

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JUNE 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Jimmy B. Clayton
Kyle W. Puryear
B. Ray Jeffers
Frances P. Blalock
David Newell, Sr.

Heidi York, County Manager
C. Ronald Aycock, County Attorney
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Person County Office Building Auditorium.

Chairman Clayton called the meeting to order, led invocation and asked Vice Chairman Jeffers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Newell and **carried 5-0** to remove the Closed Session from the agenda.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to add an item to the agenda for an appointment to the OPC Board.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda as adjusted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 RECOMMENDED BUDGET:

Chairman Clayton announced to the group that individuals signed up to speak during the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget Public Hearing would have three minutes each to address the Board.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to open the duly advertised public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget.

The following individual appeared before the Board to speak in favor of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget:

Mr. Kenneth Rickman of 3936 Allensville Road, Roxboro supported the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget and the 2% increase slated for the 450 teachers in Person County. Mr. Rickman requested Board consideration to give the Sheriff whatever he requests to have the necessary tools to ensure the safety of the citizens of the county.

The following individuals appeared before the Board to speak in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget:

Mr. Dan Holloman, of 304 S. Morgan Street, Roxboro and Superintendent of Person County Schools reiterated the Board of Education's budget request for current expenses reflected an increase of \$818,744 which included a 2% supplement for all school employees. Mr. Holloman noted since that time the district received its proposed state allotment by the Senate for next year's budget which reflected a \$450,000 reduction through teacher assistants, transportation, school nurses and central office.

Ms. Bridget Burton of 21 Carter Lane, Roxboro and a Kindergarten teacher at Stories Creek Elementary School spoke to the value of the role and great need for teacher assistants in the classroom.

Dr. Walter Bartlett of 1715 College Drive, Roxboro and Piedmont Community College President thanked the Board for the support of the college and asked consideration to assist further with campus security funding.

Mr. Charles Timberlake of 235 Dick Holeman Road, Timberlake and Chief of the Timberlake Volunteer Fire Department requested Board consideration for an alternate means to fund volunteer fire departments such as imposing a fire or service district tax explaining expenses at volunteer fire departments are exceeding revenues making it hard to continue to operate. Mr. Timberlake asked the County Manager to obtain the property values for each fire department's district for such.

Mr. Leigh Woodall of 200 Reade Drive, Roxboro requested the Board to report on the benefits derived from the reorganization of the Economic Development Commission in 2012 noting the vital need for jobs in the private sector.

Mr. Derrick Sims of 2409 Flatwoods Road, Timberlake and Chairman for the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce requested county funding for the Chamber's single largest fundraiser, the Personality Festival, scheduled to be held August 22-23, 2014.

Judge Mark Galloway of 221 Crestwood Drive, Roxboro made a request for drug treatment court funding in the amount of \$10,000 citing statistic data that 75% of the program's graduates do not return to the court system within five years.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to close the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Recommended Budget.

Chairman Clayton announced a brief recess at 7:26 pm. Chairman Clayton reconvened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

The following individual appeared before the Board to make informal comments:

Mr. Kenneth Rickman of 3936 Allensville Road, Roxboro addressed the Board on two issues. The first issue related to an email he stated he sent to Commissioner Puryear without response. The second issue involved a request for the Board of Commissioners to submit a letter to NC State Superintendent, June Atkinsons' office asking why no one was chosen from Person County to serve on the Department of Public Instruction's established Governor's Teacher Network. Mr. Rickman encouraged state representative candidates, Ray Jeffers and Larry Yarborough to follow-up on this request as well.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2014
- B. CDBG Monthly Reporting for the month of May 2014

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REORGANIZATION OF THE PERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: A RESOLUTION REORGANIZING THE PERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO INCREASE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATION:

County Attorney, Ron Aycock stated this agenda item confirms, ratifies and formalizes the action taken by the Board of Commissioners at its May 19, 2014 meeting which reorganized the Person County Economic Development Commission. Mr. Aycock stated the resolution maintains the number of the Economic Development Commission members at nine, provides that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and Mayor of Roxboro and president of the Piedmont Community College serve ex-officio with the right to vote as well as provides representation from business organizations and members of the public to be appointed by Person County (3) and the City of Roxboro (1). Mr. Aycock further stated the resolution also provides that the County Manager, City Manager and Dean for Corporate and Occupational Training at Piedmont Community Center shall be permitted to participate fully in the activities of the Commission as non-board members with no right to vote. Mr. Aycock explained the term ex-officio means by virtue of office held.

