

October 3, 2016

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the 1909 Randolph County Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Frye, Haywood, Kemp, Lanier and Allen were present. Also present were County Manager Hal Johnson; Finance Officer Will Massie; County Attorney Ben Morgan; Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board; and Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board.

Dr. Bob Shackelford, RCC President, gave the invocation. Randolph County 4-H youth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. The youth also recited their pledge to the 4-H flag. Chairman Frye then read the Proclamation for 4-H Week in Randolph County that was later adopted on the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment Period

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 153A-52.1, Chairman Frye opened the floor for public comment. County Attorney Ben Morgan read aloud the Rules of Procedure for Public Comment Period.

Ethan and Maria Taylor, 5881 Old Poole Rd., Archdale, spoke in regards to the Trotterville Horror Haunted Attraction adjoining their property and the excessive noise that it caused. Chairman Frye asked if the City of Archdale had been contacted. Mr. Taylor said the City told him they did not have jurisdiction over this area and directed him to the Sheriff's Office and the Noise Ordinance. Mr. Taylor said that he had called the Sheriff's Office on numerous occasions but the noise had continued. Mrs. Taylor stated that the trail came approximately 83 feet from the Taylor's property line. She also said she had been threatened by someone at the attraction. Chairman Frye stated that some research would be done to see what recourse could be taken.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- *approve minutes of 8/30/16 special meeting and the 9/6/16 regular meeting;*
- *make the following Firefighters' Relief Fund appointments: Coleridge--Benny Beck, C.E. Teague; Eastside--Jim Pell, David Creason; Farmer--Roger King, Steven Hughes; Franklinville--Kyle Dixon, Danny Burgess; Guil Rand--Dustin Smith, Arch Hamilton; Level Cross--David Davis, Kenneth Adams; New Hope (Southwest)--Troy Powell, Wiley Hurley; Seagrove--Patty Gatlin, Bernard Needham; Staley--Yancy King, Terry Williams; Tabernacle--Darrell Owenby, Joy Ann Sexton; Ulah--Jerry Dickinson, Ted Scott; Westside--Wesley Garner, James Lamonds;*
- *adopt Proclamation designating 4-H Week (October 2-8) in Randolph County, as follows:*

Proclamation 4-H Week in Randolph County

WHEREAS, *4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures; and*

WHEREAS, *4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation with over six million participants; and*

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WHEREAS, 4-H in North Carolina claims 289,460 youth members and 30,825 volunteers, while Randolph County's 4-H program reaches more than 5000 youth and more than 350 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the NC Cooperative Extension System of NC State University and NC A&T State University is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology, healthy living, and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 101 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 2-8, 2016, as National 4-H Week in Randolph County. I urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Randolph County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.

- *adopt Proclamation recognizing October 2016 as Disability Employment Awareness Month, as follows:*

***Proclamation
RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2016 AS
DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH***

WHEREAS, Randolph County, North Carolina, recognizes, participates and proclaims October 2016 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County gives special notice to workplaces welcoming the talents of all people, to employers supporting differently abled workers and where people with disabilities are encouraged and recognized as a critical part of efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County is raising awareness about disability employment issues, celebrating the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities and supporting activities during the month of October which will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities.

WHEREAS, reflecting the important role disability plays in workforce diversity, this year's National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) theme is "#InclusionWorks."

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2016 to also be "Randolph County Disability Employment Awareness Month" and urges all employers, schools and other community organizations in Randolph County, to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance the important message that people with disabilities are equal to the task throughout the year.

- *approve Budget Amendment #7 for the 2016 Bureau of Justice (JAG) Grant (\$10,575), as follows:*

2016-2017 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #7		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	\$10,575	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Sheriff's Office</i>	\$10,575	

- approve Budget Amendment # 8 for Public Health/Grant-Health Education (\$2,000), as follows:

2016-2017 Budget Ordinance General Fund—Budget Amendment #8		
Revenues	Increase	Decrease
<i>Miscellaneous Revenues</i>	\$2,000	
Appropriations	Increase	Decrease
<i>Public Health</i>	\$2,000	

- ratify unanimous approval in an individual poll of Board of Commissioners taken 9/13/16 for the approval of the Language Access Plan for Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Pool (ESFRLP) Grant (was accidentally omitted from presentation in September);
- appoint Dr. Sean McWherter to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to fill an unexpired term;
- approve a correction to the Environmental Health Water Sample Nitrate/Nitrite Fee.

