

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ALAMANCE  
COUNTY  
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017**

**Call to Order - Chairman Boswell**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Eddie Boswell	Chairman	Present	
Bill Lashley	Vice Chairman	Present	
Robert E. Byrd	Commissioner	Present	
Tim Sutton	Commissioner	Present	
Amy Scott Galey	Commissioner	Present	

**Invocation - Commissioner Galey**

**Public Speakers**

Tony Cox

Lash Wrightenberry asked the audience to turn around and look at the deputies standing along the back wall. He spoke that he understood the frustrations on both sides because he has a daughter that is a teacher and a son who is a cop. Mr. Wrightenberry pleaded with the board to find money in the budget in order to increase the starting salary for deputies. He noted that starting salaries for Elon and Graham police departments were no less than \$38,000 and they only have to cover their jurisdictions. He continued that county deputies have to patrol the entire county. Again, he urged the board to look after all first responders and increase their salaries. Mr. Wrightenberry asked the board to give Sheriff Johnson the training center that he asked for and name it The Terry S. Johnson Training Center. He stated that Sheriff Johnson was the best sheriff that he had seen in his lifetime.

**Commissioners' Responses**

Chairman Boswell said he agreed with Mr. Wrightenberry and that the county is working on this as part of the pay and classification plan.

**Approval of the Agenda**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
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**Consent Agenda**

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**Appointments/Reappointments**

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - Andrea Rollins**

**Alamance County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)-Randy Denham**

**Nursing Home CAC- Sarah Arizmendi & Virginia Miller**

**Fire District Commission Boards: Garry Carver, William Covington, Darrell Newton, O. T. Smith, Norman Whitney, James Ingold, Steve Woody and Keith Dodson to the Swepsonville**

**Fire District Commission Board; Joe Bill Lindley, Michael Lindley and Clinton Smith to the Eli Whitney Fire District Commission Board; Timothy Collins, Victor Allred, Edward Inman, Adam Nicholson, Charles Loy and Mike Wilson to the E. M. Holt Fire District Commission Board; Charles E. Anderson, James Roney and Donnie West to the North Eastern Alamance Fire District Commission Board; Randall Councilman, Clinton Garrison and Henry Chandler to the North Central Fire District Commission Board**

**Graham Planning Board ETJ Member- Justin Moody**

Tabled to the next regular meeting.

**Graham Board of Adjustment ETJ Member- Justin Moody**

Tabled to the next regular meeting.

**Inmate Commissary Services Contract**

Approval of renewal of contract with Kimbles for inmate commissary services (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020).

**Out-of-State Travel**

**Out of State Travel Request - Soil and Water Conservation**

2017 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon on July 23-29, 2017, Emmitsburg, MD, for Monique McKinney.

**Out of State Travel - Social Services**

Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program on June 27-29, 2017, St. Paul, MN for Tracy Turner, LaPorscha McCullom, Latawnya Hall, Julie Budd, and LaTanya Hall.

**Library: Mebane Library Lease Agreement**

Renewal of the library lease agreement with the City of Mebane for the Mebane Library located at: 101 S. First St, Mebane (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2025).

**Tax Refunds and Releases**

Approval of tax refunds and releases; a copy of the refunds are set forth hereafter.

**Occupancy Tax Penalty Waiver - Finance**

Waiver of tax penalty for late occupancy tax for Budget Inn of Mebane.

**Presentations/Other Business**

**2017 NCACC 4-H Youth Voice Delegate - Zoe Steenwyk**

Zoe Steenwyk, 4-H Youth Delegate for the 2017 NC Association of County Commissioner's Annual Conference introduced herself. She thanked the board for their support of the 4-H Club. Miss Steenwyk spoke that she was taking a full-time class load in the Alamance Community College (ACC) Dual-Enrollment Program and that she had been on the President's List last semester with a 4.0 GPA. She was nominated as an ACC Ambassador, elected president of her 4-H Club and vice-president of her 4-H County Council. She spoke about some of her other achievements and credited 4-H for giving her the confidence and skills that she needed to reach these accomplishments.

**Lifesaving Awards Recognition - Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Terry Johnson and Major Miles presented Lifesaving Awards to Detention Officer Taylor Bundren, Corporal Joey England, and Deputy John Strickland. Sheriff Johnson expressed that it was an honor to recognize these 3 individuals for saving the lives of others.

- Detention Officer Taylor Bundren was recognized for his quick response in saving an inmate's life who was about to expire in his cell.

- Corporal Joey England was recognized for taking immediate action while he was on patrol and saw an individual walking down the road bleeding profusely. Corporal England applied pressure on the wound and made a tourniquet until medical assistance arrived.
- Deputy John Strickland observed an inmate's behavior in court and realized that he was under cardiac arrest. Deputy Strickland started performing CPR until medical assistance arrived.

