

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ALAMANCE
COUNTY
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017**

Call to Order - Chairman Boswell

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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 Sutton

Public Speakers

Lea Clayton, asked the board to open their hearts and minds to her request. She spoke that the Confederate statue needed to be removed from in front of the courthouse. She thought it was unfair to the black citizens of this county and that it was harmful to the black and white community. Ms. Clayton felt that it did not represent the interest of all citizens when it was erected in 1914. She continued that year was a time when blacks were deprived of their rights through and increased lynchings were taking place. She believed that having a statue that glorified a soldier who fought to preserve the legality of enslaving a group of people deemed to be less than human negated that the proposition that the American justice system treated everyone equal under the law.

Mollissie Peterson, spoke about the Alamance Academy and the services that it provided.

Delacie Jacobs, Alamance Academy employee, spoke in support of the Alamance Academy and the work they do in the community.

Barbara Clapp, Alamance Academy employee, spoke that they needed more space.

Barry Joyce, suggested putting something in front of the Confederate statue. He spoke that are only 2-3 lucas machines in the county. He advocated that a machine is needed at every fire department. Mr. Joyce added that they needed to be paid for by the citizens in the county. He mentioned that he wanted everyone to have a better chance of survival.

Bob Crayton, addressed the board about the Cardinal Innovations audit and ensuring services are continued for county residents.

Commissioners' Responses

Commissioner Byrd thanked Ms. Clayton for her comments regarding the Confederate statue. He spoke about a training on race that he had attended. He responded to Mr. Crayton's comments. He said he had attended their community operations meeting the previous week. He mentioned that they were committed to continuing to provide services.

Commissioner Galey agreed the lucas machines was an important issue and consideration. She spoke that she was excited about the possible sale of the Kernodle Building and what delighted to learn more about the Alamance Academy.

Approval of the Agenda

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
AYES:	Boswell, Lashley, Byrd, Sutton, Galey

Consent Agenda

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Amy Scott Galey, Commissioner
AYES:	Boswell, Lashley, Byrd, Sutton, Galey

Appointments/Reappointments

Justice Advisory Council (JAC) - James Johnson, LTonay Penny, W. James Ryan, and Arthur Springer

Library Committee - Mary "Robin" Moser

Out-of-State Travel

Library Out of State Travel

The Library Corporation's Users' Conference, November 5-8, 2017, Louisville, KY, for Martha Sink.

Secondary Road Addition - Hopewood Meadow Subdivision

Approval of secondary road resolution for the addition of Cypress Drive to Hopewood Meadow Subdivision.

Secondary Road Addition - AutumnTrace & Brentwood Townhomes Subdivisions

Approval of secondary road resolution for the additions of Perrin Drive; Northup Drive; Collonade Court; Cleburne Court; and Stovall Drive at Autumn Trace and Brentwood Townhomes Subdivisions.

Tax Refunds and Releases

Approval of tax refunds & releases.

Approval of Minutes

Alamance County Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Aug 21, 2017 7:00 PM

Public Hearing

2014 : Public Hearing: Awarding the Radio Financing Project to BB&T

Susan Roberts, Finance Officer, reviewed that County Manager Hagood had presented information at a previous meeting on the need to purchase new radios. Ms. Roberts spoke that her department issued a request for proposals for the financing of \$3,019,810 for 5,6, or 7 year terms. The bids were opened on October 10, 2017 and 3 bids were received by: First Bank, BB&T, and Pinnacle Bank. She reported that BB&T came in with the lowest percentage rate of 2.16 for a 7 year term. Ms. Roberts asked the board to open the public hearing and then vote on the items.

Commissioner Byrd, seconded Vice Chair Lashley moved to open the public hearing:

Sheriff Terry Johnson asked if anyone had checked into leasing the radios since Motorola changes parts every few years.

Ms. Roberts said that she did look into leasing the radios and that the interest rate was going to be higher.

Barry Joyce asked that the fire departments not be allowed to raise the fire tax to pay this money back.