Presentation of Proposed Facility Based Crisis Center

Victoria Whitt, Director of the Sandhills Center, presented PowerPoint slides regarding a proposed Facility Based Crisis Center. She explained the benefits of this type of center. It would provide an alternative to hospitalization for adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis. Services would be provided 24 hours, seven days per week in a secure non-medical residential facility. This facility would receive voluntary and involuntary admissions. Staff would include psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, licensed clinical staff, and peer support. She stated that a Facility Based Crisis Center would fill an important need due to many factors. There is a statewide decrease in the number of psychiatric inpatient beds resulting in increased visits to hospital Emergency Rooms (ERs). Opioid addiction has become very prevalent creating a need for resources for individuals, families, law enforcement, first responders, hospital ERs, and Mobile Crisis Teams.

Ms. Whitt said that a facility in Randolph County would give the Sandhills Center the opportunity to develop a behavioral health crisis services system of care by providing immediate access for individuals in behavioral health crisis and serve as an entry point for ongoing behavioral health services. When an individual is in a crisis, having the availability of comprehensive services such as 24-hour care, 23-hour observation beds, crisis stabilization as well as assessment and evaluation of mental health and substance abuse needs, could save lives. It would also promote medication management creating a pharmacy benefit, engaging family or others to support the individual, and creating referral and a connection to a community provider for ongoing behavioral health services.

Ms. Whitt said that six providers responded to the Requests for Proposal issued by the Sandhills Center Board for Facility Based Crisis Center services. Their Board recommended that Daymark Recovery oversee the operation of the facility because of their strong written application, clinical response and site visit. Daymark Recovery is already established as a crisis provider within the Sandhills Center's coverage area, they have a current relationship with crisis providers in the area including Randolph Hospital and Therapeutic Alternatives, and they have a track record of offering facility based crisis services including 44 current crisis beds in Cabarrus, Iredell, Union and Wilkes Counties.

Ms. Whitt said that a Facility Based Crisis Center fits within Randolph County's Strategic Plan goal to "save lives from suicides, overdoses and homicides that are a result of mental health, substance abuse and/or addiction conditions" and the strategy to reopen crisis beds within the County. It also addresses another Strategic Plan goal to "improve response to mentally ill crisis events and provide long-term mental health services and treatment." She stated that Randolph County would be an ideal location because it is centrally located within the areas served by the Sandhills Center. The 110 West Walker Avenue location is already recognized for offering behavioral health crisis services and is positioned conveniently off Highway 220 and 64. With expanded services, an additional 40 employees would be hired and there would be a budget of \$3.5 million in Federal Medicaid and State funding for the services and savings realized by Sandhills Center.

She asked Billy West of Daymark Recovery to address the services that are provided by Daymark as well as his experience with facility based crisis services. He explained that the locations in Asheboro and Archdale diverted over 1000 patients from the ER while only open 8-5, Monday-Friday. In other counties where Daymark operates Facility Based Crisis Centers, the ERs have seen a drop in crisis cases since these centers act as inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

Chairman Frye asked who could use the services and if services would be denied by the facility. Mr. West said that residents within the Sandhills Center coverage area are eligible. Services may be denied if certain criteria are not met and this is evaluated on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Haywood asked about staffing in the facility. Mr. West responded that approximately 40 people total would be hired in positions of psychiatrist, nurses, clinical social workers, and mental health and substance abuse techs. Commissioner Haywood then inquired about pharmacy services. Mr. West stated that one facility has an in-house pharmacy and another has a service that brings in medications but it was too early to determine this for a Randolph County facility. Commissioner Haywood questioned the types of prescription drugs that would be dispensed such as opiates, Narcan (naloxone), benzodiazepine, and Suboxone. Mr. West said it varied depending on the patients' needs but assured Commissioner Haywood that any medications were administered and stored by secure means and were prescribed to help start recovery from addiction.

Chairman Frye asked how suicide risk patients were cared for and Mr. West outlined the procedures that are followed under supervision by a doctor to help keep suicide risk patients safe to themselves and others.

Commissioner Haywood asked about security at the facility. Mr. West said that Daymark hires off-duty sworn law enforcement officers at their facilities.

Chairman Frye asked if the Sheriff's Deputies could bring inmates from the jail in Randolph County to receive services. Mr. West said yes. Chairman Frye asked if a Sheriff's Office from another county within the Sandhills area could do the same. Mr. West replied that they could not unless there was a signed agreement between the Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCO).

Commissioner Haywood inquired about the potential for facility expansion. Mr. West stated that the allowable number of beds in a facility is mandated by the Federal Government. Commissioner Haywood then asked about building a second facility in Randolph County in another area. Mr. West replied that because of the expense, it was not currently in the plans but that there is transportation available from outlying areas to the facility for patients that require it.

