

HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – January 21, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark S. Swanger convened the regular meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 5:33 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 Interim County Manager Ira Dove, 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

Commissioner Sorrells offered the invocation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Swanger explained the purpose of the public hearing was concerning the Solicitation of Proposals in accordance with the Resolution of Intent of Haywood County to Convey its Reversionary Interest in the Property of the Haywood Regional Medical Center to Duke LifePoint. He recognized County Attorney Leon M. “Chip” Killian, III.

Mr. Killian explained that this was the second public hearing required based on NC General Statute 131E-13 related to public hospital transfer. He added that due to the County’s ownership of reverter which was included in the 1997 Resolution to create a Hospital Authority. Mr. Killian noted that the first public hearing was held on December 16, 2013 and that five letters of solicitation were sent to Carolinas Health System, UNC Health System, Novant Health, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Duke LifePoint (DLP). The only response received was from DLP. Mr. Killian further explained that once a definitive agreement is finalized, another public meeting would be held.

Chairman Swanger explained that Haywood Regional Medical Center (HRMC), Stroudwater Associates, and Duke LifePoint would have a power point presentation as part of the public hearing.

Janie Sinacore-Jaberg, President and CEO of HRMC, provided an overview of the reasons for considering a partnership with another entity including ensuring the financial viability of HRMC. She highlighted the processes followed to date and the key milestones including HRMC Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Duke LifePoint. Ms. Sinacore-Jaberg noted that a third hearing would be held once a definitive agreement is

reached between all parties. Ms. Sinacore-Jaberg introduced Susan Stowell from Stroudwater Associates.

Ms. Stowell shared the timeline of events that lead to the signing of the MOU, and explained the terms of the proposal including the purchase price and capital commitment. She included explanation of the assessment of the DLP offer related to market trading multiples and highlighted that the offer was higher than the 75th percentile overall. Stroudwater was pleased with the offer from DLP.

David Dill, President and Chief Operating Officer of LifePoint Hospitals, introduced several team members including Dr. Harry Phillips, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Services of Duke University Health System and Jeff Seraphine, President, Eastern Group, LifePoint Hospitals.

Mr. Dill began the presentation by explaining the capabilities of DLP and the benefits that DLP brings to the community and DLP's commitment to Haywood Regional by:

- Preserving existing services and enhance access to services available locally
- Elevating and promoting the quality of local healthcare services
- Securing the long-term stability and financial viability of Haywood Regional
- Making needed investments in facilities, health information technology and personnel
- Recognizing the quality of the employees as an asset and enhance Haywood Regional's status as "employers of choice"
- Continuing to develop quality medical staff with strong ties to the communities
- Enhancing the role of Haywood Regional as an asset for community and economic development
- Continuing to enhance the communities' confidence in Haywood Regional
- Preserving local input into key decisions at Haywood Regional

Mr. Dill explained the financial proposal including the purchase of the assets of HRMC of \$26.3 million with a minimum commitment of \$36 million over 8 years for a total consideration of \$62.3 million dollars. Mr. Dill turned the presentation over to Dr. Phillips.

Dr. Phillips provided an overview of Duke Medicine, its history, affiliates (schools, hospitals and physician practices) and financial statistics.

Mr. Dill provided the same type of overview for LifePoint Hospitals including the history, affiliates (60 hospitals in 20 states), accreditations and financial statistics. Mr. Dill continued by highlighting the synchronicity of Duke and LifePoint and their joint venture as Duke LifePoint with a shared vision of building a network of hospitals, physicians and healthcare services that are quality driven, adaptive to change and financially strong. It was noted that the charity care policy currently in effect at HRMC would remain intact and would continue with DLP.

Mr. Seraphine highlighted and discussed the founding principles of DLP including:

- Physician and Provider Collaboration
- Resources to Achieve Operations Excellence
- Investing in DLP Hospitals and Communities
- Dedication to Quality and Service

Mr. Seraphine concluded by noting that there are resources available for the transition and that DLP will work together with HRMC to develop the strategic plan and achieve the goal of a better health system. He added that he would like to revisit the board in a year and show where DLP has done what they said they would do to improve this facility.

Chairman Swanger opened the floor for comments from the audience.

Dr. William Miller addressed the board and noted that as a member of the medical staff of HRMC, he was supportive of the DLP acquisition as it would allow for enhancement of and specialization of services, expanded medical expertise and improved healthcare delivery.

