

Camden County Board of Commissioners
BOC - Regular Meeting
March 21, 2016
7:00 PM
Historic Courtroom, Courthouse Complex
Camden, North Carolina

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners was held on March 21, 2016 in the Historic Courtroom, Camden, North Carolina. The following Commissioners were present:

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| P. Michael McLain | Chairman | Present | |
| Sandra Duckwall | Commissioner | Present | |
| Garry Meiggs | Vice Chairman | Absent | |
| Clayton Riggs | Commissioner | Present | |
| Tom White | Commissioner | Present | |
| Michael Renshaw | County Manager | Present | |
| Angela Wooten | Clerk to the Board | Present | |
| John Morrison | County Attorney | Present | |

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 158

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Manager Renshaw requested to add a Closed Session as Item 12.A.

A. Motion to approve the agenda as amended

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Tom White, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Space Needs Presentation
- B. NCDOT Traffic Safety Improvement: US17/Business 17
- C. Presentation by Sheriff Tony Perry
- D. Report to the People

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Monthly Tax Report

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Tom White, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

B. Noblitt S&E

Commissioner White made a motion approve funding of \$6400 and authorize the County Manager to execute the attached contract with E T Hyman Surveying.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Tom White, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

C. Streetlight Policy Amendments

Camden County Village Core Streetlight Funding Policy

Adopted: March 19, 2012

Revised: March 21, 2016

I. Purpose of Village Core Streetlight Policy

The Camden County Board of Commissioners recognizes the added value of having specific areas of the County illuminated at night through the use of street lighting. In recognition that a role of local government is to serve the public interest with regards to quality of life and public safety concerns, the Board further recognizes the following three goals which collectively act to serve that interest:

- a. To provide for the safety of nighttime traffic operations within village core areas.
- b. To provide a sense of safety and security of pedestrians travelling along arterial transportation corridors within village core areas.
- c. To serve as a deterrent for criminal activity within village core areas, or areas with a history of special public safety need as identified by the Sheriff of Camden County.

The purpose of this policy is to create a set of objective criteria which the Board may, at its sole discretion, consider when deciding to fund the operation of existing or future streetlights within village core areas of the County. County funding for such existing or future streetlights shall only provide for monthly electricity costs and fees paid to the provider/owner of such equipment and shall not include the installation or direct maintenance of such equipment.

Consistent with the public interest goals described above, the Board of Commissioners shall only consider the funding of electricity costs and associated fees for streetlights located along a local thoroughfare and within the public right-of-way. Under no circumstances will consideration be given for the funding of streetlights located on private, residential or commercial property.

The existence of this policy shall not in any manner require the County to fund either the ongoing electricity costs and associated fees of existing street lights nor the funding of any future street light improvements within village core areas of the County.

II. Policy ImplementationDefinitions and Minimum Qualifying Thresholds

For the purpose of this policy, the term *village core area* shall be defined as those areas of the County containing population clusters of at least 250 residents within a one quarter (1/4) square mile radius and four (4) or more businesses within that same radius.

Local thoroughfare is defined according to North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards and shall include roadways with no controlled access restrictions serving a high access, moderate to low mobility functional purpose.

In addition, vehicle traffic count volumes along the local thoroughfare illuminated by the street lights must be equal to or greater than 400 vehicles per day. Data to be used for this determination shall be obtained through the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The Board of Commissioners may consider a request to fund monthly electric costs and associated fees for street lighting only upon written request from at least two of the following three sources:

1. Petition signed by a minimum of twenty (20) adult residents living within the village core area being considered.
2. Written request of a tax exempt non-profit or faith-based organization serving within the village core area being considered.

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3. Written request from two or more businesses located within the village core area being considered.

The Board of Commissioners may also consider a request to fund monthly electric costs and associated fees for street lighting upon written request of the Sheriff of Camden County followed by a public presentation at a regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner's meeting.

III. Fiscal Impact and Future Policy Modifications

Should the Board of Commissioners decide that it is in the public interest that the County should fund the monthly electric bills and associated fees of village core area streetlights, such funds as required shall be appropriated for the fiscal year or portion thereof.

Future funding shall be contingent upon budget availability. The County reserves the right to cancel funding at any time.

The Board of Commissioners shall periodically review this policy and reserves the right to modify its provisions at any time.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Clayton Riggs, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Meiggs, Riggs, White |

Motion to amend the Streetlight Policy

Amend the existing Street Lighting policy to include an exception for Citizen Safety upon recommendation from the Sheriffs department.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Clayton Riggs, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

Motion to approve the Belcross Streetlight request.

Approve the Belcross street light request with the new amended policy, as the request meets three of the four criteria requirements.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Clayton Riggs, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

7. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

A. Camden County CAC's

Motion to appoint

Appoint Clarann Mansfield and Dana Rabon Smith to serve on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee for one year terms to expire 3/20/2017.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Clayton Riggs, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Tom White made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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| RESULT: | ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Tom White, Commissioner |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

- A. Budget Amendments
- B. CCS Budget Amendments
- C. Proclamation

- D. Tax Collection Report - Feb
- E. Vehicle Refunds Over \$100.00
- F. DMV Monthly Report
- G. Audit Contracts
- H. Surplus Item-DSS
- I. Set Hearing Date

9. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

10. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

11. INFORMATION, REPORTS & MINUTES FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- A. EMS Reports
- B. Sales Tax, LTT, Utilities Report
- C. Broadbandio Update

12. OTHER MATTERS

Closed Session

- A. Motion to enter Closed Session

At 8:29 PM the board entered Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | P. Michael McLain, Chairman |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

- B. Motion to come out of closed session.

The board came out of Closed Session at 8:37 PM.

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| RESULT: | PASSED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | P. Michael McLain, Chairman |
| AYES: | McLain, Duckwall, Riggs, White |
| ABSENT: | Meiggs |

- C. County Manager Resignation

Chairman McLain announced that during Closed Session County Manager Michael Renshaw has resigned his position as County Manager effective April 22, 2016. Chairman McLain directed staff to start advertising for a new County Manager.

13. ADJOURN

With no other matters before the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:42 PM.

ATTEST:


 Angela L. Wooten
 Clerk to the Board


 Michael McLain, Chairman
 Board of Commissioners