Ms. Whitt spoke again saying that the Sandhills Center Board of Directors had approved the expansion of this service on September 13, 2016. They were interested in the Walker Avenue building and had an appointment with an architect to review the usability of that building as a potential site. She requested the Commissioners agree to continue discussion with the Sandhills Center with the goal of locating a Facility Based Crisis Service Center in Randolph County.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to engage in continuing discussions with Sandhills Center with the goal of locating a Facility Based Crisis Service Center in Randolph County.

Update on Uwharrie Charter Academy

Mac Whatley, Chairman of the Uwharrie Charter Academy Board, gave an update on the school. He stated that it is in its fourth year of operation. The budget for the 2016-2017 year is \$6 million. There are 840 students and 95 employees. To date, there have been 70 graduates.

Mr. Whatley said the campus located south of Asheboro in the Ulah area is being refinanced next Tuesday to a 2.375% 40-year loan. There were initially 45 acres on this campus but this year 49 additional acres have been purchased, five of those were sold to the Ulah Fire Department, and 29+ acres were purchased across the 220 bypass for a baseball and soccer complex making the total campus 120+ acres. Plans are to add 5th grade next year. Construction will be started in December on a building with a gym to house the middle school. He said there are already two modular units at the high school due to overcrowding. The long term Strategic Plan calls for elementary through high school on the same campus.

Their CPA, Maxton McDowell, has reported clean audits to the State Board of Education for the past four years for Uwharrie Charter Academy. Federal government support is given for 38% of the students on the free lunch program, 70 Exceptional Children (EC) students and seven EC teachers.

Mr. Whatley said hands-on learning is an important part of the curriculum at the school and showed a slide of a prosthetic hand that the students make. It is produced on a 3-D printer and given to a non-profit agency called "Enable" that serves children in the Middle East and Africa who have lost their hands.

He stated that the Academy now has five buses and has hired one mechanic. Lunches are brought in to sell to students. Lastly, he invited the Commissioners to visit the school.

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Approval to Convert Two Part-Time Positions to a Full-Time Business Manager Position

Sheriff Robert Graves requested converting two part-time positions into one full-time Business Manager position to be effective November 1, 2016. He said the employee in this position will be responsible for the organization and supervision of fiscal and budgetary operations, personnel administration, purchasing, office services, and other general managerial functions. The funds budgeted for the part-time positions will be sufficient to cover the salary and fringe benefits of a Business Manager for the balance of this budget year; however, additional funds will be necessary in the 2018 budget year. The starting annual salary for the Business Manager is \$51,242.

He said he requested the position in order to allow time for the employee to be adequately trained by next spring. Justin Brubaker, an existing employee, will be transferred into the Business Manager position and someone will be hired to fill the position vacated by Justin. This will permit Justin to work more closely with Jane Leonard on the functions of the job before she retires.

Sheriff Graves requested that the Board approve the addition of one full-time position of “Business Manager to the Sheriff’s Office” position and delete two part-time positions; Bailiff PT (4166006) and Business Manager PT (4166001). He thanked the Board for the consideration of this request.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of one full-time position of “Business Manager to the Sheriff’s Office” and delete two part-time positions; Bailiff PT (4166006) and Business Manager PT (4166001) to be effective November 1, 2016, as requested.

Award Contract for Construction of Addition to the Animal Shelter

Paxton Arthurs, Public Works Director, said on August 15, 2016, a Request-For-Bid was issued for the proposed addition to the Randolph County Animal Shelter. A Pre-Bid Meeting was held on August 23rd in which 17 contractors attended. On September 8th, the bids were opened, at which time the following ten bids were received:

- H.M. Kern Corp. \$1,093,500
- Garanco \$1,104,435
- MLB Const. Services \$1,107,823
- Hodgkin Construction \$1,216,200
- Lomax Construction \$1,245,400
- W.C. Construction Co. \$1,276,000
- Harrod and Assoc. \$1,321,714
- Progressive Contracting Co. \$1,326,350
- Pro Construction \$1,390,800
- S & S Building & Develop. \$1,450,953

The apparent low bidder, H.M. Kern Corporation, is a contractor that the Architect has worked with in the past and has been satisfied with their performance. Mr. Arthurs referenced a letter included in the agenda packet where the Architect negotiated the bid price down to \$1,048,294.00.

Mr. Arthurs recommended that the Board award a contract to H.M. Kern Corporation in the amount of \$1,048,294.00 for the construction of an addition to the Randolph County Animal Shelter

and that the County Manager be authorized to sign the contract.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to award a contract to H.M. Kern Corporation in the amount of \$1,048,294.00 for the construction of an addition to the Randolph County Animal Shelter and to authorize the County Manager to sign the contract.

