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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap and Commissioners Patricia "Pat" Cotham, Trevor M. Fuller, Susan B. Harden, Mark Jerrell, Vilma D. Leake, Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, Elaine Powell, and Ella B. Scarborough
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

Absent: None

-INFORMAL SESSION-

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items: 18-5031 and 18-5057.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

18-5032 ACCEPTANCE OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S BOND

County Attorney Wade addressed the receipt of Sheriff Elect Garry L. McFadden's bond. It was noted that it was recently brought to the County's attention that under the statutes a sheriff elect's oath should only be administered after the bond has been received and accepted by the

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board of county commissioners. Thus, Sheriff Elect McFadden will take his oath of office later in the afternoon following the Board's approval of his bond.

Note: § 162-8. Bond required. The sheriff shall furnish a bond payable to the State of North Carolina for the due execution and return of process, the payment of fees and moneys collected, and the faithful execution of his office as sheriff, which shall be conditioned as follows: The condition of the above obligation is such that, whereas the above bounden _____ is elected and appointed sheriff of _____ County; if therefore, he shall well and truly execute and due return make of all process and precepts to him directed, and pay and satisfy all fees and sums of money by him received or levied by virtue of any process into the proper office into which the same, by the tenor thereof, ought to be paid, or to the person to whom the same shall be due, his executors, administrators, attorneys, or agents; and in all other things well and truly and faithfully execute the said office of sheriff during his continuance therein, then above obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the board of county commissioners but shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

§ 162-9. County commissioners to take and approve bonds. The board of county commissioners in every county shall take and approve the official bond of the sheriffs, which they shall cause to be registered and the original deposited with the clerk of superior court for safekeeping. The bond shall be taken on the first Monday of December next after the election. The Bond for Mecklenburg County Sheriff Elect Garry L. McFadden was received by the Clerk to the Board on Friday, November 30, 2018.

Motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to acknowledge receipt of \$25,000 bond on Friday, November 30, 2018 for Mecklenburg County Sheriff Elect Garry L. McFadden and approve said bond as required by G.S. 162-9 for Mecklenburg County Sheriff Elect Garry L. McFadden.

A copy of the bond is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

18-5055 CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY

18-5058 LAND ACQUISITION

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18-5062 BUSINESS LOCATION AND EXPANSION

Prior to going into Closed Session, County Attorney Wade announced there were no Consult with Attorney matters to be discussed in Closed Session.

County Attorney Wade announced the following Land Acquisition matters to be discussed in Closed Session: Tax Parcel(s): 071-143-42.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisition and Business Location and Expansion.

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:24 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:11 p.m.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order and gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.

ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA – CHAIR UPDATES

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to approve adding an item to the agenda for the receipt of updates from the Chair and to bring forward the land acquisition item from Closed Session.

18-5058 LAND ACQUISITION

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of a permanent Greenway Easement (+/- 1.6951 acres) and a permanent Storm Drainage Easement (+/- 1.5381 acres) on Tax Parcel 071-

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143-42 from Karen C. Shaw for a purchase price of \$193,650 for a Greenway Trail and Stream Enhancements on Stewart Creek Tributary II.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Dunlap noted the matters below for information purposes in response to Board member inquiries and for the public's awareness.

Public Appearance Follow-up

In response to concern regarding whether follow-up was being done with persons appearing before the Board during Public Appearance, going forward the Clerk will record the contact information for all speakers and provide that information to the appropriate staff for follow-up with the speaker.

Chair Dunlap said hopefully this would deter Board members from engaging in dialogue with speakers during the meeting. He said staff would be held accountable for following up with speakers.

Board Support Staff Update

The two vacancies were being reposted, since the first round of interviews did not result in any new hires.

Chair and Vice Chair Discussions

When request for meetings with the Chair are requested from external entities and other elected officials, for the purpose of addressing matters involving the full Board, both the Chair and Vice Chair will be in attendance.

Media Relations

A meeting was being scheduled by the County Manager for the Chair and Vice Chair to meet with the Charlotte Observer Editorial Board.

