

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, September 18, 2017

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

*Chairman William Sands
Vice Chair Paula Perry
Commissioner Jeff Rose
Commissioner Gary Roark
Commissioner Larry Rhodes*

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

Chairman Sands called the meeting of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room at the Ashe County Courthouse.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Chairman Perry offered the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 17-39](#) August 21, 2017 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [09-18-17 August 21, 2017 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Regular Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

[MIN 17-40](#) August 21, 2017 Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the August 21, 2017 Executive Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of an Executive Session as provided for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues to discuss the Combs property lawsuit. Commissioner Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

V. Public Comment

No comment was offered.

VI. Presentations

[PRES 17-95](#) 9:05 AM - Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins - Volunteer Initiative

Program Update

Attachments: [09-18-17 Volunteer Initiative Program Update](#)

Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins presented a quarterly update on the Volunteer Initiative Program. She included highlights from the Volunteer Awards Ceremony held in April, the 2017 Governor's Volunteer Awards Breakfast, Christmas in July, and the annual School Drive. Upcoming events include the Volunteer Fair, the national Make a Difference Day, and the annual Canned Food Drive.

Ms. Hopkins asked the commissioners to approve the appointment of Greg Topczewski and Kathy Elliott to the Volunteer Initiative Advisory Board. Commissioner Rose made a motion to appoint Greg Topczewski and Kathy Elliott to the Volunteer Initiative Advisory Board as requested. Commissioner Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

[PRES 17-96](#) 9:15 AM - Emergency Management Coordinator Patty Gambill - Update on Citizen's Petition to Change from Lansing to Pond Mountain County Service & Insurance District

Attachments: [09-18-17 Petition to Change from Lansing Fire District to Pond Mtn. Fire District](#)

Emergency Management Coordinator Patty Gambill provided an update on the petition from citizens to change from the Lansing fire district to the Pond Mountain fire district. Ms. Gambill told the Board that she met with the board of directors of both fire departments on September 5, 2017. Everyone was in agreement to do what is best for the citizens. The recommendation is to change the citizens not in an existing fire insurance district. These citizens will have their tax valuation increase from .04 to .08. If the change is approved by the Board, a findings report will be completed, a public hearing will be held, and a resolution will need to be adopted by the commissioners to change the fire insurance district. Commissioner Roark stated that the citizens will have a higher tax rate but their homeowners insurance will decrease. Commissioner Rhodes then made a motion to approve the citizens' request to change from the Lansing Fire District to the Pond Mountain Fire District. Commissioner Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

GENERAL SESSION

Appointments

[APP 17-14](#) Ashe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Board Member Reappointments & New Appointments

Attachments: [09-18-17 JCPC Reappointments & New Appointments](#)

Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to appoint Kim Loepp and Zachary Shepherd, and

to reappoint Bill Davis, Paige Stephens, and Doug Goss to the Ashe County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

Other Items for Consideration

[MISC 17-26](#) North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Monthly Video Update

VII. Commissioner Comments

VIII. Announcements

IX. Executive Session

[ES 17-16](#) Executive Session - G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues (Combs Property Lawsuit)

Commissioner Rose made a motion to enter into Executive Session as provided for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues to discuss the Combs property lawsuit. Commissioner Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman Sands declared the Board into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. and out of Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to allow the county manager to negotiate a cleanup agreement with Gabe Miller of the Combs and Hall properties and to report back to the Board on October 16, 2017 for review and possible approval. Commissioner Roark seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Roark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Rose, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Roark and Commissioner Perry

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William Sands, Chairman

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