Approval to Sell County Property

Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney, said Randolph County is the owner of two parcels of property located on Andrew Jackson Trail in the Franklinville Township. Parcel number 7782939495, located at 3122 Andrew Jackson Trail, consists of approximately 0.40 acres and is valued by the Tax Department at \$7338.00. Parcel number 7782939586 consists of approximately 0.20 acres and is valued at \$5630.00. These properties were acquired by the County when they failed to sell in a tax foreclosure sale by public auction in 1998.

She stated the County has received an offer from Adolph Rush, an adjoining property owner and a relative of the family that originally owned the properties to purchase both properties from the County at a purchase price of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Mr. Rush has expressed a desire to bring this property back into his family and to enable the County to get it back on the tax scroll.

She also said if the Board accepted this offer, the upset bid process outlined in North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 would begin. This process basically requires that the offer be advertised in the newspaper, followed by a 10-day period during which this offer may be upset by anyone prepared to raise the bid by not less than 10% of the first one-thousand dollars and 5% of the remainder (in this instance, that would be an increase of at least \$175.00). If an upset bid is received, then the new bid is advertised and there is an opportunity for that amount to be upset. This procedure is repeated until a 10-day period passes with no further qualifying upset bids. At which time, Ms. Scotton said the offer will be brought before the Commissioners for approval to sell the property to the highest bidder. Of course, the Board may reject any and all offers at any time.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to begin the upset bid process outlined in North Carolina General Statute §160A-269 for PINs 7782939495 and 7782939586 with a combined starting bid of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

Approve Resolution Supporting the Republican Party's Request to Urge Honorable Mark Walker to Leave a Congressional Office in Randolph County

Chairman Frye stated the Republican Party had asked the Commissioners to consider the approval of a resolution urging Congressman Mark Walker to leave a congressional office in Randolph County if he wins the election. Chairman Frye explained that Randolph County will now be in District 6 where it had been District 2 with a small portion in District 8. He said there has been a congressional office in Randolph County to serve the citizens for many years and encouraged keeping one.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution urging Honorable Mark Walker to leave a Congressional Office in Randolph County, subject to the outcome of the election, as follows:

RESOLUTION URGING THE HONORABLE MARK WALKER TO LEAVE A CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

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WHEREAS, it is hoped and anticipated that U.S. Congressman Mark Walker will be re-elected and return to office to represent the Sixth North Carolina Congressional District on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Randolph County will become part of the Sixth Congressional District on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, there has been a U.S. Congressional Office in Randolph County, North Carolina providing assistance to constituents for approximately forty years; and

WHEREAS, the current employees working in the Congressional Office in Randolph County are providing outstanding support and services to constituents throughout the district;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Honorable Mark Walker is strongly urged to keep a Congressional Office open in Randolph County; and

THAT the citizens of Randolph County are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Walker to express their support for keeping a Congressional Office open in Randolph County; and

THAT the citizens of Randolph County are strongly encouraged to contact Congressman Walker to express their support for the current employees of the Congressional Office in Randolph County, who are providing outstanding support and services for constituents throughout the district.

Approve Resolution to Adopt 2017 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2017 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

***Resolution Adopting 2017 Meeting Schedule of the
Randolph County Board of Commissioners***

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40(a), the board of commissioners shall hold a regular meeting at least once a month; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-40(a) the board of commissioners may, by resolution, fix the time and place of its regular meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following meeting schedule for all of its 2017 regular meetings:

<i>Tuesday, January 3</i>	<i>Monday, July 10</i>
<i>Monday, February 6</i>	<i>Monday, August 7</i>
<i>Monday, March 6</i>	<i>Tuesday, September 5</i>
<i>Monday, April 3</i>	<i>Monday, October 2</i>
<i>Monday, May 1</i>	<i>Monday, November 6</i>
<i>Monday, June 5</i>	<i>Monday, December 4</i>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the regular meetings shall begin at 6:00 p.m., with the rezoning public hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m.; and

FURTHER, that all regular meetings shall be held in the 1909 Historic Courthouse, 145-C Worth St., Asheboro, NC 27203; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk shall cause a copy of this resolution to be posted and published pursuant to NCGS 153A-40.

Closed Session

At 7:45p.m., on motion of Kemp, seconded by Haywood, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area pursuant to [N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(4)].

Regular Session Resumed (Reconvened)

At 7:56 p.m., regular session resumed.

Adjournment

At 7:57 p.m., on motion by Allen, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Darrell L. Frye, Chairman

Phil Kemp

Arnold Lanier

Stan Haywood

David Allen

Dana Crisco, Deputy Clerk to the Board