County Representation

This is the first time the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board have been District representatives. The Chair and Vice Chair will still have the responsibility of representing their District; however, the responsibility of representing the County was a "shared responsibility of all Commissioners."

The Chair and Vice Chair will try to accommodate all requests received for representation by the County. If the Chair and Vice Chair are not available, they would look to see where the request was coming from district wise and ask that district representative to attend on behalf

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of the County. If it's not associated with a district, then Commissioners will be asked on a rotating basis regarding their availability.

Agenda Review

The Chair and Vice Chair will review the agenda with the County Manager at least four days in advance of the Regular meeting.

Performance Review Committee

In light of it being six (6) months into the County Manager's Work Plan that she'll present later in the meeting, appointments have been made to the Board's Performance Review Committee by the Chair.

The members of the Performance Review Committee as appointed by Chair Dunlap are Vice Chair Powell, who will serve as Chair of the Committee, Commissioners Rodriguez-McDowell, Fuller, and Leake.

Chair Dunlap apologized for moving forward with the appointments to the Performance Review Committee but said it was done in the essence of time. He said for the other Board committees, he would reach out to Commissioners to see which committees they were interested in serving on.

Annual Retreat

The Board will go to the Grandover Resort in Greensboro for its annual retreat in January. This would be the first time the Board has been out of town for its retreat in quite some time. It's felt this would be good to do to avoid local distractions and it would give the new Board an opportunity to bond.

The Retreat would be streamed live to keep the community informed. There would be an opportunity for team building, however, that portion of the meeting would not be televised.

Meetings with Town Officials

The County Manager will schedule periodic meetings the Board's leadership, including the County Manager, and the elected leadership of the Towns and their Town Manager. The District representative was welcome to attend.

Speaking Engagements

The Chair will reach out to all Board members when it comes to attending speaking engagements on behalf of the County. He wants to give everyone an opportunity to represent the County if available to do so.

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Recognition of Commissioner Scarborough

Commissioner Scarborough will be recognized at the December 18, 2018 meeting and presented a ceremonial gavel for her past service as Chair of the Board.

Ad Hoc Interview Committees

Appointments to Ad Hoc Interview Committees will be done on a rotating basis.

Affordable Housing

A Budget/Public Policy Workshop will be scheduled to discuss the topic of affordable housing and the County's role in that effort, to include what's currently being done by County.

Comments

Commissioner Scarborough asked if the County would be working in coordination with the City of Charlotte with respect to affordable housing, since that's been a City of Charlotte responsibility or would the County work on its own.

Chair Dunlap said it was the primary responsibility of the City of Charlotte, but that there was a strong desire by a majority of the Board that the County in "concert" with the City of Charlotte help address this issue.

Commissioner Cotham questioned the Board's annual retreat being held out of town. She said her preference was that it remain local and expressed why. She said she didn't recall the Board discussing the location. Commissioner Cotham asked what the cost would be. *Chair Dunlap said that information was not available at this time.*

Chair Dunlap said he received feedback from several Commissioners regarding what they'd like to have take place at the retreat and elaborated on why it would be beneficial to the Board to go out of town.

Commissioner Jerrell asked Commissioner Dunlap to provide him with a list of the updates shared in summary form. *Chair Dunlap said he would.*

Commissioner Cotham asked that the summary of the Chair's updates be shared with all Commissioners. *Chair Dunlap said he would.*

Commissioner Cotham asked Chair Dunlap what would be his means of communication with the Board. She said she asked because she did not recall being contacted regarding the Board's annual retreat.

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Chair Dunlap said he phoned and texted Commissioner Cotham but did not receive a response.

This concluded the Chair's updates. The above was not inclusive of every comment but was a summary.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

18-5061 ORDER OF THE HORNET INDUCTIONS

Chair Dunlap acknowledged the presence of former Commissioners Dumont Clarke and Matthew Ridenhour and the absence of former Commissioner Bill James, each of whom would be inducted into the Order of the Hornet. Chair Dunlap noted that former Commissioner Jim Puckett was inducted into the Order of the Hornet after his departure from office the first time he served as a County Commissioner.