**Alamance-Burlington School System Lottery Fund Request - Dr. Todd Thorpe, Asst. Superintendent of ABSS**

Dr. Todd Thorpe, Asst. Superintendent of Alamance-Burlington School System, requested lottery funds in the amount of \$23,500 to finish 2 remaining summer projects. The funds will be used to remove carpet at Garrett Elementary and finish the installation of a hot box backflow enclosure at Western.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Robert E. Byrd
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Scott Galey, Commissioner
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**1915 : Naming of Criminal Courts Building - Judge G. Wayne Abernathy, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge**

The Honorable Judge G. Wayne Abernathy, spoke that the board knew Judge Allen personally or by reputation. He said that he was not making this request nonchalantly. Judge Abernathy stated this was a big deal because he knew the board had a lot of responsibilities. He reviewed some history on Judge Allen's county roots, he was born and raised here. He had worked for everything that he had and finished law school in two and half years. Judge Abernathy considered him as a true Alamance County success story. He reminded that Judge Allen gave over 40 years of his life to the judicial system and pushed hard for the Criminal Courts Building.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eddie Boswell, Chairman
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**1920 : Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Annual Plan & Certification - Steve Van Pelt, JCPC Member**

Steve Van Pelt, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Member, provided a brief history of the JCPC and how it got started. He mentioned that the NC Department of Public Safety partnered with JCPC's and have allocated over \$23 million across the state to JCPC programs. He informed the board that JCPC planned to sponsor the following programs for 2017-18: SEAL Team (ABSS); Juvenile Mentoring Services; Restitution and Community Services; Teen Court; and Parent Teen Solutions. Mr. Van Pelt said that JCPC was continuing its 3 initiatives: Act Together; Juvenile Court Day hosted by the Faith Based Committee; and Realize Your Potential (RYP). He noted that juvenile intake referrals have dropped about 50% over the last 14 years. Mr. Van Pelt instructed the media to take note that juvenile crime rates have gone down in Alamance County. He was excited to announce that this was the first time in the county JCPC's history that juvenile delinquency rates per 1000 had been lower than the state average.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Eddie Boswell, Chairman
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**1923 : Performance Management Spending Request- Maintenance- Buddy Whitesell, Director of Facilities**

Buddy Whitesell, Facilities Director, requested to spend \$22,376.25 from performance management savings to purchase a new John Deere tractor with a loader and box blade for snow removal and unloading supplies. He said that the tractor will be purchased through the NC Grounds Maintenance contract.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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**1929 : Approval of Offer for Turrentine Street Property - County Attorney Albright**

County Attorney Albright reviewed that an advertisement had been placed in the newspaper for upset bids for the property located on Turrentine Street. He reported that no other bids had been received and that the buyer had delivered a check for \$1,925 as required by statute. He explained that it was up to the board to accept the offer or reject the offer. Commissioner Galey asked about the amount of the offer and appraisal amount. County Attorney Albright said that the offer was for \$38,500 and the property appraised for \$45,000. Commissioner Byrd asked whether the board could counter-offer for \$45,000. County Attorney Albright said if that was the board's desire, then he would take the counter-offer back to the seller. The seller happened to be present at the meeting and accepted the counter-offer for \$45,000.

County Manager Hagood requested that the board consider earmarking that \$45,000 for fiscal year 2017-18. He said that one of his goals was to look at county facilities and make some recommendations. He said he would like to use those funds towards a facilities plan. Commissioner Byrd said it would be a great use of the money because a lot of money has been spent on old buildings. He suggested taking a look at combining some of the facilities.

Commissioner Byrd, seconded by Vice Chair Lashley moved for approval of County Manager Hagood's request to designate the \$45,000 towards a facilities plan. The motion carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Scott Galey, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Boswell, Lashley, Byrd, Sutton, Galey

**1900 : Approval of Vehicle Maintenance Contract- County Manager Hagood**

County Manager Hagood asked the board to approve a vehicle maintenance agreement with Wilson Tire Pros and Automotive for 3 years. He explained that the county has contracted with Wilson since 2014 for these services and the original contract has ended. He provided that an advertisement for bids was sent to the Times-News and the Purchasing Department posted a request for bids on the county website. County Manager Hagood said that 3 bids were received and it was determined that Wilson had the best labor rates and overall pricing. He said that one contract will be for the Sheriff's Office and another contract for County Government and funds for the services were allocated in the fiscal year 2017-18. He noted that there was no dollar amount as work is performed on an as needed

basis. The contract dates are July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020 with 2 additional 12-month extensions.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amy Scott Gale, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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**1899 : Approval of Mowing, Landscaping and Snow Removal Contract - County Manager Hagood**

