is reached within the catchment area, these rules do not apply and the board structure can be altered.

Commissioner Upton motioned to approve the resolution to the NC Department of Health and Human Services, NC General Assembly and Governor as described. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**Request Appointment of Members to the Town of Waynesville Board of Adjustment representing the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ)**

Mr. Stamey explained that the Town of Waynesville requested approval of reappointments for the ETJ representative on the Board of Adjustment. The recommendation received was for Neal Ensley to serve as member, with first alternate of Boyd Medford and a second alternate of John Richardson.

Commissioner Sorrells motioned to approve the recommendations for member, first and second alternate as presented. Commissioner Upton seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to enter into Closed Session for Attorney/Client Privilege G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3) and Personnel G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6). Commissioner Upton seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

The Board returned from closed session.

Chairman Swanger recognized Marty Stamey, County Manager. Mr. Stamey announced his retirement effective January 1, 2014. He expressed his appreciation to current and past boards for their guidance and support, and thanked the department managers and staff for their commitment to the county.

All of the Commissioners individually expressed their thanks to Mr. Stamey for a job well done and commended him for his dedication and superior performance during difficult economic times.

Chairman Swanger noted that during discussions with Mr. Stamey, a qualified candidate for the interim county manager position was noted. Ira Dove, DSS Director, was recommended by senior management to serve in the interim position.

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the recommendation that Ira Dove, DSS Director, be appointed as interim county manager effective January 1, 2014. Commissioner Sorrells seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Swanger recognized Ira Dove, DSS Director. Mr. Dove thanked Mr. Stamey and the Board for their support in the appointment as interim county manager. Chairman Swanger added that the board is very confident in Mr. Dove's abilities and the transition should be seamless.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting. Commissioner Upton seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The time of adjournment was 7:24 p.m. The DVD is attached by reference to the minutes.

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CHAIRMAN