The Order of the Hornet was established in 1972. It is bestowed by the Board of County Commissioners on persons who have displayed valor or high order of service uniquely and specifically to the citizens of Mecklenburg County. This is the highest honor bestowed by the Board. The Order of the Hornet was founded in the spirit of the early Mecklenburg patriots who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20, 1775 and proclaimed the County's freedom from Britain more than a year before the U.S. Declaration of Independence was signed. Those early patriots valiantly fought for their independence during the Revolution and gave Lord Cornwallis such difficulties during his occupation of Charlotte that he termed the town a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. Because former Commissioners Dumont Clarke, Bill James, and Matthew Ridenhour reflect the honor, strength, and fierce American patriotism that so stung Lord Cornwallis, they were recommended for membership in the Order of the Hornet.

Former Commissioner Dumont Clarke served as the Board's District 4 representative for 18 years (December 4, 2000 – December 3, 2018) and for two of his terms, served as Vice-Chair of the Board.

Former Commissioner Bill James served as the Board's District 6 representative for 22 years (December 2, 1996 – December 3, 2018).

Former Commissioner Matthew Ridenhour served as the Board's District 5 representative for six (6) years and one (1) month, (November 20, 2012 – December 3, 2018) having been initially appointed to fill the vacant seat of the late Commissioner Neil Cooksey.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously

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carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough, voting yes, to induct Dumont Clarke into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet, the highest honor bestowed by the Board.

Former Commissioner Clarke thanked the Board for bestowing this honor upon him.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough, voting yes, to induct Matthew Ridenhour into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet, the highest honor bestowed by the Board.

Former Commissioner Ridenhour thanked the Board for bestowing this honor upon him.

Chair Dunlap acknowledged Former Commissioner Bill James' absence and said he, like the others, was deserving of this recognition. He noted Commissioner James' 22 years of service to the community as a County Commissioner.

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Leake and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough, voting yes, to induct Bill James into the Mecklenburg County Order of the Hornet, the highest honor bestowed by the Board.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

18-5053 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

Mary Kelly addressed a community Book Read titled The Color of Law. It was noted that through sponsorships over 1200 books were purchased and distributed throughout the community free of charge through the library system. She said the first community meeting was on Monday, December 3, 2018 and was very well attended. The next event is January 8, 2019 at CN Jenkins Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. and on January 28, 2019, Richard Rothstein, author of The Color of Law will be in town at the third event at First Baptist Church West at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Kelly invited Board members to attend the upcoming events. She said the purpose of the events was to educate, engage, and build advocates across the community to take action to support affordable housing. Ms. Kelly provided each Commissioner with a copy of the book for

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their reading pleasure. She said copies were also provided to Charlotte City Council and the Board of Education. Ms. Kelly said for more information persons could go to their website www.coloroflawclt.com.

Minister Corine Mack, president of the Charlotte Chapter of the NAACP addressed the following topics:

- 1) People in the community that were “hurting” and in need of assistance, particularly those that were Black, Brown, and Poor;
- 2) The need for Board transparency;
- 3) Health Department Concerns - She noted a prior appearance before the Board asking that an independent investigation be conducted of the Health Department regarding concerns that had not been resolved. She asked the current Board to follow through on that request.
- 4) Affordable Housing - She said it was not just a City of Charlotte issue but that the County had a responsibility as well. She noted the need for housing and land trust funds.
- 5) Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) – She addressed funding and the lack of accountability. She said more oversight was needed of CMS with respect to how allocated funds were being spent.
- 6) Legislative Concerns – She encouraged the County to partner with the NAACP to lobby legislators to do things differently going forward, as well as, partner to build relationships with legislators that had not been “kind to us.”

Stephen Saucier, President of the Carolina’s Aviation Museum, addressed an upcoming event on January 15, 2019. He said it would be the 10th anniversary of Flight 1549, the Miracle on the Hudson. The event will take place at the Charlotte Convention Center with nearly 700 attendees, including the passengers and their families, the crew, first responders, elected officials and others connected to this national story.

