



Rutherford County

Rutherford County Office Building
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Meeting Minutes - Outline Board of Commissioners

Monday, October 1, 2018

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

I. Call to Order

Chairman King called the October 1, 2018 meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

Rollcall

Present: 4 - Chairperson Bryan King, Vice Chairperson Alan Toney, Commissioner Michael Benfield and Commissioner Eddie Holland
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Greg Lovelace

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk to the Board Hazel Haynes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Agenda Approval

Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace

II. Public Comments

Ms. Madge Flack spoke to the Board again regarding the water problems which she had experienced at her home in Rutherfordton. Though she has had no flooding recently, she said the ditch constructed to divert the water away from her home was filling up rapidly. She believes the same problems will occur unless another solution is put in place. She has had to leave her home due to the mold.

Ms. Juanita Flack appeared before the Board on behalf of her mother (Ms. Madge Flack.) The problem still exists, according to Ms. Flack, and no solution has been submitted to solve the problem. She asked that the Commissioners view the site.

Mr. Dan Hegeman extended an invitation to attend the Salute to Veterans which will be held November 10 at RS Middle School. Various veterans' organizations have come together to provide this event to honor veterans who have protected our country.

III. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Benfield moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace

- A. [ID 18-1767](#) Minutes of September 4, 2018

Attachments: [20180904Minutes](#)

- B. [ID 18-1766](#) Minutes of Special Meeting of September 18, 2018

Attachments: [20180918 Special Meeting Minutes](#)

- C. [ID 18-1772](#) Tax Refunds and Releases for October, 2018

Attachments: [Tax Refunds Releases Oct 2018](#)

IV. Commissioners/Appointments

- A. [ID 18-1768](#) Announcement of Vacancy on Rutherford County Tourism Development Authority

An email notifying the Board that Ms. Ruthie Hanson had resigned as a member of the Tourism Development Authority was included in the agenda. She served as a travel and tourism promoter. The Board agreed to advertise the vacancy, accept applications, and approve an appointment at a future meeting.

V. Commissioner Reports

- A. [ID 18-1769](#) North Carolina Department of Transportation Prioritization for Projects Presentation

Attachments: [NCDOT Prioritization and Programming Process](#)

Ms. Stephen Sparks, NCDOT Division 13 Corridor Development Engineer, provided information on NCDOT's STI (State Transportation Investments) Prioritization and Programming Process. House Bill 817 which was signed into law in June of 2013 is the most significant NC transportation legislation since the 1989 Highway Trust Fund. This created a prioritization workgroup to provide recommendations to NCDOT on weights and criteria for transportation projects in the state. The projects are a result of long-range planning (Comprehensive Transportation Plans), prioritization, and project funding (State Transportation Improvement Program.)

Mr. Sparks said the work group meets every two years and sets the methodology of scoring. County Manager Steve Garrison noted that when the new scoring mechanism was created, it became very difficult for rural counties to receive any funding for paving. Chairman King stated that the Board's desire is for equitable treatment for all citizens, and he asked that Mr. Sparks relay this message to the Raleigh headquarters.

B. [ID 18-1770](#) Developing and Implementing a Smoke/Tobacco Free Policy Presentation**Attachments:**[Tobacco Use Statistics](#)[NC Written Regulations](#)[Rutherford County Commissioners -Local Authority October 1 2018](#)

Ms. Karen Caldwell, Regional Tobacco Control Manager of the Division of Public Health, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, presented information on developing and implementing a smoke/tobacco free policy to the Board. A local government may adopt and enforce ordinances, board of health rules, and policies restricting or prohibiting smoking that are more restrictive than state law and that apply to:

- Local Government Buildings
- Local Government Vehicles
- Local Government Grounds
- Enclosed Public Places

The Board of County Commissioners may adopt an ordinance that applies to unincorporated areas. If municipalities agree, the ordinance may apply within incorporated areas. Presently, Rutherford County has no 100% tobacco-free or smoke-free written regulations.

VI. New Business**A. [ID 18-1773](#) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Recommended Transfer of Equipment****Attachments:**[Youth Empowerment Equipment List](#)[JCPC Policy Manual Excerpt](#)

Finance Director Paula Roach advised that the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council had recommended the transfer of equipment previously utilized by Youth Empowerment to Project Challenge and Kids at Work. Two items that were not requested will revert to the County. The Finance Office and Public Works will coordinate with the regional JCPC programs manager to transition the equipment, if approved.

Project Challenge requested the 2010 Chrysler Town & Country since the van that Project Challenge is using is a 2006 which was purchased by Polk County and has over 137,000 miles. Kids at Work has requested all the kitchen equipment to set up their own kitchen, the 15-passenger van to exclusively transport Rutherford youth and their families for services, and the laptops and mini-computers that would help in curriculum delivery with students, especially as they implement ServSafe certification for students which utilizes online materials and testing.

Funding previously awarded to Youth Empowerment for FY 2018-2019 will be included in the County Commissioners' December meeting agenda for reallocation.

Commissioner Holland moved to approve the transfer of equipment as recommended by the JCPC board. The two items unclaimed will be transferred to the County. If equipment cannot be used, staff will recommend disposition as appropriate and any program revenues will be repurposed for JCPC programs. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace

B. [ID 18-1771](#) Meeting Dates for Rutherford County Board of Commissioners for 2019

Attachments: [Meeting Schedule 2019](#)

Commissioner Benfield move to approve the resolution establishing dates for the meetings of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners for 2019. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace

Enactment No: RES 18-026

C. [ID 18-1774](#) 2019 Schedule of Values Adoption

Attachments: [Order of Adoption 2019](#)

Revenue Director Sherry Lavender told the Board that the 2019 Schedule of Values, Standards, and Rules of the 2019 Reappraisal had been presented at the special meeting on August 22, 2018. A public hearing to listen to comments regarding the proposed Schedule of Values was held at the September 4, 2019 meeting. She requested that the Board issue an order adopting the 2019 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules of the 2019 Reappraisal. Notice of this order would be published once a week for four successive weeks.

Commissioner Benfield made a motion to approve the order adopting the 2019 Schedule of Values, Standards, and Rules of the 2019 Reappraisal. Commissioner Holland seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace

ORDER OF ADOPTION

The Rutherford County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled meeting held on October 1, 2018 adopted both the true value and present use value Schedules of Values, Standards and Rules with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

A copy of the Schedules is available for public inspection at the offices of the Rutherford

County Tax Revenue Department, 229 N. Main St. Rutherfordton, N.C. from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Any property owner who questions either of the 2019 Schedules may except to the Order of Adoption and appeal to the North Carolina Property Tax Commission within thirty (30) days of the date when the notice of the order adopting the schedules, standards, and rules was first published.

Adopted this the 1st day of October 2018

VII. Information

A. [ID 18-1749](#) Tax Collector's Report - August, 2018

Attachments: [Net Collections Report 8.31.18.pdf](#)

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:01 P.M. Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield and Commissioner Holland

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Lovelace