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ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT
OF THE
LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUGGY FACTORY
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SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 27330

January 29, 2016

The annual Board Retreat of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 9 a.m., Friday, January 29, 2016, in the first floor conference room at the Buggy Factory, 115 Chatham Street, Sanford, North Carolina. Commissioners attending included Amy M. Dalrymple, Dr. Andre Knecht, Larry "Doc" Oldham, and Robert T. Reives. Commissioner Kirk D. Smith was unable to attend and Commissioner Timothy S. Sloan arrived at 1:10 p.m. Staff members in attendance were County Manager John Crumpton, County Attorney Kerry Self, Finance Director Lisa Minter, Clerk to the Board Gaynell Lee, and Deputy Clerk Danielle Mahoney.

Chair Dalrymple called the Retreat to order.

Commissioner Knecht delivered the invocation.

The following items were discussed:

Consolidated Human Services Agencies – In the wake of new legislation enacted in June 2012, several counties have decided to make changes to how they organize and govern their local human service agencies. Several documents were provided outlining various options that might be considered. Three options were presented as follows:

Option 1: Board of County Commissioners assumes powers and duties of local boards (Health and Social Services). Agencies stay the same.

Option 2: Board of County Commissioners creates a consolidated human services agency (CHSA).

Option 3: Board of County Commissioners creates a CHSA. Board of County Commissioners assumes powers and duties of the CHS board.

Mr. Crumpton was asked to get more information from the Guilford County Manager who went through this change while he was County Manager in Brunswick County.

Revolving Loan Program Policy – A "draft" policy, with comments from SAGA, was presented, along a "draft" policy presented to the Board of Commissioners in February 2015. It was suggested that maybe the loan process could be open to small type farmers. Economic Development Director Bob Joyce stated he has 2 individuals ready to apply for a loan once the revised policy and loan application is approved. It was noted the CCCC Small Business Center will assist with the application process.

Central Carolina Enterprise Park – Information was provided regarding the proposed fiber infrastructure for Central Carolina Enterprise Park which included proposed fiber locations, Park utility exhibit, and sign monumentation exhibit plan. GIS Director Don Kavasckitz and IT Director Kyle Edwards was present and answered questions in reference to the fiber infrastructure matter. It was noted that members of the Central Carolina Enterprise Park wish to raise money for new signage at the entrance to the Park off Colon Road.

Lee County Capital Funding Analysis – Presentation highlighted the County's existing tax supported debt profile, and analyzed the impact of the 2014 General Obligation Bond Referendum as well as future capital projects. Updates on the CCCC and Lee County School projects were also discussed. Mr. Crumpton stated with the CCCC and Board of Education school projects coming up no additional projects could be funded for 6-8 years.

Commissioner Sloan joined the meeting during the above discussion at 1:10 p.m.

Discussion on Partnerships – Commissioner Oldham discussed a Visitor Service Program that would promote arts, outdoor activities, and a visitor center among other things going on in the City-County. The Program would be funded from an additional hotel occupancy tax. He feels that Sanford-Lee County is missing out on not having a visitor center. SAGA recently discussed this and noted \$60,000 in seed money would be needed to get the Program off the ground. An annual contribution of \$25,000 from the City and County would also be needed. It was noted the additional occupancy tax will be considered in the upcoming legislation.

It was noted of all the time and work the Lee County Board of Adjustment is putting in on the Little River Quarry hearings. Pay for volunteer boards was discussed. Mr. Crumpton was asked to check with other counties and see what, if anything they pay volunteer boards.

The new Director of Triangle J, Lee Worsley, would like to come and meet the Board possibly at an upcoming budget work session.

Chair Dalrymple updated the Board on a recent meeting she and the County Manager had with Tom Reeder from DEQ and Senator Ron Rabin. She is trying to schedule another meeting with the above plus someone from DHHS to talk about the Colon Road water issue.

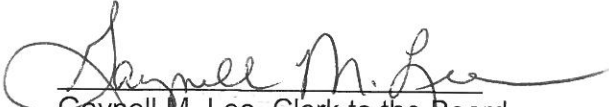
Chair Dalrymple asked Board members to attend ribbon cutting events if possible when she cannot attend. She stressed the importance of someone from the County being at these events.

With no business to come before the Board, the Retreat adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Amy M. Dalrymple, Chair
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk to the Board