

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, August 1, 2016

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

*Chairperson Jeff Rose
Vice Chairman Gary Roark
Commissioner Brien Richardson
Commissioner Larry Rhodes
Commissioner William Sands*

BUSINESS SESSION**I. 9:00 AM - Meeting Called to Order at the Ashe County Courthouse**

Chairman Rose called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashe County Courthouse.

Present: 5 - Chairperson Jeff Rose, Commissioner Larry Rhodes, Commissioner William Sands, Vice Chairman Gary Roark and Commissioner Brien Richardson

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Sands led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Rhodes offered the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes**[MIN 16-018](#) June 13, 2016 Budget Session Minutes**

Attachments: [08-01-16 June 13, 2016 Budget Session Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to approve the June 13, 2016 Budget Session minutes as written. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

[MIN 16-019](#) June 14, 2016 Budget Session Minutes

Attachments: [08-01-16 June 14, 2016 Budget Session Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to approve the June 14, 2016 Budget Session minutes as written. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

[MIN 16-020](#) June 20, 2016 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [08-01-16 June 20, 2016 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to approve the June 20, 2016 Regular Session minutes as written. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

[MIN 16-021](#) July 5, 2016 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [08-01-16 July 5, 2016 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to approve the July 5, 2016 Regular Session minutes as written. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

V. Presentations

[PRES 16-068](#) School Board Chair Charlie King - Request for Approval to Proceed with Purchase of Property for a New Middle School & Request for Approval of \$60,000 Funding to Proceed

Attachments: [08-01-16 Middle School Property Proposal](#)

School Board Chair Charlie King introduced School Board members, Maintenance Supervisor Kenny Richardson, and Architect Larry Greene. He then provided background information regarding research for a location on which to build a new middle school. School Board members have found a piece of property they are interested in after looking at several pieces of property in the County. There have been issues with all of the previous properties that School Board members have looked at. Mr. King explained that availability of sewer and water to a property must also be considered. He told the Board that the commissioners will need to approve funds to have soil tested on the property they are considering to make sure the property is suitable for a school. Chairman Rose then made a motion to appropriate \$60,000 for soil testing on the possible middle school site. County Manager Sam Yearick explained the funding appropriation of \$730,105 that was set aside for debt service for schools during the budget work sessions this year. The funds are to be used for costs associated with the new middle school, paving at schools, and Chromebooks for students. The School Board is requesting to use \$60,000 of the debt service monies. Architect Larry Greene spoke to the Board regarding needs for the middle school and estimated that 23 - 25 acres of usable property will be needed for the middle school. With no further comments or questions from the Board, Chairman Rose called for a vote to the motion on the floor. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

[PRES](#)
[16-070](#)

Artie McGlohon & Jim Barlow - Ashe County Law Enforcement
Appreciation Day

Attachments: [08-01-16 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day](#)

Artie McGlohon and Jim Barlow spoke to the Board about Ashe County Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, an event they are promoting as a way to thank law enforcement officers for their service to citizens. The event will be held on the lawn behind the Sheriff's Office. They are not requesting funding from the commissioners, but will be accepting donations from the public. Any money that is left over from the event will be donated for the costs associated with the Sheriff's Office purchasing two K9 units. Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to appropriate \$1000 from the contingency fund for the event. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

[PRES](#)
[16-071](#)

Planning Director Adam Stumb - High Impact Land Use Ordinance Update

Attachments: [08-01-16 High Impact Land Use Ordinance Update](#)

Planning Director Adam Stumb provided an update regarding the High Impact Land Use Ordinance. He explained setbacks and buffers in the proposed ordinance and included maps that show the proposed versus the existing setbacks and buffers. When the proposed ordinance is finalized, a public hearing to gain citizen input will be scheduled, most likely in September.

VI. Public Comment

Chairman Rose opened the floor for public comment.

Kyra Beach spoke to the Board regarding a complaint about people that live above her daughter who are dumping trash into the creek. County Manager Sam Yearick responded that he talked with Ms. Beach's daughter last week explaining to her that the Ashe County Code Enforcement Officer is working on the situation.

No further comment was offered.

GENERAL SESSION

Appointments

[APP 16-012](#)

Appointment to the Airport Advisory Board - Bruce Huester

Attachments: [08-01-16 Airport Advisory Board Appt - Bruce Huester](#)

Commissioner Sands made a motion to appoint Bruce Huester to the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

APP 16-013 Appointment to the Workforce Development Board - Jeff Dreyer

Attachments: [08-01-16 Workforce Development Bd Appt - Jeff Dreyer](#)

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to appoint Jeff Dreyer to the Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

Resolutions

RES 16-010 Resolution for Negotiated Sale

Attachments: [08-01-16 Resolution for Negotiated Sale](#)

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adopt the Resolution for Negotiated Sale as presented. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

RES 16-012 Resolution Award Badge & Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer Carolyn Gentry

Attachments: [08-01-16 Resolution Awarding Badge & Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer Carolyn Gentry](#)

Chairman Rose made a motion to adopt the Resolution Awarding the Badge and Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer Carolyn Gentry. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

RES 16-011 Resolution Awarding Badge & Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer

Attachments: [08-01-16 Resolution Awarding Badge & Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer Jerry Lewis](#)

Chairman Rose made a motion to adopt the Resolution Awarding the Badge and Service Sidearm to Retiring Officer Jerry Lewis. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

VII. Commissioner Comments**VIII. Announcements****IX. Executive Session****X. Adjournment**

*Vice Chairman Roark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.*

Approved

For: 5 - Chairperson Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Vice Chairman Roark and Commissioner Richardson

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Jeff Rose, Chairman

Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board