Peter Kelly on behalf of Community Advocates for Housing addressed the need for coordination amongst all entities addressing this issue in order to achieve the best outcomes for the community. He encouraged the Board to create an ad hoc committee on affordable housing; that the committee get up to speed with what the City of Charlotte had done thus far.

Cherry Reeves addressed her need for housing. She informed the Board that she was asked to leave the Salvation Army shelter and that it was suggested she go to behavioral health. She also addressed her Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment. She questioned her removal from the shelter.

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Chair Dunlap informed Ms. Reeves that someone from staff would follow up with her to see how the County could assist her.

APPOINTMENTS – NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER’S REPORT

County Manager Diorio informed the Board that staff would be reaching out to Board members to obtain their topics of interest for the Board’s Retreat in January.

18-5049 COUNTY MANAGER’S WORK AND PERFORMANCE PLAN FY19

County Manager Diorio addressed her proposed FY19 Work and Performance Plan.

A copy of a Plan is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Powell asked about the status of the independent body of health professionals that former Commissioner Jim Puckett recommended and referenced by Public Appearance speaker Corine Mack.

County Manager Diorio said the ad hoc committee was formed by the prior Chair of the Board, however, the committee never met and some of the members of the committee were no longer on the Board.

County Manager Diorio said if that was something the current Board wanted to do, a new committee would have to be formed.

County Manager Diorio said that issue, however, was not a part of her work plan.

Chair Dunlap noted also that the Board did not approve the request, however, the ad hoc committee was allowed to move forward to see if there were other things that had not been explored.

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Chair Dunlap said the issue could be discussed again. He said newly elected Commissioners needed to understand why the County's Human Services component was structured the way that it was. He asked the County Manager to schedule the topic of the County's Consolidated Human Services Agency on an upcoming Budget/Public Policy meeting agenda. Chair Dunlap said following the receipt of that information, the Board could then decide if the Ad Hoc committee should be reconstituted.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the County Manager's FY19 Work and Performance Plan.

18-5066 GETTING TO ZERO MECKLENBURG, COMMUNITY PLAN TO PREVENT HIV/PrEP PILOT UPDATE

The Board received a presentation and update on the Getting to Zero Mecklenburg, Community Plan to Prevent HIV/PrEP Pilot. Gibbie Harris, Health Director, gave the report.

Note: Getting to Zero Mecklenburg, a Community Plan to reduce HIV infection in Mecklenburg County, was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in May 2018. The PrEP Pilot is a keystone of that plan.

A copy of a report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Leake thanked Director Harris for the report.

Commissioner Leake said HIV/AIDs was an epidemic and that she felt the County was not doing enough to educate the community regarding this issue, especially in the areas of the community where it's needed the most.

Commissioner Leake said she'd like a copy of Director Harris' full report.

Commissioner Leake said this issue was dear to her heart, having lost her son because of the AIDS virus. She challenged the community to do more to eradicate this problem. She said more was needed on the national level as well.

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Commissioner Leake said she wanted to be made aware of what was going to be done differently going forward to reach those in the community in need of knowing this information for prevention and treatment purposes.

Commissioner Fuller echoed Commissioner Leake's sentiment that HIV/AIDS was an epidemic and not being addressed in Mecklenburg County with a sense of "urgency."

Commissioner Fuller acknowledged that some progress had been made but said at the rate the County was going, it would be years before any real difference was seen. He suggested expanding the PrEP Program and providing it to anyone in need of it.

Commissioner Fuller said he didn't know what the "hesitancy" was or the "obstacles" but more needed to be done. He said metrics were needed that were "aggressive" and would allow the County to know if progress was being made.

Commissioner Fuller said as the Board of the Health, it was the Board's responsibility to do something about this epidemic.

Director Harris said she would be happy to provide the Board with a more in-depth report that would address all of the things being done by the Health Department to address this issue. She said the focus of the report provided at this meeting was on the PrEP Pilot Program.

Commissioner Fuller said what he wanted to see was a "plan" for getting to "zero" in Mecklenburg County. A plan with timelines.

