

HAYWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark S. Swanger convened the regular meeting of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners at 9:00 a.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 Candace Way.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Swanger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Upton offered the invocation.

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Swanger noted that there will be a Public Hearing for the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 County budget on May 22nd, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse Courtroom.

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

Chairman Swanger said that he was aware of a matter regarding the U.S. Forest Service’s designation for wilderness areas within Haywood and other surrounding counties and asked Mr. Dove to expound on this. Mr. Dove explained that the U.S. Forest Service is seeking to change the Land Management Plan for Nantahala and Pisgah Forest and there is a revision in the Environmental Impact statement regarding these changes which will designate some areas roadless and wilderness. This in turn could have an impact on the abilities to access these areas for recreation and the way the lands are managed by the Forest Service and within the County. The County has sent a response to reserve its right to comment.

Chairman Swanger commented that in addition this could impact search and rescue. He noted that the County just found out about this, but has notified the Forest Service that it reserves the right to make a comment. Mr. Dove explained that at this time they are gathering public input, and if they decide to go ahead and evolve the plan, then will be the time to make the comments.

Commissioner Ensley stated that the schools get some funds from timber sales and this change would impact that.

Commissioner Upton asked about the total Federal land in Haywood County and Commissioner Ensley stated that it is 38%.

Commissioner Sorrells commented that although limited, logging does provide employment directly and indirectly in the County.

Mr. Dove noted that the plan could be implemented over the summer, and the reason for this issue is periodically the forest management plans are reviewed, and this plan is overdue for revision.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick said that he had received a call concerning the school funding and acknowledged that a letter had been prepared and approved by the commissioners in response. He also received an email concerning the explosive targets. Mr. Dove replied that these concerns could be directed to the Sheriff's Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE/AGENCY REPORTS

There were no administrative/agency reports

DISCUSSION / ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA

Chairman Swanger added one item to the closed session on the agenda; Attorney/Client Privilege – G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approval of April 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes.
- Budget Amendments – Julie Davis, Finance Director
Social Services – Public Assistance - \$29,048.00.

Ms. Davis explained that this was from the General Fund and was for Federal funding allocated for the Energy Assistance Program.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
 FISCAL YEAR 2013-14

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, 2013

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

Department	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Public Assistance				
Low Income Energy Assistance	115340-549910-LIEAP	328,266	16,152	344,418
Crisis Intervention	115340-549910	255,482	10,751	266,233
Crisis Intervention Admin	115340-549910-8ADM	36,600	2,145	38,745
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which will result in a net increase of \$ 29,048 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				
Admin Reimbursement	110050-453400	4,654,142	29,048	4,683,190
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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 5th day of May, 2014


 Chairman
 Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST 
 Clerk to the Board

Explanation:
To recognize the additional 100% federal funding allocated for the Energy Assistance Program in FY 2013-2014.

- o Application to Public School Capital Fund – Julie Davis, Finance Director Ms. Davis explained that this is a request for approval for the lottery funds to go towards the current year debt service in the amount of \$17,361.25. She noted that the Board had previously approved a 1.7 million dollar loan for the Pisgah High School renovation and this is the interest payment.

**APPLICATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY**

Approved: _____
Date: _____

County: Haywood Contact Person: Bob Phillips
LEA: 440 Title: Finance Officer
Address: 1230 North Main Street, Waynesville Phone: 828-456-2400

Project Title: Loan Payment for Pisgah High School Addition
Location: 1 Black Bear Drive, Canton, NC 28716
Type of Facility: Classrooms

North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 18C, provides that a portion of the proceeds of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund be transferred to the Public School Building Capital Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-548.2. Further, G.S. 115C-548.2 (d) has been amended to include the following:
(3) No county shall have to provide matching funds...
(4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness incurred for school construction projects.
(5) A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school technology needs.

As used in this section, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include central administration, maintenance, or other facilities. *Applications must be submitted within one year following the date of final payment to the Contractor or Vendor.*

Short description of Construction Project: Construction of Classrooms

Estimated Costs:

Purchase of Land	_____	\$ _____
Planning and Design Services	_____	_____
New Construction	_____	_____
Additions / Renovations	_____	_____
Repair	_____	_____
Debt Payment / Bond Payment	_____	17,361.25
TOTAL	_____	\$ 17,361.25

Estimated Project Beginning Date: 06/01/14 Est. Project Completion Date: 06/01/14

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request release of \$ 17,361.25 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-548.2.

