

Minutes
Richmond County Board of Commissioners
1401 Fayetteville Road, Conference Room, Rockingham, NC
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 04, 2020 5:30PM

The Richmond County Board of Commissioners met remotely for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. with the following remote :Chairman Kenneth R. Robinette; Commissioners Tavares Bostic and Rick Watkins. Present in room: Vice-Chairman John B. Garner; Commissioners Don M. Bryant, Jimmy L. Capps, and Ben T. Moss, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robinette at 5:30 P.M.

ITEM NO. 1 Invocation by Commissioner Rick Watkins

Invocation was given by Commissioner Watkins

ITEM NO. 2 Approval of Agenda - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Bryant and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Commissioner Ben Moss voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO. 3 Open Forum for Public Comments - 5:30 - 6:00 PM

No one signed up to speak

ITEM NO. 4 Update from Richmond Community College - Dr. Dale McInnis, President

Dr. McInnis told board that the college is being safe and productive. Regular cleaning in buildings, classrooms and common area. Mask will be required in the common area. Teachers can require mask in the classrooms. We will maintain social distance in all areas.

The fall semester will have classes that will be face to face and real time online. Student services moved into the new building. This is going to be great support for students online and face to face. Buctch Farrah is working with small businesses. New cafe on campus should be completed by end of September or middle of October. RCC building in uptown Rockingham will be completed some time this fall.

Diplomas were handed out to the students completing 2019-2020 year. This was done in person to every graduate. Also, we held the pinning event. Thank you for putting Jerry Austin back on the board for four years.

ITEM NO. 5 Request for Board Consideration of Approval for Re-appointments to City of Rockingham Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments (ETJ) - Bryan Land, Manager - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Bryant and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Vice-Chairman John Garner voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO. 6 Monthly Report by County Manager Bryan Land

On the County level we continue to do everything in our control to stop the spread of Covid 19. We are still checking employee's temperature and screening everyone before they enter any of our buildings. Over the last two weeks we have installed our automated kiosk temperature stations. These have been a great addition to our buildings and they seem to be more accurate than the hand held temperature devices. They also eliminate the need for close interaction with employees; the entire process is hands free and automated.

The numerous Covid barriers and hand sanitizer dispensers that we have installed at many of our county buildings are being utilized and are working out well for our staff. Supply chain log jams continue to be an issue with all needed Covid related supplies including hand sanitizer.

Our IT staff and building maintenance crews have done a tremendous job making all of the necessary accommodations for the various departments during the Covid pandemic. We have all had to make major adjustments to our everyday lifestyles for the health and safety of all.

We will continue to follow Governor Coopers and the CDC recommendations on opening fully to our citizens. However as we have all noted we are continuing to witness increasing numbers in our positive cases. Over the last week we have witnessed a decline in positives. Dr. Jarrell and I both agree a good percentage of the increases in positives can be attributed to the increased testing in our County which has more than doubled in the last two months. However, there are other circumstances including not following recommendations and community spread that have led to the ramp up in cases in our County. Summer travel and family vacations have played a part as well. Phase 2 is slated to be lifted this Friday August 7th. We will all be listening for Governor Coopers guidance. As of today, we currently have 332 positive cases for Covid 19. To date we have tested 2834 and of those 2440 have come back negative or inconclusive. 229 individuals have recovered. We currently have 96 active cases. We have had 9 deaths.(some are residents of other counties, inconclusive, pending, waiting) Testing is Monday - Friday from 8:00AM until 4:00PM drive thru but a referral needed. COVID 19 phone number (910) 417-4947

Our Solid Waste report is as follows: we picked up 453 bags for a total of approximately 5.1 tons. Additionally, 9 tires were removed; we cleaned up 27 different roadways with Richmond County Staff and DOT forces. Our Solid Waste Enforcement Officer investigated 1 illegal dump site and issued 3 citations or notices.

On the economic development front, the Tarlton Boat Plant project has been awarded to Myrick Construction by Global Packaging, as a reminder Martie Butler was able to land a 75k building demo grant for Global to clean up the site. Myrick hopes to start the project around September 1. After site cleanup, Global plans to construct a new warehouse on the site.