Commissioner Scarborough asked about engaging the faith community. *Director Harris said there had been some engagement and that staff was planning to do more, including putting together educational materials that would be provided to the faith community.*

Commissioner Jerrell echoed Commissioner Fuller's sentiment regarding the lack of "urgency" when it came to addressing this issue.

Commissioner Jerrell asked about the average life expectancy of someone living with HIV with and without treatment. *Director Harris said without treatment they would probably live to reach their thirties or early forties, but with consistent treatment probably seventy.*

Commissioner Jerrell said information regarding this was not getting out in the community. He asked for clarity on the number of sites, when the PrEP Pilot program began, and about other counties that had implemented the program, which was addressed.

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Commissioner Jerrell asked what took so long for Mecklenburg County to implement the PrEP Pilot and what lessons had been learned since implementing the program.

Director Harris addressed marketing efforts and noted targeted areas. She said she could not address why it took so long for Mecklenburg County to implement the program, because she was not aware of what took place prior to beginning her tenure.

Director Harris said one of the things experienced in implementing the program was the contracting requirements, which was challenging for some of the smaller clinics. Director Harris said staff was working with the Finance Department to address some of those issues.

Director Harris said another issue had to do with persons being able to be treated for STDs at those clinics. She said they were working on revising contracts to allow the treatment to occur there, rather than referring the person back to the Health Department.

Commissioner Jerrell asked was there a repository for the collection of data from other counties. *Director Harris said there was an initiative on the State level that was started about a year ago to work on expanding the availability of PrEP around the state. She said there weren't a lot of counties in the state involved in this program but that the State was working on gathering that data.*

Director Harris said Mecklenburg County did not have data from other counties. She said they've asked that data be shared, however, counties weren't required to do so.

Commissioner Jerrell suggested staff leverage social media more to cast a "wider net" for getting information out to the broader community, and not just the targeted areas. He said it was possible that there were persons outside the targeted areas who may be infected but not be aware of it.

Commissioner Cotham echoed Commissioner Jerrell's sentiment regarding the need to utilize social media more. She said people throughout the community needed to be aware of this information and not just those in targeted areas. Commissioner Cotham said she knew persons that could benefit from this information that did not live in the targeted areas.

Commissioner Cotham suggested trying to get a "star" athlete from one of the professional sports team to partner with the County to bring awareness of this issue. She said having their picture on a poster or billboard would probably draw more attention. Commissioner Cotham asked staff to think "bigger."

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Commissioner Leake asked Director Harris who was the lead staff person on the issue of HIV/AIDS at the Health Department. *Director Harris said Dr. Cardra Burns, Assistant Health Director over Preventative Health, except for the clinical programs.*

Commissioner Leake asked about a young man she recently met that worked for the Health Department. *Director Harris said the young man was Matt Jenkins who was over some of the Health Department's outreach efforts. She said he was instrumental in getting the PrEP Pilot Program implemented.*

Commissioner Leake requested a report on how Mr. Jenkins was reaching out to the community, in what communities, the impact it was having, and the size of his staff.

Commissioner Leake also requested the total number of people overall in the Health Department addressing this epidemic. *Director Harris said it was probably around forty people, all doing various things, such as counseling, testing, etc.*

Director Harris said she would put a report together providing more detail.

Chair Dunlap said based on the report this was a major problem in the African American community. He said part of the problem why persons weren't hearing about this issue was because it was not being broadcast in areas where African Americans concentrate, for example in churches on Sunday morning.

Chair Dunlap said he believed what Commissioners that had spoken were saying was for staff to develop a program or process, so the entire African American community can hear the information that's now only being communicated in targeted areas.

Chair Dunlap suggested staff do whatever it could to make sure the educational message was centered in the places where the concentration of African Americans was.

Chair Dunlap said the Board looked forward to receiving the next follow-up report from Director Harris on this issue.

This concluded the discussion. The above was not inclusive of every comment but was a summary.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS

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18-5039 FEATURE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY PRESENTATION: ASSET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

The Board received a presentation on the status of the Asset and Facility Management FY17-FY19 Strategic Business Plan goals given by Mark Hahn, Asset and Facility Management Director.