Mark Swanger _____ (Date)
(Signature — Chair, County Commissioners)

Chuck Kim 4-14-14
(Signature — Chair, Board of Education) (Date)

Form Date: July 01, 2011

NEW BUSINESS
Request Approval for E-rate funding for computer equipment purchase for Haywood County Public Library

Chairman Swanger recognized Library Director Sharon Woodrow. Ms. Woodrow explained that this was a refund from the E-rate federal program created by the Telecommunications Act to be able to purchase equipment and stated that the Information Technology Department had picked out their equipment for them this year. Chairman Swanger noted that this is done annually.

Commissioner Upton motioned to approve this request as presented and Commissioner Ensley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick asked if the constituent concern in regards to the room use was rectified and Ms. Woodrow said that once she spoke with the patron and explained the room use policy everything was fine. She noted that the meeting room had been used 194 times prior to this inquiry.

Budget Amendment for E-rate refund for Haywood County Library

Chairman Swanger recognized Finance Director Julie Davis. Ms. Davis explained that this budget amendment is from the General Fund, and in the amount of \$11,517.00. She explained that this is for the E-Rate refund for the computer projects at the library.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the budget amendment as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Sorrells. Motion passed unanimously.

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 line item	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
General Fund:				-
Library:				-
Data processing supplies	116110-529100	2,000	2,820	4,820
Site licenses	116110-542001	27,629	2,358	29,987
C/O - computer equipment	116110-552000	-	6,339	6,339

which will result in a net increase (decrease) of \$ 11,517 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:				-
Federal E-rate funding	110050-461260-00040	-	11,517	11,517
			11,517	

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

Adopted this the 5th of May 2014.


Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

Explanation:
To appropriate the E-rate refund for the computer projects at the Haywood County Library system.
E-rate is a federal program, created by the Telecommunications Act of 1998, that allows subsidies to schools and libraries for telecommunications and internet access.

Request approval of contract with Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District for repairs to the Crabtree Bald property owned by William Sansom and release of bonds for erosion control repair

Chairman Swanger recognized County Attorney Chip Killian and Director of Erosion Control Marc Pruett. Mr. Pruett addressed the board and asked for approval of the contract to repair this property. He noted that the original contractor had posted a bond and the County had repeatedly asked that the property be stabilized. By the time the previous owner had sold the property, the repairs had still not been made. The new owner is willing to let the bond money go towards the repairs. County Attorney Killian stated that he had made a few changes in the original draft and had approved this contract as had the property owners and their attorney. He stated that the funds are funds that the county has been holding along with a settlement with the bonding company.

Commissioner Ensley asked if this will be enough funds to take care of it now. Mr. Pruett responded that it probably will not, but the district has looked at the critical areas and will make the repairs to the area of Crabtree Creek.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick asked if it was road construction that caused the damage and Mr. Pruett stated that it was and also some excavation of some large slopes. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick inquired about the bid procedure and Mr. Pruett stated that it would go through RC&D Council and the Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Killian agreed and said that the work will be closely supervised and subcontracted out. Mr. Pruett stated that the work will be advertised and contractors will be able to bid on the job.

Commissioner Sorrells confirmed with Mr. Pruett that it would be supervised by RC&D and the Soil and Conservation District and Mr. Pruett agreed that it would.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick motioned to approve the contract and release the bonds as presented and Commissioner Ensley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

AGREEMENT
FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT
CONTROL REPAIR

THIS AGREEMENT FOR EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REPAIR, made and entered into this the 5th day of May, 2014, by and between HAYWOOD COUNTY, North Carolina, a subdivision of the State of North Carolina and a body politic and corporate (the "County"); HAYWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ("SWCD"); SOUTHWESTERN NC RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ("RC&D"); and WILLIAM B. SANSOM AND WIFE ELISABETH SANSOM ("Sansom" or "Owner").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Sansom is the owner of a tract of land containing 674.937 acres, more or less, known as the Crabtree Bald Property, as described in a deed recorded in Book 788, Page 269 and Book 812, Page 446, Haywood County Registry (the "Property");

WHEREAS, Maria G. Ullmann and husband Robert T. Ullmann, the prior owners of the Property, pursuant to a planned subdivision development, posted with the County, pursuant to the Haywood County Sediment Control Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), bonds entitled "Land Disturbance Surety Bond" (the "Bonds"), intended to guarantee the proper installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment control measures on the Property;

WHEREAS, due to the failure to comply with the provisions of the aforesaid ordinance and the Bonds, the County issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") to the prior owner;

WHEREAS, following a claim upon the bonds by the County, a settlement was accomplished in which the County was paid the sum of \$25,000.00 by Platte River Insurance Company, in settlement of the aforesaid NOV, and the County is also holding the sum of \$14,620.00 as a cash bond received from the aforesaid prior owners and original developers of the project;