Chairman Clayton provided an amendment to the resolution (a handout was placed at each commissioner's seat) that would authorize the County Manager to vote in absence of the Chair of the Person County Board of Commissioners, and the City Manager would be authorized to vote in the absence of the Mayor of Roxboro.

Commissioner Puryear asked the County Attorney the effects of such action related to the non-profit, Person County Business Industrial Center (PCBIC). Mr. Aycock reminded the group the elected officers of the Economic Development Commission serve in the dual role as officers for PCBIC over which the Board of Commissioners has no direct oversight. Mr. Aycock noted the Board of Commissioners is responsible as the appointing authority which has been the case since the initial creation of the Economic Development Commission in 1981. Mr. Aycock stated statutory requirements of annual reporting to the County by the non-profit. Stuart Gilbert, Director of Economic Development, present in the audience, noted a report is not required if there is not a county contribution made during that year. Mr. Gilbert stated he would provide copies of PCBIC's annual financial report (Form 990) for 2012 and 2013 to the County Manager for distribution to the Board.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to adopt the Resolution reorganizing the Person County Economic Development Commission to increase community and business representation with Chairman Clayton's amendment to allow the City Manager and County Manager voting privileges only in the absence of the their respective elective official representative, Mayor of Roxboro and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, as well as to change the county appointed member-at-large term to 3-years.

**A RESOLUTION REORGANIZING THE
PERSON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
TO INCREASE COMMUNITY
AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATION**

Whereas NC GS Chapter 58 authorizes counties to create county economic development commissions and to periodically make changes to such commissions; and

Whereas the Person County Board of Commissioners created the Person County Economic Development Commission at its meeting on February 16, 1981; and

Whereas that 1981 Resolution authorized the Board of County Commissioners to change the membership on the Economic Development Commission for any reason; and

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners changed the membership by action at its meeting on August 20, 2012; and

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting on May 19, 2014 took action to further amend the resolution to change the membership and responsibilities of the board; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners desires to confirm, formalize and ratify the action taken at its May 19, 2014 meeting

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1- The 1981 resolution creating the Person County Economic Development Commission as amended is further amended as follows:
 - (a) Existing Section 2 is repealed and the following section 2 is inserted therefore:

“Section 2. MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, ETC.

“The commission shall consist of 9 members. The members shall be appointed for 3 year staggered terms except for those members appointed by virtue of their respective offices which such members shall serve for the period which they occupy those offices. The membership of the Board shall be as follows with the members serving the initial terms indicated by the number indicated after their names and thereafter for 3 year terms:

- A. The Chair of the Person County Board of Commissioners serving ex-officio with full right to vote (term of office), provided however if the chair is not present the county manager is authorized to vote.

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- B. The mayor of the City of Roxboro serving ex-officio with full right to vote (term of office), provided however if the mayor is not present the city manager is authorized to vote.
- C. The President of Piedmont Community College serving ex-officio with full right to vote (term of office).
- D. Elected Chair or an alternate from the executive board of the Board of Directors for the Roxboro Development Group (term of office).
- E. Elected chair or an alternate from the executive board of the Board of Directors for the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce (term of office).
- F. A representative of a business with a presence in Roxboro appointed by the Roxboro City Council for a 3-year term.
- G. A representative of a business with a presence in Person County appointed by the Board of Commissioners for a 3-year term.
- H. Two Members at Large appointed by the Board of County Commissioners each for a 3-year term.

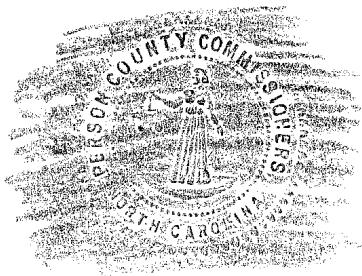
Any member of the Economic Development Commission may be removed at any time with or without cause by a majority vote of the appointing authority.