Dr. Al Mina addressed the board as an HRMC medical staff employee and as an HRMC Board Member. He was supportive of being able to provide services locally and noted that due to changes in healthcare, it has become difficult for providers to remain independent. Dr. Mina added that as a board member looking at proposals with Stroudwater it was clear that HRMC needs the expertise both financially and operationally that DLP can provide.

CeCe Hipps, Executive Director, Haywood County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the board. She provided multiple reasons why the hospital is key within the community and the impact of its success related to the local economy. Ms. Hipps added that the Chamber of Commerce was in favor of the DLP partnership.

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick noted that while this has been a long process and referenced an article from the Washington Post from 2008 relating to the loss of the Medicare number. He added that HRMC got their Medicare number back but due to changes in healthcare, insurance and other factors was lead into financial distress. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick commented that there had been no one to speak against DLP and that there were many board members and administrators from HRMC here in support.

County Attorney Killian added that the next steps would be to further develop the definitive agreement, which is in discussion with the various legal counsels. He explained that when that agreement is ready for signature, a public meeting would be held. The hope is that this would occur within the next 60 days with probable closing some time during the second quarter of 2014.

Chairman Swanger thanked those individuals who presented and closed the public hearing.

The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

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. No one addressed the board.

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

There were no constituent concerns noted.

DISCUSSION / ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

There was one adjustment to the agenda related to New Business item 5; this will require a ballot vote by the Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

- Approval of January 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of December 2013 - Refunds, Releases, Amendments and Discoveries – David Francis, Tax Administrator. Mr. Francis noted that there were no significant items to report and that a new vehicle tax report had been added. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick asked how the new Tax and Tag process was going. Mr. Francis noted that it was progressing well.
- Approval of Governmental Unit Banking Resolutions – Julie Davis, Finance Director. Ms. Davis explained that due to the change administration, the signors for accounts were updated and new resolutions from TD Bank and Home Trust Bank were required.
- Budget Amendments – Julie Davis, Finance Director
 - Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund - \$762,000 – White Oak Landfill management contract was budgeted for 6 months but may be for the full fiscal year

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 Special Revenue Fund, the expenditures are to be charged as follows:

Department Line item name	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
S/R Fund-Solid Waste Mgt.:				
Professional Services - contracts - WOLF	244710-519900-47102	830,782	762,000	1,592,782

which will result in a net increase of \$ 762,000 in the expenditures of the Special Revenue 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
Sales & Services:				
Tipping Fees	240070-447413	500,000	762,000	1,262,000

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

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2014.

Mark Swanger
Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: [Signature]
Clerk to the Board

Explanation:
To cover the amount of a full year of the Santek contract to manage the WOLF. With a full year of the contract, the county retains a full year of tipping fees.

- General Fund – Sheriff’s Office - \$60,000 – increase salaries & benefits line items to cover new deputies paid by Haywood Community College; this contract was approved at the December 2, 2013 meeting.

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JNL: _____

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

Department Line item	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Public Safety:				
Sheriff's Office SRO - Salaries	114315-512100-09003	-	34,000	34,000
Benefits	114315-518100-09003	-	26,000	26,000

which will result in a net increase (decrease) of \$ 60,000 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
Intergovernmental Revenue - HCC	110050-443360-09003	-	60,000	60,000

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

Adopted this the 21st of January, 2014.

Mark Swanger
Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: [Signature]
Clerk to the Board

Explanation:
To cover the additional deputies added per the approved contract with the community college for patrol services.

- General Fund – Extension - \$6,500 – additional revenues received to be used in the 4-H program.

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

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Extension Office				
4-H Program Fee	11 4950 523104 4HPGM	6,000	6,500	12,500

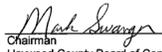
which will result in a net increase of \$ 6,500 in the expenditures of the General Fund.

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
Sales & Services				
Extension 4-H Program	110070 449501 4HPGM	7,500	6,500	14,000

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

Adopted this the 21st day of January, 2014.


Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Clerk to the Board

Explanation: To appropriate additional program revenue received for the 4-H programs.

- General Fund – Medical Examiner - \$9,000 - increased activity and increased medical examiner fees per State direction. Funds will come from Contingency

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Department line item	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Public Safety:				
Prof. Services - Medical Examiners	114360-519300	36,000	9,000	45,000
Contingency	119910-599100	292,019	(9,000)	283,019

which will result in a net increase (decrease) of \$ - 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:

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

Adopted this the 21st of January, 2014.


Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Clerk to the Board

Explanation: To cover the additional expense to be incurred through the end of the fiscal year due to increased activity and a legislated increase in autopsy fee.

OLD BUSINESS

Request Approval of Resolution to Accept Surplus Property from Haywood County School Board and Subsequent Conveyance of Same Property to Folkmoot USA – old Hazelwood School buildings A & B

Chairman Swanger recognized County Attorney Killian. Mr. Killian explained that at the January 6, 2014 meeting, the County accepted the offer from the Haywood County School Board per NC General Statutes 155C-518 and 160A, Article 12. He continued by stating that there is no significant market value for the property; the conveyance to the County is for \$1.00.

Mr. Killian noted that if the resolution were adopted, the school system would have to have the Town of Waynesville approve the plat, any divisions required, and firewalls. Preparation of the deed, including reverter language, to ensure that the property would be used for a public purpose, would occur following approval by the Town of Waynesville. He added that closing would follow once all steps are completed.

Commissioner Ensley clarified that the Town of Waynesville had not approved the plat at this time. Mr. Killian confirmed. Commissioner Ensley also noted that the date of the survey was incorrect on this resolution. The correct date should be April 3, **2013** rather than April 3, 2014.

Commissioner Ensley motioned to approve the Resolution to Accept Surplus Property from Haywood County School Board and Subsequent Conveyance of Same Property to Folkmoot USA – old Hazelwood School buildings A & B, with the noted change to the survey date. Commissioner Sorrells seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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COUNTY MANAGER
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LEON M. KILLIAN, III
COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION

HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2014

WHEREAS, at the last regular meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners (the "County") on January 6, 2014, action was taken in response to a letter from the attorney for the Haywood County Consolidated School System Board of Education (the "School Board"), to conditionally accept an offer to acquire for the sum of \$1.00, certain property known as Buildings A and B of the old Hazelwood Elementary School on Virginia Avenue in the Hazelwood section of the Town of Waynesville, NC (the "Property"), such offer having been made pursuant to a Resolution of the School Board dated December 23, 2013, a copy of which was included in the minutes of that County Commissioners' meeting; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 155C-518 does require local boards of education, when in the opinion of the board certain real property owned by the board is unnecessary or undesirable for public school purposes, to afford the board of county commissioners the first opportunity to obtain the property prior to disposing of the property pursuant to the procedures prescribed in NCGS Chapter 160A, Article 12; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the County that the provisions of NCGS Section 155C-518 have been complied with by the School Board; and

WHEREAS, a plat of survey dated April 3, 2013 has been provided which describes the Property; and

WHEREAS, prior to conveying the Property to the County, the School Board must obtain subdivision approval from the Town of Waynesville; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina International Folk Festival, Inc., a North Carolina Non-Profit Corporation, d/b/a Folkmoot USA, ("Folkmoot") has requested that the County subsequently convey the Property to that entity pursuant to NCGS Section 160A-279 (the "Statute"); and

WHEREAS, it appears that Folkmoot is a public or private entity which carries out a public purpose within the meaning of the Statute.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The County, pursuant to GS 115C-518 does accept the offer from the School Board to obtain the Property from the School Board, subject to delivery of a good and sufficient deed of conveyance following subdivision approval by the Town of Waynesville.
2. Following acceptance of the deed of conveyance for the Property, subject to negotiation of a party wall agreement between Folkmoor and the School Board, the County is authorized to convey the Property to Folkmoor by non-warranty deed of conveyance, subject to inclusion of a reverter clause in the deed, whereby title to the property shall revert to the County if the property is no longer owned or used by a public or private entity which carries out a public purpose within the meaning of the Statute. The property shall be conveyed "as-is" and Folkmoor shall be responsible for all closing costs.

This Resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at the aforesaid regular meeting, this the 21st day of January, 2014.

Haywood County Board of Commissioners

By: 
Mark S. Swanger
Chairman

Attest: 
Ira L. Dove, Interim County Manager
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

NEW BUSINESS

Request Approval of Resolution for Declaration of Service Sidearm for Member (Jack Ingle) of Retiring County Law Enforcement Agency

Chairman Swanger recognized Sheriff Greg Christopher. Sheriff Christopher requested approval of a Resolution Declaring Service Side Arm as Surplus and allowing the purchase by retired Deputy Jackie Ray Ingle, in accordance with NC General Statute 14-402. He explained that Mr. Ingle served the county for 34 years and 11 months.