WHEREAS, the County is now holding the sum of \$39,620.00 which must be used to cause or construct the bonded erosion and sediment control measures on the Property; and

WHEREAS, SWCD, acting thru its agent RC&D, have agreed to provide the repair and stabilization ("Project Activities") and further to provide necessary technical assistance.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, running to each of the parties hereto from the other, and for the further consideration of the payments hereinafter set forth and the sum of One (\$1.00) dollar in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, it is agreed:

1. SWCD will employ a licensed engineer to design the required Project Activities, and RC&D will perform such activities as required by the Ordinance, upon the approval of the office of the Haywood County Erosion Control Program ("HCECP" or the "Program").
2. The County will pay the sum of \$39,620.00 to RC&D, with ½ payable within thirty (30) days of the date of this Agreement, and the balance to be held and released as expenditures occur and as approved by the County Erosion Control Director under the Program.
3. The Project Activities and work plan for erosion and sediment control repairs within the scope of funding, will be developed by the engineer employed by SWCD, as specified and approved by the Program, by RC&D, and approved by the Owner.
4. RC&D will enter into sub-contracts with qualified contractors to complete the erosion and sediment control repairs as outlined on the approved plan and/or as complies with the Haywood County Erosion Control Ordinance and/or as complies with Forestry Service Best Management Practices; this to the extent of monies available from the redeemed bonds referred to herein. The work will be completed within one (1) year of the date of this Agreement.
5. RC&D, with the assistance of SWCD, will oversee construction of the approved work, including compilation of field notes of daily operations and an as-built drawing of the project.
6. RC&D will retain a fee of \$5,000.00 for administration, design assistance, inspections and project facilitation services, in cooperation with SWCD.
7. SWCD will develop a project work plan for the Project Activities, in concurrence with the Owner.
8. SWCD will assist RC&D with engineering designs and project approvals, inspections and Project Activities.
9. The Owner will review the approved plan and concur in the Project Activities before the erosion and sediment control repairs commence.
10. The Owner, with reasonable notice, will provide access to the Property for performance of Project Activities. It is anticipated that Rick Mull shall be the representative of the Owner for these purposes.
11. The Project Activities shall not commence until plans have been developed and approved by all parties to this Agreement. The Project Activities and plan of work will be developed upon an assessment of critical areas for erosion and sediment control repairs, with the understanding that the Project Activities shall be limited by available funding from the redeemed bond monies.

12. The plan shall be developed using Best Management Practices for forestry and agriculture as approved by the SWCD. Maintenance options will be outlined in the plan of work. Additional work may be identified through a conservation plan, and implemented as funds become available for additional activities from other sources.
13. Any party hereto may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days advance written notice, to the other parties hereto. This agreement may be modified only with the written consent of all parties hereto.
14. Each party hereto expressly waives and releases each of the other parties hereto, from any liability for personal injury or property damage, including incidental, indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages, which are not covered by insurance, with the exception of intentional wrongdoing or criminal activity.
15. It is understood by all Parties that the Owner and/or his/her representatives will periodically inspect the repair work and will communicate any concerns they may have in a timely manner to the County, SWCD or RC&D representatives.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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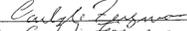
ATTEST:


Ira Dove
County Manager/Clerk to Board

HAYWOOD COUNTY

By: 
Mark S. Swanger
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

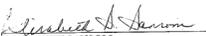
HAYWOOD SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: 
Name: Carlyle Ferguson
Title: Chairman

SOUTHWESTERN NC RESOURCE,
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL

By: 
Name: James Ferguson
Title: Chairman


WILLIAM B. SANSOM


ELISABETH SANSOM

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Budget Amendment for Surety and cash bonds for development repairs at the Crabtree Bald site

Chairman Swanger recognized Finance Director Julie Davis. Ms. Davis explained that this budget amendment is in the amount of \$39,620.00 and is in the Capital Project Fund. She explained that this is a surety bond and two cash bonds received by the County to be used for the repairs.

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented and seconded by Commissioner Ensley. Motion passed unanimously.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT 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 capital project ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Section 1. To amend the Capital Project Fund - County building/repairs/construction projects, the expenditures are to be charge as follows:

Line Item	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<u>County projects:</u>				
<u>Erosion Control & S&W Project:</u>				
Repair & Maintenance	484730-535301-14ERO	-	39,620	39,620
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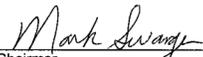
which will result in a net increase of \$ 39,620 in the expenditures of the Capital Project Fund.

