

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, February 1, 2021

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

*Chairperson Todd McNeill
Vice Chair William Sands
Commissioner Chuck Olive
Commissioner Jerry D. Powers
Commissioner Jonathan Jordan*

BUSINESS SESSION

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

Chairman McNeill called the Regular Meeting of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashe County Courthouse.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Chuck Olive, Chairperson Todd McNeill, Vice Chairman William Sands, Commissioner Jerry D. Powers and Commissioner Jonathan Jordan

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Olive led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Chairman Sands offered the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 21-6](#) January 19, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [2-1-21 January 19, 2021 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[MIN 21-7](#) January 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes

Attachments: [2-1-21 January 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Work Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

IV. Adoption of Agenda

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

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

V. Public Comment

Chairman McNeill opened the floor for public comment. No comment was offered.

VI. Presentations

[PRES 21-13](#) 9:05 AM - Executive Director Kitty Honeycutt - Ashe County Chamber of Commerce Update

Attachments: [2-1-21 Ashe Chamber of Commerce Update](#)

Ashe County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kitty Honeycutt provided a PowerPoint presentation and update on Chamber activities. Ms. Honeycutt shared that the Chamber currently has 446 members, including 41 new members added in 2020. She highlighted work of the Member Services Committee, the Education Committee, the Business and Community Development Committee, the Blue Ridge Brutal Bike Ride Committee, and the Tourism Committee. She also noted that the Visitor Center welcomes 13,000 guests annually.

[PRES 21-14](#) 9:15 AM - Tax Administrator Chris Lambert - Approval to Advertise Tax Liens

Attachments: [2-1-21 Approval to Advertise Tax Liens](#)

Tax Administrator Chris Lambert presented a request to advertise delinquent tax liens as required by North Carolina General Statute 105-369. He also reported that second notices for late taxes will be mailed this week. Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to allow the tax administrator to advertise tax liens as mandated by NC General Statutes. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[PRES 21-15](#) 9:20 AM - Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins - Request to Hold the Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony

Attachments: [2-1-21 Volunteer Awards](#)

Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins presented a request to hold the 36th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 22, 2021. Ms. Hopkins said that the Volunteer Advisory Board hopes to hold the Awards as a drive-through event at Generations Ashe. Commissioner Powers made a motion to hold the Volunteer Awards Ceremony as requested. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[PRES 21-16](#) 9:25 AM - Sheriff Phil Howell - Budget Amendments

Attachments: [2-1-21 Sheriff - Budget Amendments](#)

Sheriff Phil Howell presented two requested budget amendments as detailed below. The first requested amendment was to transfer monies totaling \$17,235.53 received from the sales of surplus Sheriff's Office vehicles into the departmental budget. Commissioner Jordan made a motion to approve the requested budget amendment. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. The second amendment requested the transfer of \$15,452 issued by the department's insurance company as the result of damage to a Sheriff's Office vehicle in a recent vehicle

accident. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the amendment as requested. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

To increase the appropriation for the department of Law Enforcement from \$2,942,037 to \$2,959,272; this increased appropriation to be made by appropriating \$17,235 from unappropriated Sale of Fixed Asset revenues in the General Fund.

To increase the appropriation for the department of Law Enforcement from \$2,959,272 to \$2,974,724; this increased appropriation to be made by appropriating \$15,452 from unappropriated Insurance Proceeds revenues in the General Fund.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[PRES 21-17](#) 9:30 AM - County Manager Adam Stumb - Revised Century Link Easement to Courthouse

Attachments: [2-1-21 Revised Century Link Easement](#)

County Manager Adam Stumb presented for the Board's approval an updated easement allowing Century Link to provide a supplemental fiber line to the Clerk of Court's office. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the revised easement as presented. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

GENERAL SESSION

VII. Appointments

[APP 21-1](#) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Appointment

Attachments: [2-1-21 JCPC Appointment](#)

Commissioner Olive made a motion to appoint Latreka Dailey, a Juvenile Court Counselor with the Department of Juvenile Justice, to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC). Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

VIII. Other Items for Consideration

[MISC 21-3](#) Amendment to the Board of Commissioners' Rules of Procedure to

Remove the Requirement of a Second

Attachments: [2-1-21 Amendment to BOC Rules of Procedure Requirement of Second](#)

Commissioner Powers made a motion to remove Rule 15 from the Board's Rules of Procedure. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion failed with Chairman McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, and Commissioner Olive voting in opposition.

Failed

For: 2 - Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Against: 3 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill and Vice Chairman Sands

IX. Resolutions

[RES 21-1](#) Resolution to Name a Section of Highway 221 in Honor of Senator Steve Goss

Attachments: [2-1-21 Hwy 221 Sen. Steve Goss Resolution](#)

Commissioner Olive made a motion to adopt the resolution to name a section of US Highway 221 in honor of State Senator Steve Goss. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

X. Commissioner Comments**XI. Announcements****XII. Executive Session**

[ES 21-1](#) G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues Concerning WBTV v. County of Ashe & G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel Issues

Vice Chairman Sands made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session as provided for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss legal issues concerning WBTV v. County of Ashe and G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman McNeill declared the Board into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. and out of Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. with no action taken.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

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Todd McNeill, Chairman

Ashley G. Honeycutt
Clerk to the Board