The 50k building expansion at Direct Pack that Southern Builders is construction is progressing rather nicely. The building is starting to take shape as the entire steel skeleton has been erected. A project to clean and pressure wash the old courthouse has been awarded as well, the contractor hopes to start this project around early fall. (Barnes Pressure Washing)

During the first week of September, we will begin a flooring rehab project at our Solid Waste transfer station facility. This is a planned capital project that will require the transfer station to be closed September 3rd-7th. The transfer station will reopen on the 8th of September.

The building portion of our Anson County pump station project is complete; Electrical work is currently under way and should take about two weeks to complete. As a reminder the 1.2 million dollar project has been completed and paid for in full by NCDOT in conjunction with the I73/74 project. No county taxpayer dollars or enterprise funds dollars were utilized to fund the project.

I wanted to update the board on our census figures, as of yesterday Richmond County was 73rd out of 100 with completion percentages. We are currently hovering around 50%. I urge all of our citizens to please complete your census questionnaire, as it is an extremely important tool that is utilized with gauging the amount of funding we will receive in Richmond County. The website is 2020census.gov or you can call 844 330 2020 to complete.

ITEM NO. 7 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Level II Dispositional Alternative State Funding for JCPC - Curtis Ingram, JCPC Chairman- Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Moss and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Vice-Chairman John Garner voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Don Bryant voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO. 8 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of JCPC FY 20-21 Funding Priorities - Curtis Ingram, JCPC Chairman - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Capps and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Commissioner Don Bryant voted yes; Commissioner Ben Moss voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO. 9 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for COVID-19 Cares Activities - Dr. Tommy Jarrell PhD, Director - Health & Human Services - Decision

Dr. Jarrell was unable to attend so Cheryl Speight presented to the board.

By a motion of Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner Bryant and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Commissioner Ben Moss voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO.10 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for COVID-19 Crisis Response - Dr. Tommy Jarrell PhD, Director - Health & Human Services - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Capps, seconded by Commissioner Moss and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Vice-Chairman John Garner voted yes; Commissioner Don Bryant voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO.11 Request for Board Consideration of Approval of Budget Amendment for REACH - Dr. Tommy Jarrell PhD, Director - Health & Human Services - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Garner and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Ben Moss voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO.12 Presentation of Health Department Strategic Plan 2020-2023 - Dr. Tommy Jarrell PhD, Director - Health & Human Services - Decision

Presentation was given by Cheryl Speight

ITEM# 1

By a motion of Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Moss and by unanimous vote. Motion carried

Vice-Chairman John Garner voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO.13 Presentation of 2019 Community Health Assessment (CHA) - Dr. Tommy Jarrell PhD, Director - Health & Human Services - Discussion

ITEM NO.14 Consent Agenda - Decision

A) Approval of Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting and Budget Work Session on July 07, 2020 as Submitted by the Clerk For Review

B) Approval of Tax Releases And Tax Refunds for the Month of June, 2020

C) Approval of North Carolina Vehicle Tax System Refund Report for the Month of June 2020

D) Approval of Budget Amendment for WIC Breast Feeding Peer Counselor

E) Approval of Budget Amendment for WIC Client Services

F) Approval of Budget Amendment for Work First Transportation

G) Approval of Budget Amendment for New Pump Station

H) Approval of Procedure for EO 124 & 142 Repayment Plan

I) Approval to Transfer Ownership of Fire Apparatus

By a motion of Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Garner and by unanimous vote.
Motion carried

Commissioner Don Bryant voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

ITEM NO.15 Adjournment - Decision

By a motion of Commissioner Moss, seconded by Commissioner Garner and by unanimous vote.
Motion carried

Commissioner Don Bryant voted yes; Commissioner Jimmy Capps voted yes; Commissioner Rick Watkins voted yes; Commissioner Tavares Bostic voted yes; Chairman Kenneth Robinette voted yes and by unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by the Clerk

Dena R. Cook, NCCCC

Clerk to the Board

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