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
<u>Miscellaneous Revenue:</u>				
Proceeds from Surety Bonds	480100-447300-14ERO	-	25,000	25,000
Proceeds from Cash Bonds	480100-447300-14ERO	25,000	14,620	39,620
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Section 2. Copies of this amendment shall be delivered to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this the 5th of May, 2014.


Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Clerk to the Board

Explanation:
To appropriate the Surety/Cash Bonds received by the county that will be used for the corrective action project regarding erosion and sediment control per the attached request from the Erosion Control Department and the Soil & Water agency.
The funding is from a settlement per agreement presented.
Surety - \$25,000
Cash bonds - \$14,620

Request for approval of Historic Courthouse Irrigation proposal

Chairman Swanger recognized Facilities and Maintenance Director Dale Burris. Mr. Burris stated that he had advertised and received three proposals for the irrigation system project. Ingles and Son Landscape and Irrigation was the low proposal for the project and he suggested to go with the lower bid, which was about \$3000.00 lower than the other bids.

He noted that he requested the contingency to be high due to the fact that the grounds are old and they don't know what they will find once the project has begun.

Commissioner Ensley made a motion to approve the proposal from Ingles and Son Landscape and Irrigation and seconded by Commissioner Upton. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick opposed and the motion passed 4-1.

Budget Amendment for Capital Project Fund – Courthouse irrigation project

Chairman Swanger recognized Finance Director Julie Davis. Ms. Davis explained that these are funds left from the old Bargains building project contingency funds. These funds are in the Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$28,917.00 and will be transferred from one project to this one.

Commissioner Ensley made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Upton. Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick opposed and the motion passed 4-1.

HAYWOOD COUNTY
CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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JNL: _____

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Section 1. To amend the Capital Project Fund - County building/repairs/construction projects, the expenditures are to be charge as follows:

Line Item	Account Number	Current Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<u>County projects:</u>				
<u>Auxiliary Services Facility:</u>				
Contingency- Aux. Servs. Fac.	484260-599100-13ASF	32,126	(28,917)	3,209
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				-
C/O - landscaping & site improvements	484261-559300-14IRR	-	24,105	24,105
Contingency- irrigation project	484261-599100-14IRR	-	4,812	4,812

which will result in a net increase of \$ _____ in the expenditures of the Capital Project 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
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				-
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Section 2. Copies of this amendment shall be delivered to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their direction.

Adopted this the 5th of MAY, 2014.

ATTEST: 
Clerk to the Board


Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

Explanation:
To appropriate a portion of the residual balance available to cover the irrigation project at the historic courthouse.
Funding is from an amount remaining in the capital project fund that was transferred into the CP fund from the General Fund in order to renovate the old Bargains building for county purposes.

Request approval of proclamation to declare Haywood County a Purple Heart County

Chairman Swanger recognized Veterans Services Director Stephen Allred. Mr. Allred stated that at the April 21, 2014 commissioner's meeting, the Military Order of the Purple Heart requested a proclamation for Haywood County to be declared a Purple Heart County. He read the proclamation to the Board.

Commissioner Upton made a motion to declare Haywood County as a Purple Heart County and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick. Motion passed unanimously.

Haywood County

PROCLAMATION

Declaring Haywood County as a Purple Heart County

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military merit by George Washington in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to any member of the United States Armed Services wounded or killed in combat with a declared enemy of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, chartered by an act of Congress, is to foster an environment of goodwill among the combat wounded veteran members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and most importantly – make sure we never forget; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County residents have been engaged in every war against a declared enemy fought by the United States, including the war for the nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County has a large number of residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County recognizes the commitment and increasing sacrifices required of military families; and

WHEREAS, Haywood County pledges its ongoing commitment to and support for the men and women who so honorably serve our nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Haywood County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare:

Haywood County as a Purple Heart County in the State of North Carolina

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2014.



Mark Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

Request approval of proclamation for Extension's Centennial

Chairman Swanger recognized County Extension Director Bill Skelton. Mr. Skelton gave a history of the Cooperative Extension and requested a proclamation recognizing the Extension's Centennial. He read the proclamation to the Board. He invited the public to a celebration honoring this milestone on May 16th at 589 Raccoon Rd. from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ensley made a motion to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Upton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.