Sheriff Christopher presented Mr. Ingle with his side arm as well as a plaque for his years of service. Mr. Ingle took the opportunity to thank the Sheriff and the board for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Haywood County.

Chairman Swanger congratulated Mr. Ingle and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Sorrells motioned to approve the Resolution for Declaration of Service Side Arm for Deputy Jackie Ray Ingle as presented. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION FOR DECLARATION OF SERVICE SIDE ARM FOR MEMBER OF RETIRING COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, G. S. 20-187.2 authorizes the board to award current service side arm to Jackie Ray Ingle, retiring Haywood County Sheriff's Office Deputy, at a predetermined price, upon securing permit as required by G.S. 14-402.

WHEREAS, Haywood County has in its possession:
1-Side Arm Glock, 22 pistol, .40 caliber, serial #SFM542, which has previously been used in service by Jackie Ray Ingle, Deputy.

THEREFORE, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners meeting in general session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, does the following:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners that:
1- Side Arm Glock 22 pistol, .40 caliber, serial #SFM542 be declared surplus in order to be purchased by the retiring Sheriff's Office Deputy, Jackie Ray Ingle.

ADOPTED this 21st day of January, 2014.


Mark S. Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Ira L. Dove
Clerk to the Board

Request Approval of Annual Buy-out Lease Renewals

Chairman Swanger recognized Claire Carleton, Recreation Director. Ms. Carleton presented a listing of twenty-four (24) Haywood County Buyout Property Leases on 31 properties for annual renewal. Annual revenues from these buyout leases are \$1,151 and reduces overall County maintenance expenses. The Recreation Advisory Board reviewed this listing, and recommends approval.

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the listing of Annual Buyout Lease Renewals as presented. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Haywood County Buyout Property Leases 12/1/13 - 11/30/14						
Properties used for cash crop or business: \$100 per acre:						
Name	Buyout PIN	Buyout Address	Ac.	Usage	Fee	
Burnes	Walter Carroll & Eva Mae 8644-77-9817	970 Max Thompson Rd. Canton	9.60	Cash crop	\$960	
Davis	Emily C. 8628-41-9386	2028 Crabtree Rd. Waynesville	0.24	Parking for business	\$21	
Holbrook	William S (Bill) & Earlene 8645-41-4072	45 Max Thompson Rd. Canton	1.10	Cash crop	\$100	
Stout	Larry 8637-52-4462	3063 Broad St., Clyde	0.50	Cash crop	\$50	
			Subtotal Acreage	11.41	Subtotal Fees	\$1,131
Properties used for mowing/personal garden: \$1.00 per lease:						
Name	Buyout PIN	Buyout Address	Ac.	Usage	Fee	
Aldridge	Kenny 8637-52-9314	21 Levi St. Clyde	0.41	Personal garden	\$1	
Cathy	Robert A & Julie K. 8656-24-9352	83 Waters Point, Canton	2.70	Mow	\$1	
Clark	Joe 8637-42-4248 8637-42-1058	2886 Broad St. 25 Suttles St. Clyde	1.11	Personal garden	\$1	
Coleman	William Loyd 8637-52-4462	3063 Broad St. Clyde	1.70	Garden	\$1	
Combs	Robert M & Adele B. 8644-83-1976	446 Mundy Field Rd. Canton	0.42	Private area, garden	\$1	
Duncan	Jim & Linda 8644-77-9817	970 Max Thompson Rd. Canton	2.00	Garden	\$1	
Hannah	Ray & Lisa 8657-60-0742	10 Clay Street, Canton	0.1	Garden, parking for vehicle	\$1	
James	Jack S. & Lucy 8628-42-8170 8628-42-7275	228 Riverview Dr. Clyde 188 Riverview Dr. Clyde	0.62 0.31	Flower garden Community use	\$1	
Johnson	Judith T. 8637-82-3208 8637-82-2313 8637-82-4226 8637-82-2571	87 Mountain View, Clyde Joyce St. Clyde 89 Mountain View St. 90 Joyce St. Clyde	0.27 0.35 1.13 0.35	Mow	\$1	
Kennedy	Joan J. 8637-72-2384 8637-72-3351	161 Spruce St. Clyde 127 Spruce St. Clyde	0.31 0.16	Personal garden	\$1	
Mason	Troy F. 8645-40-6725	52 Max Thompson Rd. Canton	0.25	Mow	\$1	
Medford	Norman A. & Mary B. 8637-72-9118 8637-72-9326	3521 Broad St. Clyde 66 Spruce St. Clyde	0.55 0.60	Mow	\$1	
Messer	Gene & Doris S. 8637-81-3827	3627 E Broad St. Clyde	0.38	Mow	\$1	
Moore	Bruce E. & Ruby L. 8637-31-6691	102 Suttles St. Clyde	0.23	Personal garden	\$1	
Morgan	Jack A. 8637-24-7189	840 Hyder Mtn Rd Clyde	0.57	Personal garden	\$1	
Parker	Jeffery S. & Tanya M. 8637-41-1867 8637-42-2023	101 Suttles St. Clyde 71 Suttles St. Clyde	0.33 0.40	Mow	\$1	
Reed	Max & Latolia 8637-81-6969 8637-81-7856	48 Bonner St. Clyde	0.37	Personal garden	\$1	
Smith	Brian Smith 8637-81-6407	3682 Broad St. Clyde	0.52	Personal garden	\$1	
Taylor	Tava G. 8637-72-6333	49 Spruce St. Clyde	0.25	Personal garden	\$1	
Tranham	Jan 8637-72-8224	59 Spruce St. Clyde	0.23	Personal garden	\$1	
			Subtotal Acreage	16.08	Subtotal Fees	\$20
			Total Acreage Leased	27.49	Total Fees	\$1,151