Vice Chair Lashley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd moved to close the public hearing.

Ms. Roberts asked the board to award the financing of the project to BB&T at a interest rate of 2.16% for 7 years.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
SECONDER:	Amy Scott Gale, Commissioner
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Approve the Resolution Approving the Financing Terms

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

Approve the Resolution that Authorized the Filing of the Application for Approval of the Finance Agreement per N.C.G.S. 160A-20

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

2017-174 : Public Hearing: Proposed Sale of Kernodle Bldg by Sealed Bids

County Attorney Albright reviewed that he had asked the board to hold a public hearing and that the best way to handle the sale would be by sealed bids. He advised that an ad for sealed bids would be published in paper on October 19th. County Attorney Albright said that the county would accept bids until noon on November 20th. He would report the bids at that meeting. He noted that at that time the board could decide to accept, reject, or re-advertise for bids.

Commissioner Sutton asked the square feet of building. Mr. Whitesell, Facilities Director answered that it was 29,777 square feet.

Commissioner Byrd mentioned that there are other people interested in this building. He was concerned that resolution drew a forgone conclusion that the county was going to sale the property to the Alamance Academy as none of the interested parties names appeared on the resolution. County Attorney Albright answered that any one could bid on the property. Commissioner Gale agreed with Commissioner Byrd that the resolution was confusing because the language did read the sale of county property to the Alamance Academy, LLC. County Attorney Albright said that the statue says that if you have an offer then you put it out for sealed bids. Commissioner Byrd asked if Ms. Peterson would have the financing and the ability to maintain the agency in perpetuity. He said he was only asking from a fiduciary responsibility.

Tammy Wyatt, client of Alamance Academy, spoke that the organization has really helped her and that they were good people.

Barbara, client of Alamance Academy, spoke about how the organization helped her.

John Paisley, asked if bidders have to be pre qualified and what happened if the bidder cannot get qualified. County Attorney Albright answered that they have to put 5% of the bond amount of there bid price down. He commented that if they cannot get the financing then they loose the bond amount.

Susan Osborne, briefly discussed how the Alamance Academy had interfaced with Social Services and worked with young people.

Commissioner Sutton asked about the money flow and continuing to keep the operation going. Ms. Peterson said that she contracted with Cardinal Innovations, Alliance and Sandhills. She mentioned that she was a medicaid provider.

Vice Chair Lashley, seconded by Commissioner Byrd moved to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
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Presentations/Other Business

Library - National Friends of the Library Week

MJ Wilkerson, Director of Alamance Public Libraries, presented and read the National Friends of the Library Week Proclamation.

RESULT:	BOARD REVIEWED
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1986 : Stryker Stretcher and Lucas Device Lease-EMS - Ray Vipperman, Director of EMS

Ray Vipperman, EMS Director, provided an overview of the EMS system. He noted that the county was the sole provider of non-emergency ambulance transportation. He said they provide triage and transport patients to hospitals in Alamance, Guilford, Durham, and Orange counties. Mr. Vipperman provided statistics on call volume, response times and revenue.

Mr. Vipperman described his equipment request. He requested 9 Stryker power load systems and stretchers that will lift patients who weighed up to 700 pounds. He explained that this equipment reduces injuries to patients and personnel He requested 3 lucas devices to put on medic units. He mentioned that they currently have one in service. He noted that this equipment gets CPR going quickly and decreases the number of personnel needed to respond to a cardiac arrest call.