The following person shall be permitted to participate fully in the activities of the board as non- board members but shall have no right to vote on any matter except as authorized in Section 2 A above as to the County Manager and in Section 2 B above as to the City Manager:

- 1- Person County Manager serving ex-officio
- 2- Roxboro City Manager serving ex-officio
- 3- Piedmont Community College's the Dean of Corporate and Occupational Training

2- This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted, this, the 2nd day of June, 2014.



Jimmy B. Clayton

 Jimmy B. Clayton, Chairman
 Person County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Brenda B. Reaves

 Brenda B. Reaves, NCCCC, CMC
 Clerk to the Board

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NEW BUSINESS:

DESIGNATE NACO VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Voting Credentials for the 2014 Annual Conference to be held July 11-14, 2014, in New Orleans, Louisiana, must be submitted by June 13, 2014 in order for Person County's delegate to participate in the association's annual election of officers and policy adoption.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Newell to designate Vice Chairman Jeffers as Person County's voting delegate at the 2014 NACo Annual Conference.

A **substitute motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to designate Chairman Clayton as Person County's voting delegate at the 2014 NACo Annual Conference with himself designated as the alternate.

APPOINTMENT TO THE OPC BOARD:

Chairman Clayton requested Board consideration for an appointment to the OPC Community Oversight Board noting he had a nomination through Pam Wood, a county Department of Social Services employee. Chairman Clayton stated if the Board would approve his request, Ms. Wood could attend the next scheduled OPC Board meeting on June 9, 2014.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Blalock and **carried 5-0** to appoint Pam Wood to the OPC Community Oversight Board for a 3-year term.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Clayton stated he and Vice Chairman Jeffers attended County Assembly Day and spoke with legislators to request that the state not pass to the counties any unfunded mandates noting the Senate's proposed budget is likely to cost counties.

Chairman Clayton noted the state Environmental Committee met and discussed issues related to the coal ash spill and gas drilling.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager, Heidi York reminded the Board that the next scheduled budget work session will be held on June 3, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Board's usual meeting room. Ms. York stated the budget is slated for adoption at the Board's June 16, 2014 meeting.

Ms. York introduced Maia Landey, summer intern, noting Ms. Landey and Adam Decker are both graduate degree students in the Public Administration programs at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Ms. York stated she will begin her maternity leave on June 6, 2014.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Newell commented, in his opinion, to keep Person County competitive with its surrounding counties he would emphasize more funding for education noting revenues are drying up and people are taxed out reinforcing the need for the Board to set priorities.

Commissioner Blalock reported an upcoming environmental meeting will be held in Creedmoor next week. Commissioner Blalock stated she has diligently been working to clean up the appearance of Broad Road.

Commissioner Puryear reported he attended the ribbon cutting at Bethel Hill Charter School's new educational building. Commissioner Puryear thanked Mr. John Betterton for his thirty-plus years of service to the Bethel Hill School and wished him well during his retirement.

Vice Chairman Jeffers stated the Bethel Hill project was funded through Rural Development USDA funding noting he serves as Chair of NACo's Rural Action Caucus and it was rewarding to see this result of the Farm Bill federal funding maintained as a priority of NACo. Vice Chairman Jeffers added to Chairman Clayton's comments related to County Assembly Day noting their discussions with legislators also related to environmental issues. Vice Chairman Jeffers stated Person County is not one of the 48 counties affected by the Senate proposal to begin phasing out the 2007 Medicaid Relief Swap's guaranteed \$500,000 benefit for counties and the Senate's proposed budget rejected the Governor's recommendation to transfer worker's compensation funding responsibilities for schools and community college personnel as well as the school bus tort claims to counties. Vice Chairman Jeffers noted the Senate's proposed budget would support county child protective services replacing lapsed federal funds with child welfare workers to meet the recommended caseload as well as would shift all misdemeanants, including DWI misdemeanants, from state prisons to county jails under the Statewide Misdemeanant Confinement Fund program as well as limit school nurses in the district.

RECESS:

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Jeffers, and **carried 5-0** to recess the meeting at 8:13 pm until June 3, 2014 in the Board's usual meeting room at 2:00 pm for the purpose of a budget work session.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

Jimmy B. Clayton
Chairman