

PERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEMBERS PRESENT

OCTOBER 19, 2015
OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle W. Puryear
David Newell, Sr.
B. Ray Jeffers
Jimmy B. Clayton
Tracey L. Kendrick

Heidi York, County Manager
Brenda B. Reaves, Clerk to the Board

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Person, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 9:00am in the Commissioners' meeting room in the Person County Office Building.

Chairman Puryear called the meeting to order. Commissioner Kendrick gave an invocation and Vice Chairman Newell led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell and **carried 5-0** to add an item to the agenda to discuss appropriating funds to Piedmont Community College for a tractor.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to approve the agenda as adjusted.

INFORMAL COMMENTS:

There were no comments from the public.

DISCUSSION/ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Kendrick and **carried 5-0** to approve the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Approval of Minutes of October 5, 2015,
- B. Budget Amendment #9, and
- C. Tax Adjustments for October 2015
 - a. Tax Releases
 - b. NC Vehicle Tax System pending refunds

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROPOSAL:

Mr. Aaron Theolet, Corporate Development Officer and Ms. Anna Knight, Corporate Development Specialist with Telamon Corporation, a 501c3 organization headquartered in Raleigh designated as the Community Action agency for Person, Caswell, and Rockingham Counties presented to the Board their 2015-2016 proposal for a Telamon Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program funded by the NC Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) to serve low income residents and provide employment and skills training, education supports, and case management services.

Mr. Theolet stated the application process is governed by the NC Administrative Code 10A NCAC 97B.0402 which requires 1) a public meeting which was held on August 25, 2015 at the Human Services facility, 2) a presentation to the Board of Commissioners with comments accepted for 30 days, and 3) approval from Telamon Corporation's board of directors which is scheduled for November 21, 2015; all of which to be completed prior to the application submission to the state agency.

Mr. Theolet stated Telamon learned during the public meetings process that employment is a challenge for residents of the Person, Caswell and Rockingham Counties both in terms of the number of available jobs as well as worker qualification for existing jobs. Obtaining reliable transportation can be challenging for low income individuals and Mr. Theolet noted the need for supported services and coordination of services with existing providers to assist citizens to reach their education and employment goals.

Mr. Theolet said the program designed for Person County included employment education and training services for work experience, skills training, vocational assessment, and case management through referral to existing agencies in the community. Key supports from the community agencies will include housing, health services, food nutrition assistance and childcare support.

Mr. Theolet noted Telamon's application for Person County totaled \$87,890 which would support one full time staff working in Person County for the duration of the program starting in March or April 2016.

Commissioner Jeffers asked about the location for the family advocate that would be assigned to Person County. Mr. Theolet stated his team is working to identify a location.

Vice Chairman Newell asked Mr. Theolet if all expenses were covered in the grant to which Mr. Theolet confirmed affirmatively.

Mr. Theolet said input was received from Piedmont Community College, Kerr Tar Work Force Development and the human services agencies related to the process of sending referrals for their services.

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PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION – FINANCING OF ROXPLEX PROPERTY AND VARIOUS FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS: RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS:

Chairman Puryear introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST OF VARIOUS PROJECTS AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the County of Person, North Carolina (the “County”) is considering entering into an installment financing agreement and certain related documents pursuant to G.S. §160A-20, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,300,000, with other available funds, for paying the costs of (a) acquiring and improving land and related facilities known as the Roxplex Property for use as recreational facilities of the County, (b) repairing or replacing the roof on a building that is a part of the Huck Sansbury Recreation Complex of the County and (c) repairing or replacing the roofs on South Elementary School, Woodland Elementary School and Oak Lane Elementary School, replacing the windows at North End Elementary School and replacing the chiller equipment at Southern Middle School (collectively, the “Project”), and it is necessary to take certain related actions at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners for the County (the “Board of Commissioners”) hereby finds and determines in connection with such proposed agreement that (a) the proceeds of such proposed agreement will be used to finance a portion of the cost of the Project to meet an urgent need for improved school and other public facilities constituting the Project to serve the residents of the County and, accordingly, such proposed agreement is necessary or expedient for the County, (b) such proposed agreement, under current circumstances, is preferable to a bond issue of the County for financing the same purpose because there is not adequate time to authorize and issue bonds of the County prior to the time when funds will be needed for such purpose, (c) the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement are adequate and not excessive for its proposed purpose because they are based upon the County’s best estimate of the cost of the Project, (d) the County’s debt management procedures and policies are good and its debt will continue to be managed in strict compliance with the law, (e) any increase in taxes necessary to meet the sums estimated to fall due under such proposed agreement will not be excessive because the County expects that it will not be necessary to increase taxes for such purpose and (f) the County is not in default regarding any of its debt service obligations.

Section 2. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby designated as a representative of the County to file an application for approval of such proposed agreement with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina and are authorized to take such other actions as may be advisable in connection with the negotiation of such proposed agreement and the development of the related financing; and all other actions heretofore taken by any of such officers or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 3. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Local Government Commission of North Carolina to approve such proposed agreement under Article 8 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended.

Section 4. The law firm of Robinson, Bradshaw and Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, is hereby appointed special counsel to the County in connection with such proposed agreement.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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Finance Director, Amy Wehrenberg requested Board approval on the presented resolution related to the proposed installment financing of the Roxplex property and various facility and equipment improvements.