A copy of a report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Comments

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about aging fleet, which was addressed.

Director Hahn addressed the selection of replacement vehicles, particularly lower emission vehicles.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked about getting a tour of the facilities addressed in the report. *Director Hahn said that could be arranged.*

Commissioner Leake commented on the Hal Marshall Center and the need for maintenance when it came to the landscape around the facility. She also noted an area that the County was responsible for behind Bruns Academy that needed maintenance and an area off North Tryon Street and Weddington or Wellington that had a lot of overgrowth. Commissioner Leake said she was not sure who the property belonged to but that she would go back to get the specific address.

Director Hahn said staff would follow-up on these areas.

Chair Dunlap encouraged Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell to reach out to staff regarding any facility she'd like to tour, so that it could be arranged.

18-5045 DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT MONTHLY REPORTS

The Board received as information monthly department management reports for November, 2018.

Note: The County Manager has requested department directors develop department management monthly reports highlighting key activities and initiatives within the departments and that reports show relevant performance indicators of departmental activity.

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A copy of the reports is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

18-5060 2019 BOCC MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Dunlap presented the proposed 2019 BOCC Meeting Schedule.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the 2019 Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting Schedule.

A copy of the schedule is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

18-5054 MINUTES

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held November 20, 2018.

18-5056 TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of \$44,831.52 plus applicable interest, as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

Note: This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. \$41,199.45 of the refunds do not include interest. \$3,632.07 of the refunds will have accrued interest that is estimated to be \$192.72.

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A list of the taxpayer recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

18-5031 HEALTH DEPARTMENT POSITIONS - RESILIENCE IN COMMUNITIES AFTER STRESS AND TRAUMA (RECAST) GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to:

1. Approve the creation of 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Project Director, 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, 1.0 FTE Quality and Training Specialist, and 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant; and
2. Recognize, receive, and appropriate an additional \$25,000 in Federal funds from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) to support technical assistance.

Note: The Board approved the grant application and the recognition, receipt and appropriation of these funds at its meeting on May 2, 2017. Although the County was not awarded the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) grant in the initial round, Mecklenburg County was selected and notified in September 2018 as part of a subsequent round of funding. The award totals \$4,981,376 over the 5-year period of October 2018 - September 2022. An additional award for year one of the grant of \$25,000 has been received for technical assistance. The total 5-year award is \$5,006,376. With the grant funding, Public Health will work with community partners to increase community resilience, improve behavioral health, empower residents and reduce trauma. Increased coordination of existing efforts and resources will lead to sustained community change that addresses racial and ethnic disparities. This action authorizes program positions to implement the activities authorized under the grant. These new positions are required in order to administer this funded program and all 4.0 FTEs will be 100% funded by the SAMHSA grant. Specific activities will be contracted with community partners. No matching county funds are required.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. Health Director Gibbie Harris addressed the grant.

18-5057 EASTWAY REGIONAL PARK & BRIARWOOD COMMUNITY PARK CONNECTION TRAIL

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of a permanent trail easement on Tax Parcel 097-223-11, totaling +/- 0.399 acres, from James P. Knuckles, LLC for a purchase price of \$23,958 to create a pedestrian connection between County-owned property at Eastway Regional Park and Briarwood Community Park.

Note: At its June 19, 2018 meeting, the Board approved item 18-4760 that authorized the County Manager to negotiate and execute a permanent easement from James P. Knuckles, LLC on Tax Parcel 097-223-11 that would link Eastway Regional Park to the nearby Briarwood Community Park. Based on design information available at that time, the easement was to be 0.35 acres in size. Since approval of item 18-4760, the project's design team has determined that the size of the easement needs to expand slightly in size to 0.399 acres. As such, the payment to the owner will need to increase accordingly. The original purchase price of the easement was \$21,000. The new purchase price is \$23,958 based on the appraisal that was conducted by Fortenberry Lambert, Inc.

Commissioners Leake and Dunlap removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough and unanimously carried with Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, Harden, Jerrell, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell, Powell and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Janice S. Paige, Clerk

George Dunlap, Chair