Appointment of three members to the Fairgrounds Board

Chairman Swanger noted that there were three (3) vacancies on the Fairgrounds Board. Three applications were received; two of the individuals had previously served and one was interviewed prior to this meeting. The individuals are Christy McLean, Dorothy Morrow and Cody Grasty.

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick motioned to appoint Christy McLean, Dorothy Morrow and Cody Grasty to the Fairgrounds Board. Commissioner Ensley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of three members to the Agriculture Advisory Board (formerly Farmland Preservation Board)

Chairman Swanger noted that there were three (3) vacancies on the Agriculture Advisory Board and four applications were received. This necessitated a ballot to select membership. Chairman Swanger instructed members to mark their ballots for three individuals.

Interim County Manager Dove tallied the votes and reported that June Johnson received four votes, Vance Muse received four votes, Torpy Skinner received two votes and Bill Holbrook received five votes. By virtue of the vote, June Johnson, Vance Muse and Bill Holbrook were appointed.

Appointment of Members to the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority

Chairman Swanger noted that there were multiple categories with vacancies and various appointments would be made.

Municipal Seats

The first action was to approve the municipal seat recommendations submitted by the Town of Canton and Town of Clyde. The Town of Canton's recommendation was Mayor Mike Ray as their representative and the Town of Clyde's recommendation was Laura Leatherwood.

Commissioner Upton motioned to approve the municipal seat recommendations as presented. Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Accommodations greater than 20 units

Chairman Swanger instructed members to mark their ballots for one individual in the category of Accommodations of greater than 20 units. The nominees were Twinkle Patel and Ken Howle. Mr. Dove tallied the votes and reported that Ken Howle received five votes. By virtue of the vote, Mr. Howle was appointed.

Tourism Related Business

Chairman Swanger instructed members to mark their ballots for one individual in the category of Tourism Related Business. The nominees were Michael Graham, Gene Monson, Scott McLeod and Vicki Hyatt. Mr. Dove tallied the votes and reported that Michael Graham and Vicki Hyatt each received two votes, which would necessitate an additional vote.

Chairman Swanger instructed members to vote for either Michael Graham or Vicki Hyatt. Mr. Dove tallied the votes and reported that Mr. Graham received four votes and Ms. Hyatt received one vote. By virtue of the vote, Mr. Graham was appointed.

Vice Chairman Kirkpatrick noted that all of the applicants were well qualified for all positions. Commissioner Sorrells added that all were passionate about promoting Haywood County and encouraged individuals to reapply when vacancies are posted.

Discuss Date for Proposed Budget Retreat

Chairman Swanger explained that a proposed budget schedule had been developed and the Board was asked to consider a date for the Annual Budget Retreat. The week of February 17 – 21 was proposed. Members discussed and decided that the Budget Retreat would be on Monday, February 17 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at a location to be determined.

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board returned from closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The time of adjournment was 7:25 p.m. The DVD is attached by reference to the minutes.

CLERK

CHAIRMAN