

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on **Thursday, August 9, 2018**, at 6:00pm in the courtroom. Those present were Chairman Walker T. Norman; Commissioner Virginia T. Williams, District One; Commissioner Cooper Cliatt, District Three; Commissioner H. Lamar Wade, District Four; Mr. Ben Jackson, County Attorney and Ms. Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk. Absent: Commissioner Larry Collins, District Two.

1.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Norman called the meeting to order.

2.

**Invocation**

Mr. Joe Willis, Chairman Family Connection Board, opened the meeting with prayer.

3.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Following the invocation Commissioner Wade lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board approved the minutes as presented.

5.

**Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

6.

**Departmental Reports**

**A. Office of Emergency Services Department**

Director Broom presented his monthly report. OES responded to 161 calls and the average response time was 8.8 minutes. E-Bill Gross billing for July was \$54,736 with total revenues of \$23,130. OES is working on PDHMG Grant and contract with CSRA-RC for project development. They are also in the process of ambulance service license renewals. He informed the Board that Med 4 is back in service.

**B. Recreation Department**

Director Glaze was absent as he was at the Recreation Department for Pop Warner practice. He had previously submitted his report. The Annual Back to School Giveaway was held on August 1 with Kevin Guillebeau & Quincy Brown giving free haircuts. Soccer registration is under way and season starts September 11. Pop Warner practice started August 1 with 100 kids active for football/cheer.

**C. Finance Department**

The Board had previously received the June statements but the July Finance Reports were not available at this time. Wright & Wright are working on the July Month end and FY 2018 Year end financials. Jones, Jones, Davis & Associates are working on the Audit.

**D. Public Works Department**

Director Seymour presented his monthly reports. They serviced 2,071 water/sewer customers; installed two (2) service connections; repaired six (6) leaks on system; continued maintenance on hydrants, valves and meters; preformed locates for utilities; and maintaining Savannah Bay water system and Pointe Shores water system. They issued two (2) new and no (0) renewal business licenses; issued 46 building permits and performed 245 building inspections, 13 on-site evaluations; eight (8) plan reviews; one (1) solid waste activity; 11 code violations site visits and issued four (4) notices of violation and no citations.

7.

**Public Hearing**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted to go into Public Hearing.

**A. Applicant: Kenneth Reed**

**Rezoning Request: Map 54 / Parcel 147A**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve Kenneth Reed's request for rezoning on Map 54 / Parcel 147A located on Double Branches Road from A-2 to M-1 to operate a Bulk Plant facility. On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board approved the request.

**B. Applicant: Kenneth Reed**

**Rezoning Request: Map 54 / Parcel 147A**

The Planning & Zoning Board recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve Kenneth Reed's request for rezoning on Map 54 / Parcel 147A located on Double Branches Road from A-2 to M-1 to operate a Trucking Business. On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board approved the request.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted to come out of Public Hearing.

8.

**Family Connection**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to give Family Connection a moratorium on the \$820.00 monthly administrative fee for the next 12 months. Mr. Joe Willis, Family Connection Board Chairman, reminded the Board that the County has been the fiscal agent for Family Connections since its conception years ago. At that time the grant funds to run the program were \$40,000.00 but over the years the grants increased to \$200,000 - \$300,000 a year, at which time the County started charging an Administrative Fee. Mr. Willis informed the Board that they have lost the DHS and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grants and will only receive \$50,000 for this fiscal year.

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to allow Family Connection to move into the former Recreation Department Office Building. He went on to explain that the Board of Education, whose building they currently occupy, has gone up on their rent from \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month. With the loss of the grants they cannot afford to stay in those buildings and must vacate by October 1, 2018.

9.

**Appliances for Jail Kitchen**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to purchase from ACityDiscount.com a new refrigerator for \$2,165.00 and a new low-temperature dishwasher for \$3,250.92 for the Jail Kitchen. Family Connection has a used refrigerator, that if it meets the requirements, the County will accept as a gift for the Jail and not purchase the new refrigerator. Funds to purchase these items will come from the Jail Fee Fund. Captain Leighton Taylor explained to the Board that these two appliances had gone out in the last few months and needed to be replaced.

10.

**Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to approve giving the Chamber \$2500.00 from the Hotel/Motel account that had been previously committed by the Development Authority who no longer receives any Hotel/Motel funds. Mrs. Beth Putnam informed the Board that the Chamber is now a 501c6 which now allows it to receive hotel/motel funds. She shared with them the Chamber's FY 2018 expenditures and FY 2019 expected expenditures. The Chairman then thanked Mrs. Putnam for helping to turn the Chamber around as he realizes that the Chamber almost closed its doors and would have if not for her and the other new Chamber Board members and all they have done and will be doing.

11.

**E-Billing Rate Adjustments**

This item was tabled until September.

12.

**CSRA RC Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the contract with CSRA-RC to write the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the County. Director Broom explained that this plan is required by FEMA and GEMA in order for us to receive funding when and if we have a disaster in Lincoln County. CSRA-RC will receive a maximum of \$21,000 which is reimbursable thru the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Update Grant.

13.

**Hotel/Motel Tax Agreements with DNR**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to receive hotel/motel tax on the cabins at Elijah Clark State Park.

14.

**Courthouse Roof Repairs**

On a motion by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Cliatt, the Board voted unanimously to have Director Seymour prepare an RFP to have the roof repaired/replaced.

Chairman Norman informed the Board that the courthouse roof leaks in several areas and that currently there are several buckets in the attic and a trash can in the Commissioner's Office catching rain water.

15.

**Heating/Air Units for Courtroom**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Director Seymour to spend up to \$13,900 to purchase two 5-ton heating/air units for the courtroom in the courthouse.

16.

**Finance Department**

Chairman Norman informed the Board that he had received five applications for the Finance Director position. He and Mr. Walter Jones (Auditor) had interviewed three of the five on Wednesday, August 8. He will have a recommendation for the Board to vote on at a Called meeting later this month.

17.

**Board Appointments:**

**A. Board of Tax Assessors**

On a motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Wade, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Shannon Zellars, to fill the unexpired term of Andre Woodard, to the Tax Assessors Board to serve on behalf of District One.

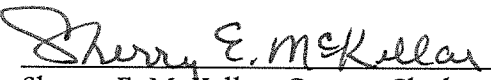
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**Adjourn**

On a motion by Commissioner Cliatt, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

  
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Walker T. Norman, Chairman

Attest:

  
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Sherry E. McKellar, County Clerk