**North Carolina Cooperative Extension
HAYWOOD COUNTY
Centennial Proclamation**

May 16, 2014

Proclamation By:

Haywood County Board of County Commissioners

WHEREAS, May 8, 2014 marks the Centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and U.S. Representative A.F. Lever of South Carolina authored the Smith-Lever Act to expand the "vocational, agricultural and home demonstration programs in rural America" by bringing the research-based knowledge of the land-grant universities to the people where they live and work; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Haywood County is a critical component of the three part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with research and academic programs associated with the North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T State University to reach traditional and underserved audiences in all communities across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Smith-lever Act requires a partnership between county, state and federal governments and encourages priorities be established locally to meet the needs of each county; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Cooperative Extension education disseminated through Haywood County for agriculture producers has helped establish North Carolina as a leading agriculture producing state; 4-H youth development has reached millions of youth and helped prepare them for responsible adulthood by equipping them with citizenship and leadership skills; family and consumer sciences has prepared people for healthy, productive lives and breaking the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Haywood County engages with rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, resulting in acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality and prepare the next generation of leaders;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Haywood County Board of County Commissioners:

Recognizes the significance of the Smith-Lever Act to the establishment of Cooperative Extension nationwide.

Encourages the people of Haywood County to observe and celebrate the centennial with a focus on congratulating the accomplishments of the past 100 years and ensuring a thriving future for Cooperative Extension.

Honors the local Extension Agents and university faculty who dedicate careers to providing trusted education to help people, families, youth, businesses and communities solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

Thanks Cooperative Extension volunteers who provide thousands of hours to promote excellence for 4-H, Master Gardeners, family and consumer sciences and other programs in their communities.

Encourages continued collaboration and cooperation among federal, state and local governments to ensure Cooperative Extension's sustainability as the nation's premiere nonformal educational network.

Celebrates millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, community leaders and others who engage in Cooperative Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.

In North Carolina, Haywood County and commend this observance to all.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2014.


Mark Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

Request approval of proclamation of National Travel & Tourism Week in Haywood County

Chairman Swanger recognized Executive Director of Haywood County TDA Lynn Collins. Ms. Collins stated that she is asking the Board to approve the proclamation of Travel and Tourism Week of May 3rd – 11th in Haywood County. She advised the Board that the first full week of May is the annual week established by a joint resolution in 1984 to recognize travel and tourism. She stated that tourism is vital to Haywood County in many ways, one of which is job creation. She read the proclamation to the Board.

Commissioner Sorrells noted that he appreciates what the TDA does for the County to facilitate bringing more tourists to the County.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick stated that he was impressed what was spent in Haywood County. He acknowledged the great impact that tourism makes on this county.

Commissioner Upton noted that the \$325.00 tax savings per household is a savings that the citizens don't have to pay.

Commissioner Upton made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick. Motion passed unanimously.



Proclamation Travel & Tourism Week

Whereas, the travel and tourism industry in Haywood County and North Carolina is vital to our economic stability and growth and it contributes to the cultural and social wellbeing of the county;

Whereas, tourism in Haywood County generated an economic impact of \$126.35 million annually;

Whereas, Haywood County ranks 33rd in travel impact among North Carolina's 100 Counties;

Whereas, travel and tourism accounts for more than 1,310 jobs in Haywood County and generated \$23.71 million in payroll;

Whereas, state and local tax revenues from travel to Haywood County amounted to \$11.39 million, which represents a \$325 tax saving to each county household;

Whereas, on an average day, tourist spending in Haywood County generates \$64,959 daily in worker paychecks and creates \$13,808 daily in local county tax revenues.

Whereas, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the United States, spurs countless benefits to traveler's creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity, relationships and wellness;

Whereas, travel is a catalyst that moves the Haywood County economy forward;

Now, therefore, I, Mark Swanger, Chairman of the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 11, 2014 as Travel and Tourism Week in Haywood County, and urge the citizens of Haywood County to join me in this special observance with appropriate events and commemorations.



Mark Swanger, Chairman
Haywood County Commissioners

CLOSED SESSION

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

The Board returned from Closed Session.

Chairman Swanger stated that Ira Dove has been serving as Interim County Manager since January of this year. He recommended to the Board that Mr. Dove be named as the permanent County Manager. He acknowledged that this has been discussed and it is unanimous in this decision to hire Mr. Dove as the County Manager of Haywood County at the annual salary of \$130,000.00.

Vice-Chairman Kirkpatrick made the motion to hire Ira Dove as the County Manager of Haywood County at an annual salary of \$130,000.00 and was seconded by Commissioner Upton. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Swanger congratulated Mr. Dove on an excellent job so far and Mr. Dove thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

Chairman Swanger confirmed with Mr. Dove that the process would begin on finding a new director for the Haywood County Health and Human Services Agency.

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 9:55 a.m. The DVD is attached by reference to the minutes.

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