Mr. Vipperman requested approval of a 4-year combined lease for the Stryker Power Stretcher Systems and Physio Lucas Compression Devices. He commented that there was still some legalities that needed to be worked out by the county attorney. He said that the total annual cost for both would be \$110,509 and that the overall total cost would be \$442,039. He added that this had been approved in his 2017-18 budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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2007 : Approval of Grading & Paving Contract - Brian Baker, Director of Alamance Parks

Brian Baker, Director of Alamance Parks, requested approval of a grading contract for Saxapahaw Island.. He noted that 3 bids had been solicited. Mr. Baker said the contract amount was \$52,730 and these funds were awarded by the NC Recreation Trails Grant so no county dollars will be used.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eddie Boswell, Chairman
SECONDER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
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2019 : Criminal Court Chiller Replacement - County Manager Hagood

County Manager Hagood asked the board to allocate funds from fund balance to replace a chiller unit at the Criminal Courts Building. He explained that the chiller unit was over 20 years old and that one of its compressors had failed. He mentioned that the cost to replace the compressor was around \$15,000 but the chiller was at the end of its expectancy. County Manager Hagood asked for approval to spend up to \$120,000 from fund balance. He advised that the current fund balance was estimated to be over \$37 million.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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2022 : Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Position Request - County Manager Hagood

County Manager Hagood recommended that the board to add a new fire inspector position in the Fire Marshal's Office (FMO). He explained that existing funds would be taken from the FMO budget to create the full-time position effective December 1, 2017. He mentioned that the Chemical Planner is paid for 100% by the Local Emergency Planning Committee which has been staffed in the FMO. He commented with industry changes the chemical planner would need to spend more time with local industry and would move over to Emergency Management. County Manager Hagood said existing budgeted part time funds would be combined to hire the new full time fire inspector.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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2015 : Demolition Contract 779 Woody Drive- Buddy Whitesell, Facilities Director

Buddy Whitesell, Facilities Director, requested approval of a contract with DH Griffin Wrecking to demolish the old Peak Resources Building in Graham. He said the cost of the contract was \$79, 685. He reminded the board that using \$178,000 had already been approved at the July 17, 2017 meeting. He said that he was only asking to use a portion of the funds.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Amy Scott Galey, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Bill Lashley, Vice Chairman
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Budget Amendments

Library - Budget Revision for North Park Library

MJ Wilkerson, Director of Alamance Public Libraries, presented a budget amendment for \$2,069. She said after the budget had been approved she received word that they were going to be cut by \$2,069 from the Community Development Block Grant.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Robert E. Byrd, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Amy Scott Galey, Commissioner
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County Manager's Report

County Manager Hagood recognized the Tax Department's for a successful revaluation process and their hard work.

Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Sutton requested a comparison report of the peer counties fund balances. He thought that the fund balance had exploded. He was concerned about at what level was the fund balance to high. He also requested asked a report on the animal shelter.

Commissioner Sutton mentioned that ABSS wanted to change their name and he felt there was some positioning going on that was more politically motivated. He commented that Burlington City Council going to discuss this at their next meeting and the majority were opposed. He stated that he had a problem with it as well. He reviewed a resolution that had been presented during the merger that indicated they were not to name them selves. He said that county commissioners named the system based on the resolution that was adopted.

Commissioner Galey said that passing any resolution on this should be on an agenda. She said this was really the school board's job and that people should make their comments to them.

Commissioner Byrd said it was a good idea to look at the fund balance and peer counties. He said that in 2015, the board had been advised by the auditor that the median or mean fund balance was a little over 25% so they came up with 25%. He recalled that in regards to the animal shelter the county had come up with a set amount that it would contribute to the animal shelter. He noted that the large 5 cent tax increase two-thirds of that went to fund the school system and most of that went to teacher supplements and maybe one-third went towards the county pay and classification study.

Commissioner Galey said it was important to remember that you want 3 months to cover you in a natural disaster and a fund balance at 24%-25% would cover the county.

Chairman Boswell mentioned the email about the upgrades to the Commissioners' Meeting Room. He explained that the overflow courtroom next door would hold up to 135 people and that way everyone would be in the same room. County Manager Hagood said there are planned technological updates scheduled for the meeting room but they want to make sure they are doing what the board wishes. County Manager Hagood said that he would have to have a conversation with the courts. There was a consensus for County Manager Hagood to look into using the overflow courtroom for Commissioners' meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

CLERK TO THE BOARD