Ms. Wehrenberg noted the presented resolution was set forth by sections in the following:

1. Sets forth certain findings and determinations regarding the proposal to finance a portion of the costs to acquire property and to cover the construction improvements to the Roxplex property, Huck Sansbury, South Elementary, Woodland Elementary, Oak Lane Elementary, North End Elementary and South Middle School;
2. Presented a stated intent to enter into a financing agreement for the above noted projects and Person County's fiscal state is sufficient to take on the additional debt;
3. Designates and authorizes certain County officials to represent the County in filing an application with and requesting approval from the Local Government Commission (LGC) for the proposed financing agreement;
4. Requests that the LGC approve the proposed financing agreement;
5. Designates the special counsel to represent the County's interests; and
6. The resolution is effective upon its passage by the Board.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to approve a Resolution making certain determinations concerning a proposed installment financing agreement to finance a portion of the cost of various projects and providing for certain related matters.

PERSON COUNTY SPONSORSHIP POLICY TO INCLUDE THE ROXPLEX:

Mr. John Hill, Director of the Recreation, Arts, and Parks Department, and on behalf of the Person County Recreation Advisory Board requested an update to the Person County Sponsorship Policy to include the Roxplex facility.

Mr. Hill stated the Person County Recreation Advisory Board met on October 7, 2015 and discussed the future plans for sponsorship opportunities for the Person County Roxplex renovation project noting the board unanimously voted to recommend the following to the Person County Board of Commissioners:

1. Utilize the current sponsorship policy in place for the Person County Parks facilities for the Roxplex Facility with the following additions:
 - Person County Little League sponsorships would be \$500 for a single one (1) year duration;
 - Field Name Sponsorship - \$10,000 for a single five (5) year duration;
 - Complex Name Sponsorship - \$50,000 for a single five (5) year duration
2. Person County Little League Program Sponsorships will be designated solely to be used for the benefit of the Little League programs, event area improvements, and other related program operational costs.
3. Complex/Field Sponsorships will be used specifically for improvements to the Roxplex facility and will be managed by the Person County Parks and Recreation Department.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Jeffers and **carried 5-0** to accept the recommendations from the Recreation Advisory Board to include the Roxplex facility in the Person County Sponsorship Policy.

APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A TRACTOR:

County Manager, Heidi York stated Piedmont Community College (PCC) President, Dr. Walter Bartlett requested an item be added to the agenda for the Board to reconsider PCC's budget request to appropriate county funds to purchase a John Deere 5085E Tractor and attachments (John Deere H240 Loader, John Deere MX8 Rotary Cutter, WR Long 4 in 1 Bucket and Bush Hog) currently priced at \$71,000 as well as a new Troy-Bilt Vortex 2490 Snow Blower for sidewalks at a price of \$1,100. Ms. York stated when the Board adopted its Fiscal Year 2016 budget, \$10,000 was appropriated in contingency to aid PCC in snow removal; however, PCC staff has not been successful in securing a contract for same day snow removal service thus the request for Board consideration to appropriate funds for the above noted equipment.

Dr. Bartlett explained PCC's need for the new tractor and equipment was to clear 10.5 acres of parking lot in a timely manner. In addition, Dr. Bartlett said the tractor would be used to mow 10 acres of fields twice a month during mowing season as well as other miscellaneous duties.

Commissioner Kendrick asked Dr. Bartlett why PCC needed a 85HP tractor versus 35-40HP to which Dr. Bartlett replied that more power was needed as the clearing of the roads and sidewalks is time sensitive, preferably completed within two to five hours. Dr. Bartlett noted PCC's current tractor is more than 40 years old. Vice Chairman Newell stated he had taken a look at the current tractor and in his opinion, PCC staff have done a good job to make it last this long.

Commissioner Kendrick stated he had spoken with two landscapers in the county who are both bonded, insured and been in business for many years; one of the landscapers viewed PCC's campus and provided Commissioner Kendrick a quote to pretreat and remove snow from PCC's parking lots and roads for \$1,200 per event. Dr. Bartlett stated the estimates PCC staff had secured were \$7,500 per event.

A **motion** was made by Vice Chairman Newell to appropriate up to \$60,000 to Piedmont Community College for purchase of a tractor.

Commissioner Kendrick stated his opposition to the motion on the floor noting his preference to have a contract for pretreatment and snow removal.

Commissioner Clayton requested consideration for the motion to be amended to include a pricing comparison with other state contract vendors as well as to consider other brands, i.e. New Holland, Kubota, in addition to John Deere, and older models to get better pricing and to bring back to Board at its next meeting. Vice Chairman Newell agreed to **amend the motion on the floor** with Commissioner Clayton's request as well as to add the option to price outside the state contract vendors.

A **substitute motion** was made by Commissioner Clayton and **carried 5-0** to table appropriating funds to Piedmont Community College for a tractor until the Board's next scheduled meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Puryear reported the following two requests for joint meetings. He asked the County Manager to coordinate proposed dates with the Board.

- Board of Commissioners, City Council and Person County Business Industrial Center (PCBIC) to meet jointly in November.
- Person County Museum of History extended an opportunity for the Board of Commissioners to tour the museum and campus with its board of directors.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

County Manager, Heidi York reminded the Board of the Stormwater Monitoring Site Tour scheduled for October 20, 2015 at 1:30-4:30pm. The group will meet in the IT training room.

COMMISSIONER REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Jeffers commented on the following:

- Earl Bradsher extended an invitation for interested citizens to participate in their Reading program.
- He would address the AARP group on October 20, 2015 at the Senior Center starting at 2:00pm on the renovation and new construction of the Senior Center facility that the Board approved.
- Assistance has been requested from the SADD organization to raise funding for students to attend a conference in Raleigh.
- He had been contacted by someone interested in the Human Relations Committee being reactivated.

Commissioner Clayton asked the County Manager to find out if SADD activities, such as the conference, was funded by Person County Schools or any other civic groups.

Commissioner Kendrick had no report.

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Vice Chairman Newell had no report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Kendrick and **carried 5-0** to adjourn the meeting at 9:49am.

Brenda B. Reaves
Clerk to the Board

Kyle W. Puryear
Chairman

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