County Manager Hagood asked the board to approve and authorize him to enter into a 1 year contract with Norris Lawn and Landscapes. He explained that the Purchasing Department had posted a request for bids on the county website and an advertisement was sent to the Times-News. He stated that Norris Lawn and Landscapes was determined to have the lowest cutting price and snow removal will be \$74,485. The funds are allocated in the fiscal year 2017-18 budget. The contract dates are July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with 2 additional 12-month extensions.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Scott Gale, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Boswell, Lashley, Byrd, Sutton, Gale

**1898 : Approval of Janitorial Contract - County Manager Hagood**

County Manager Hagood asked the board to approve and authorize him to enter into a janitorial contract for 1 year with Alamance Cleaning. Again, he explained that the Purchasing Department posted a request for bids on the county website and that an advertisement was sent to the Times-News. He said that 5 bids had been received and that it was determined that Alamance Cleaning had the best rate for janitorial services. The monthly dollar amount for janitorial services was \$18,043. County Manager Hagood noted that funds for these services were allocated in the fiscal year 2017-18 budget. The contract dates are July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 with 2 additional 12-month extensions.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amy Scott Gale, Commissioner
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**1921 : Discussion of ACC Board of Trustees Appointment- Chairman Boswell**

Chairman Boswell discussed him continuing on the Alamance Community College (ACC) Board of Trustees for a full term. He explained that he had been appointed by Governor McCrory to fill the unexpired term of Dan Ingle which expires at the end of June.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tim Sutton, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Bill Lashley, Robert E. Byrd, Tim Sutton, Amy Scott Gale
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Eddie Boswell

**Budget Amendments**

**Budget Amendment-Sheriff Department**

Sheriff Terry Johnson, presented a budget amendment for \$186,524. The funds will be transferred from the Jail budget into the Sheriff's Office budget for the purchase of vehicles.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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#### **Budget Amendment - DSS**

Susan Osborne, Director of Social Services, presented a budget amendment for \$617. The funds will be used to cover the latest state and federal authorizations for Share the Warmth Program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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#### **1925 : Year End Designations - Finance Dept**

Susan Roberts, Finance Officer, presented a budget amendment for \$142,741 for uncompleted projects that were specifically designated and budgeted for in fiscal year 2016-17. These projects could not be completed before June 30, 2017.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eddie Boswell, Chairman
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#### **1926 : Year End Budget Amendments - Finance Dept**

Susan Roberts, Finance Officer, presented a budget amendment for \$975,254 for year end budget adjustments and authorization to budget fire district and municipality tax receipts. She said this will help the budget balance and cover expenditures.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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#### **County Manager's Report**

County Manager Hagood said he had discussions with ABSS and they indicated that there will be a local bill introduced to allow ABSS and Elon University to enter into negotiations for the sale of Elon Elementary. This would negate ABSS from having to come to the Board of Commissioners for a right of first refusal of the property. Commissioner Byrd said that he was at the special-called meeting earlier that morning and heard the discussion. He said that what ABSS will receive is greater than what they are giving up. Chairman Boswell said he would like to have a presentation with full details.

County Manager Hagood announced that the NC Association of County Commissioners has asked all county board of commissioners to host an opiod abuse forum. He said that the association picks a project every year. He said that he had approached Karen Webb with Alamance Citizens for a Drug Free Community, to see if they would be interested in helping to organize and facilitate the forum. Commissioner Byrd said this had been talked about all year and this was the NCACC President's Initiative for this year. He said this is an issue that impacted people all across the country. He said there are more opiod associated deaths than car related deaths.

County Manager Hagood, mentioned that the NC Cooperative Extension was interested in holding a meeting in Alamance County to discuss solar farms and the laws. He said the meeting will be in July and once the date is finalized then he would provide that information.

County Manager Hagood, said that the clerk had obtained a resolution from Columbus County. The resolution was regarding school systems currently not exempt from sales tax. He said that the resolution requested that the state allow public school systems to become exempt or be refunded later. County Manager Hagood said that he spoke with ABSS and if they were exempt they would realize around \$400,000 in revenue back to the system. He commented that if the board was interested in passing a similar resolution then staff will put together a resolution to send to Raleigh.

County Manager Hagood reminded the board that County Gov Academy Graduation was Monday, July 17th at 5:30pm in the Court Services Building.

**Commissioners' Comments**

Chairman Boswell reminded the board and the audience that the Citizen Volunteer of the Year Luncheon was Thursday, June 22nd at 12:00pm.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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CLERK TO THE BOARD